

newsletter



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Learning Programme 4/3

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Competition Winners.



The Geography Department recently ran a year 7 competition to create a contour model based around skills they had learnt in LP3. There were over 50 entries and the winners were all from 7TL.

1st place went to Thomas Hughes
2nd place Josh Doyle
3rd place Siobhan Mason

Congratulations to all who entered the competition. It was difficult to choose 3 winners as many of the models were completed to such a high standard. Prizes and certificates will be handed out by Mrs Austin in this week's assembly.

Theme for the Week

9th. March 2009 " FOLLOWING JESUS—JUSTICE"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!

This week we continue to follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. As he hung on the cross Jesus said "I am thirsty." These words of Jesus for each one of us represent not just a physical thirst and exhaustion, but also a real desire that the world might change through Jesus' Passion Death and Resurrection.

This week in our prayers and reflections, we focus our attention on our use of water. We thank God for water, his life-giving gift to us. But we also remember the millions of people in our world today who do not have access to clean water and sanitation. True justice for all, will only come about when all peoples can share equally in the natural resources of this wonderful world in which we live.

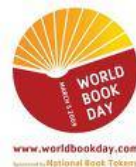
Prayer for the Week

We are thirsty, Lord! We thirst for a world of justice – a world of peace and happiness. We thirst for people to be treated equally, and to be given freedom and opportunity. So, Lord, just add water: the water of life, the water of forgiveness, the water that refreshes us and gives us the energy we need to change our world.

World Book Day!



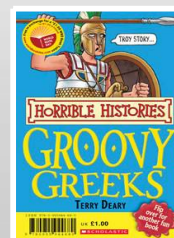
Now celebrating its 12th year, World Book Day is the biggest celebration of books and reading ever mounted in the UK.



To help promote this event all pupils from Years 7 – 11 have received a **FREE** £1.00 **World Book Day** token to put towards a book of their choice purchased from any leading bookshop. Alternatively, the tokens can be exchanged for any of the 6 specially produced £1.00 books with the WBD logo on (also from all good bookstores)



The tokens can also be accepted towards any of the exciting selection of books for sale in this month's Book Club leaflet. Copies of the leaflet can be collected from the library.



Lots more information about **World Book Day** can be found on www.worldbookday.com

Mersey Travel Academic Achievement Award Winner 2009

Congratulation to Sophie Mitchell (Y13) -Mersey Travel Academic Achievement Award Winner 2009

Well done to Sophie who was invited to Mersey Travel's Annual Award Ceremony on Friday. She was nominated for her outstanding Achievement in A Level Art this year, achieving a stunning 100% in her AS Art exam.



Year 9 Parents

Don't forget that Thursday, 12th March is the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information Evening. Starting at **7.00pm** this is your chance to speak to the teachers of the various GCSE and BTEC subjects as the pupils decide their options for Year 10 and Year 11. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.1%
Year 8 attendance 92.8%
Year 9 attendance 92.1%
Year 10 attendance 91.4%
Year 11 attendance 93.8%

In the lead this week is Year 11.

Numeracy Corner

There are three boxes.

One box contains pears, one contains oranges, and one contains pears and oranges.



The labels have fallen off and all have been stuck back on the wrong boxes.

Barry opens one box and without looking in the box takes out one piece of fruit. He looks at the fruit and immediately puts the labels on the the right boxes.

How did he do it?

Super Swimmer

Congratulations to Sam Newton in year 8, whose many hours spent training in the swimming pool each week are really paying off. The times he is achieving are improving, particularly in breast stroke. At the Peninsular Meet Sam won three gold medals, for the 100m in the free style, fly and breast stroke. His times all qualify him to swim in the County Championships. In the recent Liverpool and District Gala, he won two bronze medals, and achieved the qualifying times in both the 100m and 200m breast stroke for the North West Meet in May. Well done Sam, this is an amazing achievement. It takes many hours of hard work and real commitment to succeed at this level – we are very proud of you!!



Gymnastics Success!

Last Thursday and Friday five of our girls took part in the Wirral Schools

Gymnastic competition at Bebington High. The girls each had to perform a floor routine and a vault before a panel of judges and competing against 7 other schools from the Wirral.



The girls gave their all and we came away with 6 medals in total. Jessica Beech and Sian Woods received Silver and Bronze Medals for Year 7, whilst Ellie Stevenson (Year 8) and Bethan Birch (Year 10) both earned Bronze Medals. Well done girls!



Reminder

All students in Years 9,10, 11, 12, 13 have been given parental questionnaires this week. Please can parents return them to the school by Friday. These will then be assessed, (confidentially), by an outside company who will then report back parents thoughts on various aspects of school life at SJP.

Dance Leaders on Tour!

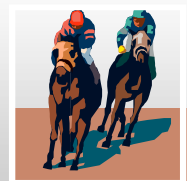
It's the time of year when our pupils in year 10 are all in the process of following a Leadership Course in P.E. We are currently running four courses, all aimed at developing communication and leadership skills through the following mediums – dance, netball, football and general activities in the Sports Leaders Award. All of our pupils will have to plan and deliver sessions for local primary pupils, having worked on improving the skills and qualities needed to be a successful sports leader. Our Dance Leaders are currently attending local primaries to deliver extra curricular dance clubs for their pupils. The girls have been working hard choreographing a dance which they are teaching to the younger pupils, giving up their time after school to attend the following primaries: St John's (Infants & Juniors), St Anne's, St. Joseph's, St. Werburgh's, St. Andrews, Stanton Road, Bedford Drive. All clubs are well attended and we have received some very positive reports from both the primary teachers and pupils. We now look forward to SJP Dance Revolution 2, to be held on March 24th, where the hard work of the leaders and the primary pupils will be showcased. This was a great success last year and judging by the choreography and commitment of the dance leaders, this year promises to be even better! We will also have performances from the dance leaders themselves and pieces currently being worked on by SJP pupils in all years.

Well done girls – keep up the hard work!

PFOP Race Night!

Thursday 26th March 2009
at

7.00pm
ALL WELCOME!



RE Revision Timetable

Revision lessons Year 10 Wednesday evenings

11th March – Love of God and love of others – Parable of the Sheep and Goats J1 (H Wilson)

18th March – The Church as a source of salvation etc and a means to J2 (L Holland)

Revision lessons Year 11 Tuesday evenings With Mrs Davidson in RE 4

10th March – The search for meaning and purpose / The existence of religion C1

17th March – Why people don't believe in God (atheism)
The problem of evil and suffering C1

Literacy Corner

Word of the week

Abundance / ˈbʌnd əns/

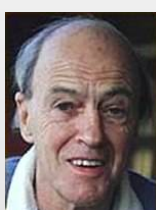
• **NOUN** 1 a very large quantity. 2 the state of having a very large quantity; plentifulness: *vines grew in abundance.* 3 the amount of something present in a particular area, volume, or sample.

— **ORIGIN** Latin *abundantia*, from *abundare* 'overflow'

Literacy quiz – Back to basics

In celebration of World Book Day our quiz this week is a test of your knowledge of famous authors and their work.

Round 1: Picture Quiz Name the famous writers and characters



Round 2 - Can you guess the novels from these famous opening lines?

1. "As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect."

ANSWER: _____

2. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

ANSWER: _____

3. "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen."

ANSWER: _____

4. "In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since"

ANSWER: _____

Literacy Quiz continued

5. "These two very old people are the father and mother of Mr. Bucket."

ANSWER: _____

6. "When Mr. Bilbo Baggins of Bag End announced that he would shortly be celebrating his eleventy-first birthday with a party of special magnificence, there was much talk and excitement in Hobbiton."

ANSWER: _____

7. "All children, except one, grow up."

ANSWER: _____

8. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife."

ANSWER: _____

9. "When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody said she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen."

ANSWER: _____

10. " 'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,' grumbled Jo, lying on the rug. "

ANSWER: _____

Round 3 – Test your general knowledge about literature

1. Can you name the brothers and sisters in 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'?

Answer: _____

2. What is Harry Potter's father called?

Answer: _____

3. Who are Ann, Julian, Dick, Georgina and their dog?

Answer: _____

4. How many Harry Potter books are there?

Answer: _____

5. Who is the dominant race in Malorie Blackman's 'Noughts and Crosses' series?

Answer: _____

6. Who owned Winnie the Pooh?

Answer: _____

7. In which century were Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* written?

Answer: _____

8. 'Jane Eyre' was written by which Bronte sister?

Answer: _____

9. How many thieves planned to murder Ali?

Answer: _____

10. Whose war did Nina Bawden write about?

Answer: _____

Send your completed quizzes to EN4.



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are now entering our fourth phase at SJP as a Specialist College and have recently been awarded an additional specialism in Science to coincide with our nomination as a High Performing Specialist School.

We are now keen to extend even further our links with the wider community and want to look at how adults can also benefit from the type of opportunities our specialist facilities offer.

With this in mind, I am writing to invite you to a series of evening sessions that we intend to run over the next couple of weeks. All are free, delivered by ICT specialist teachers and will make the most of our state of the art technology facilities.

	5.00-6.00pm	6.00-7.00pm	7.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Digital Photography <u>Session 1</u> What makes a good picture. <input type="checkbox"/>	MovieMaker <u>Session 1</u> Introduction to Movie-Maker and its basic functions. <input type="checkbox"/>	Website Design <u>Session 1</u> An introduction into HTML – creating your first webpage <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 24 th March	Website Design <u>Session 2</u> Using Dreamweaver – How to create a website <input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Photography <u>Session 2</u> Editing techniques such as resizing, colour balancing and red eye removal. <input type="checkbox"/>	MovieMaker <u>Session 2</u> Using photos to produce movies and adding effects. <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 31 th March	MovieMaker <u>Session 3</u> Adding more complex effects and learning how to edit movie clips <input type="checkbox"/>	Website Design <u>Session 3</u> Using Dreamweaver – Introducing media into your website <input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Photography <u>Session 3</u> Developing images for either viewing on the internet or for digital printing. <input type="checkbox"/>

If you would be interested in attending, please tick the appropriate boxes on the table above, fill in your details below, and return the form either in person, via your child, or by post, to the SJP reception desk. Alternatively, you can email me directly to book your place at carolineyouds@plessington.wirral.sch.uk. We would love to meet you and introduce you to our college.

Yours faithfully,