St John Plessington Catholic College

Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

# Newsletter

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### **Music Festival**



On Thursday around 200 pupils were involved in two performances of the Music Festival 2010 – a celebration of the musical life of SJP. The Festival began with the SJP Brass Band, who skilfully recreated the music of

the Second World War period with moving performances of "The Dambusters", "Berkeley Square" and "Moonlight Serenade". Next to perform were the Key Stage Three Choir singing

two well-known songs, "Use Somebody" and "Where is the Love". Further performances from the SJP Show Choir, Spotlight Musical Theatre Group and



Sixth Form Music Technology Group had the audience applauding and cheering for more.

The Year 7 Dance Group performed a stunning dance "Twilight" which featured zombie and horror costumes and make up. The Festival also saw the first performance from the Boys Singing Group featuring fifteen pupils singing



"Hallelujah" along with a crowdpleasing solo rendition of "Mack the Knife" by Ryan Sharpe Year 11. A fitting finale was provided by the SJP Swing Band, featuring a variety of lead vocalists including Kim



Davies with her soulful rendition of the Etta James Blues classic "At Last" and Jake Gardner closing the evening singing "Mustang Sally" with the saxophones and trumpets of the Swing Band.

The audience left delighted by the talents of the SJP pupils and the Music Department promises more exciting events over the next





## CAFOD

## JB RAISES £308 FOR CAFOD!





Cafod is all about one world and we wanted to raise money to give to those people less fortunate than ourselves. Class 7JB raised £308 for Cafod last week as we gave something up and were sponsored by family and friends for it. We were asked to turn £1 into £10 and people in our form raised over £20 each which is fantastic. To raise this money we had to give up one of our favourite things such as playing on ipods, laptops and giving up fizzy drinks. It was hard but we made it.

Well Done 7JB!



## Attendance

#### Attendance figures up to 08.10.2010



## **Football News**

Well done to the Year 8 football team who produced a fantastic display to see off a strong Bebington side 6-2. The Year 8 team, who were missing a few of the regulars, produced some fine passing and clinical finishing to beat Bebington in their second game of the season.

The game started well for SJP with a goal from Callum Burridge and a second from Jack Rhodes giving them a two goal lead at half time. However, it was the Bebington side who started the second half the stronger and would have pulled a goal back had it not been for a fine save from Lewis Boardman. Jack Rhodes and Steven Lynch then added third and fourth goals without reply and although Bebington scored two consolation goals it was the SJP side that finished the stronger with two further goals from Jack Rhodes and a second from Steven Lynch. The Man-of-the-Match Award went to Jack Rhodes for his hat-trick display, however, there were also some fantastic displays from Jerome Smith, Anthony Neeson and Year 7 Alex Boyd.

#### Here Comes Christmas



With half term round the corner, now is the time to clear out those cupboards in time for Christmas. With our spectacular Here Comes Christmas fair on Fri-

day 3rd December fast approaching please donate any unwanted gifts, DVDs, toys, books, CDs, and games.

Proceeds go to helping our children and improving our school, so please donate generously. Dolly needs your bric a brac!!

# **UN World Space Week**



SJP went into orbit last week celebrating the United Nations organised "World Space Week" with a variety of events.

The Year 7s were recruited to investigate which teacher was an alien. Using a top secret technique called chromatography, Year

7 classes investigated three samples of their blood. Megan Statham described what they found: "My results showed that Miss Smith was the teacher who had a blue tinge in her blood. Therefore, she is the alien." As Lewis Donnelly concluded: "She will be questioned by the FBI!"



Year 8 have been learning how NASA protects their astronauts on reentry into the earth's atmosphere when the temperature

can reach 1650 °C on the outside of the shuttle. They investigated which material is the best insulator and found out about the amazing properties of aerogel.

Over to Science 3, where students at the weekly Science Club created a very strange substance: alien blood. The best alien blood was able to break apart polystyrene in a matter of minutes!

The story doesn't end there— thirty lucky Year 8 and 9 pupis will be visiting the European Space



Centre in Belgium next week. They will get to experience what life would be like as an astronaut.



Sixth Form English Literature and English Combined students attended a performance of Brian Friel's 'Dancing at Lughnasa' at Theatre Clwyd on Thursday evening. Students are studying the play to as part of the LT1 unit and found the performance to be captivating and enriching. From the wonderful set design to the strong performances from the entire cast, it was an evening to remember. Well done to all students for their positive and mature attitude.

Next PFOP Meeting

Tuesday 23rd November

7pm

All are welcome!

#### Maths

## MATHEMATICS REVISION PROGRAMME FOR GCSE

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1 1	Changing the sub- ject of a formula Solving equations and substituting into equations	Miss Gahan MA6
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	1	Straight Line Graphs Plot a quadratic graph and use it to make estimates for solutions	Miss McGagh MA11



**Luke 18: 1-8** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there

was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' "

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

**Reflection** As a Christian we should think of prayer as being like oxygen, there can be no life without it. When you fall in love with somebody, you want to be with them all the time, you talk to them and share your hopes and ideas with them. If we believe in God and if we think of Jesus as our friend, then it's natural for us to want to talk to him. It's not always easy to pray but we should always remember that God is there always ready to listen to us. Some of our best prayers and conversations are often made when we feel anxious about something and think of

ourselves as being far away from God.

Why not make a little time this week to get to know God better?

Why not start with this prayer:

#### Prayer

Lord our God, Father of all, keep me safe.

You know what I am thinking; inspire me to speak to you in prayer, so that our relationship with you will grow and develop.

#### Amen

#### This week we celebrate "One World Week"

One World Week is a Development Education Charity. Each Year "The Week" is an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to take action for justice locally and globally.

#### **Jewish Prayer for Peace**

Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High.

And we shall beat our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nations shall not lift up sword against nation - neither shall they learn war any more.

And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

