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Learning Programme Unit 1/5

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

"SJP House Patrons"

This week we are focusing in our collective worship and assemblies upon the importance of our new "House Patrons". Our patrons are a particular group of holy people who lived extraordinary lives. They are women and men who have lived their lives in such a way as to be rewarded with the Kingdom of God. They lived exemplary lives, providing us with examples to follow. They are our role models.

As Christians, we too are called to be role models for others in the way that we live our lives today.

All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other(John 13:)

Retreat
Yr 11 Pupils
Castlerigg Manor in
Keswick
7th – 9th November
2008
Watch this space!

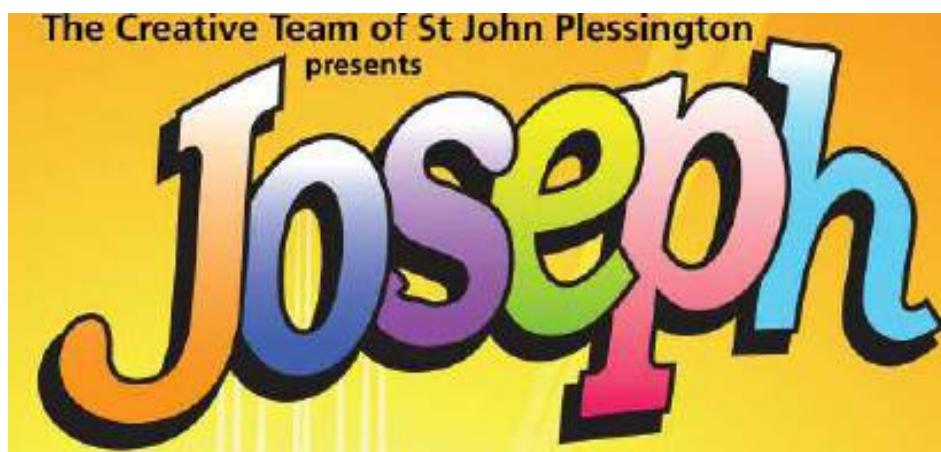


"BRILLIANT... STUNNING... THE PUPILS ARE A CREDIT TO YOU..."

were the words used to describe SJP as visitors walked around the College on our second Open Day last Thursday morning. Prospective Parents took the opportunity to see the daily life of the College in action. Once again, we received the same messages from parents who were impressed by the high quality learning pupils were engaged in as they visited classrooms, the politeness of pupils on corridors, and the orderly and calm atmosphere during break time. Visitors also had the opportunity to catch a glimpse of rehearsals for 'Joseph' which is being shown next week.

After two Open Days and an Open Evening, over 1000 comments contain a common thread: SJP is definitely the place to be!

Wednesday 8th October & Thursday 9th October at 7.30 pm.



Tickets on sale in reception.

Adults	£3
Child	£2

(No tickets will be sold on the door)

Mathematics House Competition Mental Maths Quiz Final



We had a fabulous afternoon on Friday 19th September with the Semi-Finals and Grand Finals of the Mathematics House Competition.

Year 7 and 8 were all gathered in the hall to cheer on the representatives from their houses in a tense round of Mental Maths questions using the Quizdom hand-sets for 'fastest finger first' rounds of questions!

The atmosphere was electric as the top Year 7 and then the top Year 8 pupils were selected from the Semi-Finalists. The nail-biting Grand Finale was a close run between the six Year 7 and Year 8 pupils.

The Grand Final line up was:

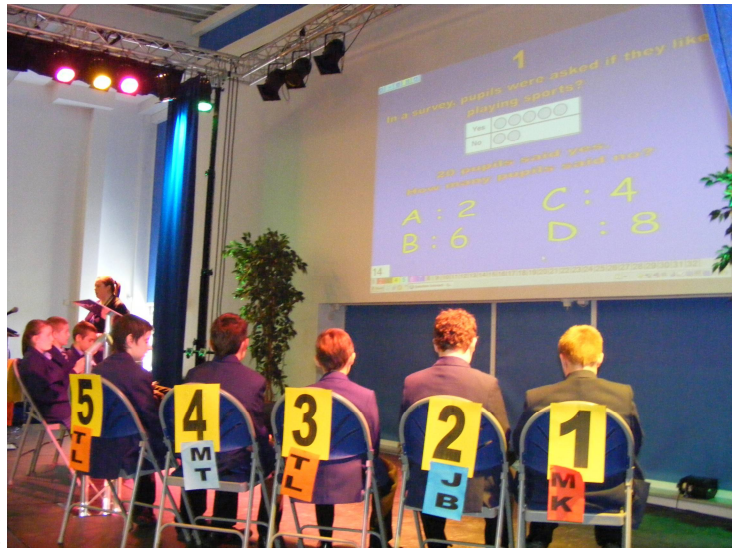
Year 7:	Year 8:
Rachel Evans (7MK)	Ian Meeks (8MT)
Thomas Mottram (7JB)	Daniel Smith (8MK)
Yazzmin Bonner (VP)	Steven Evans (8BH)

Congratulations to the winners:

Year 7 Winner	Thomas Mottram (7BH)
Year 8 Winner	Stephen Evans (8BH)

Overall Key Stage 3 Winner Thomas Mottram (7BH)

All Semi-Finalists and Grand Finalists received a certificate and House Points. They each were presented with a winner's cup by our special guest, Numeracy Governor Mr. O'Connell. Well done for all of your efforts and for the massive bonus that you have earned for your Houses! Keep up the good work.



House Points so far...

- ♦ Bosco 23
- ♦ Teresa 4
- ♦ Therese of Liseux 16
- ♦ Bernadette 8
- ♦ St Vincent de Paul 26
- ♦ Romero 79
- ♦ Hume 14
- ♦ Kolbe 42

Well done Romero!



Adult Evening Classes

Want to improve your employment chances? Keen to help your child with their exam chances? Interested in broadening your horizons and meeting new people? Or simply up for a new challenge?

Starting shortly on Tuesday evenings, between 5pm and 7pm the school will be open to parents who want to follow in their childrens' footsteps. The classes will be run in a friendly and informal manner, taking advantage of our 'state of the art' technology. The courses will also be closely linked to our new 'Virtual Learning Environment' which means that your tutor will only ever be a mouse click away should you need support or assistance during the week. If you feel inspired to take up the challenge, please return the reply slip below to the reception at College. Any further enquiries you may have should be directed to Mrs Youds.

I would be interested in:

ALAN (six week, internet based course in Adult Literacy and Numeracy - equivalent to one GCSE)

GCSE English (one year course)

CLAIT (Level 1) (Computer Literacy and Information Technology for beginners)

Name:

Telephone contact no.

Email address:

Pupil contact:

PARTNER PRIMARIES JOIN IN 'JOSEPH'



Wonderful sounds resounded in the Hall last Thursday as St Anne's and St John's Primary pupils rehearsed with us for 'Joseph'. Each year our Partner Primaries play an important musical role in our productions.

This year they are joining with the SJP Choir in singing the well-known songs from the musical. We also look forward to welcoming Christ the King and St Joseph's for our dress rehearsal next Tuesday afternoon. We anticipate a spectacular show!

Photograph taken by Year 12 Media Students

Attendance

Year 7—11
93.5%

Year 7	94.4%
Year 8	94.1%
Year 9	92.9%
Year 10	93.0%
Year 11	93.1%

In the lead this week is Year 7 again —Well done!

Remember that good attendance is vital for success

Punctuality

You should be on the yard **no later than 8.35 a.m.** every day.

Mass

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 12.50pm in the College Chapel. All are Welcome.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Thursday 9th October

Check out www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk to enter the *National Poetry Competition*, send an *e-poem* to your friends and find out more about the poet in residence, *Paul Farley* who is reading on Poetry Day at the Bluecoat Chambers in Liverpool, 8.00 – 9.30pm for anyone who would like to go along.

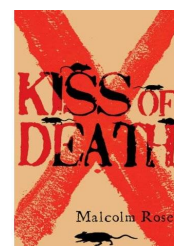
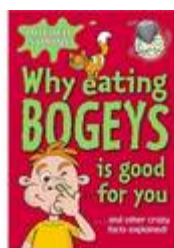
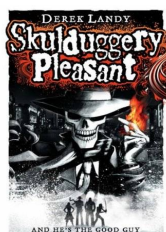
The Word This Week

In this week's gospel story we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned and cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar!

So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending them and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? He can hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest.

That is us, each one of us is the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

Rev Gerard Boyle
College Chaplain



FREE BOOKS FOR ALL YEAR 7s

Once again SJP is running this extremely popular campaign aimed at encouraging 11 year olds to read for pleasure. **EVERY** pupil in **Year 7** is entitled to receive one free book from the great selection on display in the library.

Titles include:

Skulduggery Pleasant	-	D Landy
Scarlett	-	C Cassidy
Arctic Hero	-	C Johnson
Heartbeat	-	S Creech

**So, if you haven't already, call into the library to order your
FREE BOOK.**



Su Doku Challenge 4

Puzzle 4 of the weekly Mathematics Department Su Doku Challenge! Remember you have to put all of the digits from 1 – 6 inclusive in the six boxes, but no number should appear twice in one set of six or twice in a row, or twice in a column! Good luck!

Puzzle

2	5		6		
			4		
			5	6	4
4	6	5			
		2			
				3	6

Solution

3	2	4	1	5	6
1	5	6	2	4	3
6	4	5	3	1	2
4	6	3	5	2	1
5	1	2	6	3	4
2	3	1	4	6	5

I finished this in.....

My record time is

Literacy Corner

Fettle

- **noun** condition: *in fine fettle*.
— ORIGIN Old English, strip of material.



Literacy quiz

A word of FOUR letters is hidden in each of the sentences below. The hidden words begin at the end of a word and finish at the start of the next word. Write the hidden words in the brackets.

Look at this example:

Time and tide wait for no man. The answer is MEAN.

1. She attached the bow to the parcel.
2. I hope they are allowed to go.
3. The large kangaroo munched the green grass.
4. This is something you must do especially as it is so important.
5. The climber found a hidden cave in the mountains.
6. The landscape altered as we drove across the country.

Answers:

- 1. HEAT
- 2. REAL
- 3. ROOM
- 4. DOES
- 5. THEM
- 6. PEAL

E	G	A	T	N	I	V	I	N	O
D	N	S	E	H	C	T	E	R	W
E	O	S	T	O	N	E	E	E	D
H	S	E	A	S	O	N	U	S	A
S	E	R	R	E	W	O	T	P	O
A	R	P	R	O	D	U	C	E	R
R	S	E	D	U	G	F	R	C	B
H	O	N	D	F	R	U	I	T	A
T	A	I	E	L	B	A	R	A	P
L	A	W	R	I	E	H	I	E	R

PARABLE
LANDOWNER
WINEPRESS
TOWER
VINTAGE
PRODUCE
RESPECT
HEIR
WRETCHES
SEASON
STONE
FRUIT

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER



You get money every day to put in your new piggy bank. You get it in such a way that the money in the piggy bank doubles with each passing day. If you already have £1 in the piggy bank and you get £1 pound the first day, £2 the second day, £4 the third day and so on, then your piggy bank gets full on the 9th day.

On which day will your piggy bank be half-full?

Answers to Mrs. Bell in Maths 7 by **Thursday 9th October**. All correct answers will earn 1 House Point and entry into a draw to win £5 WH Smiths Vouchers.

Netball News

Congratulations to both the Year 9 and 10 Netball Teams who won all of their games at their first mini tournament on Thurs. The mini tournaments are being held at Wirral Grammar Girls' School and will take place every Thursday, allowing schools to play each other.

On Thursday 25 September the Year 9 team took on Bebington High, Oldershaw and Wirral Grammar 'B' and secured victories in all games. The girls were fantastic and played outstandingly in all matches.

Charlotte and **Rebecca** assisted in these victories with their excellent shooting skills. The strong defence from **Lauren, Emily** and **Andrea** made it difficult for all teams to attack. **Jess** and **Kim** held it together well mid court to feed the ball down to the shooters. Well done!

Year 9 squad: Charlotte Obermuller (9TL), Rebecca Jones (9SB), Jess Partridge (9TL) (Captain), Kim Davies (9JB), Lauren Dickson (9TL), Emily Guttridge (9JB) and Andrea McLaughlin (9JB).

Congratulations to the Year 10 team who took on Bebington High, Wirral 'A' and Pensby, also being victorious in all of their matches. The level of play from the Year 10 team was fantastic.

Megan and **Katie** were focused, with almost every shot going in the net. **Shannon, Rebecca** and **Danielle** worked well together, moving, passing and intercepting the ball to secure possession and get the ball to the shooters. **Alex** and **Fay** kept it strong in the defending area to block out the opposition, making it very difficult for them to get close enough to score. Well done!

Year 10 squad: Megan Gallagher (10MT), Katie Robinson (10MT), Shannon Reid (10OR), Rebecca Lunt (10MT) (Captain), Danielle Boughey (10SB), Alex Scollins (10MT) and Fay McCulloch (10TL).

Thank you to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Flavin, Miss Youds and Mr Coogan who came up to support the girls.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

Irish Night featuring 'The Pioneers'

This will be held on Friday 17th October. 7-30 until 10pm. Tickets on sale (£5) from J Owen/S Heraghty in the next few days.

PFOP AGM

The AGM is on
11 November 2008 at 7 p.m.
All Welcome

OCR Business Studies Club

The Business Studies department is continuing to run the 'After School' club this academic year every Thursday from 3.30 – 4.30. This is for both Years 10 and 11 Business Studies pupils commencing on 2nd October. The aim is to support pupils with their course of study by providing an opportunity to complete their portfolio work, homework tasks, conduct independent research or improve the quality of their assignments with dedicated teacher support and guidance. This ensures all pupils go on to get the best GCSE grade they can.

Eco School



SJP has registered to collect the Morrisons 'Let's Grow' voucher scheme. Vouchers can be handed into reception and they will be passed onto the team. Our nearest store is [Ellesmere Port](#), Chester Road, Ellesmere Port.

PUPIL FOCUS:

**WEAR SUITABLE WINTER
OUTDOOR CLOTHING.
NO TRACK SUIT JACKETS
OR TOPS TO BE WORN.**

MEMBER OF PUBLIC 'BOWLED OVER'

We are very proud to have received a report from a member of the public who was 'bowled over' by SJP pupils this week. Travelling on the train towards Bromborough after school, the lady who contacted SJP reported how impressed she was by pupils' smart appearance and uniform, their politeness, and their behaviour. She reported that pupils were discussing their work with great enthusiasm— something she says she never hears young people doing! Well done commuters!