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Learning Programme Unit 2/2

AWARDS EVENING 21 JANUARY 2008

Theme for the Week:

All Saints and All Souls

It is traditional during November for Catholics to think specifically about those who have died. That sounds rather morbid!! However, it is not only an opportunity to think about those people with sadness, but to think of them in the hope that they are in heaven, with the saints, that they are saints as well. The feast of All Saints, which marks the beginning of November, reminds us that that all people have the potential to be saintly, or holy, and that as we walk on this earth we have the chance to leave our mark on the lives of other people. Do we treat them with love, compassion and justice, or not? Do we stand up for what is right, even when no one will stand with us? Do we try our best to act out our faith every day? These are the marks of a saint.

*Holy God,
You have called us to be holy
and saintly like you.
Help us to be strong in living
out this calling
so that in all we do we can
extend your love to other people.
In Jesus' name.
Amen*

I am delighted to inform you that our guest for this year's Awards Evening will be Jimmy McGovern, renowned writer of Cracker and other highly-acclaimed television series.

Shoebox Appeal

Shoebox making in College Chapel was a success on Thursday evening. A number of pupils from Years 7 to 9, helped by a group of 6th Form pupils came to wrap and fill shoe boxes that will be sent as Christmas presents to children and teenagers around the world who are in need. Many thanks to those pupils who gave their time to do this, and also to pupils and staff who donated boxes, wrapping paper and presents for the appeal.



WEEKLY FOCUS

Please make sure that Reply Slips from Progress Reports are returned to Form Tutors by date requested. Pupils should now have Targets and Results in Planners.

Mass & Morning Prayer

There will be Mass in the chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

Morning Prayer will take place every Thursday in the chapel from 8.20 – 8.35. You're all very welcome – the more the merrier!

WORD OF THE WEEK



Louring

- **adjective 1** looking dark and threatening
- Example: *a louring sky*
— ORIGIN unknown

Literacy quiz:

A Slightly Harder Word Game

Plurals

Is it *media* or *mediums*? Is it *tomatoes* or *tomatos* or *tomato's*? Find the correct plural form for the following words (we've used the *Concise Oxford Dictionary* as a reference).

Example: Ox
Answer: Oxen

1. Louse.
2. Mother-in-law.
3. Index.
4. Teaspoonful.
5. Crisis.
6. Phenomenon.
7. Armful.
8. Stigma.

Answers:

1. Louse—lice 2. Mothers-in-law 3. Index—indexes or indices 4. Teaspoonful—teaspoonfuls 5. Crisis—crises 6. Phenomenon—phenomena 7. Armful—armfuls 8. Stigma—stigmas or stigmata

CONGRATULATIONS

We are proud to announce that Danny Morgan (11JA) has been selected to represent the county on the Merseyside Football team. He played his first match on Wednesday as a Centre Midfielder and will be up against West Yorkshire next week.

Good luck Danny!

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution : £5.25

Last Week's Winner : Roy Smith, 8AL

This Week's Brainteaser:

A family of 5 girls, all of different ages, shares £1000 so each receives £20 more than her next younger sister. How much does the youngest receive?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Thursday 8 November. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

Year 9 and 10 Review Day 9 November 2007

We will be holding our annual Review Day for Parents of Pupils in Years 9 and 10 on Friday 9 November 2007. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting, at which you will receive and have a chance to discuss your child's first Progress Report of the Year. Parents should note that the College is closed on that day to pupils of other Year groups.

BLAST OFF FOR SCIENCE CLUB!

Please note that Science Club will be starting on Wednesday 7 November 2007 from 3.20 pm in Sc9. As part of our programme for Chemistry Week, pupils will be studying fuels and making rockets!



HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!!!

Our hugely successful 'Here Comes Christmas' fair will soon be upon us again. Book the date for your diaries – Friday 30th November 2007 3pm-5.30pm. College will close early on that day to allow pupils the first bite at the festive cherry.

We need your support before then by raiding the attic or garage or having a good clear out of any unwanted goods that could be sold on in our bric-a-brac stall. Your unwanted goods are somebody else's treasure and last year the stall made a terrific sum of money as a result of people's generosity. Anything apart from clothing will be gladly accepted (books, toys, games, DVDs, CDs, ornaments, etc) please send it all in to College Reception. Thank you in advance for your support.

Following in the Footsteps of TIGER!!



Just 15 months after Tiger Woods lifted the Claret Jug at Royal Liverpool, 5 students represented SJP in the Hoylake Schools Championship.

Kellie Paxton (Team Captain), Callum Brady, Adam Vitty, Alex Campbell and Chris Campbell all wearing Team SJP Gold colours attempted to tame The Royal Liverpool Golf Course.

The conditions were difficult with prevailing winds and rain really affecting ball flight. As the scores started to be posted on the leaderboard in the afternoon, we knew that the team needed to really be on top of their game to get anywhere near the prizes.

First in was Callum returning 20 points. The Team Captain and Cheshire representative, Kellie performed well over the links returning a pleasing 34 points with Adam finishing some time later with 35 points.



Callum splashes out of a bunker



SJP Golf Team in front of the Clubhouse

This left SJP some way off the lead of 107 (best 3 round aggregate of 5). This dramatically swung SJP's way when Chris completed his round after a very impressive performance of 40 points leaving us on 109 and two shots clear at the top of the leader board.

This position we retained until Alex also played very well and returned a score of 37 extending our lead to 5 shots. This position we held for most of the afternoon until Kingsmead school returned two very impressive rounds of 39 points to snatch the championship from us by two points.

The team hung onto their runners up spot to receive their prizes from the Captain of Royal Liverpool Golf Club, after a long day's play in front of a crowd of players from all the Wirral Schools.

(Pictured Right) The SJP Golf Team receiving their prizes from the Captain of Royal Liverpool Golf Club.



FOOTBALL UPDATE

Congratulations to the Sixth Form Football team who put in a convincing display to record a 4-1 win over Birkenhead Sixth Form College. A fine team performance was capped by a fantastic mazy run and strike from Andrew Adlen. Goal of the season contender!

The Year 9 Football team produced a spirited performance in the Merseyside Cup against a strong team from Range High School. After conceding three goals in a crazy first half spell the team rallied back to 3-2 but were unable to find the equaliser. The performance was capped by a superb long range free kick from Lloyd Owen which left the goalkeeper with no chance at all.

The Year 11 team continued the unlucky streak by narrowly losing to South Wirral in the Merseyside Cup. A great first half strike from Chris Kelly was not enough to secure victory as the team went down 2-1. All is not lost as the Wirral Cup is just around the corner so all players are needed for training!

Netball Success this week

Well done to Year 7 who had an outstanding victory in their first competitive fixture this week against Bebington High. They won 26—0!

An excellent start to the season and a sign of the time and commitment all members have given to practices at lunchtime and after school.

Not to be outdone, the Year 10 girls also won 16-8.

Congratulations to the following:

Year 7

Amina Talib, Bryony McNellis, Lauren Lefebvre, Ashley Ryan, Louise Roche, Hannah Naylor, Jessica Dutton, Ashleigh Keating, Louise Elmslie, Soraya Abdo, Erin Hamilton.

Year 10

Kate Ashcroft, Katie Dickson, Natasha Murphy, Nicola McCulloch, Hannah Bolton, Rebecca Gilmore, Jessica Cadden, Grace Rhodes, Courtney Thomas, Sarah Sayce, Anna-May Jones.

Battle of the Bands!

Watch out for the latest wave in SJP's response to the X-Factor. Our very own Battle of the Bands will take place on 14/11/07 at 19.00 in College Hall. Apart from our own very talented crop of student musicians, attentive members of the audience may well see some special guest stars from a previous generation! Tickets (£2.50) will be available shortly from College Reception and are available to all Governors, staff, pupils and College Parents. Please note that that admission is by ticket only and that, due to the expected demand for tickets, pupils may invite only one guest each.

CAHILL RETURNS TO GOODISON

Congratulations to George Cahill in 7JP who won two tickets for Everton's home game against Birmingham at the weekend. George's Form Tutor, Miss Hill, nominated him for the way he has settled into life here at SJP after joining us from St.Anne's. She reports that George is one of the most hard working pupils she has ever come across, that he always completes his work and is always helpful and friendly. George told Mr. Quinn on Friday that he is not related to Tim Cahill but that Tim is his favourite player. Well done George.

FIRE ALARM

Parents will be aware that we experienced a fire alarm last Wednesday. The problem arose due to an electrical fault which has subsequently been rectified. I am pleased to report that the behaviour and conduct of our pupils during the evacuation was very positive and that, thanks to our electronic registration, we were able to ensure instantly that everybody was safe and accounted for.

NEXT PFOP MEETING

To be held on 8 November 2007 at 7.00 p.m. All Parents and Friends of SJP are welcome!