

# newsletter



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## Victory for SJP Boccia Team



Boccia is a game similar to boules which involves a 'jack' being thrown and players competing to see who can get their bowls closest to the 'jack'. Boccia is played sitting down so people who have limited mobility can also play alongside their peers.

The school team played their first ever competitive match on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February against Prenton Girls and were victorious - winning 6-5 and progressing through to the next round. So "Well done" to Kieran, Lewis & Susie in Year 9.

## Theme for the Week

9th February 2009 "HOPE"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!

On the cross, Jesus offered a ray of hope to the thief who was being crucified next to him: "Today you will be with me in paradise." It was an important sign to show that God is always ready to give his people another chance, always ready to offer them hope for the future.



Each one of us has our own hopes and dreams for the future, both for ourselves, our children and for the world in which we live.

*Life is a promise, fulfill it.  
Life is sorrow, overcome it.  
Life is a song, sing it.  
Life is a struggle, accept it.  
Life is a tragedy, confront it.  
Life is an adventure, dare it.  
Life is luck, make it.  
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.  
Life is life, fight for it.  
Amen.*

## SJP's Got Talent !



Yes, this Thursday sees the final of SJP's Got Talent 2009!

Following a fantastic semi-final last week, all the acts are anxiously waiting to see who has made it to the last round. Everyone in the College has had the chance to vote for their favourite – you can check out highlights from the superb range of acts on our website.

It's going to be a brilliant final !

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**

## Netball News

The Year 7 & 8 Netball teams played away at Wirral Grammar this week, and unfortunately ended up getting beaten by a very strong Wirral side. The girls did exceptionally well battling hard through the match, showing good SJP spirit. Well done girls!

## Attendance

Year 7 attendance 91.9%  
Year 8 attendance 93.1%  
Year 9 attendance 91.7%  
Year 10 attendance 90.1%  
Year 11 attendance 94%

**In the lead this week is Year 11.**

## Literacy Corner

### Word of the week condescend

- **VERB 1** show that one feels superior. **2** do something despite regarding it as below one's dignity: *he condescended to see me at my hotel.*
- **NOUN** condescension noun.

#### Literacy quiz – Back to basics

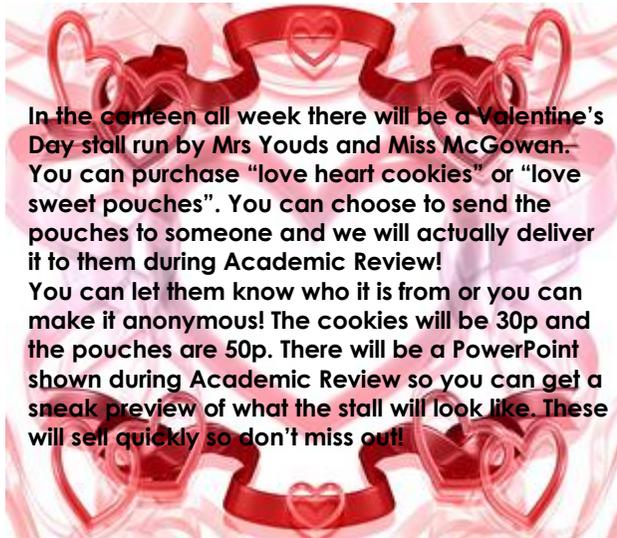
Still so many people confuse the use of 'there', 'their' and 'they're'. Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

- ..... is no cake left in the tin.
- ..... going home to meet ..... friends.
- Look on the tree, ..... are five apples.
- Are ..... any good sales in town?
- That's enough of ..... troubles, let's talk about the fun they had ..... visiting ..... cousins.

## Basketball News

The Year 10 Basketball team played in the final of the Wirral league on Wednesday. They have an excellent undefeated record and were playing against their rivals, Mosslands, who are also undefeated. Unfortunately, Mosslands managed to make a comeback, led by their National league player, to win the game 21-17. The team is understandably disappointed and keen for a full length rematch after the Easter break. A special mention goes to James Kinsella, top scorer for our team (and a National League Youth Team player with the Chester Jets) and to Joe Mullen for an excellent example of sports leadership and a buzzer-beater three pointer at the end of their game against Calday. The Year 9 team also played their last games of the league and have shown significant improvement from the start of the tournament. After a heavy defeat last week to Calday, they came back this week to narrowly lose 21-18 to them and 21-15 to Mosslands.

## Valentine Treats



In the canteen all week there will be a Valentine's Day stall run by Mrs Youds and Miss McGowan. You can purchase "love heart cookies" or "love sweet pouches". You can choose to send the pouches to someone and we will actually deliver it to them during Academic Review! You can let them know who it is from or you can make it anonymous! The cookies will be 30p and the pouches are 50p. There will be a PowerPoint shown during Academic Review so you can get a sneak preview of what the stall will look like. These will sell quickly so don't miss out!

## Accelerated Reader Update



This term has seen a huge increase in the amount of pupils in Years 7 and 8 using the Accelerated Reader programme with over 100 pupils regularly taking quizzes and steadily gaining points from quizzes they have passed.

Continuous use of the Accelerated Reader programme is one of the most effective ways of improving thinking skills and building up a love of reading. **Well done** to all the pupils below who have received prizes and special awards:

		Points
Ellen Davies	7TL	85
Joe Fisher	7MK	59
Jordan Brown	8MT	313
Joe Lyons	8MT	286
Georgia Crook	8SB	96

The library contains a great selection of books that have quizzes linked to them, so if any pupils in Years 7 and 8 would like to take a quiz, just go to the **schools home page** and click on **Pupil Portal**; this will direct you to Accelerated Reader, click on the icon and enter your username and password.

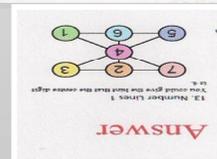
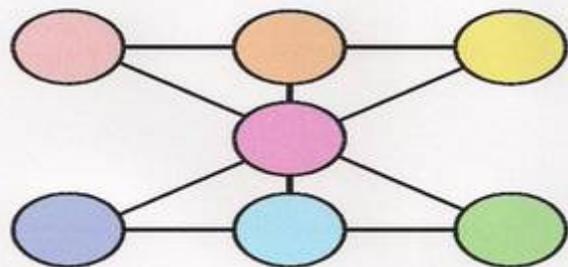
Eg: **Username: jblog** (Initial of your first name and the first 4 letters of your last name) **Password: jb** (Just your initials).

So get quizzing – don't forget **Points make Prizes!**



## Numeracy Corner

Can you put the numbers 1 to 7 in each circle so that the total of every line is 12?



## A Level—Media Studies

A Level Media Studies students are invited to attend a coursework drop in centre. Here students can receive advice and support on their coursework with an aim to help them achieve the highest grade possible! So if you are a Media A Level student with a desire to do well then please drop in! The drop in centre will be in English 8, Tuesday to Friday 3.30 – 5.00pm. I look forward to seeing you there! Miss Rossiter