

Issue No. 11

Week Beginning 24 November 2008  
Learning Programme Unit 2/4

### THEME FOR THE WEEK:

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2008**  
**"Its Great To Be Young"**

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. It was also National Youth Sunday.

This year National Youth Sunday took for its theme **Reclaim The Future!** which continues the *livesimply* message of recent years by inviting us to think about how we can live sustainably in our communities.

*Brilliant God,  
We celebrate your wonderful world and we thank you for the gift of your creation.  
Inspire us, we pray, to reclaim the future!  
Help us to see how our actions today will make a difference tomorrow.  
Bring us together in faith to make that difference a positive thing.  
Amen.*

### WEEKLY MASS

Wednesday 12.50pm.  
All welcome

### FOR YOUR DIARY...

#### Non-Uniform Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
£1.00 donation

#### 'Dick Whittington' Panto

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December  
7pm.

#### Carol Service

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm  
All welcome

## SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 7.00 – 9.00pm

Our Information Evening gives you the opportunity to seek advice on applying to the Sixth Form, choosing Sixth Form subjects and applying to Higher Education.

We welcome enquiries from students who seek a place in a school Sixth Form with an outstanding reputation for success and support, all within the framework of a Christian College that really knows its students.

Sixth Form students at SJP are considered to be the leaders in the College; they will act as ambassadors and role models for the lower school pupils. We want each and every one of them to be successful; to become mature articulate young adults and succeed in their chosen path – be it employment, Further Education or University.

There are fantastic facilities available for the Sixth Form to use. They have their own Common Room with lockers and kitchen facilities. In addition to the library they have their own study centre called the Basil Hume which provides excellent ICT facilities and a resource base.

Following the Information Evening, Year 11 pupils will apply by completing the application form and will be invited for an interview.

Parents and Friends of  
**St John Plessington**  
Catholic College

present for your enjoyment  
**'Here comes Christmas'**

The biggest and most successful  
school fair you will ever experience!!

Friday 5th December 2008  
3pm-5.30pm

**New for 2008**

- The Surfing Simulator (Ride them waves!)
- Gladiator Duel
- Human Table Football
- Paint Ball Dome
- Porky's Bacon Rasher Dash
- Become a 'Guitar Hero' legend

Win Two Tickets for Take That in  
Concert at Old Trafford

**Win a car for a £1**  
Win a FIAT 500  
for a £1 throw of the dice!!!!

Lots of fun for the little ones  
including the amazing  
**Santa's special grotto**  
Come along and  
meet Father Christmas  
and his helpers

## Star Cricketer!



Well done to Luke Camden (10SB), on his selection for trials for the North of England Cricket Team.

Luke attended his first trial on Sunday, at Headingley, and was asked to return again on the 7<sup>th</sup> December for a second trial. This in itself is a great achievement.

Well done Luke and best of luck for the 7<sup>th</sup>!

## CAREERS INFORMATION FOR Y10 AND Y11

Easily accessible Careers Information is available in the following areas:

1. The Careers information board outside the library.
2. The Careers area in the library, which includes RAF vacancies at the moment.
3. <http://www.connexions-direct.com>
4. A folder in the library called *Year 11 Decisions* – available from the librarian.
5. *'The Apprenticeship Guide'* - also available from the librarian.

## ALSO FOR YOUR DIARY...

**PFOP MEETING  
Tuesday 2 December  
2008**

## Brand new game for Year Seven pupils: BOOMBALL!

A brand new game on offer to **Year Seven pupils only** takes place next Thursday 3:30pm – 4:30pm. The game, created by year 11 BTEC students is a mixture of kick-ball and cricket, and has already been advertised in the year assembly. The success of this activity relies on your participation; team sheets have already been passed around Year Seven, so anyone interested should put their name down. The team which wins the league will be crowned BOOMBALL champions. The winning team receives a prize of house points and a special surprise! For a chance of winning, and a guaranteed afternoon of fun, enter your name onto a team sheet in your form.

## Year 6 Girls Primary Football Festival

SJP hosted the girls Primary Football Tournament this week, with our Year 10 sports leaders assisting in the organisation and leading of the event.

Matthew Cass, Andy Powell, Shannon Reid, Megan Gallagher, Stefan Bilek and Katie Robinson were responsible for warming up a team each and then took on the role of team coach, organising the teams and cheering them on.

Matthew Cass also refereed the games, maintaining control over some very loud supporters – well done!!

Thank you to all who gave up their time after school. The primary pupils and their supporting parents and teachers were very impressed.

## Year 11 Netball Victory

Well done to the Year 11 Netball Team who played St. Mary's this week and came away with a 15 – 6 win! All the girls gave 100% throughout the game, contributing to a great team effort to bring about a victory on a cold, wet evening.

Team: Hannah Bolton, Courtney Thomas (captain), Sarah Sayce, Rebecca Gilmore, Jessica Cadden, Anna-May Jones, Katie Dickson, Kate Ashcroft.



## House Points Project

### The Christmas Caricature Competition



The ICT department is giving you a chance to get some house points by entering The Christmas Caricature Competition.

### What you need to do

Using a computer create an electronic version of your favourite Christmas caricature (e.g. Santa, Rudolph). Save it to a pen drive and pass on to Mr Lee (ICT Department) or any of the ICT Department teachers. Details will be on SJP LIVE. Closing date 28 November.

## Year 7 Geography Competitions

### Journey to the Centre of the Earth!

Pupils wrote a diary account about a journey to the centre of the earth describing the different layers of the earth and explaining what they are like. The winners were:

- 1st Reece James (7OR)
- 2nd William Watkins (7OR)
- 3rd Faye Burnell (7VP)

Some pupils decided to design a **special suit** which they could travel to the centre of the earth in.

- 1st Hannah Kay (7MK)
- 2nd Rachael Puddifer (7TL)
- 3rd Heather Kearns (7OR)

Some pupils designed a **Rocket** which they could travel to the centre of the earth in. The winners were:

- 1st Hollie Ann Jones (7OR)
- 2nd Emily Marriot (7OR)
- 3rd Grace Jones (7OR)

Some pupils designed and actually produced prototype models of their rockets. The winners were:

- 1st Thomas Hughes (7TL)
- 2nd Hope Murray (7TL)
- Joint 3rd Josh Doyle (7TL)/ Sara Dooley (7BH)

Pupils received a certificate and prize in their Year assembly. All entries were of a high standard. Well done to all the runners up!



## Literacy Corner

### Word of the week

**omnipotent**

/omnɪp ɪ ˈtɛnt/

- **adjective** having unlimited or very great power.
- DERIVATIVES **omnipotence** noun.
- ORIGIN Latin *omnipotens*.



### Literacy quiz : More brainteasers!

FAREDCE	PumPkinPie	VA DERS
ECONOMY	1,2,3...,38, 39,40 LIFE	COVER COVER HEAD COVER COVER
WINEEEE	JOBINJOB	PAWALKRK
<b>ICEBERG</b>	<b>me right</b>	<b>RIGHT RIGHT</b>

**Answers:**

1. red in the face 2. Pumpkin pie 3. space invaders 4. growing economy 5. life begins at 40 6. head for cover 7. win with ease 8. in between jobs 9. a walk in the park 10. tip of the iceberg 11. right beside me 12. equal rights

## WIRRAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS BADMINTON COMPETITION

Well done to the girls U16 Badminton team, Kate Al Arnab (11BH), Amy Carruthers (11MK), Laura Oulahan (11OR) and Mercedes McCulloch (11SB).

The girls have been competing in matches against other Wirral schools over the past few weeks. They have represented the school with great enthusiasm, winning many matches in both singles and doubles play and playing some very exciting badminton.

Congratulations girls. Keep up the good play!

## KEY STAGE 3 MATHS HOMEWORK CLUB

Miss Hodges is organising a Maths Homework Club for all pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9.

It will take place every Wednesday from 12.00 to 12.30 in Room MA5, starting from next week.

The Homework Club will be staffed by Year 12 A Level Maths students.

Please feel free to call in if you want some help with your Maths Homework or if you just want some reassurance!

## ATTENTION YEAR 8s! MULTI-BALL

We have a new sport for all your Year 8's to join, Multi-Ball. Multi-ball is a game designed by BTEC P.E students in year 11. After many deliberations we came up with multi-ball. Multi-ball is a mixture of three sports: Netball, Basketball, Football

Each team consists of teams of 6 players with a maximum of 4 substitutes. Both boys and girls can play and both can be in the same team. We need as many participants as possible for this to be a successful event. Its held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** at the sports hall during Academic Review. If you wish to attend ask your Head of Learning or your Form Teacher for Team sheets and passes.

See you there!

## Operation Christmas Child



Students and members of staff have been working really hard over the last few weeks collecting, packing and wrapping shoe boxes for this years Operation Christmas Child Appeal.

As a result of all the hard work more than two hundred children will receive a Christmas present for the first time in their lives.

Our shoe boxes will join the 1.3 million boxes collected in the UK which will help make this Christmas very special for children who are in need of our help all over the world.

## Attendance

**Year 7—11**  
**92.8%**

Year 7	93.7%
Year 8	93.4%
Year 9	92.0%
Year 10	91.3%
Year 11	93.3%

**In the lead this week is Year 7 —Well done!**

## Boys Football

### Year 9

The Year 9 team recently visited Bebington High Sports College to play a friendly fixture. The boys from SJP were on top from the outset and took an early two goal lead thanks to **Dominic Crossley (9MK)** and **Michael Deegan (9SB)**. SJP's determination to perform left little chance for the opposition to get into the game. A satisfactory win which will hopefully inspire some future cup success! Well done boys.



*Tom Wingfield (10OR)*

### Year 10

In the Merseyside cup the Year 10 team were drawn at home to Meols Cop High School from Southport. From the outset it was the boys in blue who dominated this match. Goals from **Andrew Bennett (10JB)**, **Andrew Powell (10MT)** and **Luke Spearall (10BH)** were just rewards for the sheer hard work and determination of the team. The performance from every player was outstanding with the man of the match award going to hat-trick hero **Tom Wingfield (10OR)**. Good luck in the next round boys!



## Confirmations

Congratulations to SJP pupils from Christ the King and St Luke's parishes who were confirmed by Bishop Brian on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Christ the King in Bromborough.

Well done. We are very proud of you.