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Week Beginning 1st December 2008
Learning Programme Unit 2/5

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

1st December 2008
"Getting Ready"

WEEKLY MASS

Wednesday 12.50pm.
All welcome



The 30th November was the First Sunday of Advent, and the start of the season of Advent, a chance to take time to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. There's always loads to get ready for – presents to buy, cards to wrap, parties to go to – it's a busy time of year. But it's good to remember *why* we're celebrating and *who* we're celebrating. Over the next few weeks, each member of our College community will experience a reflection for Advent in the College Chapel, as we think about waiting for the coming of God to us at Christmas. We are getting ready for the God of light.

FOR YOUR DIARY...

'Dick Whittington' Panto
Wednesday 10th December &
Thursday 11th December
at 7pm.

Carol Service
Wednesday 17th December at
7pm

All Welcome

“HERE COMES CHRISTMAS” THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

We are very excited about what has to be THE event of the year on Friday 5th December—the now famous *Here Comes Christmas* SJP Fair.

Doors open at 3pm and all of the children from local Primary Schools have received a complimentary programme, which not only gains admission to the biggest and best Christmas Fair in Wirral, but also entitles the bearer to **free entry into the Grand Draw!**

We do still need your bric-a-brac—what you don't need any more will become another person's treasure. Please drop bric-a-brac off at College Reception.

Please make sure to mark your calendars now and we look forward to seeing you at this fantastic event. With so much to see and do, there really is something for everyone.

Don't forget Friday 5th December at 3pm. Not just any fair—this is the

SJP “HERE COMES CHRISTMAS” FAIR
The Event of the Year!



Tickets are on sale from **Monday 1st December** and are available from Reception.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

A LEVEL THEATRE STUDIES AND PERFORMING ARTS TRIP TO LONDON 20TH NOVEMBER

A very early start at Lime Street was a shock to the nervous systems of the two teachers in charge of the cultural enrichment visit, Mr Owen and Miss Heraghty and pupils alike! A long and fruitful day was followed by a glorious visit to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in Southwark. We then had a journey into the past amidst the sound of drilling, as the Theatre was being renovated! Then we dashed across London by underground (not for the faint hearted) to the West End's Shaftsbury Theatre for a performance of "Hairspray" starring Michael Ball. We had just enough time for a quick bite of lunch before two and a half hours of glittering star performances, notably by the great Michael Ball himself, in a wonderfully comic rendition of Tracey's Mum. A standing ovation was followed by another dash across London to Euston and the long trek back to Liverpool, back where it all started. The group of students was a credit to SJP.



SJP SWIMMERS PRAISED!

Congratulations to all the swimmers in years 7 – 9 who represented the school in the **Wirral Schools' Swimming Gala**. This was our second year participating in this event and once again we did ourselves proud.

Although not finishing in top spot, all swimmers gave 100% in every event, despite some poolside nerves. The most pleasing thing, however, was the way in which the whole team supported and encouraged each other throughout the evening. As a result of this, SJP was rewarded with a special prize for team spirit – by far the best reward, as it was edible and made of chocolate!!

Well done everyone and thank you to all the parents who gave up their evening to support us at what turned out to be a very late night!

Team: Faye Burnell (7VP), Meredith Clements (7MK), Allysha Billington (7JB), Beth Guttridge (7JB), James Taylor (7VP), Molly Gardner (7BH), Sam Newton (8MT), Zoe Withey (8MT), Adam Kitchin (8VP), Daniel Daly (8VP), Brandon Williams (8BH), David Bell (8TL), Michael Keating (9TL), Pamela Smith (9SB), Emily Guttridge (9JB), Charlotte Obermuller (9TL), Lauren Dickson (9TL) & Kim Davies (9JB).

YEAR 8 NETBALL VICTORY

Well done to the Year 8 Netball Team, who were victorious against Park High this week, with a 19 – 2 win. All made an excellent contribution to team play, with particularly strong performances from Ashley Ryan (8JB) and Lauren Lefebvre(8VP).

Team: Ashley Ryan (8JB) (Captain), Louise Roche (8BH), Sarah Rowley (8JB), Lydia Kearns (8VP), Bryony McNelis (8JB), Charlotte Maxwell (8VP), Amina Talib (8BH), Hannah Dickson (8BH).



Attendance

**Year 7—11
92.8%**

Year 7	93.6%
Year 8	93.5%
Year 9	92.0%
Year 10	91.3%
Year 11	93.3%

**In the lead this week is
Year 7**

Literacy Corner

Word of the week

COMPLACENT

/k ɒmˈplæɪnts nt/

• **adjective** smug and uncritically satisfied with oneself or one's achievements.

— DERIVATIVES **complacency** (also **complacence**) noun **complacently** adverb.



Literacy quiz :

Can you work out these winter anagrams?

MATCH SIRS

VERB OMEN

HARE WET

BITER SOFT

SING NOW

Answers:

Christmas November weather frostbite snowing

HISTORY DEPARTMENT YEAR 9 TRENCH MAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent entries in the History Department's Trench-making competition:

Laura Barber (9VP), Emily Jones (9VP), Sam O'Toole (9MT), Connor Hallas (9MT), Annie Doyle (9MT), Connor O'Keefe (9JB), Suzanna Brown (9JB) and Tony Carty (9MT).

Winner's prizes go to Laura Barber (9VP), Emily Jones (9VP) and Sam O'Toole (9MT) and runners up prizes go to all other entrants.

Well done.



BASKETBALL VICTORY!

The Year 9 and 10 Basketball Teams played in the Wirral League last Wednesday against Wirral Grammar and Woodchurch. The Year 10 Woodchurch Team is a strong team with lots of match experience and it was through skilful team play that SJP beat them 24-22 in a game where we dominated the first half. Due to our excellent tactics we confidently beat Wirral Grammar Boys 45-12.

The Year 9 Team has developed considerably during the last two months and played a strong technical game against Woodchurch and Wirral Grammar, the two strongest teams in the league. Our team fared much better than last year but were still defeated 26 -14 against Woodchurch and 18-12 against Wirral Grammar. The PE department is very proud of the effort and dedication shown by the players in attending training and improving their talents.

Year 10 Team: Chris Kane (Captain) Joe Mullen (Vice captain), James Kinsella, Johnny Atkins, Andy Comber, Rob Jones, Conor Fields.

Year 9 Team: Callum Mason (Captain), Conor Fields, Conor Paxton, Jake O'Brien, Danny Kitchen, Adam Kitchin (year 8) and Steven Giles (year 8)

Well done to them all. The next games are on **Wednesday 3rd December**.

YEAR 7—HAND PUPPETS



This Autumn Term, Year 7 pupils have been researching and creating hand puppets in their DT Textiles lessons. They have each produced their own hand puppet based on their favourite children's book character.

The pupils looked through a selection of books, explaining the characters and the best techniques they could use to make them. They then chose their final design and made them using the new techniques they had learned.

A great deal of effort has gone into each and every one of them and all the puppets together with the books are on display in the College Library.

PUPIL FOCUS

SPORTS JACKETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN COLLEGE

WEAR SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING

YEAR 9 RUGBY

On Tuesday, the Year 9 Rugby Team played a match against Bebington High Sports College at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club.

Bebington only managed to field 13 players, so **Jack McCurry (9MT)** showed excellent sportsmanship by offering to play for the opposition. Bebington welcomed him in the team and the game went ahead. Both sides started well with some fearsome tackles going in, the biggest being from **Will Dodd (9JB)** who turned the ball over setting up an attack where **Jake O'Brien (9JB)** scored, one more try was scored in the first half by **Tapiwa Chiwawa (9BH)**. Bebington managed to score a converted try just before half time. The half time score was 12:7.

The second half started with SJP playing the better rugby, **Ben Davis (9VP)** scoring an excellent solo effort. Bebington scored another converted try making the score 19:12. Then came the try of the match, with Ben Davies collecting a ball on his own line, he drew one defender passing to Jake O'Brien who went the whole length of the pitch bursting through tackles and showing enough speed to go all the way. Will Dodd then scored a great try from close range showing strength and power tackling five Bebington players with him.

Final score was SJP 31, Bebington Sports College 17.