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Learning Programme Unit 4/2

Fair trade fortnight

Fairtrade is a company which encourages employers to pay a fair wage to those who produce their goods. This is so that people, often people who live in developing countries, are not exploited. Often, Fairtrade goods are more expensive than non-Fairtrade goods and this puts people off from buying them. It poses a moral question – how much do we care about other people? Do we care enough to pay more? The answer is probably that sometimes we do and sometimes we don't.

Perhaps during this Fairtrade fortnight you could consider buying a Fairtrade product instead of your usual one. Fairtrade goods are marked with a logo.



*Holy God,
It can be difficult to pay more for things when we don't even know the people we are helping.*

Help us to consider carefully the things we buy and how they impact upon people and upon the planet.

We pray that we will always try our best to preserve and care for your creation.

SHIE SELLS SEA SHELLS ON THE SEA SHORE!



Sea shells was the theme for Year 12 and Year 13 Textile students last week when local Textile Artist Lynda Roberts spent two days at the College. Lynda worked with the students and Mrs Hine, sharing her wide range of textile knowledge and skills to help them

develop work which can be used in their textile coursework.

The workshop started with demonstrations of colour mixing, mark making and a variety of collage techniques that can be combined with fabrics, lace and beads.

During the practical workshop, students created wonderful pieces of work which were inspired by the beautiful colours and shapes of the shells.

Lynda praised the students on their talents and Mrs Hine will be displaying their work around the College very soon.

Photographs of the workshops and final pieces of work will be posted on the College website.



Mass & Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in College Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.
As usual, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in College Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

College Council News

It has been a busy week for student democracy at SJP. Form Councils and Year Councils have been meeting to discuss the possibility of a voluntary summer uniform. The College Council met on Wednesday 20th February with their feedback from Year Council meetings and discussed the key issues with representatives from Wirral Uniform Centre, Mr Rylance, Mr Harrison and Mrs Boyland. These ideas will now be discussed at a Senior Leadership Meeting in the near future. All Parents, Carers and Pupils will be kept informed as developments take place.

PFOP BIG SCREEN RACE NIGHT

Forget Aintree, Epsom and Newmarket—it's coming to SJP!

Friday 14 March 2008 7.00 p.m. in College Hall.

ALL WELCOME

SUPERSWIMMER!



Sam Newton in 7JP currently swims for Bebington Swimming Club, and dedicates several hours each week to a busy training schedule.

All his hard work is really paying off, as Sam qualified to compete in the Liverpool & District Swimming Championships, which is an achievement in itself considering the qualifying times!

This gala, held over two consecutive weekends at Everton Park Sports Centre, is an opportunity for swimmers to race against the best in Merseyside. Sam competed in the 50m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 200m I.M. and the 100m breaststroke. In three of these events he managed to beat his personal best times, with a massive 19.52 seconds off the 400m freestyle.

Well done Sam, an amazing achievement!

NETBALL REPORT

Year 7 & 8 were away at South Wirral this week, with both teams starting their preparations for the Wirral netball tournament which takes place after Easter.

Year 8 had a slightly weakened team due to the illness of one member, and were unable to match the last winning score in a previous game. Despite a strong start, South Wirral brought the score level by half time and won the game 8 – 4. Well done though girls, let's keep up the training!

Year 8 team: Charlotte Obermuller, Rebecca Jones, Lauren Dickson, Jess Partridge, Charlotte Jones, Emily Guttridge and Charlotte McNelis.

The Year 7 girls are really starting to gel as a team and put in an excellent performance. Some accurate shooting from Lauren Lefebvre and Bryony McNellis helped us towards our 15 – 1 victory.

With Amina Talib and Jessica Dutton making some effective interceptions in defence, South Wirral found it difficult to get the ball into their attacking third. Ashley Ryan, Ashley Keating and Hannah Naylor all linked up well to contribute to a great team win – well done girls!!



DANCE LEADERS' HARD WORK CONTINUES

Year 10 girls are still working hard in the primary schools to prepare their pupils for our forthcoming dance show on 19th March.

The 30 girls attend seven primaries every Tuesday evening to run dance clubs in each of the schools. The reports from the primary school teachers have been very positive, all praising the maturity, organisational skills and enthusiasm of our girls. This, coupled with the large numbers of pupils attending the clubs, is a direct result of the hard work put into the planning and choreography of each session by the girls. Everyone has proved extremely reliable, dedicating their own free time for the primary pupils.

Well done girls, you continue to be a credit to SJP. We can't wait to see the end results in the show.

Dance Leaders

Group 1 St John's Inf

Nicola McCulloch
Chelsea Holdgate
Lauren Armstrong

Group 3 St Andrew's

Lucy Fitzpatrick
Katie Mitchell
Kate Jones

Group 5 St John's Jnrs

Kim Ward
Megan Porter
Emily Case
Sarah McGee
Danielle McAllister

Group 7 Brackenwood

Jade Critchley
Simone Male
Kate Al Arnab
Nicole Harrison

Group 2 St Anne's Jnrs

Charlotte Doran
Kayleigh Mathieson
Lauren Maloney

Group 4 St Werburgh's

Chelsea Cummins
Laura Croft
Jerelyn O'Reilly

Group 6 St Joseph's

Courtney Thomas
Charlotte Thompson
Katie Kokborg
Anna May Jones
Natasha Murphy

Key Stage 4 Information Evening 3 March 2008 6.00—8.00 p.m.

Parents of Pupils in Year 9 should note that we have our annual Information Evening for Pupils about to embark upon Key Stage 4 in September 08. The Evening will provide details about all aspects of College life at Key Stage 4 and, in particular, will provide lots of background about choices and progression through the different subjects available next year. Pupils will also be introduced to some of the wider expectations that the College has for them as they move into a new phase as young adults. I would be grateful if Pupils and Parents could arrive promptly for the 6.00 p.m. start, with Pupils in full school uniform. See back page for copy of letter sent home last week.

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution: 2 of each

Last Week's Winner: Sam O'Toole, 8JP

This Week's Brainteaser:

How much longer than 52 weeks is a leap year?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 29 February. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

YEAR 11 GCSE SPANISH REVISION

Coursework help and revision classes will take place every Wednesday from 3.30—4.30 p.m.

Murderous Maths

On Tuesday, 19 February, 6 Year 7 Gifted & Talented pupils in Maths were specially chosen to visit Prenton High School for an afternoon of fun and games. Christopher Smith, Faye Doughty, Jamie Wood, Melanie Ferguson, Courtney Quigley and Jordan Banks went along with Miss McGagh and Mr O'Connell, our Numeracy Governor, for an extremely entertaining afternoon! The pupils had the chance to meet Kjartan Poskitt, author of the Murderous Maths books who really did bring Maths alive! The pupils were up on the stage performing Maths tricks. We discovered just how special the number twenty nine is. Mr O'Connell was taking part in the 'Magic 5 by 5 Square' and we still had time to learn our 1089 times tables in 15 seconds! The pupils also had to complete a series of hands-on puzzles and games led by the Happy Puzzle Company with other pupils from schools across Wirral.

A thoroughly entertaining afternoon was had by all!

You can check out the Murderous Maths website by going to:- <http://www.murderousmaths.co.uk/> and at the moment they have a special offer on where you can buy 10 Murderous Maths books for £10. (Usually they're £5 each! - a saving a whopping £40!)



LITERACY CORNER

Word of the week

Pernicious (pər-nīsh'əs)

Adjective causing insidious harm



Literacy quiz:

List as many words as you can see in the following words:

Foolhardiness

Shortcake

Pragmatists

Transactions

You should be able to find 20 words for each. Try to get

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| Sardines | Rasps | Hack | Sardines |
| Hailed | Straps | Hake | Hailed |
| Dines | Strips | Cats | Dines |
| Dials | Pigs | Cast | Dials |
| Loafers | Pasta | Trash | Loafers |
| Hoofs | Armpits | Rash | Hoofs |
| Radish | Pastrami | Cash | Radish |
| Handles | Trims | Takers | Handles |
| Shone | Taps | Shock | Shone |
| Flashed | Smarts | Hears | Flashed |
| Flash | Stamps | Hearts | Flash |
| Fashioned | Strats | Chest | Fashioned |
| Fashion | Sprigs | Corks | Fashion |
| Shined | Spirits | Rockets | Shined |
| Hinders | Spasm | Rackets | Hinders |
| Hardens | Prism | Stake | Hardens |
| Lard | Pairs | Shake | Lard |
| Ashes | Pragmatist | Casket | Ashes |
| Dashes | Imparts | Hacks | Dashes |
| Hears | Stigma | Those | Hears |
| Rash | Part | Rocks | Rash |
| Dash | Trap | Takes | Dash |
| Hoard | Tramps | Rakes | Hoard |
| Hard | Tar | Cakes | Hard |
| Fool | Gram | Short | Fool |
| Foolhardiness: | Pragmatists: | Shortcake: | Foolhardiness: |
| Transactions: | | | |

TOWERING TETRAHEDRONS

On Wednesday 20th February we were visited by 35 Year 5 pupils from Our Lady and St Edwards Primary School to take part in our Towering Tetrahedron Challenge.

With the help of Miss Hodges, Miss McGagh and Mr O'Connell, our Numeracy Governor, the pupils took an hour and a half to build a Tetrahedron over 3 metres tall using only dowelling and elastic bands! The pupils all had a fantastic time.

Next week we will be joined by Year 5 and 6 pupils from St Laurence's Primary School.



R.E. REVISION LESSONS

Year 10—Wednesday Evenings

27 February - Sin & Salvation—Zacchaeus J1
(Mr Woods) in RE4

Year 11—Tuesday Evenings

26 February—Miracles / Design / Causation C1
(Mrs Davidson) in B4

Year 7 Rugby Team unbeaten!

The Year 7 rugby team competed in a repeat of the competition held at Birkenhead Park RFC. The competition was a round robin tournament against Bebington Sports College, Park High Sports College and Woodchurch. The first game was against Woodchurch. SJP dominated from the start with some strong running from the forward pack, the score 14-0 to SJP. The second game was against Park High school. This was another game where SJP were the much stronger team, especially in the tackle where nobody broke through our line and we turned over their ball to set up our scoring opportunities. Final score 21-7 to SJP. The 3rd and final game was against our rivals Bebington Sports College. We had to win to win the tournament as Bebington had lost one game earlier. Both in attack and defence the boys were fearless, not letting Beb close to our line. The game finished 14-0 to SJP. The Year 7 rugby team have played 6 games and won 6 points, for 84 points against 26.

HISTORY REVISION CLASSES

History Revision classes will begin for Year 11 every Tuesday (3.30—4.30 p.m.)

Our ref: ITPW/jjb

21 February 2008

Dear Parent

Key Stage 4 Information Evening March 03 6.00 – 8.00 pm

I am writing to remind you that our annual Key Stage 4 Information Evening is due to take place on March 03 at 6.00 pm. The Evening will provide details for pupils in Year 9 about all aspects of College life at Key Stage 4 and, in particular, will provide lots of background about choices and progression through the different subjects available next September. Pupils will also be introduced to some of the wider expectations that the College has for them as they move into a new phase as young adults. We are expecting that all of our Year 9 pupils will attend. **Please return the reply slip below by Wednesday 27 February to assist us in making the necessary arrangements for them.**

The Evening begins in College Hall at 6.00 pm, when parents and pupils will be welcomed by Ms Finlay and myself. I will set out some of the College's main expectations and hopes for our youngsters as they progress into Key Stage 4 next September. Ms Finlay will focus on some of the details of the Evening itself and will invite you and your son/daughter to tour the College and meet Heads of Department to discuss the content and structure of our courses for next year. You will, naturally, be turning your attention to the question of Options for Key Stage 4, and Heads of Department will be happy to answer queries on any aspect of the courses that they will be running. In this connection, please bear in mind that our core subjects at Key Stage 4 also contain different pathways and tiers for our pupils and that you may also benefit from the chance to discuss some of these with Heads of Department and Key Stage 4 Coordinators.

To help with making choices and in order to provide you with a real overview of life at Key Stage 4, we will also produce a Key Stage 4 Prospectus which will offer guidance on different aspects of College life. This prospectus, which will be available on the night, will summarise information from Departments and from the pastoral teams and should serve as a useful guide for the Evening. The prospectus will also contain an Options Form which will need to be returned to College by 10 March. In addition, there will be lots of opportunities for questions of all the colleagues who will be on hand to help. It is our aim to answer as many of your questions as we can on the Evening itself. If you should require further discussion on any of the points that arise, please feel free to contact Ms Finlay or myself. We will be happy to advise you on making choices from amongst the many possibilities on offer at Key Stage 4.

Yours sincerely

MR I T P Walker
DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER