



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

# Newsletter

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## Ofsted Interim Report 2011 Confirms SJP's Outstanding School Status Again!



I am delighted to report that we received news from OFSTED just before easter confirming that their interim assessment indicates that our performance across a wide range of measures has been sustained and, because of this, they will not be inspecting the College until further notice.

Well done to everyone across the community for helping us maintain this high level of performance - a fantastic platform to enable the College to go from strength to strength!



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## Dance Revolution



The Dance Revolution was a very exciting time for our pupils as they had the opportunity to perform and demonstrate their dancing talents to their parents, family, friends and staff. Nervously waiting backstage, the Year 8 dancers opened the show to a packed audience with a lively lindy-hop performance. This soon got the show started and the audience was very welcoming and supportive of all of the dancers. Due to the level of talent of the pupils we were able to showcase a selection of styles such as street, hip-hop, break dance, lindy-hop and contemporary from pupils in Years 7, 8 and 10. Courtney Thomas, Year 13, performed a stunning vocal version of 'Someone Like You' during one of the contemporary pieces.

The involvement of the SJP PTA meant that the atmosphere and setting in the College Hall was just perfect. Congratulations to all of the performers, who have been committed to dance and put on such a professional show. Well done!



Next **PTA** meeting:

Tuesday 7th June 2011  
7pm  
in the College Staff Room.

All are welcome!

## Peru Fundraising



On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, twelve of our Peru Challengers woke up bright and early and went to Sainsbury's in Upton to spend the day offering to pack bags for the customers in return for a small donation. They all worked their socks off for six long hours, only stopping to grab some lunch. All the challengers were a credit to our College community as the feedback we have had was that all the bag packers were 'very nice and polite'. All the hard work certainly paid off as we managed to raise an astonishing £1115 towards the Peru Expedition. Also, we will be donating some of that money to Sainsbury's charity, Wirral Blind and Partially Sighted, to thank them for letting us come in. We have some more dates in the diary for more fund raising and bag packing. Thanks to everyone who helped out and thank you for your support so far.

## Business Studies Trip



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, our Year 10 Business Studies pupils enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo where they attended an educational seminar. The aim of the visit was to help pupils understand the structure and operation of a large organisation. Pupils had the opportunity to consider the responsibilities of some key job roles and stakeholder involvement in the operation of the zoo.

After a drizzly start to the day, the sun shone down on us giving the pupils an opportunity to spend a highly informative afternoon outside visiting the animals.

## Drama

SJP's drama department chorused 'lights, camera, action' as over 90 students took to the stage in an action packed evening showcasing the unique talents of the SJP pupils.

Kicking off the evening was an abstract piece devised by Spotlight Boys entitled 'Boys Don't Cry' quickly followed by a change of pace, in which the Year 8 Spotlight Juniors claimed 'It's A Hard Knock Life' and kept the audience entertained with their interpretation of the classic musical 'Annie'. Next up was the turn of Spotlight Seniors with their serious and hard-hitting devised piece looking at the effects of war on those left behind. After a short interval in which the PTA kept the audience refreshed and happy, the combined Year 10 BTEC groups engaged the audience with their version of the well known musical 'Blood Brothers'. The night was rounded off in style with the Year 12 BTEC groups showcasing the work they have created since the commencement of their course – truly making the audience laugh and tap their feet in time with the music. A serious piece by the Year 13 Performing Arts cohort ensured the audience were kept on the edge of their seats. The audience left reflecting on the action packed evening and the sheer volume of talent on display.

Well done to everyone involved.

## EU Flag Competition



The Geography Department would like to say a big thank you to all Year 7 pupils for the high quality of entries in the design a EU flag competition.

It was a tough choice for the judges to select a winning entry, but it had to be done and the winner is:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Rosin Joseph 7SB

Runners Up are: Michael Quigley 7JB, Peter Doogan 7MT, Joe Saunders 7MK

Congratulations to all who entered.

## PTA

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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**

## GCE & GCSE Examinations, Summer 2011

Students and parents who are taking exams this Summer should read the booklet '**Summer 2011 GCE & GCSE Examinations, Information for Parents & Pupils**'. This can be accessed via the College website as follows:

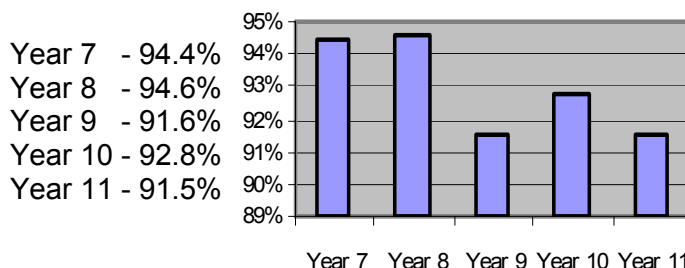
- [www.stjohnplessington.com](http://www.stjohnplessington.com)
- Information
- Exam Results

Select 'Summer 2011 Examinations – Information'

Hard copies of the booklet are also available from the Reception Desk.

## Attendance

Attendance figures up to **15.04.2011**



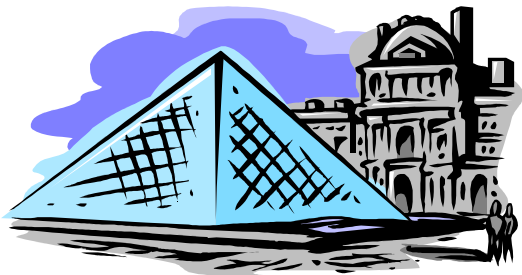


## Language Corner

### The Louvre

Did you know that the Louvre in Paris is the most visited museum in the world?!

Below there are five more 'facts' about the Louvre but only four are true. Can you spot the one which is not? The first five pupils to bring the correct answer to Mrs Sadler in LA3 will win a prize.



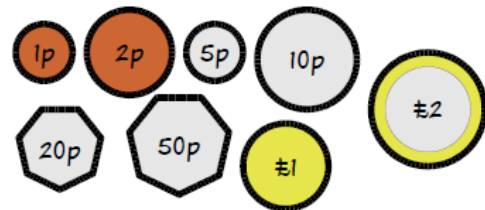
1. The Louvre holds Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting, the Mona Lisa.
2. There is a McDonalds in the Louvre.
3. You are allowed to cycle around the Louvre.
4. It used to be a royal palace.
5. It has been used as a set in several films.

## Puzzle Corner

### Coin of the Realm

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**These are the coins commonly used in Britain today**



**What is the **fewest** number of coins you need to make  
(a) 83p (b) £1.34 (c) £5.27?**

**What is the **smallest** amount that needs **more than 5** coins?**

## Weekly Theme - "I Don't Believe It"



"I don't believe it" was the catch phrase made popular by Richard Wilson who played Victor Meldrew in the BBC Comedy series 'One Foot in the Grave'. Victor was a cantankerous pensioner who had difficulty in accepting the realities of life.

His catchphrase "I don't believe it" can also be associated with the Disciple Thomas in this week's Gospel. Thomas said it when he heard that Jesus had been seen alive after his death. Jesus appeared again and said to Thomas

"Come on, then touch and see" and Thomas immediately believed.

In our world today there are one billion 800 million Christians who do believe in the Risen Jesus "without seeing".

"Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe" said Jesus.

### John 20: 19-31

*On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jews.*

*Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "May peace be with you!" Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were very happy when they saw the Lord.*

*Again Jesus said, "May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you." He then breathed on them. He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

*Thomas was one of the Twelve who was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!"*

*But he said to them, "First I must see the nail marks in his hands. I must put my finger where the nails were. I must put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe what you say."*

*A week later, Jesus' disciples were in the house again. Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

*He said, "May peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. See my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."*

*Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"*

*Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me but still have believed."*

*Jesus did many other miraculous signs in front of his disciples. They are not written down in this book. But these are written down so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to him.*

**Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we do not look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive.**

**Increase our faith that we may believe without looking for evidence.**

**May our faith and trust grow everyday.**