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# SJP News



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# THEME FOR THE WEEK:

"Prisoners of Conscience"



Every year millions of people throughout our world are unjustly imprisoned for their beliefs. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was drawn up by the United Nations and presented to the world in 1948. It says that people everywhere have the same human rights, which no one should take away. Freedom, peace and justice are built on these rights.

You were all baptised into Christ, and so you were all clothed with Christ. This means that you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. In Christ, there is no difference between Jew and Greek, slave and free person, male and female. You are all the same in Christ Jesus.

(Galatians 3:28)

Open our eyes to see, Open our ears to hear, Open our lives to live your calling, Open us Lord, to love.

# 18TH ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING 2008 WITH FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE



Pupils celebrate National Year of Reading with Frank Cottrell Boyce

Excitement and anticipation mount as preparations are under way for our 18th Annual Awards Evening next Tuesday. From Brass Band and Choir rehearsals, to preparing the College Hall, everyone is working together for what is one of the highlights on our College calendar.

It is the time of year when we recognise and celebrate the achievements of many pupils. We are proud to award almost 200 pupils from all year groups with certificates, medals and trophies, not only for subject achievements but for their contributions and service to the College and wider community.

We welcome our guest speaker, **Frank Cottrell Boyce**, well-known Liverpool born screenwriter, playwright and novelist.

We are expecting the College Hall to be full to capacity, and we are looking forward to welcoming parents and governors to join in the celebrations of the well-deserved achievements of our pupils.

## FOR YOUR DIARY...

Year 9 & 10 Review Day Friday 21st November

(school will be closed to pupils)

**Sixth Form Information Evening** Tuesday 25th November 7 pm.

## 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.

# **Attendance**

Year 7—11 91.1%

Year 7	94%
Year 8	93.3%
Year 9	92.3%
Year 10	91.1%
Year 11	93.4%

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.

### ALSO FOR YOUR DIARY...

# London Theatre Trip

Year 11 and Sixth Form Thursday 20th November

# Non-Uniform Day

Supporting 'Here Comes Christmas' Friday 28 November

## **PUPIL FOCUS:**

WE ARE LOOKING AT THINKING SKILLS THIS WEEK

> PUT YOUR 'DE BONO' THINKING HATS ON!

# House Points so far...

•	Bosco	44
<b>•</b>	Teresa	38
<b>*</b>	Therese of Lisieux	37
<b>*</b>	Bernadette	82
<b>•</b>	St Vincent de Paul	79
•	Romero	115
<b>*</b>	Hume	43
•	Kolbe	118

Well done Kolbe!











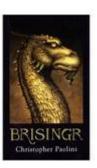




#### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

## **BRISINGR**

Christopher Paolini



Brisingr is a great read and is the third book in the Inheritance Cycle.

Brisingr portrays the story of a young farm boy, Eragon who finds a polished blue stone in the forest. The stone turns out to be a dragon egg and before he knows it Eragon is thrust into a world of magic and adventure. This latest book in the series has many twists and turns as Eragon discovers a secret that will affect the far away lands of Alagaesia. Christopher Paolini is a brilliant author who wrote the first draft of *Eragon* (his first book) at the tender age of 15!

Recommended by Joe Lyons 8MT & Jordan Brown 8MT

## **CALLING ALL SWIMMERS!**

We would like to enter the Wirral Secondary Schools Swimming Gala, to be held at Leasowe Recreation Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Anyone in year 7, 8 or 9, who is a member of any swimming club, or is a competent swimmer, please see Mrs Lock as soon as possible. We need a boys' and a girls' team for each year group.

We were extremely successful last year, finishing in  $2^{nd}$  place. Let's see if we can go one better this year!

## MEDIA CREW WANTED!

Could you see yourself as a reporter?

How about reading out our news on SJP L!VE and the website?

Do you fancy interviewing people?

Taking photographs or filing?

If so, come to an audition on **Tuesday 11 November, IT2 at 3.20 pm.** 



# ACCELERATED READER COMPETITION

**WELL DONE** to the following Year 7 pupils who have been taking quizzes on the Accelerated Reader programme, last term they scored over **120** points between them.

They are: Sarah Dooley (7BH), Jack Callaghan (7OR), Jack Dobson (7OR), Jessica Hallas (7OR), Grace Jones (7OR), Hollie-Anne Jones (7OR), Paige Phoenix (7OR), Callum Flynn (7TL), Adam Peacock (7TL) and Joe Fisher (7MK).

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 who would like to use Accelerated Reader simply need to chose a book from the special selection in the library. Once the book has been read, click on the link from the SJP home page and enter your username and password.

For example:

USERNAME: jblog
(Initial of 1<sup>st</sup> name followed by 1<sup>st</sup> 4 letters of last name)
PASSWORD: jb
(Just initials)
HAPPY QUIZZING!
House points are awarded for all quizzes that are passed.

## Su Doku Challenge 8

Here is number 8 of the weekly Mathematics Department Su Doku Challenge. Are your times improving? 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

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

#### Solution

1	9	4	3	2	5
3	5	1	2	4	9
2	4	5	9	3	1
4	3	9	5	1	2
5	1	2	4	9	3
9	2	3	1	5	4

I finished this in.....

My record time is .....

#### YEAR 9 FRENCH TRIP



During half term 42 Year 9 pupils took part in a MFL trip to France. We left very early on Friday morning and after a long drive and ferry journey we finally arrived in Calais at 5.30 pm.

After an evening stroll by the port it was an early night for us all, as we had

a busy schedule ahead. On Saturday morning pupils enjoyed the local market and old town in Boulogne, practising their French and buying lots of goodies to

Following a eat and wear! picnic lunch in a local park it was off to visit a chocolate factory and of course taste the free samples! On Sunday pupils and staff had a full day at Euro Disney. It was a hectic day full of scary rides, Disney characters and parades. Monday morning saw another early start for our long journey home, complete with a coach full of Minnie Mouse ears and Mickey Mouse balloons!

A big congratulations to all Year 9 pupils for their excellent behaviour throughout the trip and a huge 'Merci' to all staff who accompanied the trip.

A la prochaine!!!



A 33" x 33" square metal plate needs to be fixed by a carpenter on to a wooden board. The carpenter uses nails all along the edges of the square such that there are 34 nails on each side of the square. Each nail is at the same distance from the neighbouring nails. How many nails

does the carpenter use?

# **NUMERACY BRAINTEASER**

Correct answers to Mrs. Bell in Mathematics 7 by **Thursday 13 November 2008**. All correct entries will be awarded one House Point and will be put into a draw for a £5 WH Smiths gift voucher. Good Luck!!