

# newsletter



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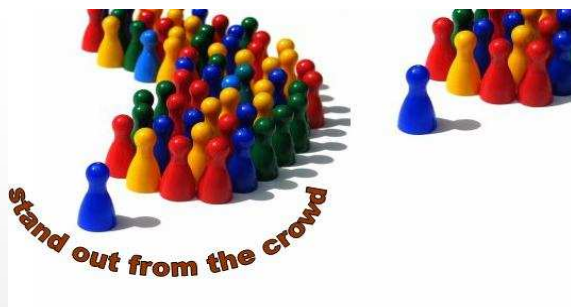
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## Theme for the Week

11th May 2009 "TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

All welcome!



The greatest command of Jesus was: "Follow me!" He called others to himself, and he who is God would teach and redeem through the human nature which he had taken from Mary. Jesus would also work through other human beings, starting with those first twelve whom he called to be his followers. He proposed a gigantic aim for his followers: the moral conquest of the whole world!

They were to be the "Light of the world", the "Salt of the earth" and the "City that cannot be hidden". He allowed quite insignificant people to take an almost cosmic view of their mission, for on them he would build his kingdom.

G.K. Chesterton once wrote:

"Whenever our civilisation wants a library to be catalogued, or a solar system discovered, or any other trifle of this kind, it uses up its specialists.

But when it wishes anything done which is really serious, it collects twelve of the ordinary people standing around. The same thing was done, if I remember right, by the founder of Christianity."

**Holy Spirit, guide us and lead us to know you better, to bring your love to those we meet each day. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen**

## Regional Football Success!



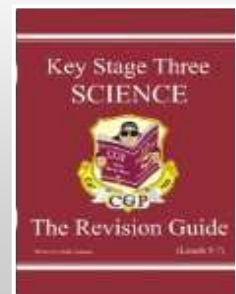
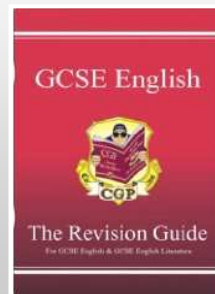
Congratulations to Sian Bilko (10SB) who participated in the U16 Regional Girls Football Tournament last weekend.

Sian currently plays for the Tranmere U16 squad and teams were competing for the Tesco Cup. Unfortunately, Tranmere were knocked out by Manchester United; however, Sian was presented with the award for British Regions' Best Midfielder at the tournament.

This is an exceptional achievement for Sian and highlights the superb standard of football that she is playing. Well done Sian!

## Revision Guides

As exam time is nearly upon us, you may like to know that there are a wide selection of both **KS3** and **GCSE** revision guides in most subjects for you to borrow from the library over the next few weeks. Call in to find out more.



## RE Revision Timetable

**Revision lessons Year 10 Wednesday evenings**

13<sup>th</sup> May – The Ten Commandments and The Sermon on the Mount (Mother Teresa and Helder Camara)

## GCSE History Revision Timetable

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 3.20 – 4.20 – Paper 2 essay questions

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 3.20 – 4.20 – Paper 2 source questions

## Mathematics Revision Sessions

Date	Foundation Topic	Staff	Higher Topic	Staff
12.05.09	Solving equations and substituting into equations	CH in MA6	Use Pythagoras' Theorem to find missing sides in a right angled triangle	JCL in MA1
13.05.09	Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions Share amounts in ratios	JMG in MA2	Find volumes and surface areas of prisms. Expanding pairs of brackets and factorising.	MT in MA4
<b>Exam May 18th</b>				
19.05.09	Areas of circles and triangles.	PLB in MA5	Solving a simultaneous equation.	ACM in MA3
20.05.09	Finding missing angles in triangles and quadrilaterals	EMS in MA3	Translate, rotate, reflect and enlarge 2D shapes.	JMG in MA2

**Exam June 1st**

## Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.7%  
Year 8 attendance 93.0%  
Year 9 attendance 92.7%  
Year 10 attendance 91.8%  
Year 11 attendance 94.2%

In the lead this week is Year 11.

## Tesco Vouchers Update

We have now collected 3,630 vouchers in the last 2 months and we still need 17 thousand more. Keep Collecting! Please hand in your vouchers to reception or the ICT Technicians.

## News of 'Past SJP Pupil'

Ryan Mullen formerly of Year 10, will be riding for Ireland in the forthcoming European Youth Olympics in Finland in July. He was selected after riding some 5 gruelling events around Ireland including two 3 day stage races.

Ryan who now lives in Wales, will be going over to Belgium with the squad to train for a few days in the next few weeks. He will be travelling first class to the event with the rest of Ireland's hopefuls and will be living in the Olympic Village for 10 days!! Naturally Ryan is delighted with himself! All at SJP wish him luck in this venture.



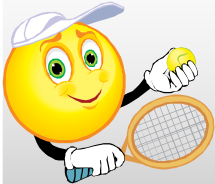
## PFOP Plant Sale

We are pleased to report that the PFOP Plant Sale was once again a huge success.

Many thanks to all those who helped out on the day and also helped to collect the order forms and deliver the plants.

## Whit Tennis Camps

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**9.30am - 3.30pm**



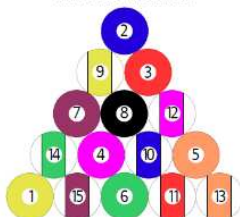
Wirral Tennis and Sports Centre will be running fun-packed Tennis Camps over the Whit Half Term, which will include coaching for children aged 5 - 14 and cater for all tennis Abilities, along with tennis related games and multi sports. Children will have the chance to take part in daily tournaments.

There is a maximum of 30 places so please book on to the Tennis Camp at the Wirral Tennis and Sports Centre Reception as soon as possible. Children should bring a packed lunch. The total cost is £60. For more details please contact:

0151 670 0397  
The Wirral Tennis and Sports Centre,  
Valley Road,  
Bidston, Wirral CH41 7EJ

## Numeracy Corner

Pool balls are numbered from 1 to 15.  
What is the total of the numbers on all the balls?



Dominoes have two parts, each can have from 0 to 6 spots. How many different dominoes are there in a set?

## Athletics News

Well done to the Years 8 and 10 Athletics Squads, who had their first athletics meeting of the season last Wednesday. SJP were one of 12 Wirral schools at the event and finished in the top half of the tables for both boys and girls events. There were some outstanding performances from individual pupils which contributed to a great team collection of overall points.

**In the final results SJP were ranked top of the Wirral Comprehensive table.**

### Individual medal winners:

#### Year 8:

Ciaran Mooney – 1<sup>st</sup> place in 100m and 1<sup>st</sup> place in High Jump.  
Boys relay team – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 4 x 100m  
Lauren Lefebvre – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Discus.  
Harvey Greer – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 100m  
Daniel Williams – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in High Jump

#### Year 10:

Jessica Leasor – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Discus  
Megan Gouldson – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1500m  
Sian Bilko – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 200m  
Katie Robinson – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 100m.

**Well done to all Competitors!**

### Future fixtures: Athletics-

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May @ The Ridings, Noctorum (Yr7)

**Rounders-** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May @ Pensby Girls (Yr9 & 10)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May @ Pensby Girls (Yr7 & 8)



## Much Ado About Nothing

Last week Year 9 pupils took to the stage to audition for Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". Miss Rossiter was impressed with the outstanding talent and selecting a cast was a very difficult job! Rehearsals will start next week and you can look forward to the performance in mid-July. Well done Year 9!!

## Literacy Corner

**Word of the week** Capitulate (kuh-pich-uh-leyt)

**VERB**

to surrender unconditionally or on stipulated terms. to give up resistance: *He finally capitulated and agreed to do the job my way*

**SYNONYMS:**

yield, acquiesce, accede, give in.

**ORIGIN:**

Latin capitulum 'titles, chapters'

**RELATED FORMS:**

capitulated, capitulating, capitulates



### Revising Sentences

Over the next few weeks we'll be revising how to construct sentences. We write sentences every day but do you know the difference between simple, compound and complex sentences? Let's start with the easiest this week – simple sentences. A simple sentence has only one CLAUSE in it. A clause must have a subject, an object and a verb in it. Look at this sentence and identify the subject, the object and the verb.



**A book fell on John's foot.**

Now identify the subject, object and verb in the following sentences:

1. There are clouds in the sky.
2. Daphne walked to the shop.
3. Duncan changed his clothes.
4. The dog is happy.
5. Damien's new t-shirt is blue.