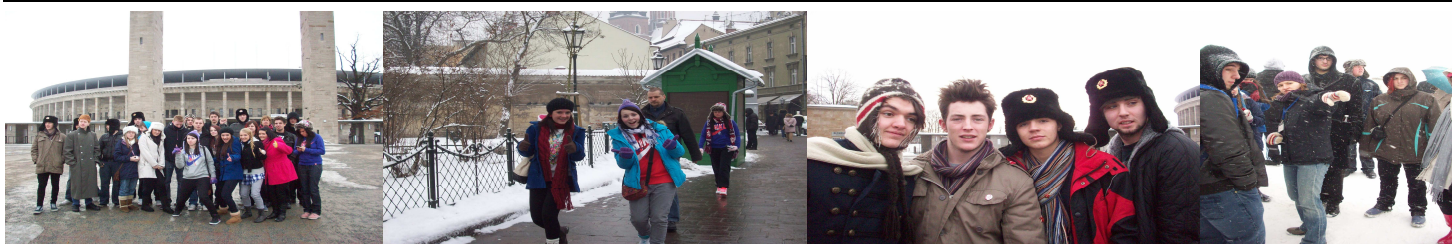




Poland and Germany



On Thursday 11th February 22 Sixth Form and Year 11 students set out on a journey to Poland and Germany accompanied by Miss Francis, Mrs Hill and Miss Howard. Despite the delays due to snow and the rough ferry crossing they arrived in Krakow on Friday 12th February ready to explore the sights.

With snow falling heavily they set out on a walking tour of the city, seeing sights such as the Medieval Cloth Hall, Oscar Schindler's factory, the former Jewish Ghetto and various other sights including visiting areas where the film "Schindler's List" had been shot.

In the afternoon the group were privileged to hear the stories of a survivor of the Holocaust whilst on a visit to the Galicia Jewish Museum. They found out about his time in Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and his reunion with his family when he was finally released after World War Two.

The following day the group visited Auschwitz-Birkenau and all pupils commented on the different ways in which this experience had affected them. The group found time for a moment of reflection and the lighting and setting down of candles at the memorial at Birkenau.

Whilst in Krakow they also found time for some shopping and of course a bit of playing in the snow!!

The following day saw the group travel by coach to Berlin. Whilst there, they were able to see many of the major sights such as the Reichstag, Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin Cathedral, the TV tower, the sight of the 1934 Nazi Burning of the Books, the Wannsee Villa where the Final Solution was signed, Brandenburg Gate, the memorial to the Soviets and...Europe's largest chocolate shop!!!

The tour was a fantastic success and an enjoyable experience for all. *See page 2 for a students view of the trip.*



ANOTHER trip to Downing Street for Mr Quinn.

Once again SJP's consistent outstanding performance has been acknowledged at the highest levels and Mr Quinn travelled to London for the second time to meet Gordon Brown and Ed Balls. Mr Quinn said "I'm very pleased that the efforts of our students and staff are being recognised. I'm proud of the achievements of our students"

A Students View



Poland and Germany 2010

Well it was such an incredible journey right from the start. We experienced so much going all the way from SJP to Krakow. When we arrived in Krakow we had a guided tour around the city seeing Schindler's factory and the Jewish ghettos, we met a survivor of the holocaust and

heard his story which was an incredible experience, to hear the story of an individual who had witnessed the holocaust.

The focus of our trip was to visit Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps which helped in changing my outlook upon life. I had a sudden realisation of how we live our lives. Visiting the places where over one million people lost their lives gave us emotions that can't really be described. Try to imagine all the people you know being murdered. It's tough to visualise, even when you are there, standing in the gas chamber where thousands upon thousands of lives have been destroyed. I was in total disbelief, questioning how the whole world let the holocaust go completely unnoticed.

It was a heartbreaking experience but has helped put life into perspective, how we worry about the most minimal things, we should appreciate everything we have and those things we often take for granted.

Then after all that we travelled to Berlin, seeing so much history including the Brandenburg Gate's, parts of the Berlin wall, we went up the staggering 368.03 metres high TV tower which gave us a beautiful aerial view of Berlin, we ate chocolate from the largest chocolate shop in Europe, checked in at Checkpoint Charlie, we had a tour inside the Reichstag, went to the Olympic stadium and finally on the way home we went to the Wannsee Villa, the place where the final solution to the Jewish question was planned.

After such an unforgettable journey we headed home. Although the trip was emotional the 32 hour coach voyage was completely worth it, such a remarkable week I will never forget.



Caoimhe O'Neill 12MK

Race Night

SJP's ANNUAL RACE NIGHT

Friday 12th March 2010

1st Race 7pm prompt
COLLEGE HALL



Admission Free—tickets are available at the college reception

ALL PROCEEDS TO HAITI

Free cash prize draw on the night

1st Prize £25

2nd Prize £10

3rd Prize £5

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)

Puzzle Corner

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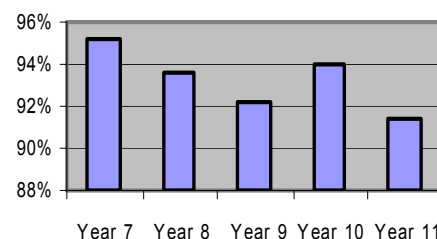
Solution for last week

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6	8	3	9	5	2	1	7	4
2	9	7	4	3	1	8	6	5

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 26.02.10

Year 7 - 95.1%
Year 8 - 93.6%
Year 9 - 92.2%
Year 10 - 93.9%
Year 11 - 91.4%



Football News

Trip to Tranmere Rovers FC

On Tuesday last week twenty Year Seven students headed off to Tranmere Rovers to take part in a training session with qualified coaches and then watch the first team play. The students loved the experience of training but unfortunately the Tranmere first team were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Huddersfield. All the pupils received a match programme and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Rugby News

On Tuesday night the Year 7 boys rugby team took part in the 2nd round of the Wirral Central Venue league at New Brighton Rugby club. In round one the boys played against Oldershaw, Mosslands, Bebington, St. Mary's and Wallasey with a record of played: 5 won: 2 drawn: 1. Tuesday's performance was a much stronger one having played: 4 won: 3 and drawn: 1. In the first 3 games SJP were far the strongest team with excellent displays from Lewis Boardman and Harvey Clayton. The game against Bebington was excellent, with both teams running and tackling their hearts out. Although Bebington had beaten SJP by 3 tries in the previous game, this game ended in a 0:0 draw. Well done to the Year 7 team!

Gymnastics



Squad: Lauren Edge, Jenny Davies, Rose Clark, Ellie Baxter, Lilly McCue, Erin McDaid, Sophie Loxam, Gaby Davies, Amber Owen, Lisa Farrimond

Well done to the Year 7 girls who took part in the Wirral Gymnastics Floor and Vault competition last Thursday at Bebington High Sports College.

The girls competed in over 3 levels of difficulty, performing a floor sequence and a vault which were observed by 3 judges and performers from other schools. Jennifer Davies won a Bronze Medal in the more difficult set 3 floor competition, with the other girls just missing out on medals.

All girls did SJP proud and received comments on their behaviour, politeness and smart appearance.

Look out on SJP LIVE for clips of the performances!

Basketball News

Before half term a mixed team of Year 10 and 11 boys played basketball against Oldershaw school. SJP's boys were by far the stronger team from the start leading 18:6 at half time. At the start of the 2nd half SJP "switched off" as they knew the game was theirs and began to play a more individual game. Oldershaw came back to within 4 points, which made SJP realise they had to return to the team structure and they ran away with game. Final score 36:18.

Strong performances again from James Kinsella and Mike Cain. SJP Year 11 are currently at the top of the Wirral Merit Table.

SJP Unplugged

Last week saw the very first “SJP Unplugged” night in the College Hall. This musical concert was organised to showcase the best of acoustic music at SJP and featured a wealth of musical styles performed by soloists, duets and full groups. Pupils across all year groups got together to play a range of music, including new songs composed specially for the event.

The evening began with a 6th Form group featuring Andrew Crawford, Stephen Drinkwater and Lewis Clarke as they performed their own stunning version of “Viva La Vida” by Coldplay followed by Jeff Buckley’s “Halleluiah” arranged for acoustic guitar and voice.

Further highlights included Sam Roach and Oliver Gosling’s duets of Damien Rice songs, Courtney Thomas singing “There She Goes”, Eve Billington and Connor Breen performing a beautiful version of an Evanescence song plus Tandie Sibanda’s rendition of “What a Wonderful World” which had previously been heard when she won the final of SJP’s Got Talent.

Some outstanding solo performances included Hope Davies with her excellent jazz vocal rendition of “Summertime” and Chloe O’ Gorman performing a highly popular song of the moment “Don’t Stop Believing”. Ellie Smith once again showed her talent at songwriting by performing two superb original songs.

Lastly the audience was treated to an excellent set of 3 songs by Sixth Formers – Tom Critchley, Craig McMahon, Liam Gurney and Alex Campbell which proved a fabulous conclusion to this wonderful evening of talent.

Mr Thomas hosted the event and promised further band nights and events to come from the new Performing Arts team which has already given performance opportunities to a huge number of pupils this year. Well done to all those who took part.



Spanish Play

On Tuesday, 23rd Feb, all Year 9 pupils were lucky enough to go to see a play entirely in Spanish! The actors were native Spanish speakers and came to the UK to perform for schools.



The play was about a fifteen year old girl, Pilar, whose Dad does not allow her to have a birthday party and gives her terrible presents... a pencil case and a magic wand for kids. But the wand actually works and she casts spells over her Dad with hilarious results.



Some pupils were worried that they might not understand everything and they were surprised when they were able to follow it all.

Here are some comments from the audience:

"I thought it was the best piece of theatre I've seen this year and it was really funny!" – Jake Gardner

"The play was really fun and everybody got involved. I understood most of it too, I'm not that bad at Spanish after all!" – Elizabeth Martin

"I thought it brought our year group together" – Connor Siddorn



Theatre Trip



Theatre Trip Inspires Year 11 Literature Students

On Monday 22nd February, Mr Coogan and Miss McNally's English groups attended a performance of Harper Lee's 'To Kill a Mockingbird' at the Theatre Clwyd.

It was a wonderful production which saw the novel that the students have been studying brought to life by some excellent performances.

After the production, students commented;

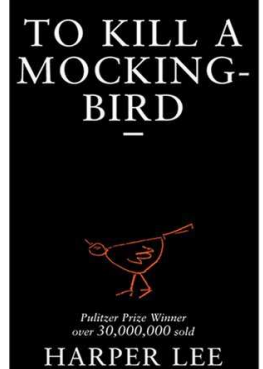
"It was an excellent production which really helped me to visualise what I had read. I feel more confident now about my exam in the summer".

Students also appreciated how the audience were involved as jurors during the captivating trial scene and were reminded of the powerful messages that the novel presents.



Thanks to Miss McNally for organising the visit and also to Mr Coogan and Miss McGowan who attended on the evening.

By Lucy Dennett 11JB



Benemerenti Celebration

Mr Suffield's Benemerenti Celebration
Friday 5th March 2010
7.00pm
College Hall

All parents and carers are welcome to join in our celebratory mass.
If you wish to attend please contact the school and ask for Miss Caul.

Foreign Affairs



French Mathematical Puzzle Competition!

The following puzzle is written in French so you have two challenges! Firstly to work out what it means and secondly to work out the puzzle!

If you have trouble you can use a dictionary.

If you think you have the answer hand it in to your MFL teacher by 5th March to enter.



Lièreville et Tortueville sont à 66 kilomètres l'une de l'autre. Un lièvre se déplace à 8 kilomètres par heure de Lièreville à Tortueville, alors qu'une tortue se déplace à 3 kilomètres par heure de Tortueville à Lièreville.

Si les deux partent en même temps, le lièvre sera parcourir combien de kilomètres avant de retrouver la tortue en cours de route?

Name..... Form.....

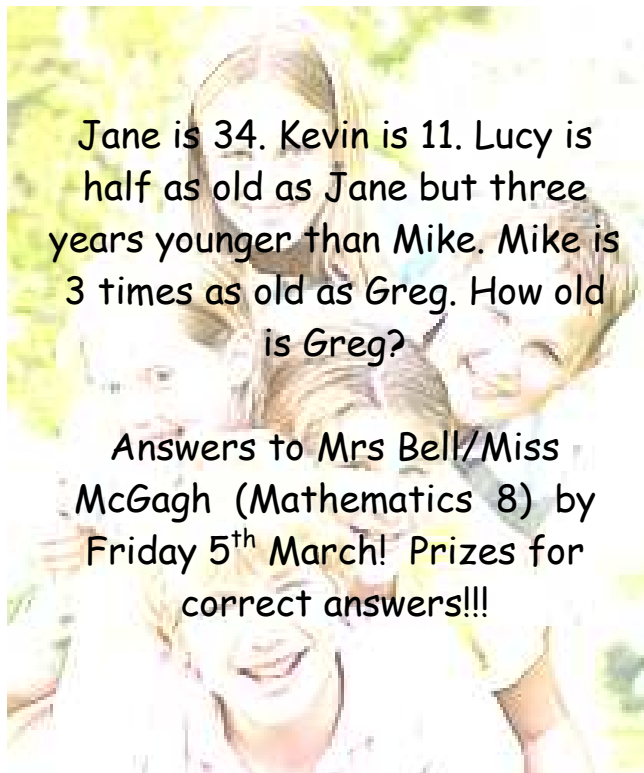
Answer.....

Maths

Mathematics Brain Teaser

Jane is 34. Kevin is 11. Lucy is half as old as Jane but three years younger than Mike. Mike is 3 times as old as Greg. How old is Greg?

Answers to Mrs Bell/Miss McGagh (Mathematics 8) by Friday 5th March! Prizes for correct answers!!!



Weekly Theme—Being Open



People go to fortune tellers to try and find out what lies in the future and how they should live their lives.

As Christians, we believe that the future is best left in the hands of God. But how do we know what God wants us to do?

By trying to find out what God wants me to do with my life, by praying to him and asking for advice from wise and experienced people, by being "open" to what comes and responding in a generous way.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew

and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:7-10

**Father of light,
Pour the light of love into our hearts and
minds, that we may live good lives and
give you glory for the good things that we
achieve.
Amen**

*"If God sends us on stony paths,
he provides strong shoes."
(Corrie Ten Boom)*