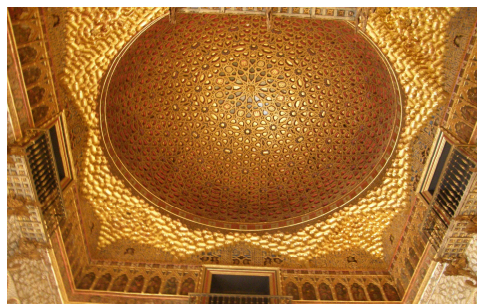




## Sixth Form Visit to Andalucia



On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, ten Sixth Formers flew to Andalucía in southern Spain. The mood of the group was one of excitement at the prospect of discovering the heart of 'Real' Andalusian and Spanish culture. We saw sights such as 'Plaza Bibrambla' and the spectacular Cathedral in Granada. On day two, the journey to Seville took us through fields upon fields of olive trees. In 1492 it was from Seville that Columbus set sail down the Guadalquivir River and out into the Atlantic to discover a new, faster route to India, and in doing so prove that the earth was round, not flat. We also visited the Alcázar and the Plaza de España which is on the front of the Listos 1 book! Day three was all about Granada. The day began with a traditional Spanish Saturday morning breakfast of 'Chocolate y Churros', thick hot chocolate with a type of doughnut. The Alhambra was absolutely stunning and as it is perched at the top of a hill overlooking the city, the panoramic views of the city and its surroundings were breathtaking. The Alhambra was busy as it was a Saturday, but nevertheless we waited for the best opportunity to unroll the banner and take that all-important front page newsletter picture. We also visited a great viewpoint in the Albayzín and had the whole bullring to ourselves. On day four, we went to Sierra Nevada, a ski resort only 35 minutes drive from the Costa del Sol. Here we messed around in the snow and had lots of fun. That evening we went for a final night meal at a local neighbourhood bar. The calamaris and octopus went down a treat and gave us the energy to head back into town for what was a fantastic spectacle, a Flamenco show!





## Book Fair



**7 – 11 MARCH 2011**

As part of our World Book Day celebrations we will be holding a Book Fair in the library from the 7<sup>th</sup> March. There will be over 200 of the top titles by the very best children's authors. Prices start from just

**£2.99!** More information about the books that are available at the fair can be found in the Book Fair leaflets that were circulated recently or at:

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk)

**The £1.00 World Book Day vouchers can be used at the fair for sales over £2.99**

**Opening Times:  
Break, Lunchtime and from  
3.20pm**



## Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 16th February, four pupils from Years 8 and 9 travelled to Birkenhead School to take part in the Regional Final of the UK Maths Team Challenge. It was a new venture for the Maths Department and the team had spent since Christmas preparing for it. They had a wonderful experience, testing their problem solving skills against the best mathematicians in the area. Mr McKillop, who went with them, commented on the energy they put into the challenge, the smiles on their faces as they competed and the great teamwork. We learned a lot about the tactics needed in the competition and are looking forward to put this into practice next year. The next Maths Challenge experience will be the individual Maths Challenge for Years 7 and 8 which will take place in school in May.

## Prayer for our Diocese



### Year of Prayer for our Diocese

On Friday 18th February 2011 our College community responded to a request from the Bishop of Shrewsbury, Bishop Mark. He has asked us to make this year of 2011 a year in which we dedicate our Diocese to the care and protection of Mary the Mother of God.

As a focal point for prayer, Bishop Mark is sending an image of Mary

on a journey around every church and school in our diocese.

Bishop Mark has asked us to pray to Mary asking her to take care of all those who live in our Diocese of Shrewsbury. He has also asked us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

You may wish to add your prayers to those of our community.

### The Angelus



The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

And Mary said; "Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Let it be done to me according to your word. And the Word was made

Flesh: And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the

fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life

Loving God, each member of our family is a special gift from you.

You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so we can share with others. Generous and loving people are needed for service in our Church.

Help us to know how to encourage and support each other so that we can respond generously to this need. We know that you will be with us, invite us to become the kind of people you desire us to be.

Help us to trust in you and in each other. Amen.

St John Plessington  
Pray for us

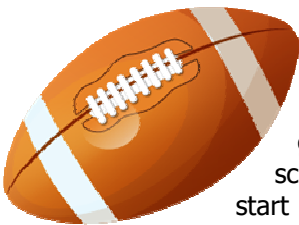
## Year 7 Football News



The Year 7 B-team played a fixture against Bebington High on Wednesday evening. This was a very tough fixture in which the team applied themselves very well. Despite having one player less, the team worked very hard and gave Bebington a tough game. Although the team were trailing

4-2 at half time, the team showed real character and determination to come back and win the game 5-4. There were many candidates for man of the match, but the courage and determination to win was personified by Barney Hunt.

## Rugby News



The Year 7 competed in a scheduled round of the Wirral Floodlit competition on Tuesday. The tournament consisted of 4x10 minute games against other Wirral schools. SJP had a bit of a slow start losing to St Mary's 21:5 and to Mosslands 14:7. Boths teams were on a

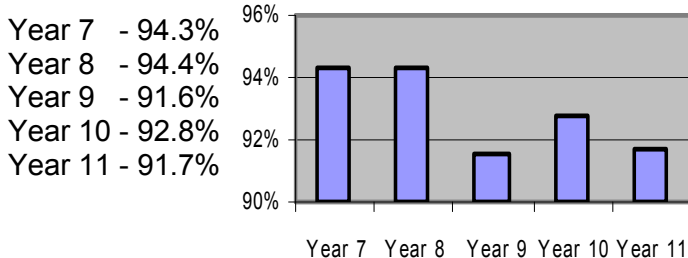
par technically with SJP but were far bigger and heavier making it very difficult to stop. Against Oldershaw, SJP won 21:5 and beat Bebington 7:0 with the last play of the game. The whole squad played well with particular strong performances from Joe Saunders, Barney Hunt and Ryan Jones Shaw. SJP's record to date: Played - 8; Won - 6; Lost - 2.

Next **PTA** meeting  
Tuesday 12th April 2011  
7pm  
in the College Staff Room.

All are welcome!

## Attendance

Attendance figures up to **18.02.2011**



## Year 7 Enterprise Day



This exciting day took place last week at our College. All Year 7 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. Pupils had to write and present a bid that would give their chosen country the rights to host the "Bidding for Gold Games". They had to research their particular country and find out facts e.g. the capital city, population size, flag and currency. They also had to develop a mascot for the games and consider sponsorship.

Eight groups from each form were selected to go forward to go through to the finals where an expert panel of judges had to make the difficult decision of who should host the "Bidding for Gold Games". All presentations were excellent and showed innovative ways of getting their information across but the final winners were the Belgium team from 7OR.





## Language Corner



Argentina está en Sudamérica. La Capital de Argentina es Buenos Aires. En Argentina se habla Español. El famoso futbolista Lionel Messi viene de Argentina. Argentina ha ganado la Copa Mundial 2 veces. Tiene una población de 40 millones de personas.

Can you answer these questions?

1. In which continent is Argentina?
2. What's the name of its capital city?
3. What is the name of one of its famous footballers?
4. How many times have Argentina won the World Cup?

First 5 returned completed tasks get a house point.

## Puzzle Corner

### Four Twos Make Ten ☆☆ 16

There are lots of ways of making 8 with four 2s using standard mathematical notation. For example:

$$2+2+2+2, \text{ or}$$

$$\text{even } 2^{2+2} \div 2.$$

Can you find another way?

Can you find a way of making 9 with four 2s?

What is the biggest number you can make with four 2s?

What is the smallest number you can't make with four 2s?

## Weekly Theme - Don't Worry - Be Happy



In this week's Gospel we are told not to worry about our lives. Doesn't this sound like the famous hit by Bobby McFerrin, *Don't Worry Be Happy* Even though we live in a world that is chock-full of toys,

comforts, luxuries, computers etc, fewer and fewer people seem to experience true peace and satisfaction in their lives. Rather we continue to experience more and more worry and anxiety. Life is full of problems. In every situation, in every difficulty or problem, in all circumstances, Matthew in our gospel knows one thing we should do rather than worry, and that is: take it to the Lord in prayer. Matthew does not ask us to deny that we've got problems or to pretend as if they are not there. He urges us rather to face our problems squarely, not with worry but with prayer. Turn worries into prayers.

### Matthew 6:24-34

*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."*

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or*

*reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

### Prayer

**Lord, I worry about lots of things and sometimes I get really stressed. And, of course, my worry isn't solving the problem. Help me to bring my worries to you and let me trust that you will work things out for me according to your plan. I know that's the best plan. Help me to truly let go and rest in your peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.**