

Newsletter

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SJP in Belgium Space



In search of adventure, SJP has boldly gone where we haven't been before! Twenty seven scientists from Years 8 and 9 visited the Euro Space Centre in Belgium and spent the day living the life of an astronaut in training. We had the chance to experience a moon walk and faced the challenge of drawing while being spun around on a multi-axis chair. We ended the day by setting off rockets with actual engines in them! We continued the science theme by visiting the Sea Life Centre in Bruges where we saw amazing fish from all over the world, including sea horses and some giant crabs.

We couldn't leave Belgium without visiting the Choco Story, which allowed us to see Belgium chocolates being made and, more importantly, we got to try the finished product!

We rounded the trip off with a visit to the Natural History Museum which brought to life science across the ages, including the future with an exhibit about exploring Mars.



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Geography Costal Walk

This week forty five Year 8 pupils, Miss Smith and Mr McHale set out on a wet and windy day on a coastal field trip to examine processes and landforms studied in LP 1 Coasts.

The day began in Lower Heswall with a walk along the Wirral Way, through Heswall Fields and down onto the beach. Here pupils studied cliff erosion, identified rocks and competed in a scavenger hunt to identify ten shoreline objects. The sun came out after lunch at Thurstaston Visitors Centre and it was ice creams for everyone as the walk continued along the coast to West Kirby beach. All of the students involved in the day were a credit to SJP, with their thoughtful questions and enthusiasm for the coastal processes studied.

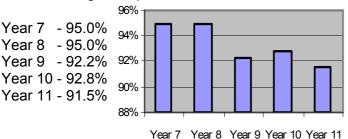
A range of physical and human Geographical features were identified along the way and with a sandcastle competition to end the day everyone traveled back to SJP having had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

GCSE History News

Year 11 History pupils will be writing their controlled assessment this half term. This is worth 25% of the final GCSE mark. Parents can continue to support the pupils by ensuring that they are researching, reading and planning their ideas about Germany from the period 1918-1939. Reminder: Year 11 History revision classes take place every Tuesday after school and Wednesday lunchtime in Hi2 for pupils who are sitting their exam in January. Attendance is crucial.

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 05.11.2010



Library News





THE '*FREE BOOKS'*FOR YEAR 7 PUPILS HAVE ARRIVED!

At the beginning of the new school term our Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to choose a **free** book of their choice from the twelve specially selected titles that were on display in the library and have been written by some of our favourite children's authors.

This is the fourth year that our college has run this extremely popular campaign and it has been fantastic to see that every Year 7 pupil has chosen a book.



The books have now arrived and will be given out by Form Tutors in the next few days.

The **'BOOKED UP'** website, <u>www.bookedup.org.uk</u>, contains lots of fun activities and is also a great place to discover other exciting books and authors.

JLS Tickets must be won!



Raffle tickets for the JLS concert on 3rd December are 50p a strip and will be on sale for the next few weeks during Academic Review.

Horrible Science trip



On a grey Friday morning forty two excited Year 7 pupils eagerly boarded the coach on their way to meet their doom - or at least the most vile and gross bits of science that would fill them with shock and awe and hopefully make them laugh!

The pupils were calling out the questions they were dreaming would be answered - such as 'Is it dangerous to pick my nose?!' 'Why are there animals in my kettle?!' to name but two!

As the coach pulled away from school their excitement grew as they were getting closer to finding out the fate of Billy Miller as he is under attack from beastly bacteria, vicious volts and foul fluids! And the thought of this 3D Bogglevision was blowing their minds! They could

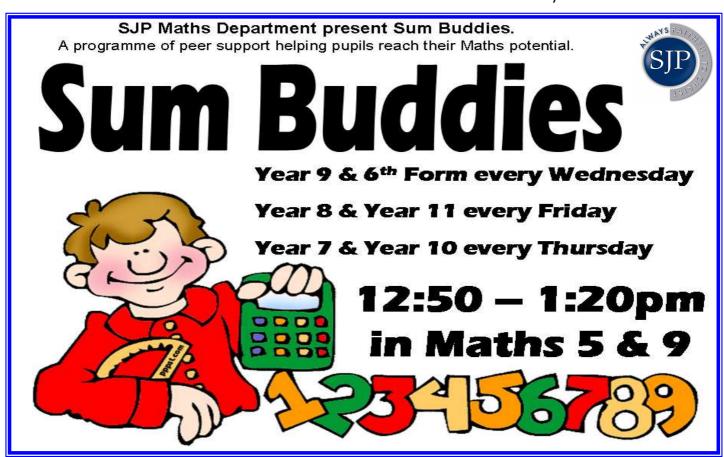
barely contain themselves. Staff were in fear that we would have our very own Horrible Science preview as one of our pupils was in severe danger of exploding - they were *that* excited!

When we arrived at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton we were swiftly ushered in to the brilliant new building and shown to our seats. We all quickly settled and our excitement reached a crescendo as the lights grew dim..... Billy Miller's adventure began.

We were taken on a roller-coaster ride of gruesome bacteria, foul body parts and shocking electricity. Our own hero Oscar Senior helped save the day and discovered some hidden metal to help Billy Miller complete his circuit so he could save the world from the Horrible Science bits escaping. Well done Oscar!

We ducked and dived as vile beasts attacked us and as comets and satellites fell to the earth as the evil computer TIM tried to control gravity. Fortunately he was thwarted and we all escaped and made a safe journey home.

The Year 7 pupils were superb ambassadors for SJP - all in all a brilliant day.



Language corner

Have a go at this French recipe at home by following the instructions in French! Use a dictionary to look up any words that you do not know.







Beurre 4 tranches de pain sur une face. Pose une tranche de jambon sur la face non-beurrée. Soupoudre le jambon de fromage râpé. Pose les 4 tranches de pain restantes et recouvre de beurre.

Fais cuire avec un croque-gaufre, à la poêle ou au four.

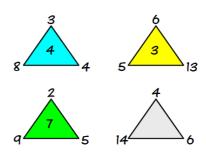
Sers chaud avec une salade verte.

Puzzle Corner

Missing Number

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Which number should go in the empty triangle?



Solution from last week

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Weekly Theme—Our Family Tree



The whole human race forms one familv. This was made clear when Jesus asked us to call God "Daddy" (Abba) or "Father". This family, with God at its head is absolutely vast, including not only those on planet earth at this moment but all those humans who have ever lived, to whom of course, in some

way or other, we are related. As Catholics we call this the "Communion of Saints" which explains why holy people from the past and members of our families who have lived good lives are asked to speak to God for us. We also pray for those who have died.

Luke 20:27-38 Some Sadducees came up. This is the Jewish party that denies any possibility of resurrection. They asked, "Teacher, Moses wrote us that if a man dies and leaves a wife but no child, his brother is obligated to take the widow to wife and get her with child. Well, there once were seven brothers. The first took a wife. He died childless. The second married her and died, then the third, and eventually all seven had their turn, but no child. After all that, the wife died. That wife, now-in the resurrection whose wife is she? All seven married her."

Jesus said, "Marriage is a major preoccupation here, but not there. Those who are included in the resurrection of the dead will no longer be concerned with marriage nor,

of course, with death. They will have better things to think about, if you can believe it. Happiness will be being with God, Even Moses exclaimed about resurrection at the burning bush, saying, 'God: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob!' God isn't the God of dead men, but of the living. To him all are alive."

Father of the human family, you created our planet and each one of us to give you glory and praise.

May we support and help each other as we learn to love and praise you. Amen



Armistice Day is celebrated on 11th November 2010.

In our college community a two minute silence will be observed at 11am because this is when the Great War, or World War 1, came to end in 1918.

This anniversary is also used to remember all the people who've died in wars

since then. This year we will remember in particular the soldiers from our country that have lost their lives in the last twelve months in Afghanistan.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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