

newsletter



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Learning Programme 4/6

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Street Dance Championships



Competition, hosted by John Moores University. Competitors came from all over the country and were put into age group categories. Our girls were against others in the under 18 group. Despite having only entered the group dance competition, the girls were brave enough on the day to enter as individuals and in pairs in the solo and duet competitions. This involved performing in front of a large audience, getting up on the floor in a preliminary round and then again if you were called for the finals. This took an amazing amount of courage, especially when the girls had so little preparation time. All the girls were stars, and the following received awards: Duet: Elizabeth Jones & Charlotte Jones (5th), Clare Dillon and Joanna Kelly (3rd), Nicola McCulloch and Lucy Fitzpatrick (1st) Solo: Lauren Dean (6th), Elizabeth Jones (5th), Clare Dillon (3rd) & Nicola McCulloch (1st) Group : Nicola McCulloch, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Joanna Kelly, Clare Dillon, Elizabeth Jones, Charlotte Jones, Sophie Jones, Charlotte Waters, Eimer Tudor, Lauren Dean, Dominique Fox (2nd)

Theme for the Week

30th March 2009 " FOLLOWING JESUS—LOVE"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!

"It is finished..."

Lent is, above all, a season where we celebrate God's love for the world. Jesus' final words on the cross, "It is finished" shows his total exhaustion And his total abandonment to the cross, with his actions, miracles, teaching and healing now ending with this moment of total sacrifice. On the Cross, God shows us just how much he loves us. This week we reflect on our need for a loving God and for a community founded upon this love.



Prayer for the week

*Fill our hearts with your love, God
A love that is real and true.
In these days of Lent help us to see that every thought, every word, every action that we make is an opportunity to share your love with others.
So inspire us today to be loving to one another.
Amen.*

SJP Dance Revolution—2!

This week we held our second annual dance festival, which saw pupils from year 1 right up to year 11 performing on stage. After several weeks of preparation, our dance leaders saw the result of all their hard work, as the primary school pupils who they had been teaching performed on stage.

The quality of delivery was excellent and the dance leaders were very proud, as were we all. So much had been achieved in only six weeks.

Thank you to teachers of the following schools, who supervised the girls running the clubs and accompanied the pupils to rehearsals: St Anne's, St. John's Juniors, St. John's Infants, St. Werburghs, St. Joseph's, St. Andrew's, Bedford Drive and Stanton Road.

SJP also had its own performances, from a variety of year groups, who were equally as impressive. Watch out on SJP Live for video footage of the performances – not to be missed! Thank you to all performers and back stage helpers – especially Miss Chesters, Gerard Boyle, Miss Clinton and Miss Finlay – for her amusing comparing!



Mathematics Revision Sessions

Date	Foundation Topic	Staff	Higher Topic	Staff
24.3.09	Finding missing angles and distance between two points.	MT in MA4	Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying and Dividing Fractions.	ACM in MA3
31.03.09	Changing the subject of a formula.	JMG in MA2	Solving equations with unknowns on both sides. Answers being fractions or negatives.	MT in MA4
21.04.09	Plot a quadratic graph and use it to make estimates for solutions.	ACM in MA3	Using trial and improvement to solve equations.	PLB in MA5
28.04.09	Reflections, Rotations, Translations and Enlargements.	MT in MA4	Increase and decrease by a given percentage. Share an amount in a given ratio.	JMG in MA2

Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.3%
Year 8 attendance 92.9%
Year 9 attendance 92.3%
Year 10 attendance 91.5%
Year 11 attendance 93.8%

In the lead this week is Year 11.

Wirral Netball Tournament

On Saturday 21st March, our year 7 & 8 netball teams represented SJP at the Wirral Netball Tournament. Both teams did extremely well, putting in some excellent performances against some difficult opposition.

Neither team made it through to the final, but the effort from all the girls was second to none on what turned into a very cold morning! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the girls for all their hard work and commitment throughout the season – you are a credit to SJP!

Year 7 team: Hollie Jones, Grace Jones, Emily Marriot, Chloe Lucas, Faye Burnell, Alyshia Billington, Beth Guttridge, Jismi

Year 8 team : Lauren Lefebvre, Francesca Santo, Hannah Naylor, Bryony McNellis, Louise Roche, Hannah Dickson.

A special mention goes to Ashley Ryan, year 8, who has been a great captain throughout the year but unfortunately was too ill to play at the weekend. The team missed you!

Star Gymnast Wins Gold

Congratulations to Bethan Birch, year 10, who recently competed with her two partners in a sports acrobatics competition in Liverpool, winning first place and a Gold! Bethan, as title holder, will now represent the North West and compete for the British

Championship Title. Well done Bethan, we are very proud of you here at SJP and wish you every luck in at the next stage of the competition. Bethan not only competes, but she also puts her skills to good use and is a qualified Level 1 gymnastics coach. An excellent role model!



PFOP Race Night

Year 12 Oxbridge Conference

On Monday, 23rd March a group of 12 of our highest achievers at GCSE set out from SJP to attend the 2009 Oxbridge Conference at Haydock Race Course to find out about applying to our country's most prestigious seats of Learning. The day was set out with an array of presentations covering different aspects of the two universities. The students chose to attend 6 presentations which included interview techniques, finance management and different subject specific presentations.

Pupil Comments

'I found the presentation on interview very useful. How to act and present yourself.and that it doesn't matter what background you come from'

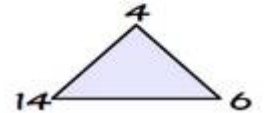
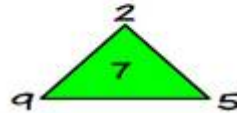
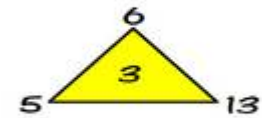
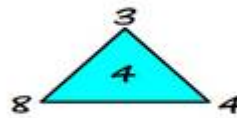
' an interesting day ...made me realise the high standard of work required..'

Numeracy

Missing Number

☆ 2

Which number should go in the empty triangle?



2. Missing Number
The missing number is 5 (add the bottom two numbers and divide by the top number).
Students may be encouraged to come up with puzzles of their own.

Answer

Astronomy



Log onto <http://www.100hoursofastronomy.org/component/eventlist/venueevents/86-liverpool-as-leighton-observatory>

Liverpool astronomical society are having an open day and night on 4-5 April where you can view their telescope.

The website also has webcasts and view around the images from telescopes around the world. Log on and start STAR GAZING!

Rugby

On Thursday the boys Year 8 rugby team will represent Merseyside in the north west HSBC emerging schools finals at Preston Grasshoppers RFC a club that has a great history of producing England internationals including Wade Dooley and Paul Grason.

The boys were losing finalists in the Merseyside competition having won 6 games to get there scoring 17 tries and not conceding any. They unfortunately lost 5:0 against a strong Birkdale school. If the Boys are successful they will earn the chance to play at the home of rugby, Twickenham.

So the very best of luck to the boys on Thursday.

Basketball

Last Wednesday night the Year9 boys had a friendly fixture against the Year10 girls basketball team from Rock Ferry.

The boys out performed the opposition with their speed of passing and team work combined with a high success of shots on target. Final score 32 : 8

RE Revision Timetable

Revision lessons Year 10 Wednesday evenings

25th March – Ministry / The Pope/ Bishops/ Priests/ Deacons J2 (D McCaughan)

1st April – Celibacy of the Clergy and the Ordination of Women J2 (R Woods)

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

24th March – Life after Death C2

31st March – The Sanctity of Life / Abortion and Euthanasia C2