



Year 10 Experience

Last week saw a number of our Year 10 pupils go to Castlerigg Manor in Keswick to take part in their "Year 10 Experience." During their stay they experienced working together as a group, walking in the beautiful Lake District and times for quiet reflection.

As you can see from the photographs a wonderful time was had by all. All pupils have come back to college wanting to return to Castlerigg next year!

The team at Castlerigg Manor commented not only were we 'School of the Year' but also the way in which our pupils took part in all the activities and the way in which they behaved themselves we had "Pupils of the Year".



Sixth Form Information Evening

Sixth Form Information Evening will take place at 7pm on Thursday 3rd February 2011. During the evening Year 11 pupils and parents will have the opportunity to meet the Director of Sixth Form, Sixth Form Heads of Learning, the Sixth Form Learning Coach, representatives from Higher Education Institutions, specialist subject teachers and current Sixth Form students. Our SJP Careers Officer and a Connexions representative will also be available to give you advice. You will be able to view our exhibitions and speak to staff about choosing relevant Sixth Form courses. This will all enable you to make an informed decision on how best to choose Sixth Form courses and plan for your future career.

If you have any queries please contact Year 11 Head of Learning in the first instance.

Geography



**Geography
Club**



**WANT TO DISCOVER HOW
GEOGRAPHY IS RELEVANT IN THE
REAL WORLD?**

WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN?

**COME AND JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY AT 12.50PM IN G3
TO DO SOME PROJECTS,
EXPERIMENTS AND
LOTS LOTS MORE!**

**AVAILABLE TO ALL KS3 PUPILS.
COLLECT YOUR PASS AT BREAK
TIME ON WEDNESDAY.**

Next PFOP meeting
Tuesday 1st February 2011
7pm
in the College Staff Room.

All are welcome!

University Visit



Year Nine pupils were invited to attend one of three days at Liverpool Hope University, where they took part in IT lectures and Media sessions. The morning started with an intro-

duction from student advocates about life at university and their particular choices.

We then went to one of the new IT suites where time was spent familiarising ourselves with a programme based around 'identikit' production. Following a specific set of instructions resulted in the production of a 'famous face', which turned out to be Wayne Rooney! Profiles

were then given out and pupils had to produce a picture to fit this-many interesting and funny characters resulted, causing hilarity all round when we were shown on the smart-board the faces



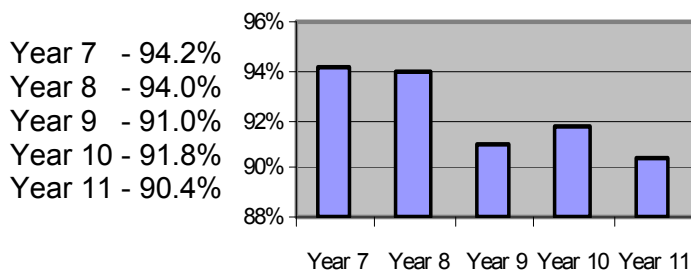
the pupils had come up with. Even funnier were the pictures of their own faces produced using this programme. The afternoon was spent in the Media Department where pupils took turns at reading the news in front of cameras operated by their friends. The entire group got the opportunity to present, direct and film during this session.



All in all some interesting insights into the courses offered at the university were gained and some advice on the types of careers which could be followed with these qualifications. We ended the day looking forward to our next visit in March which will bring more opportunities to experience university life.

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **21.01.2011**



Library News



Accelerated Reader

Since returning to college this new term, it has been extremely encouraging to see so many of our Key Stage 3 pupils using the Accelerated Reading Programme regularly. There are now over one hundred pupils that have scored a substantial amount of points for taking and passing Reading Practice quizzes.

Mr Pearson, Head of English said "I am delighted with the progress the pupils have made using the Accelerated Reading Programme. The points system gives pupils a real understanding of how well they are progressing and more importantly what books are suitable for them."

He went on to say "Some pupils who said they have never read are now flying, reading every week and making real progress."

TOP 5 YEAR 7 PUPILS

Mark Cain - 93.4
Erin Ashley - 86.7
Eleanor Fisher - 78.8
Erin Parkinson-Cliffe - 52.6
Ewan Clarke - 29.8

TOP 5 YEAR 8 PUPILS

Jak Collis - 572.7
Kathleen Ronan - 165.3
Luke Bryson - 148.9
James Earle - 138.7
Daniel McLaughlin - 120.1



At the end of this half term prizes of £20.00 will be awarded to the pupil in Year 7 and the pupil in Year 8 that has achieved:

- The highest number of hours using the programme.
- The most improved reading age.

Literacy Corner

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Superfluous:

[soo-[per]-flew-uss]



The word 'superfluous' is an adjective that means more than is sufficient or required.

It comes from the Latin word *superfluous* which means overflowing.

Noun: **superfluity**

Task: Try and use this word in a sentence this week.

Basketball News

Congratulations to the Year 11 Basketball team who managed to beat an unbeaten Oldershaw side by 2 points in their recent game. The game started really well for the SJP side as they managed to develop a very quick 5 point lead. This dominance managed to continue until the start of the 4th quarter when the Oldershaw side managed to rally and bring the score back level. This then set up a nervous final two minutes as both teams fought for the decisive basket and it was the SJP side who managed to prevail, as Chikka Peters managed to tower above the Oldershaw defence to win the offensive rebound and then see his jump shot land in the basket.

Well done to all Year 10 and 11 pupils who competed in this hard fought win.

Sports Stars



Wirral Football Star

Congratulations to Daniel Williams (10OR) who was awarded Wirral Football Player of The Year last season. Daniel currently plays for Stork Football Club and represents Wirral Football U15 squad. The centre midfield player continues to rise to every occasion showing sheer talent and skill on the pitch. His motivation and commitment to football have resulted in him attending Tranmere Rovers Football Academy and participating in trial games at Manchester United. Daniel has recently been scouted by the Everton Academy and invited over to Finch Farm to take part in a training trials session. We wish Daniel every success in his trials!

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Language Corner

French Sudoku

six								sept
huit			neuf		cinq			un
		quatre	huit	deux	sept	trois		
	sept		quatre		huit		cinq	
	huit						trois	
	six		deux		un		neuf	
		cinq	six	un	neuf	deux		
neuf			sept		deux			trois
sept								cinq

Follow the instructions in French to complete the Sudoku grid. The first pupil to bring a correctly completed grid to Mrs Sadler in LA3 will win a prize!

Le but du jeu est de remplir les cases vides avec des chiffres (de 1 à 9) de manière à ce que :

- 1.chaque colonne de la grille contienne TOUS les chiffres de 1 à 9.
- 2.chaque ligne de la grille contienne TOUS les chiffres de 1 à 9.
- 3.chacun des neuf carrés 3x3 contienne également TOUS les chiffres de 1 à 9.

Puzzle Corner

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You are the winner in a quiz show and can choose a prize from behind 3 locked doors. Behind one door is a new car. Behind the other two doors are goats.



When you have made your choice the host opens one of the other doors to reveal a goat.

Should you **stick** with your choice, or **switch** to the other one? Or does it make no difference?

10. Magic Squares

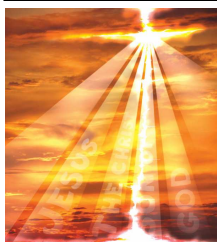
Here is one solution:

8	1	6	=15
3	5	7	=15
4	9	2	=15
=15 =15 =15			

Diagonals: 4 + 5 + 6 = 15, 8 + 5 + 2 = 15.

Solution from last week

Weekly Theme - Christ the light



Sometimes when children are small they are frightened of the dark. But there are also a surprising number of people who even when they have grown up have retained the fear. Without the message and example of Jesus, life can be like stumbling around in the dark. The big questions of life- "What is life for?", "Is death the end?" – leave some people in the dark. We have Christ's answer: he is the Light of the World.

Matthew 4: 12-23

When Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the

kingdom of heaven has come near."

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Almighty and ever present Father, your loving eye is always on us, and even the tensions and frustrations of life cannot destroy your plans for us. Help us to believe and trust in you, no matter what happens. Amen

St Luke's and HCPT 134 presents.

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

7.30 p.m. Friday 11th February

at St John Plessington Catholic College.

Includes music by the band
'GOING NOWHERE'

Featuring Frs. Nick Kern, Bill Dukes, Iain Griffiths & Peter Hooper.

Tickets £5 per adult with accompanied under 18s and children
free.

Light refreshments included.

(Bring your own drinks. No Bar.)

Proceeds to send a youth helper with the disabled children's
Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter.

To reserve tickets, please telephone 644 7530
or SJP 645 5049