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Learning Programme Unit 2/1

18TH ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING 2008 WITH FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

“Memories and Remembrance”

November is traditionally the month when we remember the people whom we have loved that have died.

It is an important part of our Christian tradition that we pray for those who have died. God willing, they are also praying for us in heaven.

What is dying- ? The ship sailed away and I stand watching till it fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says, “The ship is gone.” Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. The ship is just as large as when I saw it.. I see the ship grow smaller and go out of sight. It is just at that moment that there are others in a different place who say: “Watch here the ship comes,” and other voices take up a glad shout: “You have arrived!” – and that is what dying is about.

THIS WEEK IS...

IRISH NIGHT

Friday 7 November

7.30—10.00 pm. Adults are invited to bring their own refreshments.

Tickets £5

See Mr Owen or
Miss Heraghty



St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

You are invited to join us for our Annual Awards Evening on Tuesday 11th November 2008 at 7.00pm in the College Hall.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the presentation.

We are looking forward to celebrating with great pride, the achievements of many pupils at our 18th Annual Awards Evening next Tuesday 11th November at 7.00pm.

This is an exciting and momentous occasion in the school's calendar when we formally recognise last year's successes and efforts of pupils throughout the College. The number of pupils receiving an award is growing each year; this year there will be nearly 200 pupils being presented with certificates, medals and trophies.

Our guest speaker, who is Liverpool born Frank Cottrell Boyce, one of Britain's highly respected screenwriters, playwrights, novelists and actors, will be presenting the awards.

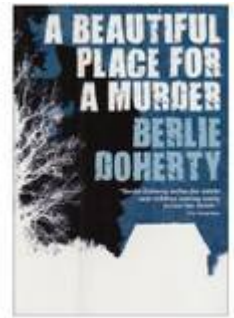
We anticipate that this evening will be an uplifting experience for everyone as we share and celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Award winners must return reply slips from the letter as soon as possible and they can then collect their tickets from Reception the next day.

Acclaimed Author Meets Stars of the Future



On Tuesday 21st October the acclaimed author Berlie Doherty visited some of our Year 8 and 9 pupils who share a passion for reading and writing. Berlie opened the event by describing how she became an author and what inspires her to write her fantastic novels, plays and poems. She then read a section from her novel 'Daughter of the Sea.'



All pupils involved in the event were given the opportunity to put forward their questions to Berlie Doherty regarding her life, her work and her techniques as a writer. Finally we concluded the workshop with a personalised book signing for the pupils.

Attendance

Year 7—11
92.2%

Year 7	93.1%
Year 8	92.7%
Year 9	91.6%
Year 10	91.3%
Year 11	92.2%

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.

PUPIL FOCUS:

YOU SHOULD BE USING THE VLE NOW. YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD SHOULD BE IN YOUR PLANNER (IT IS THE SAME AS SAM LEARNING)

House Points so far...

◆ Bosco	39
◆ Teresa	24
◆ Therese of Lisieux	34
◆ Bernadette	64
◆ St Vincent de Paul	49
◆ Romero	107
◆ Hume	24
◆ Kolbe	66



Well done again Romero!

Sixth Form Review Evening

This was an opportunity for Sixth Form students and parents/carers to spend some time discussing the progress of their son/daughter with their individual subject teachers and setting the students individual targets for improvement. They also received the first of a series of reports showing their target grades and their present attainment and effort grade.

A presentation was given on applying to University and how you can apply for financial support. A number of local Universities were also in attendance to provide further guidance.

Parents/carers were asked to complete an evaluation questionnaire where very positive comments were given:

" I really believe that you are all doing everything that you can and I am so grateful that my daughter chose to continue her education with you."

" I think you are doing a great job and it was not too early to hear about their progress as it has been a big step up from GCSEs."

" The support is tremendous."

"Thank you for your hard work."

Poetry Competition

Thank you for all your wonderful poetry entries! It was a very tough decision but in the end Mrs. Broom and I have picked two winners for the £10 vouchers. Our Upper School winner is **Graeme Daulby (12MK)** with his excellent poem 'The Disaster.' Our Lower School winner is **Alice Bailey (9TL)** with her interesting poem entitled '**Factory Life.**' Could the winners please see Mrs. Broom for the £10 gift vouchers?

A huge well done to our runners up:

Matthew Lightbound (11VP) with '**Falling through God.**'

Annie Doyle (9MT) with '**Excuses for Homework!**'

Amy Davies (9MT) with '**My Poem**'

Kyle Clark (7OR) with '**Work!**'

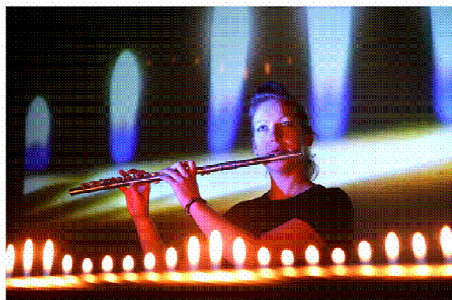


Graeme Daulby (12MK)



Alice Bailey (9TL)

Visualise Science Theatre Production 13th November



The Science Department are organising a trip to the Stanley Theatre in Liverpool to watch "Visualise". This is a production that has overwhelmed audiences across Europe with its creativity, science demonstrations, lighting and blend of live theatre performances.

All Year 8s have been given a letter with a consent form. Tickets are offered on a first come, first served basis. Tickets cost £4 and are available from Mr Marsh.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All parents/carers should have received a letter and a Self Placement Form for next year's work experience - the week beginning June 29th 2009. Self Placement Forms must be returned to Form Tutors by December 12th 2008 - preferably before. Please address all queries to Mr Harrison.

Tag Rugby Superstars



Congratulations to all our Year 7 & 8 girls who represented SJP at the Wirral Tag Rugby Tournament, held at Port Sunlight Rugby Club on Wednesday. All played extremely well against much older opposition in some cases. Well done girls! We were very proud of the way you conducted yourselves and the effort you applied!

Team:

Year 7 – Evie Martin (SB), Jessica Hallas (OR), Nicole Heffernan (MK), Allysha Billington (JB), Molly Gardner (BH), Lauren Hulmes (OR), Lauren Haddock (BH), Lauren Arnell (OR), Louise Fearon (BH), Emily Marriot (OR), Paige Phoenix (OR), Chloe Lucas (OR)

Year 8 – Hannah Naylor (BH), Bryony McNellis (MT)

Art Students' Cultural Visits

In October GCSE and A Level Art students went to the Sefton Park Palm House Liverpool, and the Desmond Morris Exhibition at the Williamson Art Gallery, Birkenhead. On both occasions pupils were able to enhance their coursework and learning through the addition of research materials obtained from first hand observation .



These visits were productive for pupils and have helped them in their preparation for their examinations. We are fortunate to have such a wealth of culture on our doorstep. We are glad we are making the most of what Merseyside has to offer.

Su Doku Challenge 7

Instalment 7 of the weekly Mathematics Department Su Doku Challenge. How are you doing? 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		2	3	5	
	5	1	6		2
2		6			

Solution

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

I finished this in.....

My record time is

Literacy Corner

Word of the week

Reticent (ret-uh-suh nt)

Adjective disposed to be silent or not to speak freely; reserved, reluctant or restrained.

Origin: Latin reticēns, reticent-, present participle of reticēre, *to keep silent* : re-, re- + tacēre, *to be silent*.]

Related forms: ret'i-cent-ly adv.



Literacy quiz

Find the antonyms to match the words below:

Unhappy

Deep

Good

Dirty

Large

Cold

Clean

Bad

Hot

Happy

Hot

Happy

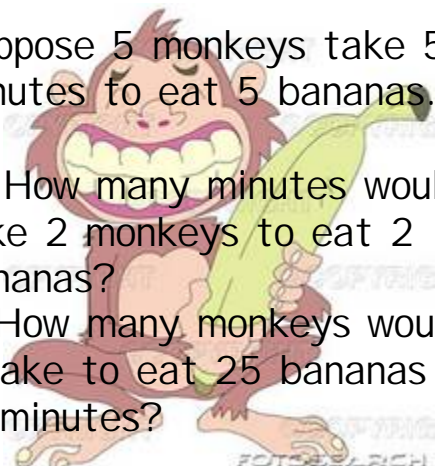
Shallow

Small

Suppose 5 monkeys take 5 minutes to eat 5 bananas.

1. How many minutes would it take 2 monkeys to eat 2 bananas?

2. How many monkeys would it take to eat 25 bananas in 25 minutes?



NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

Correct answers to Mrs. Bell in room Mathematics 7 by **Thursday 6 November 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!!