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Learning Programme Unit 5/5

World Communications Day

There are so many ways to keep in touch... through the internet, by telephone, texting, writing, meeting up with people. A part of communicating is listening and paying attention to the other person. When we communicate with others, do we give them the attention they need?

I have just hung up; why did he telephone?

I don't know... Oh! I get it...

I talked a lot and listened very little.

Forgive me, Lord, it was a monologue and not a dialogue.

I explained my idea and did not get his;

Since I didn't listen, I learned nothing,

Since I didn't listen, I didn't help,

Since I didn't listen, we didn't communicate.

Forgive me, Lord, for we were connected, and now we are cut off.

Michael Quoist

Mass & Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in College Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.

Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in College Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

SHAKESPEARE STARS SHINE!



Friday 25th April saw Shakespeare come to SJP. As part of our SATs preparation, a talented group of Year 9 pupils performed the set scenes from 'Much Ado About Nothing' for the rest of their year group. The cast have been rehearsing after school since January and

their efforts really paid off as pupils and staff enjoyed what can only be described as an 'outstanding' performance. We are certain that by watching this production, Year 9 pupils will be more confident as they prepare for their Shakespeare exam on Thursday.

Thank you and congratulations to the pupils involved: Rachel McAsey, Aaron McCready, Ed Kirke, Olivia Webster, Eimer Tudor, Kate Murphy, Bethan Blackley, Charlotte Baxter, Ellie Ruddy, Lauren Dean.

Thanks must go to Miss Rossiter who directed the performance, to Mrs Finley for her help with costumes and Mr Austin for his technical assistance.

SJP GOES NATIONAL!

I was very pleased to welcome last week journalists and photographers from the Times Educational Supplement, the country's leading teaching newspaper. The TES people were in College looking at how we have managed to make some of the improvements in



exam results that I have been mentioning over recent weeks. You can see their article in the April 25 edition, shortly available on our website. I told them, of course, that we are all, staff, parents and pupils, working very hard together and that our teamwork here at SJP is top class! I was also able to tell them about one of the most distinctive features about life at SJP, namely that we have so many former pupils who have come back to us as staff. In fact, I can tell you that the journalists at the TES were bowled over by the fact that we now have 13 former pupils working at the College (see above). I think this adds enormously to the community and family feeling at the College and I know that it plays a big part in the quality of care, guidance and support that we are able to offer to our pupils here.

LITERACY CORNER

Word of the week

Halcyon (HAL-see-uhn)

Adjective Calm; quiet; peaceful; undisturbed; happy. Marked by peace and prosperity; as, "halcyon years."



ORIGIN: *Halcyon* derives from Latin (*h*)*alcyon*, from Greek *halkyon*, a mythical bird, kingfisher. This bird was fabled by the Greeks to nest at sea, about the time of the winter solstice, and, during incubation, to calm the waves.

Literacy quiz

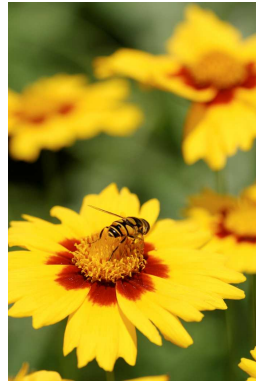
How many words can you make out of the words listed below by changing just one letter? For example: Head read, mead, lead, herd, held, heed, heat, hear, heap, heal, dead, bead. See if you can find five alternatives to each word:

1. Hard
2. Past
3. Save
4. Date

Answers:

			eadr 51	eadr 41	eadr 31
ezap 21	ezap 11	eadr 01	eadr 6	eadr 8	eadr 7
eadr 9	eadr 5	eadr 4	eadr 3	eadr 2	eadr 1
eadr 18	eadr 17	eadr 16	eadr 15	eadr 14	eadr 13
eadr 12	eadr 11	eadr 10	eadr 9	eadr 8	eadr 7
eadr 6	eadr 5	eadr 4	eadr 3	eadr 2	eadr 1
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PFOP PLANT SALE



This year's PFOP Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 10 May 2008, 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 p.m. in Dining Hall.

REMINDER—all pre-order forms need to be in the Main Office by Tuesday 29 April 2008.

WIRRAL ATHLETICS MEET

On Wednesday 30th April the Year 8 and Year 10 Athletics team were representing the College at the first Wirral Athletics Meet up at the Oval.

There were some outstanding performances from the following individuals who all won medals in their events:

Year 10

Callum Brady – Gold - Shot Putt. (11.04m), Tom Crtchley – Silver – High Jump (1.56m), Craig McMahon – 4th – High Jump, Chris Kane – Bronze – Discus (21.83m), Hayley Dennett – Bronze – Shot Putt (8.19m), David Brockway – Bronze – 1500m, Lewis Clarke – 4th – Long Jump, Boys Relay Team – 3rd, (Tom Critchley, David Brockway, Chris Kane, Lewis Clarke)



Year 8

Greg Smith – Silver – 100m (13.0 secs), Lewis Connolly – Bronze – 200m (30.8 secs), Michael Deagan – 4th – 1500m

Wirral Athletics Club welcomes any enthusiasts who would like to join their club. Training takes place for all events on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6.30pm at the Oval Track.

Well done to all our competitors, we look forward to the Years 8, 9 & 10 Wirral Athletics Championships next week!

R.E. REVISION LESSONS

Year 10—Wednesday Evenings

7 May — The Ten Commandments and The Sermon on the Mount (Mother Teresa and Helder Camara) (Mrs Ford) RE4

Year 11—Tuesday Evenings

6 May — The UK as a multi faith soci-

GRADE C MATHS REVISION CLASSES

Tuesday with Mr Gatrell (MA6) and Mrs Thomson (MA4) Wednesday with Mrs Sharman (MA7) and Miss Hodges (MA2)

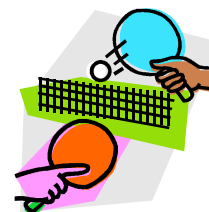
Grade A/A* revision classes; Wednesday with Mr Gatrell

COLLEGE COUNCIL

College Pupil Well-being / Environment Proposals May 2008

Form Councils have been deliberating all week about ideas to further improve their enjoyment of the College environment and community life at SJP. Ideas have ranged from:

- A. Outdoor all weather table tennis
- B. New benches / seats with plants (quiet area)
- C. Bird boxes for wildlife encouragement
- D. Fountain display at entrance to College
- E. Sky Sports News subscription for Restaurant
- F. Permanent Christmas tree at College entrance
- G. Basketball boards and hoops in playground
- H. Swingball in playground



Some Year Councils have already met to finalise their 3 preferred options which will be presented to a full College Council meeting arranged for Friday May 9th 2008.

SJP YEAR 7 RUGBY REPORT

Extract from
Liverpool Echo
28 April 08

This week, our reporters are Carl Cavanaugh, Daniel Daly and Cy Longstaff (7MC)
The boys put an amazing effort into the match. We had worked on our rugby from the beginning of the year and it had paid off. The lads made some super hard, very painful tackles and we worked our legs off and the pitch was miserable. Although we were the smallest team, we still won and we proved that size doesn't matter in rugby.

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK : LUKE CAMDEN, 9AB



Luke joined Upton Cricket Club at the age of 6 and has played for them ever since. He scored his first 50 playing for the under 9s, in 4 overs. He is now playing for the under 15s for the club and also played for the Seniors 3rd team last season, taking 27 wickets in total. He has always played above his age level at local level.

Luke first trialled for Cheshire and was selected for the U 10s. He has been attending Centre of Excellence courses and has been selected for Cheshire every season since.

His many honours have included:

- Consistently Player of the Year for Upton Cricket Club
- Batsman of the Year for Cheshire (2 seasons), scoring over 300 runs each time.
- Selection for the North of England trials at Headingley in 2007
- Invitation to Lord's Cricket Ground from Cheshire & caught out Stewart Law!!

Well done Luke, your commitment and hard work are clearly paying off. An outstanding talent for the future!!

Sports Leaders

A number of our young leaders assisted with the primary school athletics tournament last Tuesday and Thursday. The tournament was organised as part of the school sports partnership scheme which brought together a vast array of Wirral primary schools. The young leaders were involved with assisting at various events carrying out responsibilities such as measuring, recording, timing and coaching. The leaders were a credit to our College and contributed to a smooth running athletics competition.

Thank you to: Rebecca Lunt, Katie Robinson, Joseph Mullen and Andrew Comber (yr 9) Lewis Clarke, David Brockway, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Kate Ashcroft, Kate Jones, Katie Mitchell, Grace Rhodes, Hannah Bolton, Katie Dickson and Vicky Hoey (yr 10). Jonathon King (yr 11).

Year 10 Sports Leaders

Year 10 pupils have been following the Sports Leaders UK Award during their lessons. The award involves the pupils developing leadership skills and working together to plan small activity sessions to lead to younger pupils. As part of their assessment, the leaders have organised and led sessions for primary school children. Over the past 2 weeks, pupils from St John's Junior School have been coming over for their P.E. time and the leaders have been running their sessions. They have worked extremely hard throughout the award and they have developed in confidence greatly. The feedback from both staff and pupils, at St John's, has been very positive and sessions have been thoroughly enjoyed. Well done to all sports leaders!

Numeracy Brainteaser

This Week's Brainteaser:

Which are the only three whole numbers that when added together and multiplied together give the same answer?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 9th May. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths

Our Ref: RM/jmb

May 2008

Dear Students

STUDY LEAVE FOR A/S LEVELS

Study leave for Year 12A students will begin on Friday 16 May until normal lessons commence on Thursday 5 June 2008. Unless you are studying A/S Levels in English, Psychology or Maths when study leave will commence on Wednesday 14 May 2008.

All students following A/S courses are due back into Sixth Form on **Thursday 5 June 2008** to follow their A2 subjects. No A Level subjects can be discontinued until the results are published on **Thursday 14 August 2008**. If any students are not continuing their studies in the Sixth Form please could you inform me as soon as possible of their future plans.

Please note if students are studying BTEC Health and Social or Travel and Tourism they must put this in writing.

May I wish each of you good luck in your forthcoming external examinations. Please note EMA payment continues during study leave.

Mrs R McMahon
DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM