



### Head Teacher meets Gordon Brown at Downing Street

Gordon Brown and Ed Balls last week met Head Teachers from across the country to congratulate them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to improving education for pupils at both primary and secondary level.



Head Teacher Mr Quinn was invited to No. 10 to meet with the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families in recognition of innovative approaches to education and commitment to raising achievement for all pupils.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said: "These Head Teachers have been pivotal in driving up standards and fostering a positive environment for learning in their schools. They represent the crème de la crème of Head Teachers and are a real credit to their schools and the local communities they serve."

Ed Balls said: "Head Teachers are key to driving up standards and ensuring that pupils have the best opportunities to fulfil their potential and leave school with the best possible achievements."

"These schools, and everyone associated with them, should be very proud of themselves. The teachers, parents and pupils have worked incredibly hard and I would like to thank everyone involved in improving standards at these schools."

Mr Quinn said: "This is a reflection of the hard work and commitment of the entire SJP family - Well Done Everyone !

This year, out of approximately 3400 secondary schools nationwide, SJP came 22nd for Sustained Improvement over the last 4 years, and 34th for CVA, which measures how much progress students make in school.

SJP was one of only 12 schools to be on both lists. An outstanding performance!

### Well Deserved Honour - Mr Bert Suffield

It is with much pleasure I can inform you that Mr Bert Suffield, Chairman of Governors at the College until 31st August 2009, has been awarded the Benemerenti Medal by Pope Benedict.

This is in recognition of his outstanding services to the Catholic community over many years. I am sure you share our delight and congratulations.

In recognition of this well deserved honour, we will host a Celebratory Mass, with a reception afterwards, here at the College on Friday 5th March 2010 at 7.00pm.

If any parents/carers would like to attend this special occasion, please contact my PA, Miss Helen Caul, by Friday 29th January 2010.

The College community looks forward to welcoming you.

Mr Quinn.



## SJ Penguin Returns to SJP

SJP pupils welcomed the return of SJ Penguin as Liverpool waved goodbye to its feathered friends. SJ Penguin has spent the last 7 weeks as an integral part of the Go Penguin Trail in a central position on Lord Street in Liverpool City Centre.

Approximately 70 Penguins will now go under the hammer, with money raised giving the Liverpool Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal (including Cash For Kids and Alder Hey Imagine Appeal), WWF, Liverpool Unites and ME Research UK a significant boost to help them continue their invaluable work.

S J Penguin was designed by Shelby Anderson (Year 7) and has been featured in a number of newspaper articles as well as its own merchandise line including calendars and a souvenir brochure.

The Go Penguin trail launched by Wild Art and supported by a wide range of local businesses and schools was the star attraction of the Festive season. Designed to highlight the plight of the environment and mirror the success of the Superlambanana campaign, Liverpool and SJP have definitely Gone Penguin.

SJ Penguin will now reside at St John Plessington Catholic College and will not appear in the forthcoming auction. Keep your eyes peeled for a penguin!

The Penguins appearing at auction will be available to view at St George's Hall 2.00 - 7.30pm Wednesday 3 February and 9.30am - 4pm Thursday 4th February.

## Puzzle Corner

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Last Week's Solution

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7	4	1	6	8	9	2	3	5

## Weekly Theme - "United We Stand"

Yesterday, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January was Peace Sunday and this week 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January is the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Sadly today our world is not a peaceful one - we only have to look at the war raging in Afghanistan and the tragic loss of life that is being incurred there.

Sadly, as the followers of Jesus today we are also divided. There are approximately 1.8 billion Baptised Christians in the world today who are split into three parts: Catholic, Orthodox and Protestants.

Jesus wanted his family to be peaceful and united. This week we pray that peace will come into our world and that all Christians one day will be one family as Jesus wishes.

At times it may seem that the challenge of bringing peace and unity to our world is an impossible task. But we all have our part to play. So let's start today by ensuring that our College Community is a peaceful and united community and an example to others of how Jesus wanted people to live together in peace and in unity.

### John 17:20-24

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."

**Lord, teach us  
to see our world  
as your love would make it;  
a world where peace  
is built with justice  
and justice is guided by love.  
Amen**

