



Holocaust Memorial Day 2010



The 27th January 2010 was Holocaust Memorial Day. This marked the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This Year, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust challenged everyone across the UK to become part of a **Legacy of Hope**.

Holocaust Memorial Day offered an opportunity to each one of us to listen to the voices from the Holocaust and Nazi persecution, and to resolve to make our own society a safer and inclusive one, where the differences between us are respected and celebrated.

Here in our college community each member of the community was asked to read and reflect upon a beautiful poem called "**The Butterfly**" written by Pavel Friedman, a young Jewish boy who perished in the Jewish Ghettos.

Students then created "**Butterflies of Hope**" some of which can be seen in

the picture showing our SJP Holocaust display in the College Atrium. Earlier this month students from Year 8 met Joanna Millan, a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps. She spoke movingly about the horrors that she and her family experienced.

Holocaust survivors have played an immense role in bringing our attention to the lessons of the Holocaust. They speak of pain and loss, of strength and survival, of despair and their wish for a **Legacy of Hope**. They encourage us to look within and without, to be sure of our moral compass, to be certain of our choices and to use our voices, whenever we can, to speak out. They have translated difficult experiences to create a future that is free from the dangers of exclusion and persecution. They have passed a message of resilience and hope to the next generation.

It is our responsibility today is to remember those who were persecuted and murdered; our challenge is to make the experience and words of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides a meaningful part of our future.

Year 11 Retreat



On Monday last week a group of our Year 11 students went to the Barnstondale Centre in Barnston for a two day retreat.

The retreat was organised and led by Mrs. Crawford our Head of RE and Gerard Boyle our College Chaplain.

The aim of the retreat was to provide our Year 11 students with a little time away from the pressures of their exam preparation to reflect upon the journey that they have made so far in life and the great adventure that they are about to embark upon as young adults.

As part of the activities students were invited to take part in an Emmaus Walk. This was a reminder to them that we do not travel on our journey alone: Christ is with us at each stage of the journey, encouraging and supporting us, even if, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we fail to recognise him walking beside us.

A wonderful time was experienced by everyone who took part.

Netball News

Year 7 Netball v Upton (Tuesday 2/2/10)

The Year 7 netball team had a great win against Upton on Tuesday. They were by far the stronger team and this was evident on court with superb games performance. A real improvement within the team has meant that they are tough competition for opposition. The girls finished with a 7-6 win, which was well deserved. SJP will definitely be a team to look out for at the Wirral tournament.

Player of the Match – Jess Murphy (7MT)

Squad: Jade Cookson (7MK), Kirsten Whitehead (7SB), Lauren Edge (7VP), Caitlin Morris (7MK), Eleanor Baxter (7MT), Jordan Thompson (7MT), Dionnes Tilston (7SB) and Jess Murphy (7MT)

Year 11 Netball v Upton (Tuesday 2/2/10)



Once again, another victory for the Year 11 netball team! The girls have improved so much and play at such a high standard that opposition find it very difficult to break our attack down. Team work and skill level on court was great and the girls made it very hard for Upton to gain possession at times. The match ended with a 9-6 result. Well done!

Player of the Match – Olivia Webster (11VP)

Squad: Megan Gallagher (11MT), Alex Scollins (11MT), Shannon Reid

(11OR), Rebecca Lunt (11MT), Sian Bilko (11SB), Danielle Boughey (11SB) and Olivia Webster (11VP).

SJP Panthers – Birkenhead Netball League

Congratulations to the Year 11 girls who had one of the most important games of the season on Tuesday (2/2/10). They played St Mary's, who were joint 2nd in the league with us, and managed a win taking us up to a definite second place in the tables. The girls played well through a tough and tense game but this did not stop their competitive spirit. The game was so close but in the end we managed a 12-11 victory. Well done!

Player of the Match – Rebecca Lunt (11MT)



Next week, the girls take on 5* Supreme 'A', the current leaders of the league. This is an extremely important game for the girls and a win could take them to the top of the league. If the girls finish 1st or 2nd overall at the end of the season, then they will be promoted up to the next division.

Squad: Megan Gallagher (11MT), Alex Scollins (11MT), Shannon Reid (11OR), Rebecca Lunt (11MT), Sian Bilko (11SB), Danielle Boughey (11SB) and Olivia Webster (11VP).

Dance

Dance Revolution 'The Return'

Following the success of last Year's dance festival, Dance Revolution is returning! Dance Revolution is set to showcase at SJP on Wednesday 24th March 2010 and we are already in the preparation stages.

The Year 10 Dance Leaders have already started working out in the local primary schools, running dance clubs for the pupils. The girls have been working extremely hard during lessons and lunch times to develop their leadership and choreography skills in order to run these dance clubs. This is an excellent opportunity for the girls and is already proving very popular in the primary schools.

There are 26 Year 10 Dance Leaders working within primaries in our community. The primaries involved are St John's Infants, Christ the King, St Anne's, St Werburgh's, St Andrew's, St Joseph's and Grove Street.

Calling all dancers at SJP!

For pupils at SJP, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. There are a number of dance clubs available after-school and at lunchtimes. Ask your PE teacher for more information.

PFOP MEETING

The next PFOP meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 at 7pm in the college staff room.

All Welcome!

Basketball News

On the 1st February the Year 8 boys basketball team played against the Year 8 South Wirral Girls team in a friendly match to help the South Wirral team prepare for their up and coming National Cup Competition.

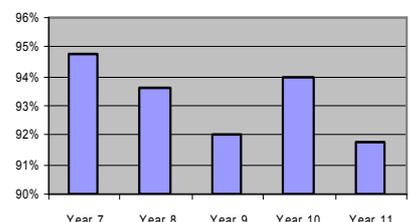
The game was closely contested with both teams showing some good skill and flair. SJP started brightly with 2 early baskets from Favour Adidiran and although the South Wirral team appeared to have more possession it was SJP that took an early lead into the second quarter. The game opened up in the second quarter and both teams managed to put points on the board, but it was the South Wirral side that took more of their chances which took them into the lead at half time.

Once the second half was under way it was the SJP Year 8 that had their time to lead as baskets from Matthew Doogan, Jordan Hughes and 2 more from Favour Adediran pushed SJP into a 4 point lead going into the final quarter. The final quarter was a tense affair with both teams desperate for the win but it was the steely defensive and rebounding skills of the SJP team that finally secured them the win by just 2 points.

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 29.01.2010

Year 7 - 94.8%
 Year 8 - 93.6%
 Year 9 - 92.0%
 Year 10 - 94.0%
 Year 11 - 91.8%



PFOP

SJP's ANNUAL RACE NIGHT

Friday 12th March 2010

1st Race 7pm prompt

**COLLEGE HALL
Old Chester Road
Bebington**



Admission Free - tickets will be available at the College Reception from Friday 5th February 2010

Free cash prize draw on the night

**1st prize £25
2nd prize £10
3rd prize £5**

30p a bet

**Last Race - Tri-Cast
£1 a bet - winner £150**

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!

Bring your own refreshments.

FAMILIES WELCOME!

(Children up to age 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Organised by: Parents and Friends of SJP (PFOP)

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March 2010

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World Book Day is fast approaching, and over the next couple of weeks we have a couple exciting events taking place in the college library starting with a Book Fair.

This will be arriving on Monday 22nd February and will run all week, so if you love books then come to our fair!



There will be over 200 top titles written by some of the very best authors on display for you to browse through and prices start from just **£2.99**. Information about the fair together with your £1.00 World Book Day Token will be distributed before we break up (World Book Day tokens can be used at the Book Fair).

On **World Book Day** we will be holding a **Fancy Dress Competition**

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. This will be held in the library during lunchtime on Thursday 4th March, with prizes being awarded on the day. If you would like to join in this event, call into the library to collect an entry form.

Literacy Corner

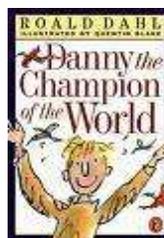
Books, books, books.....Here at Literacy Corner we can't get enough of them and we hope you feel the same way. In **'100 Books Every Child Should Read'** Michael Morpurgo provides an excellent guide to a fantastic range of books for all ages. You need never be stuck for a book again! Just copy the web address below and choose that book!

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/3670594/100-books-every-child-should-read---An-introduction-by-Michael-Morpurgo.html>

Here are just a few of the great books that can be found there:

"Howl's Moving Castle", by Diana Wynn Jones (Harper Collins)

The Witch of Waste puts Sophie under a spell. To break it, she must brave the castle of the Wizard Howl. Imaginative and terribly funny.

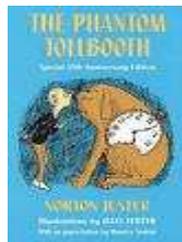


"Danny, the Champion of the World", by Roald Dahl (Puffin)

Danny and his hard-up father bond over poaching pheasants from nasty Mr Hazell's land - before moral dues are paid.

"Tom's Midnight Garden", by Philippa Pearce (Oxford)

As Tom lies in bed preparing for the most boring holiday of his life, the clock strikes 13. Racing downstairs he sees daylight and a beautiful garden where there should be darkness. Incredibly exciting.



"The Phantom Tollbooth", by Norton Juster (HarperCollins)

A bored young boy pushes his toy car through a toy tollbooth, and finds himself in the kingdom of Wisdom. Genius wordplay, slapstick and a real sense of fun.

Taekwondo

British Taekwondo National Champion



Sean Doyle (11MK) has been crowned British Taekwondo National Champion 2010. He was competing in the 'B-Class' category in under 18's.

It was a tough final challenge for Sean, with a 4-4 tie at the end of the first sparring round. Sean managed to get a body hit in, during the second round, to take a 6-4 lead but then his opponent brought it back to a 6-6 tie.

This meant that Sean went into the final round level with his opponent resulting in a very nerve racking and tense sparring match. With just 10 seconds to go, Sean managed to get in a victorious punch, earning him a point and a final result of 8-7.

Congratulations to Sean, this is a fantastic achievement!

Foreign Affairs



Valentines Day in France



An old Valentines day custom in France and now officially banned was called the "*une loterie d'amour*" or "drawing for love". This entailed single people of all ages entering houses that faced opposite each other and calling out through the windows until eventually they paired off with each other. The male suitor if not particularly attracted to his partner would leave her and the women left single would build a large bonfire and ceremoniously burn images of the men that had deserted them whilst simultaneously hurling abuse and curses at the ungrateful men. Though this probably made the rejected women feel better, inevitably it soon became uncontrollable and was eventually banned by the French government. They do send valentines cards now in France but it has more to do with our traditions here in England.

Some French Valentines vocabulary for you to use in your cards:-

Je t'aime. - I love you.

Je t'adore. - I adore you.

Je pense à toi. - I'm thinking of you.

Sois mon valentin. - Be my Valentine (said to a man)

Sois ma valentine. - Be my Valentine (said to a woman)

Les fleurs - flowers

Science

Three Year 10 students a part of the Aim Higher programme entered the Science Olympics on Sat 30th of Jan. Aaron Ashcroft, Emma Kewley and Mason Ronan took part in the event at Liverpool University. They completed a series of activities throughout the day competing against other teams from all schools across the Wirral. The aim of the day was to develop their logical thinking, communication and analysis skills. They came second in three events including creating an accurate time device and making a rocket launcher (in which Mrs Moore's teacher team, competing against the other teachers, won!). Overall the team that won was Wallasey School, second was Calday Grange Grammar School and third was our team from SJP! All three schools will enter the final in the summer term against schools across the whole of Merseyside. Well done guys!

Maths

Maths Tangram Competition

Congratulations to all of the participants in the Key Stage Three Mathematics Tangram Competition!!

Here are the final, well debated results:

Year 9

Joint - Winners: Sam Rixon (9VP) Danielle Heedle (9JB)

Year 8

Winner - Leanne Fearon (8LB)

Year 7

Winner - Michael Andrew Jones (7TL)

Please see your Maths teacher to collect your well deserved prize!

Weekly Theme - Happiness



Luke 5: 1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a

short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Sometimes being a follower of Jesus is really hard. In our Gospel Reading the disciples have been out fishing all night and have caught nothing. They are cold and fed up. They will have fish to sell at market and so they will have no wages for their evening's work.

After teaching the crowds Jesus tells Peter to take his boat out again into the deep water. You can imagine how Peter is feeling: he is tired and fed up, and taking out his boat again is probably the last thing he wanted to do. But he obeys Jesus and what a reward he receives in return nets full of fish. Peter must have truly been a happy man.

Sometimes maybe we feel, like Peter, that it's too hard to be a follower of Jesus in our world today, but if we stick with it, Jesus will reward us too.

After all Jesus is in our boat with us!

Do not be afraid

Do not be afraid:

I have shown you how to live,
I have shown you how to pray,
I have shown you how to care
for your brothers and sisters.

Why do you worry?

Didn't I tell you time and time again
you have a Father who cares for you,
who understands you.

He knows all about you, he even has the hairs
of your head numbered.

So be happy!