



**St John Plessington
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a Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

Newsletter

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BBC School News Report 2011



SCHOOL REPORT

**BBC
NEWS**



On Thursday 24th March, 18 of our SJP newshounds from Years 7 and 8 spent the day creating their own BBC News Bulletin. The pupils worked very hard on the day and managed to produce an excellent 25 minute news broadcast. The stories covered included: The Libya Conflict, The Japan Earthquake, SJP School of the Year (including an exclusive interview with Mr Rylance) and coverage of our school charity (Street Child Africa) to name but a few. Well done to all of the pupils involved.

To find out more information visit www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport.
To view the news report that our students created visit our school website: select SJP News and then News Desk.



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Libya & Japan

We remember in our prayers this week the peoples of Libya who are suffering as a result of violence and fear. We also remember the people of Japan, as they try to come to terms with the devastation brought about by the earthquake, tsunami and current threat from the leaks at the nuclear plant.

Prayer for Japan

Loving Father we pray for all in Japan. Give them the time and energy to mourn. Grant them healing, grant them hope, grant them the courage to rebuild their lives, grant them, and us, the determination to reach out to one another in love. Amen.



Prayer for Libya

Lord God of mercy and compassion, millions of people search and toil for the barest minimum to survive. We confess that it is easier to think that we are not part of the solution. Violence is chosen when people demand change and democracy. We confess that our desire for peace is not matched by our peace-making.



RE Month



We have had great fun celebrating RE month at SJP. We had a fantastic St Patrick's Day party, where the pupils had the opportunity to make badges. We had food from Ireland and we watched the story of St Patrick. Some of the pupils even took part in an Irish jig. We also showed our creative side during the month and created a memorable banner depicting the Creation story. Our rooms turned into cinemas at lunch and the pupils watched in amazement how religion is portrayed in the media. Our celebration came to a close with meditation in the chapel. It was a month to remember.



Lent

Review Time

It's halfway through Lent, how have each one of us made Lent special and different so far? Have you kept your resolution for Lent? (If you didn't make one it is not too late). Have you prayed a bit more? Done anything extra for others, especially people that you don't get on with?

Book Club

Book Club®



**Thursday lunchtimes in the library
12.20pm - 12.50pm.**

If you enjoy reading and talking about your favourite books and authors, why not come along and join Sixth Formers Kathryn and Niamh, who will be organizing a variety of book-related activities such as writing book reviews, quizzes and creative writing competitions.

RE Revision Timetable

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 9	RE 6	RE 6 RE 2	RE 5 RE 2	RE 5
Year 10/11	RE 5 RE 2	RE 1 RE 5	RE 1 RE 3	RE 2

PTA



are holding their Annual

BEDDING PLANT SALE

on

Saturday 7th May 2011

9.00am – 12.00 Noon

Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 7LF
In the College Restaurant

If you wish to pre-order, please
telephone 0151 645 5049 or call into the
College Reception for an Order Form to
be returned to us by
Friday 15th April 2010

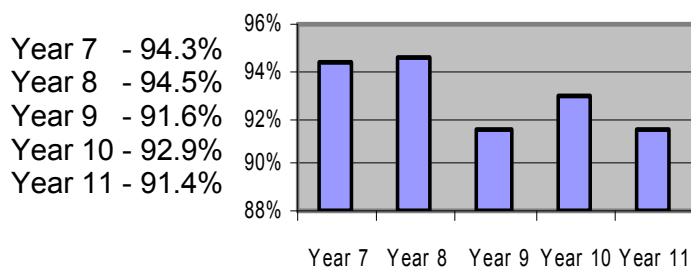
**Wide choice of high quality plants available
Order early to avoid disappointment**

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

All are welcome!

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **25.03.2011**



Work Experience



A reminder to all Year 10 and Year 11 pupils that the details of where they are completing their work experience in the Summer Term need to be returned to the College as soon as possible. Don't forget that both the employer and parent/carers need to sign these forms.

Thank you

Language Corner

¿Qué es Castilla la Mancha?



Castilla la Mancha es una región en el centro de España. La capital es Toledo. Toledo fue la antigua capital de España. Albacete es la ciudad mas poblada de Castilla la Mancha. Andres Iniesta, jugador de Barcelona FC es de Albacete.

Can you correct these statements? Circle the right answer.

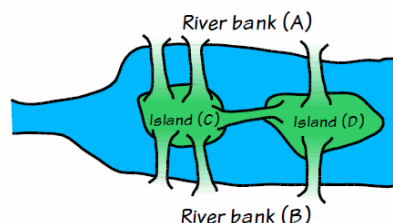
1. Castilla la Mancha is a city/region.
2. Albacete/Toledo is the capital.
3. Toledo/Albacete is the most populated city.
4. Andres Iniesta is from Albacete/Toledo.

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

Puzzle Corner

The Königsberg Bridges ☆ 20

The city of Königsberg had seven bridges that crossed the river Pregel.



Can you find a way of crossing **all** the bridges **exactly** once?

You can't go over a bridge more than once.

Solution from last week

19. How Many Squares?

28 @ 1×1, 16 @ 2×2, 6 @ 3×3, 2 @ 4×4.

Total: 52

Weekly Theme - 'Equality for All'

Jesus lived at a time when women were treated as second class members of the community. He was revolutionary in the way he treated women, he gave them respect and numbered them among his closet friends. He told his followers that all people were created equal by God. It was the women who were faithful to him at the foot of the cross, and they had the honour of finding the empty tomb on Easter day.

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

Father of all goodness, our selfishness sometimes stands in the way of the generous love that we should show to our families and friends. May we use this time of Lent to improve our lives.

Amen.