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Learning Programme Unit 1/7

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

“Go out to the whole world. Proclaim the Good News”



These days it seems that the media bombards us with bad news. The problem seems to be that good news very rarely gets reported about. Good news doesn't sell newspapers!

But good news *is* happening every day in our homes, neighbourhood, and in our College community. As Christians we have good news to tell people, about a God who loves us and who wants each one of us to have a full life. That is great news!

So let's take up the challenge today to be reporters of good news.

NEXT WEEK IS...

**Sixth Form
Parents' Evening
Thursday
23 October 2008
4.30—7 pm.**

Bishop Blesses Chapel

Last Wednesday we welcomed Bishop Brian as he joined pupils, staff, governors and parish priests from our local parishes to bless the new College Chapel. During the service he spoke of the need for each member of the College Community to be a witness for the Good News of the Gospel in our world today.



Year 7 'First Steps' Experience to Colomendy



As any Year 7 knows, when you are exhausted and aching from exertion and caked in mud, you know you've had a great time... and Year 7 really did have a great time at Colomendy last week! We were away from home from Monday to

Wednesday and during the whole of that time we were busy completing a myriad of team building activities including scrapheap challenge, abseiling, fencing and archery but the favourites by far were nightline (the really muddy activity!), aeroball and caving.

Year 7 really made us proud in the way they took to each challenge and truly tried their best. Some took to the activities like a duck to water, scooting up the climbing wall with what seemed like no effort at all, whereas others not so skilled or practiced all did the very best they could and just had a go. What most impressed us was the way Year 7 looked after each other, giving encouragement at every stage and making everyone feel a part of the team. We took time to reflect on our journey together with Gerard, our College Chaplain and we all created a journal of our thoughts and feelings to remind us of our experience together.

The prize for best activity group went to Group C who were Nyasha Chiwawa, Meredith Clements, Rachel Evans, Nicole Heffernan, Hannah Kay, Caitlin Nenna, Sophie O'Brien, Lauren Roberts, Leah Rogers and Jade Rowlands, all from (7MK). "Best Boy" prize went to **Daniel Hughes** (7BH) and "Best Girl" to **Siobhan Mason** (7TL), so an extra special Well Done to them for really standing out from the crowd and impressing us so much with their enthusiasm, keenness and helpfulness while we were away.



Eco News: Major savings are a credit to our staff and students

SJP's 360 project has been running for 9 months. The objective is to reduce wastage of electricity around our College.

A summary of the progress so far:

Jan - Sept	2007	2008	Difference
Units (kWh)	394,108	373,374	2,734
CO2 (kg)	169,466	160,551	8,915
Cost (£)	38,800.02	30,171.41	8,628.61

Attendance

Year 7—11 93.2%

Year 7	94.4%
Year 8	93.5%
Year 9	92.9%
Year 10	92.4%
Year 11	92.9%

In the lead this week is Year 7 —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.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

Year 9 Paris Trip
24th—28th October 2008

Annual Awards Evening
11th November 2008

This year's guest is Frank Cottrell Boyce, Liverpool born screenwriter and playwright.

More details to follow.

PUPIL FOCUS:

**WEAR EXTRA LAYERS FOR
OUTDOORS PE: SJP
SWEATSHIRTS AND
TRACKSUITS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM THE MARKET.
KEEP WARM
IN COLDER WEATHER!**

House Points so far...

◆ Bosco	29
◆ Teresa	16
◆ Therese of Lisieux	29
◆ Bernadette	63
◆ St Vincent de Paul	42
◆ Romero	104
◆ Hume	22
◆ Kolbe	57



Well done again Romero!

Victory in Round 1 of The English Schools' National Cup.

Congratulations to the U15 Girls' Football Team who secured a 5-3 victory over Allsop High School last Wednesday. The girls displayed immense talent on the field. Goals came from Sian Bilko, Jessica Leasor, Danielle Boughey and Megan Gouldson. The team will now go through to round 2 of The Cup. Well Done!



Squad: Sian Bilko (captain) (10SB), Jessica Leasor (10BH), Megan Gouldson (10BH), Danielle Boughey (10SB), Siobhan McLaughlin (10SB), Shannon Reid (10OR), Beth Weight (9TL), Lauren Lefebvre (8VP), Louise Roche (8BH), Ashlea Ryan (8JB) and Hannah Naylor (8BH).



Golfing Stars Battle the Course Hoylake Schools Championships 2008

Tuesday saw 5 talented SJP golfers battle heavy rain and very tough conditions at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, the home of the Open Championship in 2006.

The annual Championship held over the links course in Hoylake is always a very well supported event. However, SJP pupils stood out in the crowd as one of the organisers commented, "your pupils look very smart with their team colours on, you must be from a very good school".

Lead by Team Captain Chris Campbell (Y12), the boys went out in fine weather conditions only for the prevailing wind to blow in the heavy rain that made the conditions extremely difficult.

Despite this the boys returned excellent stableford scores:-

Chris Campbell (Captain)	29 points
Alex Campbell	23 points
Callum Brady	31 points
Andy Powell	32 Points
Luke Camden	37 points.

Wirral Netball Tournament (Round 2) and Nationals Tournament

The Year 9 and 10 Netball Teams took part in the 2nd round of their mini tournament last Thursday.

Both teams won their first game but didn't quite manage to grab that victory over Wirral Grammar's strongest teams.

As recognition for their talent and standard of play, both teams were invited to participate in the National Schools Tournament on Saturday 11/10/08. The standard of play was outstanding and although the girls didn't qualify for the next stage they played great games. Well done!

Birkenhead Netball League

The Year 10 Netball Team has now started playing in the local netball league. Their division is played at Prenton High School, every Tuesday evening. The girls played last Tuesday 14/10/08 and beat their opponents 11-5. Well done!

Year 11 Netball Success

Well done to the Year 11 girls who represented the school at a Mini Tournament at Wirral Grammar on Wednesday evening. It was a great team performance, which resulted in us defeating both Oldershaw and Birkenhead High School for Girls. Well done Team!



See the SJP LIVE video for more photographs from the day's play. Congratulations and well done boys!

Su Doku Challenge 6

Number 6 of your weekly Mathematics Department Su Doku Challenge – are you addicted yet?! 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

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

Solution

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


I finished this in.....

My record time is

Literacy Corner

Word of the week

Aficionado (uh-fish-ee-uh-NAH-doh)



Noun: an ardent devotee; fan, enthusiast.
Origin: Spanish, past participle of *aficionar*, *to induce a liking for*, from *afición*, *liking*, from Latin *affectiō*, *affection-*; see *affection*.
Related forms: aficionados, noun

Literacy quiz

Write the answers to these brain teasers under each box.

thought an	to rn	easy
DEATH LIFE	B BOW W	FOOT
BIG BIG ignore ignore	belt hitting	go it it it
chair	podpodpod	1,000,000 air

ANSWERS:

An afterthought
 Torn in half
 Easy on the eye
 Life after death
 Cross bow
 Big foot
 Too big to ignore
 Hitting below the belt
 Go for it
 High hat
 Tripod
 Millionaire

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

Last weekend, I rode my new bicycle that I got for my birthday to the park.

At the park, I saw that there were a total of 13 bicycles and tricycles. If the total number of wheels was 31, how many tricycles were there?

Correct answers to Mrs. Bell in room Mathematics 7 by Thursday 23 October 2008. All correct entries will be awarded 1 House Point and will be put into a draw for a £5 WH Smiths gift voucher. Good Luck!!





HERE COMES CHRISTMAS



St John Plessington Catholic College is proud to announce its spectacular '**Here Comes Christmas**' fair which will be taking place on **Friday 5th December** from 3:00pm to 5:30pm.

It has quickly become established as the biggest of its kind on Merseyside with the traditional and not so traditional games and activities in preparation for Christmas, raising lots of money along the way for school based projects. We will be letting you know very shortly what our plans are for this year with lots of exciting new ideas.

One of the great success stories at 'Here Comes Christmas' is Dolly's **bric-a-brac** stall. Please can you start having your annual clear out of any unwanted goods that can be re-cycled in someone else's house! Games, DVDs, CDs, books, pictures, crockery, vases, kitchenware, furniture – anything at all except clothes. Get into that loft, garage or shed – you know you won't use it!! Please bring it into SJP and leave it at reception. If there is so much of it that you can't carry it – leave your name and number and we'll come out to collect it

With something for all ages, this is one Christmas Fair that SJP is sure you will enjoy, after its spectacular success last year and we look forward to welcoming you. Make a note in your diaries: 'Here Comes Christmas', Friday 5th December, 3pm till 5:30pm.

