



### Bishop Mark Blesses Peace Garden



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark back to SJP this week to bless our new Peace Garden. Designed as a natural extension to our Chapel, our visitor described it as "a haven of peace and harmony."



The garden has already become a special place that pupils want to go to spend time together in a peaceful and happy environment, a place of worship and celebration at the heart of the school.



### Here Comes Christmas

Parents and Friends of Plessington present:

**HERE COMES CHRISTMAS**

*Not just any fair - it's the School of the Year Christmas Fair!*

**Friday 3rd December 3pm-5pm**

Children free when accompanied by an adult! Loads of stalls for the little ones

**Big attraction - The Laser Dome!**

The Army Climbing Wall

**Win....**

- A BMX Bike
- Win Two Tickets to see Take That at The City of Manchester Stadium
- Signed Everton, Liverpool and Tranmere Shirts

**Win a Car or a cash prize of £10,000 with a roll of the dice!!!!**

**New for 2010**

- The Ashes Challenge
- Loop the Loopz
- The Rat Race
- Instant Bingo Balls
- Racing Grannies
- The Wild West Gun Slinger
- Tin Can Alley
- Pop the Pirate

Plus all your old favourites

**The Best Santa's Grotto on the Wirral**

Secondary School of the Year 2010

### JLS Tickets must be won!



Raffle tickets for the JLS concert on 3rd December are 50p a strip and will be on sale for the next few weeks during Academic Review.



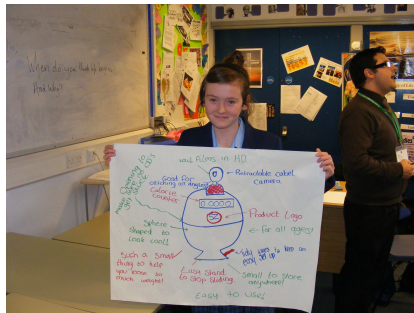
## Year 8 Enterprise Day



**This exciting day took place last week at our College.** All of Year 8 pupils were involved in the day and it gave the pupils an understanding of business and entrepreneurial

skills, promoted and created a teamwork ethic, developed communication and presentation skills and developed their ability to work under pressure and keep to deadlines.

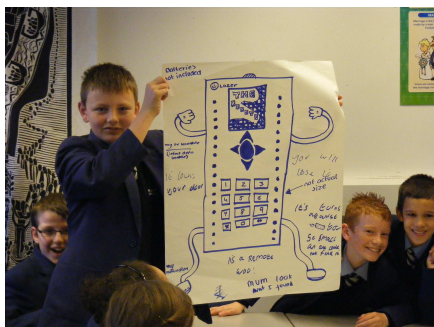
These skills were developed throughout the day and were clearly demonstrated in the final presentation. Pupils had to come up with a product or service that would be profitable and sustainable in today's market place. The day started with the pupils being split into groups and given a topic to work with. Their brief was to either develop a product for the elderly so they could live more independently or to encourage healthy eating for teenagers. From that topic they had to come up with a product or service that they believed could be successful. In the afternoon the pupils got to present their ideas



to a panel of judges in a 'Dragons Den' meets the X-Factor' type format. In total sixteen presentations were made which meant all Year 8 pupils had to deliver a presentation from the stage. The judges or 'Dragons' then offered their views on the presentations and then judged an overall win. All were of a very high standard but the winning team were from 8JB and their product was targeted at the elderly. It was called "E-Pad" and was based on the "I Pad" but provided a talking service for the elderly that controlled every aspect of their life so they could continue to live independently. Each team member received a crystal award engraved with the words "Into the Dragons' Challenge Winners"

**Comment from Mr Wilson (Head of Learning):**

"The Year 8 Enterprise Day was a resounding success. Pupils were



given valuable time to develop their leadership and communication skills. The standard of presentations was outstanding. The pupils were given the chance to reflect on their approach as individuals and as a team. I would not be surprised if this event manages to inspire some very successful business leaders of the future."



### Comments by pupils:

"I enjoyed writing ideas down on a piece of paper and choosing the best one. I would change nothing, it was amazing."

"The staff were kind and funny and showed us completely what to do. It was good all the way through."

"I really enjoyed making the presentation, drawing posters, working as a team and watching all the other groups."

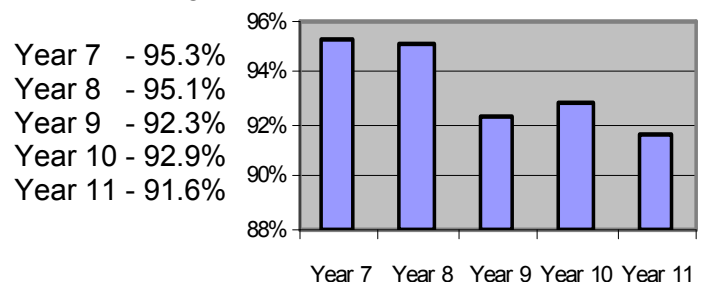
"The day was the best!"

"I really enjoyed working in a team and making the product we invented"

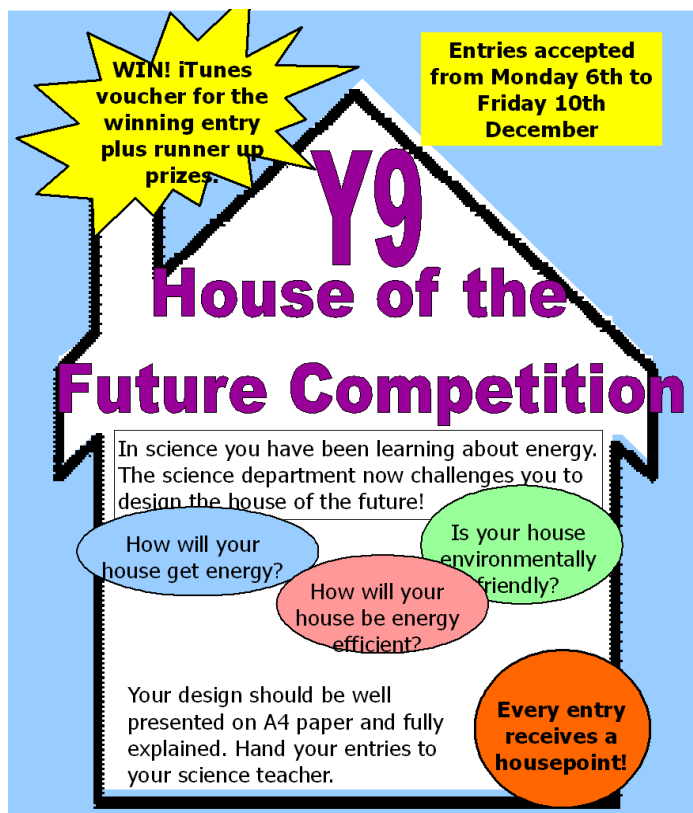


## Attendance

Attendance figures up to **26.11.2010**



## Science Competition



**WIN! iTunes voucher for the winning entry plus runner up prizes.**

**Entries accepted from Monday 6th to Friday 10th December**

# Y9 House of the Future Competition

In science you have been learning about energy. The science department now challenges you to design the house of the future!

How will your house get energy?

Is your house environmentally friendly?

How will your house be energy efficient?

Your design should be well presented on A4 paper and fully explained. Hand your entries to your science teacher.

**Every entry receives a housepoint!**

## Science A Level Revision Sessions



SJP Science Department is providing after-school revision sessions for AS and A2 Applied Science students in preparation for examinations in the new year.

**Unit 2 'Energy Transfer Systems' examination (Year 12s and Year 13s re-sits)**

**–Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Unit 14 'The Healthy Body' examination (Year 13s)**

**– Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011**

Sessions run from 3.20pm-4.30pm and will be in:  
 Science 12 every Thursday, beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November with Mrs Howarth;  
 Science 10 every Tuesday and every Friday with Mrs McMahon.

## Football News

**Year 8 - 5-a-side Cruise To The Finals**

On Wednesday Year 8 proved their dominance in football over local schools as they qualified for the finals to be played next week at Woodchurch. The Year 8 team of 7 showed commitment, drive and outstanding talent to turn over Rockferry, Hilbre and Mosslands. Well done and good Luck to – Jo Hamm, Jerome Smith, Steven Lynch, Jack Rhodes, Corey Taylor, Joseph Wingfield and Callum Burriage

## Strike it Lucky

SJP has its very own Tenpin Bowling Stars in its midst. Katie Finnigan (7TL), Alex Finnigan (9MT) and Jake Edwards (7TL) make up 'TEAM CRAZY'. They are currently the League Winners for the Bromborough Youth Bowling Club League and have held this title since 2008! They compete both individually and as a team and through this have achieved a great deal since they started their tenpin bowling careers.

Katie has represented Cheshire in all county events since the age of 9. She is the U12 Girls' Cheshire Champion and will compete in December to retain her title. This year, Katie has become Worcester Junior Open Winner, U14 Girls' 6 Counties Challenge singles winner and also runner up in the doubles challenge. Katie achieved 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Welsh Open Junior mixed singles and as a result of this fantastic performance she has now been chosen to represent Bromborough Girls' for the U18 Junior Scratch Team Tour 2010/11.

Jake has been bowling for three years. During this time he has attended Cheshire academy sessions and achieved his Bronze level certificate. He represented Cheshire, in Crewe, as part of a team and came first in the event. He participated in the Nationals at Nottingham and was selected to play in the 5-man Senior Bowling Team. Jake came 8<sup>th</sup> in the Worcester Junior Competition (Division B). He now plays in an adult league on Sunday.

Well done and good luck in the competitions.

### RE Revision Classes for Miss Timlin's Year 9 & Year 10 classes:

Year 9 3.30 to 4.00 RE5 Tuesday  
 Year 10 3.30 to 4.00 RE5 Wednesday

Parents are reminded that now temperatures have dropped if pupils wish to wear a scarf for school they must wear the SJP College Scarf. The full uniform and appearance policy is contained in the Parental Handbook. The scarf was chosen by the College Council and complements the very smart look of all our pupils as they travel to and from school. We are proud to boast that our pupils are the best turned out on the Wirral and this reflects the pride they take in being part of our community. The College Scarf is available from Wirral Uniform Centre and may be worn around the building as part of the uniform.

## Language corner

### ¿Qué es Galicia?



Galicia es una región en el noroeste de España. Hace frontera con Portugal. La capital de Galicia es Santiago de Compostela. La geografía de Galicia es muy similar a Irlanda. Can you correct these statements? Circle the right answer.

1. Where is Galicia?
2. What is the capital of Galicia?
3. Which other European country does it border?
4. Galicia has a similar geography to which country?

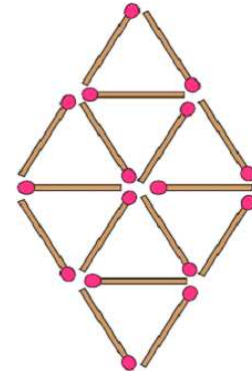
First 5 returned completed tasks get a house point. Please see Mr Sweetman.

## Puzzle Corner

### Missing Matches

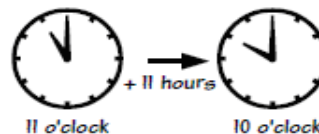
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Remove just 4 matches to leave 4 equilateral triangles – they must be all the same size.



Solution from last week

### 4. Times Table



$11+11 = 10$ . This could clearly be extended to other moduli. The observant students may spot the clue in the title.

## Weekly Theme - Getting ready for Christmas

This is "Happy New Year" week because Sunday saw the beginning of a new year in the Christian Calendar. "Advent" is the season when all Christians are asked to "Be prepared" and "Stay awake" to the real meaning of Christmas.

This is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ as a baby, as the Good News and as judge at the end of time.

### Matthew 24:37-44

*"The Arrival of the Son of Man will take place in times like Noah's. Before the great flood everyone was carrying on as usual, having a good time right up to the day Noah boarded the ark. They knew nothing - until the flood hit and swept everything away."*

*"The Son of Man's Arrival will be like that: Two men will be working in the field - one will be taken, one left behind; two women will be grinding at the mill - one will be taken, one left behind. So stay awake, alert. You have no idea what day your Master will arrive. But you do know this: You know that if the homeowner had known what time of night the burglar would arrive, he would have been there with his dogs to prevent the break-in. Be vigilant just like that. You have no idea*

*when the Son of Man is going to arrive.*

**Father in Heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love.**

**Increase our longing for Christ as our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love as we await his coming.**

May our preparations for Christmas be not just a time to buy presents and nice clothes to wear and good food to eat, may it also be a time when we remember that:

**"Jesus is the reason for the season."**

