

newsletter



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Learning Programme 6/3

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MP visits SJP

We were visited last week by our MP, Mr Ben Chapman, who came in to congratulate us on achieving our Eco Schools Green Flag Award.

We also had a visit from Ms T Simms, a Head Teacher from New Zealand, who is over here looking at best practice in secondary schools. So from Wirral to London to the other side of the world our reputation is spreading!



SJP Sports Day—Thursday 18th June

Our annual sports day is fast approaching and will take place this Thursday 18th June. All pupils in Years 7-10 will take part and compete for their form/house group. The throwing events will take place in the morning and the remainder of the events will take place in the afternoon, with the whole school going up to the track to watch and support competitors.

Pupils are reminded that they must arrive to school, at normal time and in full school uniform. All pupils must bring full P.E. kit with them and there will be designated changing times for all pupils. Hopefully we will be lucky with the weather again. Therefore, pupils must bring plenty of sun cream and lots of water to drink.

Good luck to all competitors!

Exams Week

Pupils in Years 7-10 are reminded that we are now approaching Exams Week, which begins on 22 June. All pupils in those Year groups should now be following the revision and preparation guides given by their teachers in lessons this week and next.

Theme for the Week

15th June 2009 "CHRIST HAS NO BODY BUT OURS"

WEEKLY MASS Wednesday 12.50pm

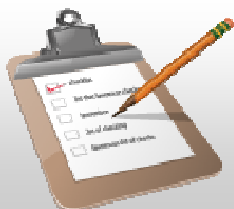
All welcome!



On Sunday we celebrated the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread is my flesh, which I will give you for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you can have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him." John 6

As much as his listeners didn't understand how he could really mean that they were to eat his body and drink his blood. Jesus made it very clear that was precisely what he did mean. Once again, it was hard for the people of Jesus' day (and is still hard for us today, too) to understand what Jesus tried to say because they only thought in earthly, literal terms. In this Gospel reading Jesus promises us that he will be with us in the Eucharist in a very special way. As we receive the Body of Christ in communion, something amazing happens: we too become the Body of Christ for others. We are to reflect Christ in our world today. We might be the only experience of Jesus that people might receive. St Francis reminds us that we are called to preach the Gospel to all the world and if necessary we are to use words.



Attendance

Year 7 attendance 92.8%
Year 8 attendance 93.0%
Year 9 attendance 92.7%
Year 10 attendance 92.0%

In the lead this week is Year 8.

Sutton Trust Summer Schools

The Sutton Trust Summer Schools offer an opportunity for over 800 young people each year to try university life. The one-week taster courses consist not only of lectures, seminars and tutorials, but also a varied programme of social activities to give participants an informed idea of life as an undergraduate at a research-led university.

The programme started in 1997 at Oxford and the Trust has subsequently expanded the scheme to Bristol, Cambridge, Nottingham and St Andrews Universities. Well done to Beth Mclean and Lewis Houldin in Year who were successful in their application this year.

Beth will be spending a week at Oxford University studying English and Lewis is going to Bristol University to study Psychology. This is a fantastic opportunity for both students and they have done really well to win these coveted places.



School of the Year Award

Last week members of our community, including governors and staff from across the school, went to London for the presentation ceremony of the School of The Year Award. Just being nominated was a huge honour and those involved had a very worthwhile day as the rest of the SJP family celebrated with an afternoon off! Once again, well done to everyone on reaching the final seven.



Numeracy Corner

There is something strange about this addition square. Can you work out what the missing number is?

+	3	8	11
3	6	11	2
8	11	4	7
11	2	7	



Work Experience

Just a reminder that Work Experience week for Year 10 pupils is: JUNE 29th TO JULY 3rd Monday to Friday inclusive.

Please note that any students who have pre-booked Appointments, such as dentist, should confirm details in writing to Mr Harrison by Wednesday June 17th 2009 so that employers can be informed.

Literacy Corner

Word of the week Taciturn (TAS-uh-tern)

Adjective: Habitually silent; not inclined to talk. Inclined to silence; reserved in speech; reluctant to join in conversation, dour, stern, and silent in expression and manner.

Synonyms: uncommunicative, reticent, quiet.

Origin: *taciturnus*, quiet, maintaining silence, equiv. to *tacit(us)* silent
Related forms: taciturnly.

Revising Sentences

This week we're continuing with sentence structure. This week we're looking at what a complex sentence is.

A **complex sentence** is formed when you join a main clause and a subordinate clause. Let's look at one way of creating a complex sentence.

Although I was scared, I carefully crossed the bridge.



Subordinate clause

This part of the sentence is a clause as it contains a verb and a subject. It does not make sense on its own so it is a subordinate clause.



Main clause

This part of the sentence is a clause as it contains a verb and a subject. It is a main clause as it makes sense on its own.

Each of these examples has a **subordinate clause** followed by a **main clause**.

When the bell rang, the children quickly lined up.

While the breeze blew, Michael flew his new kite.

After the wind stopped, snow started to fall.

Now try and complete the following to create a complex sentence.

1. Though he was tired,.....
2. If we play our best,
3. Because it was raining,.....

TESCO Vouchers

Please still continue to collect TESCO Vouchers for Schools and bring them into reception! The deadline for sending our vouchers in is 3rd July. We have collected around 6,500 vouchers in these last few months but we can still get a few more in!
Thank you to everyone who has collected vouchers so far.
Keep up the good work!

Star Spellers from SJP take part in the UK's first schools' Spelling Bee Championship

Four pupils from Year 7 took part in the first Times National Schools' Spelling Bee Championship at the Odeon, Switch Island. In their heat our team competed against 18 other schools, finishing a very credible third. Although this wasn't enough to see us through to the next round, nevertheless the team performed well under considerable pressure.

The Times Spelling Bee aims to discover the country's best young spellers and make spelling fun for children of all abilities.

Representing SJP were Nathan Stanley, Rachel Evans, Vanessa Taylor and Nicole Heffernan. More than 750 schools took part in the local heats of The Times Spelling Bee at Odeon Cinemas around the country, from schools as far north as Shetland to Jersey in the Channel Islands.

Don't forget you can still access online games and spelling activities at <http://www.timesspellingbee.co.uk>.

Year 8 should also start preparing as we'll be holding our very own Year 8 Spelling Bee on the 10th July.

Entry rounds to the grand final will start in the next couple of weeks



6th Form Drama & Media Event



Spotlight: 6th Form Drama and Media Evening on Tuesday the 23rd June.

Venue: Drama studio 7pm. Tickets will be available shortly and will be by invitation to parents and sixth form students only.

Watch SJP LIVE for further details.

Salters' Festival of Chemistry

On Thursday 4th June a group of talented Year 8 Scientists attended the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at the University of Liverpool. The aim of the festival is to promote the appreciation of Chemistry and related sciences among young people. Our team of Gabrielle Emmerson, Melanie Ferguson, Stephen Evans and Bradley Smith competed against 24 other schools from across the northwest in two major challenges.

The challenges involved investigating a crime scene using forensic methods and to create a method to reach a specific temperature using a range of different chemicals. We also had the great opportunity of listening to a lecture by Dr Helen Aspinall who showed us some chemical reactions including making slime and liquids that glow in the dark!

Everyone came away with having a great day and we all received some fun goodies from Salters.

