



BREAKING NEWS!

Parents and Friends of **St John Plessington** Catholic College
present for your enjoyment

'Here comes Christmas'
Friday 4th December 3pm - 5.30pm

WIN a **FIAT 500 CAR!!**
A **Wii Console**, A **BMX Bike!**
Cash Prizes! Signed **Everton & Liverpool**
Football Shirts

New attractions for this year...

Bar Fly Velcro Wall
Flying Pigs!

Demolition Wrecking Ball
Speeding Grandads

My Favourite Teacher
and lots, lots more!!

Lots of fun for the little ones including the amazing **Santa's special grotto**
Come along and meet Father Christmas and his helpers

The biggest and most successful school fair of its kind!!!






HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

An important reminder that on Friday, 4th December we celebrate our 2009 'Here Comes Christmas' which has become a really significant event in our calendar. We have got some fabulous new events this year, with the Bar Fly Velcro Wall and the Human Demolition Wrecking Ball. As well as your usual favourites, there are chances to win a Fiat 500 car, a Wii Sports Console and Wii Sports Resort Package as well as tickets for Mama Mia the Musical and signed Everton, Liverpool and Tranmere football shirts. There are cash prizes galore and it is a wonderful celebration of our school community coming together to have a lot of fun. We hope to see you there at 3pm onwards for the start of our Christmas trilogy 2009.

This Friday 27th November, we have our annual non-uniform day. Pupils are asked to bring in a £1 with all the contribution going towards our Here Comes Christmas Fund. All the proceeds of HCC go towards school based projects which benefit our children. This supplements the wide-range of charities that SJP generously supports each year.

COLLEGE SCARF

Our new SJP College scarf will soon be arriving in our shops. The scarf which has been designed and approved by our pupils will be in the shops over the Christmas period, ready for our return in January. The fleece scarf is lovely and warm, long enough for a wrap effect and is in our SJP colours to complement our uniform. It will be available at a cost of £5.99 from Wirral Uniform Centre and will be a lovely addition, ensuring our reputation as the smartest school on the Wirral is maintained.

STOP PRESS !

Work Experience Opportunity - Year 10

Airbus is offering the College a limited number of work placements during work experience week - these are much sought-after placements and therefore it will be very competitive.

In view of this, anyone thinking of applying via their website should really be thinking seriously about a career in the aerospace industry after they have been to university.

These opportunities and others can be found at www.airbus-careers.com.

SJP Penguin



Over the past two months, pupils at SJP have been Going Penguin as the school launched a competition to design a 1.5m penguin for the prestigious Wild Art Exhibition in line with Liverpool's "Year of the Environment".

Over 300 pupils across the College submitted entries, including themes based around the heritage and culture of Liverpool and the ethos of SJP and designs portrayed a range of diverse concepts showcasing issues of environmental importance alongside images of the Beatles and football logos in support of favoured teams.

Finalists were selected by a panel of judges from an exceptionally strong field of creative talent and the difficult decision of selecting a winner was made. Shelby Anderson, a Year 7 pupil, caught the judges' eye with her design - a mosaic of the College badge and symbols inspired by the close community she has experienced at SJP.

The penguin was painted by our talented DT Department with Mr Kennedy carrying out the intricate brush work required for Shelby's design. It was collected from SJP and appeared at the launch on Friday 20th November. Miss Smith and Shelby Anderson attended this exciting launch.

Keep your eyes peeled for the revelation of S J Penguin's city location.

Congratulations to all students involved.

RE COMPETITION WINNERS

A big thank you to all those who participated in the RE competition 'Spirited Arts'. We had some fantastic entries!

Overall winner was Michael Jones of 7TL. Michael designed a piece of art work based on the theme 'Justice for All'

Runner up prize went to Georgia Harrison also of 7TL. Georgia designed and made a sculpture of the crucifixion based on the theme 'Who is God?'



LITERACY CORNER

Here at Literacy Corner, we pride ourselves on never being reticent to explore the variety of forms literature offers. One such fascinating form is the ancient art of Japanese Haiku. A small, three line poem of 5, 7 and 5 syllables respectively, these compact constructions often convey a wealth of meaning in a brief, but effective span of words.



Here is a fine example from Kayko Miyazaki:
Above stormy seas,
the crane's wings brush the wave tops
before winter's rest.

Try writing your own haiku about winter or the forthcoming Christmas season and hand your efforts in to Mr Meehan at the English Department.

HISTORY TRIP TO GERMANY/POLAND

Thank you for all monies paid so far for the History Trip to Germany/Poland - February 2010.

May I remind you that the final balance is due by **Wednesday 16th December 2009.**

Please ensure all monies are paid to Miss Francis by this date.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

May I remind you that we have just over two weeks to complete our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child before they are due for despatch.

Last year we had a huge response from everyone and this year we are hoping for the same support.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT TO HELP WITH DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL

The History Department have been approached by the new Museum of Liverpool to be involved in an exciting project on Liverpool during the nineteenth century. The project will involve a group of pupils from SJP writing and performing a documentary about the city of Liverpool from 1800-1900. 7TL were selected as the form to be involved and have currently taken part in two 2-hour sessions with staff from National Museums Liverpool. This involved finding out all about what the new Museum of Liverpool will be about, as well as learning about the city during the nineteenth century. Pupils were given the task of finding out about their own families, where they came from and why they might have moved into the area. In the second session pupils fed this information back to museum staff.

An amazing array of information was gathered and all of this will contribute to the script writing of the film.



Pupils will be selected in the future to take part in the documentary and the film will be shown in one of the areas of the new museum. The Museum is due to open in 2011 and 7TL are to be invited to visit the museum before it becomes open to the public.

Debating Club

Calling all Year 11, 12, 13 students....

Debating club will take place on Thursday after school from 3.30-4.30 in History 2.

The first debating competitions scheduled for January 2010.

See Miss Francis for further details.

Work Experience - Year 10

Monday, 28th June to Friday, 2nd July 2010

Well done to all those pupils who have already returned their Work Experience Self-Placement forms.

All outstanding forms must be returned to Form Tutors at the College by:

Friday 11th December 2009

Please feel free to contact Mr Harrison at the College for further advice.

Year 9 History Trip

Calling all Year 9 Historians

The History Department is running a trip to the Battlefields of the First World War in France and Belgium.

The trip will take place in June 2010. Please see your History teacher for a letter and further details.

Secure your place early as they are limited.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

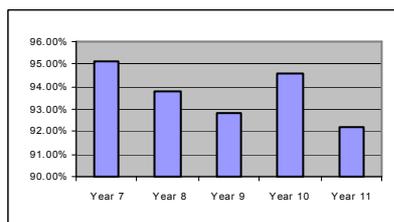
Friday 27th November will be a non-uniform day for children and staff as part of our preparations for **Here Comes Christmas**, with a £1 donation from each pupil.



Attendance

Attendance figures up to 20.11.09

- Year 7 - 95.1%
- Year 8 - 93.8%
- Year 9 - 92.8%
- Year 10 - 94.6%
- Year 11 - 92.2%



Media Revision

Now is the time to start doing that extra work to ensure Media exam success!

You are invited to attend extra media classes on

Wednesday's 3.20 - 4.30pm where we will make sure you are confident sitting your exam on

13th January 2010

See Miss Rossiter for details

HISTORY COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations Year 9 on your fantastic entries in the History Department's trench making competition!!!

Pupils in Year 9 have excelled themselves in making models of the trenches of the First World War as part of the Year 9 curriculum, and have shown creativity and imagination in selecting materials to make them out of. They have worked hard to ensure the replica is as accurate as possible.

The winner of the competition goes to Zoe Withey in 9MT. Zoe will receive a place on the Year 9 History trip to the Imperial War Museum, as well as a book on the First World War and house points. Runners up prizes of a place on the Imperial War Museum trip and house points go to Ian Meeks 9MT, Connor Holden 9SB and Steve Evans 9BH.

Congratulations to all participants!

Zoe Withey and Ian Meeks, 9MT with their winning entries.

SJP Supports CAFOD

Over the last few weeks our students have been getting involved in supporting CAFOD and their campaign about climate change.



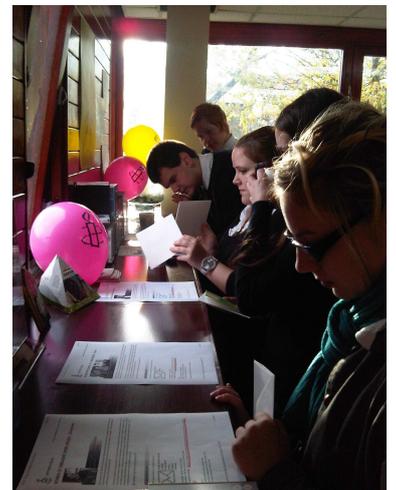
They have made "hand shaped pledge's", which are being sent to the Prime Minister Mr Brown, asking him to make climate change a priority, when world leaders meet together at the beginning of December. Mr Regan and students in the Art Department created our college banner which is also being presented to Mr Brown.



"Amnes tea"

This week, Year 13 students and members of staff were invited to support Amnesty's campaign to send Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience around the world.

Cards were signed while tea and coffee was served by members of the RE Department and the College Chaplain.



Further information about Amnesty's Christmas card Campaign can be found on their web site:

www.amnesty.org.uk

SJP Launch the 2009 Young Ambassador Sport Programme for Wirral

As a result of the successful leadership within PE and sport, SJP has been chosen to be the host school for the 2009 programme. This is a great achievement for SJP and will create many opportunities for pupils to get involved with activities, develop leadership skills and to work with primary schools and young people. One of the main aims of the programme is to raise awareness of the 2012 Olympics and to get as many young people involved in the build up to the event.

Courtney Thomas (12BH) and Craig McMahon (12MT), have been selected as this years 'Gold Ambassadors' for the programme. This is an outstanding achievement for both of these students and reflects the contribution, hard work and commitment to PE and sport. At SJP, they will work with our Silver Ambassadors; Katie Robinson (11MT) and Rebecca Lunt (11MT), along with the newly appointed sports council, to lead the programme and implement new ideas.



On Tuesday 17th November, Courtney and Craig led and launched the Young Ambassador Programme. They prepared and delivered information to approximately 40 visitors from 7 local secondary schools. The role of Courtney and Craig will be to mentor the Silver Ambassadors from these schools and to work with them to lead the programme within this partnership.

Congratulations to Courtney and Craig on their maturity and outstanding leadership skills throughout the launch event. Well done and thank you to the sports council for their contributions to the evening.

Year 10 Netball

Congratulations to the year 10 netball team who beat Bebington High on Thursday, finishing with a 7-3 result. Hard work and training has paid off for the squad who have really improved and progressed greatly. Excellent teamwork on court contributed to a very successful game. Well done!

Player of the match:
Jess Partridge (10TL)

Squad: Lauren Dickson (10TL), Charlotte Obermuller (10TL), Emily Guttridge (10TL), Jess Partridge (10TL), Charlotte Jones (10MT), Andrea McLaughlin (10JB) and Kim Davies (10JB).



Foreign Affairs

Language Corner

Competition Time!

Do you think you know the longest word in the Spanish language?

Write the longest word that you know on this form with the translation in English and hand it to your MFL teacher by the end of next week for your chance to win a prize!

Name _____ Form _____

I think the longest Spanish word is:

It means:

Puzzle Corner

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Last Week's Solution

Theme for the Week - "Our Future"

Yesterday, Sunday 22nd November was the last Sunday of the Church's year. (We start a new year next week.) The day is dedicated to Christ the King. It's a day that reminds us of our Christian belief that the victorious and triumphant risen Jesus will come again in glory at the end of time.

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Prayer

Loving Father, God of Love.
You raised Jesus from death to life
and he is now with you in glory, as King of Creation.
May all the world rejoice in his peace,
Glory in his justice, to live in his love

On Sunday we also celebrated National Youth Sunday.

Young people are our hope for the future of our world. Our young people will become the Politicians and World Leaders. They will inherit a world suffering from the effects of the global economic crisis, climate change, war and unrest. They will have great responsibilities placed upon their shoulders. So as we come to the end of the Churches year. It's only right that our thoughts and prayers are for our young people and for the people who work with them.

