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Learning Programme Unit 6/4

### **Celebrating the Life of St. John Almond (Stand up for what's right, even when you're standing alone)**

#### 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be people of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

John Almond stood firm in his faith. He bravely chose to study for the priesthood and be ordained, despite the fact that he would minister in a country where the priesthood was illegal. He was a gifted debater and argued for Catholicism. Ultimately, he was put to death for his faith.

We live in a place and time when we can freely practise our faith and we are encouraged to understand and appreciate the faith of other people. Yet, still we see injustices done against others. How can we be courageous and stand up for what is right?

*Holy God,  
Help me always to stand up  
for what is right,  
even if I find myself standing  
alone.  
When I am aware of injustice,  
of bullying,  
of hatred,  
of intolerance  
help me to be the person  
who does what is right  
and let my example be seen  
by others.  
I may feel alone, God,  
but I know that you are with  
me.*

Amen

## AIM HIGHER ACHIEVER AWARDS 2008



Two of our Year 12 pupils were nominated by the College for Merseyside Aim Higher Awards, 2008. James Barnes (12JA) and Michael Dowdall (12EC) were presented with beautiful cut glass paper weights for their achievements by the Director of Aim Higher, Greater Merseyside, Emy

Onuora. The celebration of achievements was held at the Echo Arena in Liverpool on Friday evening and was attended by the Deans of partner institutions, including the University of Liverpool, Liverpool Hope and John Moores University.

The evening was an opportunity to showcase young people's endeavours and reflected a sense of recognition in their achievements. It was with a great feeling of pride that Mrs McMahon, Director of Sixth Form and Mrs Cushion, Aim Higher Coordinator, attended this ceremony to add their support to the pupils and their families.



Young people from all over Merseyside were nominated and we were delighted to see another of our pupils, Stephen Stewart in Year 11, nominated by the 'Weekenders' Organisation and glad that we were able to see him receive his award.

Well done to all!

### 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.

Year 10 Enterprise Day—Friday 27 June

As a taster for Year 10 work experience another fantastic opportunity has been planned for our Year 10 students - ‘The Dragon’s Den’ at first hand. A specialist team of Richard Branson and Alan Sugar style entrepreneurs has been invited to SJP to share their skills and experience through a series of practical team exercises. These should prepare our Year 10 pupils for successful business management. This is a nationally recognised course leading to certification on successful completion and will contribute towards each Pupil’s Achievement Portfolio.

LITERACY CORNER

Word of the week

disparate

/dispəˈreɪt/

• **adjective** 1 essentially different in kind; not able to be compared. 2 containing elements very different from one another: *a culturally disparate country*.

— **DERIVATIVES** **disparately** adverb **disparateness** noun.

— **ORIGIN** from Latin *disparare* ‘to separate’.



Literacy quiz Brainteaser

Sky Sports News here we come!



Many congratulations to two GCSE Drama students, Becky Bell (10JA) and Katie Kokborg (10AB). They both appeared all day on Friday last week on Sky Sports News and Radio City when they were filmed and recorded taking part in the prestigious Tranmere Rovers History project. We in the department would like to pay tribute to these pupils who had the initiative to become involved in the project in their own time. They are going to become even further involved in this Heritage Drama project as it is to be developed in the future. Pictured from left to right are Becky, Debbie, project manager, and Katie.

1. In this puzzle, each letter represents a different number. Can you work out what number (0-9) each letter stands for? The leftmost letter can not be zero in any word.

$$\begin{array}{r} \phantom{+} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{+} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ + \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \hline = \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} R A C E \\ T R A C K \\ J O C K E Y \end{array}$$

2. How many clouds would there be if there were 21 hailstones, 23 raindrops and 38 snowflakes?

3. CALLED, DAMAGE, FLYING, MODERN, RHYMES. Which one of the following words belongs in the list above and why? BEAUTY, GADGET, PHRASE, STUDENT, TAILOR.

4. Arthur is from Portland, Elaine is from Atlanta and Bridget is from Springfield. Who is from Chicago - Alice or Nicole and why?

5. The seven people in this puzzle have a birthday today. Peter is twice as old as Gloria, who is three times older than Linda, who is five years younger than Tom, who is twice the age of Susan, who is twice the age of Jake, who is six years younger than John. Their combined aged is 100 years, so how old is each person today?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ + \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \hline 1 \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} A=4, C=2, E=5, J=1, K=8, O=0, R=6, T=9, Y=3 \\ 2. The number in each case, is equal to the sum of the third and fourth letters (A-Z=1-26), so 36 clouds. \\ 3. The first and last letters of each word in the top list are consecutive, so STUDENT. \\ 4. The second and third letters of each name is the same as the third and fourth letter of where they live, so Nicole is from Chicago. \\ 5. Peter 42, Gloria 21, Tom 12, John 9, Linda 7, Susan 6, Jake 3. \end{array}$$

## Prestigious Nuffield Bursaries



This year, 3 Year 12 pupils Gemma Wise (12EA), Tom Davies (12JA), Stephen Alawode (12JA) have been awarded a bursary from SETPOINT. The project is a paid 3 week research task during the summer holidays, working with professionals in an area of interest to them. Gemma is working in the electron microscope department at University and will be researching forensics. Tom will be in the Astronomy department at JMU and Stephen has found himself working in Engineering, a subject he is planning to continue at University.

This continues a 4 year trend with previous students in aeronautics, medicine, veterinary, Jaguar cars and construction engineering.

This is an outstanding opportunity for Gemma, Stephen and Tom. The Science Department hope they have an exciting, educational experience in the world of work and we look forward to the pres-

## WIRRAL DUATHLON

Week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June is National Sports Week. As a school we will be participating in several events, including a Tag Rugby Festival, Wirral Paddlefest and Dance Festival.

The Wirral Community Duathlon, being held at Pensby Sports College playing fields, is open to pupils from Year 6 through to adult age groups. This involves running and cycling different distances, depending on age group. Years 7 to 11 run 800m and cycle 1600m. This is a real family event. If anyone is interested in participating, collect an application form from any member of the PE staff. You do not even need your own bike or helmet, these can be borrowed on the day.

It would be great to have an SJP team!!

## NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

This Weeks Brainteaser:

A fish weighs 10kg plus half its weight. How much does it weigh?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 27 June. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for W H Smiths.

## MATHEMATICAL MASKS PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITION

Our partner primary schools were recently invited to enter a competition, run by Miss Hodges, in which they had to design a symmetrical mask. The standard of the entries was very high and it was a difficult competition to judge. After much deliberation Mr O'Connell, our numeracy governor, finally awarded the following pupils first prize of a £10 gift voucher from WHSmiths;

Jack Walsh - St John's Catholic Junior School Jordan Frodsham - Brackenwood Junior School Genevieve Neal - St Anne's Catholic Primary Lemuel Dalis - St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School Jack Hughes - St Laurence's Catholic Primary School George Watson - St Andrew's C Of E Primary School Emma McBain - Christ the King Catholic Primary School

Congratulations and well done to all the finalists. The winning masks will be displayed on the Maths corridor.

## EXAM WEEK

Parents of pupils in Years 7-10 will be aware that this week we continue with a period of College examinations. Let me take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils the very best of luck with their exams over the coming days. I am sure that they will acquit themselves very successfully and do us all proud. Good Luck to all!