



Conway

Year 7s had a fantastic time at Conway last week. All pupils got stuck in to all the tasks: drama, raft building, canoeing, nightline, art, and bush craft. You name it, we did it - and with a smile on our faces the whole time! In the evenings we watched a movie and bopped till we dropped in our disco on the last night. Considering we were singing 'Wheels on the Bus' on the way to Conway, there was not a word said on the way back as everyone was asleep. The Conway staff said our pupils were a delight and they hope to see us again in the future. Conway was an experience that none of us will ever forget. New friends were made, new experiences had and people overcame previous fears. Well done Year 7 you were a credit to SJP!



Key Stage 4 Information Evening

The Key stage 4 Information Evening will take place on Wednesday 9th February. The evening will be split into two sessions: 9JB,9MT,9TL and 9VP will attend at 6.30pm, followed by 9MK,9OR,9SB and 9BH at 7.15pm. It is vital that you attend at your allocated time to avoid over-crowding in presentations. This evening will enable all Year 9 pupils and their parents/carers to gather information regarding choice of subjects to study in the next stage of their education at SJP. 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 Key Stage 4 courses.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Austin, Year 9 Head of Learning, in the first instance

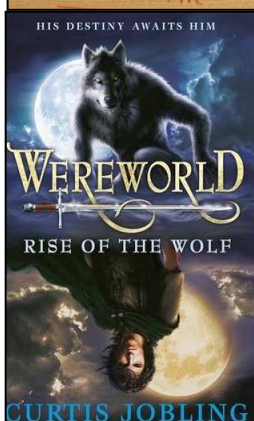
Library News

There are some great new books to look out for this term. Whether you enjoy fantasy, thrillers or romance, there's something to suit everyone from some of our best selling children's authors. These include:



Noah Barleywater Runs Away by John Boyne

This is the first children's book John Boyne has written since *The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas*. This is another uniquely moving story that will capture the imagination of anyone who reads it.

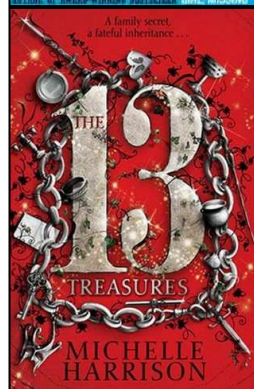


Wereworld: Rise of the Wolf by Curtis Jobling

Creator of worldwide hit children's T.V series, Bob The Builder, Curtis Jobling has put pen to paper to write his first horror/fantasy novel for older readers. Having written and illustrated numerous books for younger readers his passion has always been horror and fantasy for an older audience.



The Medusa Project: Hunted by Sophie McKenzie. Brand new sequel to *The Rescue* and *The Thief* from multi award winning author, Sophie McKenzie.



The 13 Treasures by Michelle Harrison. While visiting her grandmother's house, an old photograph leads Tanya to an unsolved mystery. Fifty years ago a girl vanished in the woods nearby. Fabian, the caretaker's son is haunted by the girl's disappearance, his grandfather was the last person to see her alive and has lived under suspicion ever since. Can Tanya and Fabian discover what happened in the woods all those years ago?

Theatre Trip

There are a few remaining places for the Derren Brown Theatre trip for Year 12 & 13 students that takes place on Tuesday 22nd March 2011 at 7.30 pm at the Liverpool Empire. See Miss Wroe in the Psychology Department for more info.

RE Revision Classes **Year 9 & Year 10 pupils**

Year 9 Tuesday 3.30 to 4.00 RE5

Year 10 Wednesday 3.30 to 4.00 RE5

Boxing Star

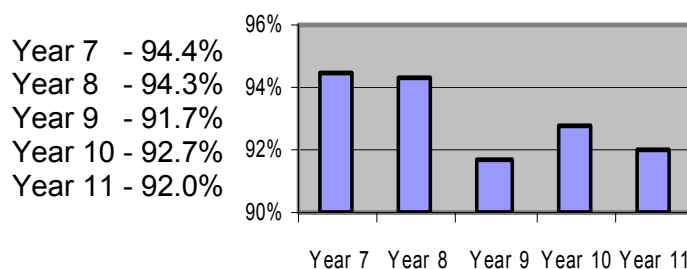


William Johnson is an all round sports person but his main love is boxing. He attends Birkenhead Venture Boxing Gym around four times a week where he trains hard. William has just become Merseyside and Cheshire Schoolboy Champion for the second year running. He beat an up - and - coming boxing star from Vauxall's ABC and is only four contests away from becoming the English Champion.

Good luck William!

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **28.01.2011**



Basketball News

Last week Years 10 and 11 played basketball against Wirral Grammar School. Due to a number of unavailabilities the Year 10 were down in numbers, but this did not affect the pupils' high work ethic. Wirral's team were very experienced with most players playing for clubs out of school - they also had a huge height advantage. The game ended up 52 - 32 to Wirral. The score did not reflect how much effort the boys put in. Well done! On the same night the Year 11 team also played Wirral Grammar. Again the Wirral team had a huge height advantage but this did not help them as SJP were far more organised and committed. The lead changed hands all game, with SJP leading up to one minute to go when Wirral scored to take the game 23 - 22. This was a vast improvement from last year's heavy defeat and this has come through hard work and commitment from the team. Keep it up!



Literacy Corner

Word of the Week



Polemic:

The word **polemic** is a noun used for a strong verbal or written attack on someone or something:


For example: *his polemic against the other football team*

Origin:

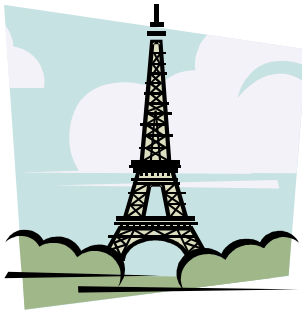
The word originates from the Greek word *polemos* meaning 'war' relating to or in form of words

Task: Can you make a sentence using this word?

ICT Clubs

<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>FILMCLUB</p> <p>IT4 15:20 to 16:20, Mr Love</p> <p>Watch films and write reviews from the latest blockbuster releases to the all-time classics.</p>	<p>Game Club IT3 15:20 to 16:20, Mr Griffiths</p> <p>Conquer your foes, learn tactical skills and team work in Rome Total War. You can also learn how to manage a theme park with Roller Coaster Tycoon. Come along if you are interested!</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Special FX Club</p> <p>IT4 15:20 to 16:20, Mr Love</p> <p>Have you ever wondered how they create those special effects in the movies? Come to the club and find out how they do it and create some of your own.</p>	<p>School Report IT2 15:20 to 16:20, Mr McLoughlin</p> <p></p> <p>This club gives the students the opportunity to take part in the reporting of school and local news. The club prepares students for taking part in the national BBC Schools News Report Day on the 24th March: Students will learn the following skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journalism • News Production • Videoing • Editing • Team Work • Production

Language Corner



'La Tour Eiffel'

(The Eiffel Tower)

The Eiffel Tower in Paris is one of the first things that springs to mind when you think of France. Below there are ten 'facts' about the Eiffel Tower but three are not true. Can you guess which they are? You may be able to find the answers online.

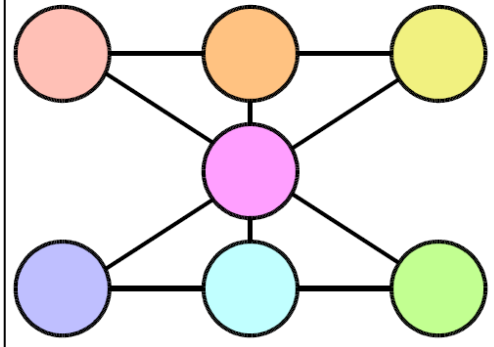
1. The Eiffel Tower was made using 9441 tons of wrought iron.
2. Even today painting the Eiffel Tower is done using brushes.
3. The tower is the tallest structure in the world.
4. During gusty winds, the Eiffel Tower sways up to 15 centimeters at its summit.
5. The Eiffel Tower is painted every 7 years in 3 shades of brown.
6. The Eiffel Tower was made in a day.
7. Over 200 million people have visited the Eiffel Tower.
8. The Eiffel Tower is closed on bank holidays.
9. The Eiffel Tower was to be dismantled and the metal sold as scrap 20 years after it was constructed, but this never happened.
10. In clear weather you can see approximately 42 miles from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

Puzzle Corner

Number Lines 1

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Can you put the numbers 1 to 7 in each circle so that the total of every line is 12?



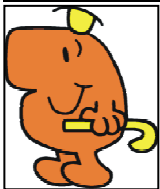
Solution for last week

12. The Monty Hall problem

You could switch (assuming you would prefer a car to a goat). It is tempting to assume that the two remaining doors have an equal chance of hiding the star prize, but this neglects the fact that the host's choice of door to open is not independent of your initial choice.

The probability of your initial choice being correct is $\frac{1}{2}$. This probability doesn't change when the host opens one of the other doors, so the probability that the remaining door hides the prize is $\frac{2}{3}$.

Weekly Theme - Poor in Spirit



Many children in the past grew up reading Mister Men books: one favourite was Mister Topsey Turvy who lived an upside-down life. Jesus asks his followers to live by upside – down principles. What our world, our society, tells us of values, Jesus contradicts. "Happiness comes from having more and more" is what we hear;

but Jesus says, "Happy are the poor in spirit." People tell us, "Assert yourself, get on top at any cost"; but Jesus says, "Happy are the gentle."

Matthew 5: 1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Prayer

Father in heaven, from the days of Abraham and Moses you have gathered and formed your people, from whom you have expected love and obedience. May our love and our willingness to do your will grow and develop.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, who gave you complete obedience.

Amen