



Snow White

Once again, the pupils and staff have put on a spectacular performance for the College with their 'Snow White' pantomime.

A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff involved in making this production such an enjoyable one. Well done!



Arrangements for this Friday

Please note that the College will be closing at 12noon on Friday 17th December.

We wish all our pupils and their families a Happy and Holy Christmas.

A reminder that pupils will return to College on Wednesday 5th January 2011.

Carol Service



**St John Plessington
Catholic College**

Longing for Light

**A Service of
Carols and Reflections
for Christmas**

Wednesday 15th December 2010

7pm in College Hall

Followed by mince pies and glass of wine

Tickets are available from SJP reception



Author Visits our College

On Monday 6th December pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 were lucky enough to spend a memorable afternoon in the company of popular children's author, Joseph Delaney, famous for writing the 'Spooks' series.

During the afternoon, Joseph provided the pupils with a fascinating insight into his life as a writer and had his audience captivated by some of the stories he told, most of which were drawn from the myths and legends of his home town of Preston.

After talking about his own experiences the pupils couldn't wait to ask their questions about what inspires him to write his 'spooky' stories and what steps are needed to get a story published.

The afternoon was rounded off by Joseph signing copies of his books for everyone.



You can access more information about the author and the books at www.spooksbooks.com or pop into the library where the full collection of books are available to borrow.



'It was great to meet such an inspirational author and I can't wait to read all of his books'
Jak Collis 8JB



Swimming



Congratulations to Ellen O'Connell, Year 7, who achieved a Platinum Time in one of her backstroke events last weekend. Ellen's most recent achievements include three silver and one bronze medal for backstroke and butterfly events. Well done Ellen!

Year 11 Basketball News

Last week, the Year 11 basketball team played away against Park High School. From the start, SJP were the much stronger side in all areas of the game. At half time SJP were up 19:10 - only a few lacks in concentration prevented the team scoring a lot more points! William Dodd was physical under the basket along with a good work rate from Tapiwa Chiwawa. Matty Paxton distributed the ball well, Chika Peters and Connor Hallas worked tirelessly. Final score 29:19. Well played boys!

Martial Arts



Congratulations to Laura-Jane Redfearn, Year 8, who has recently won an international Taekwondo competition in Cardiff. Laura-Jane fended off stiff competition from around the world to come out on top in this prestigious competition. We are very proud of her success here at SJP and look forward to

hearing her future achievements.

Year 7 Basketball News

Congratulations to all the Year 7 pupils who competed in the Wirral Basketball Finals. The Year 7 side played three games, winning two and losing one. The team has shown great enthusiasm and commitment during training in recent weeks that has seen them improve quickly and grow into a very strong outfit. There were strong performances from Joseph Saunders who provided a constant offensive threat and Kuda Chiwawa whose rebounding at both ends proved vital in the team's success.

Pupils competing for SJP were:

Joseph Saunders, Kuda Chiwawa, Ben Dobson, Alex Hanmer, Michael Kelly, Kameron Murray, Barny Hunt, Austin Cheung and Oscar Senior.

Art



A2 Art student, Matthew Dodd, is currently exhibiting graffiti art work in an exhibition at the HUB gallery space situated near the Cains Brewery in Liverpool. The exhibition is showcasing the work of the best young graffiti artists in the North West region and beyond and continues until January.

Exams

GCE & GCSE Examinations January 2011

Students who are taking exams in January are urged to read the booklet, '**January 2011 GCE & GCSE Examinations. Information for Parents & Pupils**'. This can be accessed via the College website as follows:

- www.stjohnplessington.com
- Information
- Exam Results
- Select 'January 2011 Examinations – Information'
- Hard copies of the booklet are also available from the Reception Desk.

Any queries regarding exams should be directed to Helen Ruscoe, Examinations Officer.

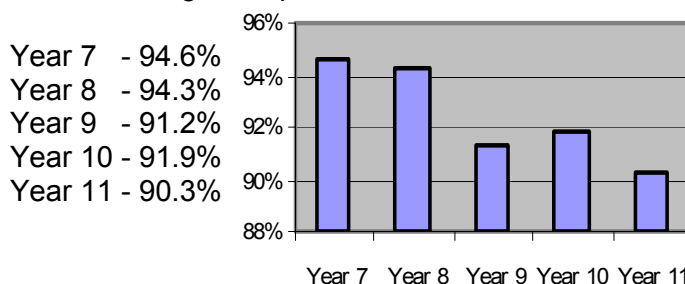
Library News



During this half term there has been a rapid rise in the amount of pupils taking Accelerated Reader book quizzes. Many congratulations go to Jak Collis, James Earle, Damian McLaughlin, Katelen Ronan, Mark Cain, Ewan Clarke and Ellie Fisher who have scored between 704 points!

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **10.12.2010**



Language Corner



En España celebran la Navidad, pero se celebra diferente al la de Inglaterra. Los niños reciben sus regalos el 6 de enero y se los trae los Reyes Magos. El 24 de diciembre se llama 'Nochebuena' y el 31 de diciembre se llama 'Nochevieja'.

Answer the following questions.

1. Who brings Spanish children their presents?
2. When do children receive their presents?
3. What is Christmas Eve called in Spanish?
4. What is New Year's Eve called?

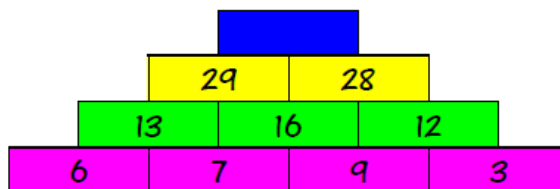
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Please see Mr Sweetman.

Puzzle Corner

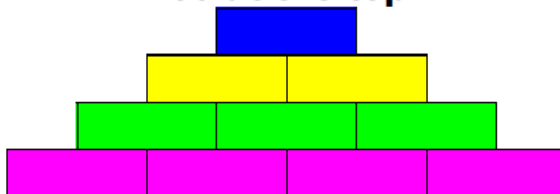
Number Pyramids

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Can you work out what number will be at the top of the pyramid?



Can you make a pyramid with 100 at the top?



Weekly Theme - Are we nearly there yet?



We all want one thing – to be happy. That's how it should be. God made us for happiness! The television, magazines and the National Lottery all suggest that happiness

comes from having more and more, being successful, being famous, living in a big house, having lots of money and looking beautiful.

The baby of Bethlehem had none of those things. Later in his life he taught us the secret of happiness: it comes and stays with us if we lovingly do things for others. Remember: we are nearly there. So let's be happy and unselfish as we celebrate the feast of Christmas with our families and our friends. Happy Christmas.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Father, the whole of the world looks with eagerness to the celebration of the birthday of Jesus. May we, in our lives, know the real meaning of happiness and find it in the peace that your Son promises to all who follow him.

Amen

A Blessing for Christmas

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be ours this Christmas.