



Mayor and Mayoress visit SJP



This week saw the visit of more VIPs to SJP! We were really pleased to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Wirral, Councillor Alan and Mrs Catherine Jennings, who enjoyed a tour of the school and the opportunity to meet with staff and pupils.

As the Mayor said: "The record of St John Plessington Catholic College is second to none, and as the father of one of your former pupils, and as Mayor of Wirral, I am so proud of your achievements." He went on to say that our pupils "are being prepared to make the changes in a changing world. In these times of uncertainty, St John Plessington Catholic College and its ethics is a Rock to cling to."



Review Day

A reminder that Year 7 and Year 10 Review Day takes place on Friday 19th November from 9am – 12pm and then from 1pm – 6pm. Year 7 and Year 10 pupils should attend for their appointments with parents/carers in full school uniform.

All other years should be working from home; work will be set for English, Maths and Science via the VLE.

Should you have any queries, please contact Head of Learning in the first instance.

Library News

ACCELERATED READER

This week Year 8 pupils have actively been using Accelerated Reader, taking a number of quizzes on books they have read recently. The following pupils have performed extremely well and earned a total of 169.6 points:

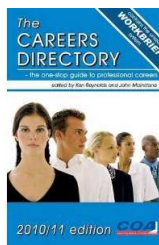
	<u>Points</u>
Damian McLaughlin	73.3
James Earle	71.7
Katleen Ronan	24.6

Any pupils in Years 7, 8 or 9 wishing to use Accelerated Reader, simply need to choose a book from the library (there are hundreds of top titles with quizzes to choose from!). Once the book has been read, click on the Accelerated Reader link from the SJP homepage, under Pupil Portal and enter your username and password details. See Mrs Broom for further information.

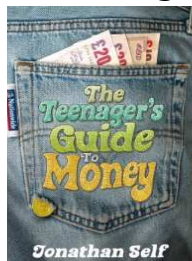
There will be computers available at break and lunchtime to access Accelerated Reader.
HAPPY QUIZZING!

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CAREERS LIBRARY

The Careers Directory 2010/2011 is the one-stop guide to over 400 professional careers. The Directory provides each listing with Entry Requirements, Earning Potential and Related Occupations, all of which are in an easy-to-read, two page format.



The Teenager's Guide To Money

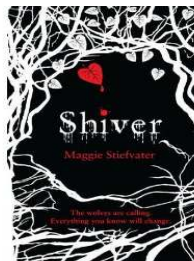


contains every aspect of money and money management, including bank accounts, credit cards and how to cope with money at university.

RECOMMENDED READ

SHIVER by Maggie Stiefvater

"I don't really like reading books but I can't put this one down! I think it's amazing and I can't wait to read the sequel, 'Linger'."



Nicole Francis 9BH

Literacy Corner

Word of the Week

Retrograde [re-truh-greyd]



Adjective

Meaning:

1. Having a backward motion or direction; retiring or retreating.
 2. Inverse or reversed, as order.
 3. Exhibiting degeneration or deterioration
- Origin: from retrogradi "move backward," from retro- "backward" + gradi "to go, step."

1. Far from the _____ Crowd
a. Crazy b. Madding c. Thronging d. Violent
2. Lord of the _____
a. Pies b. Cries c. Tries d. Flies
3. Of _____ and Men
a. Ice b. Nice c. Mice d. Dice
4. Dr Jekyll and _____ Hyde
a. Mr b. Professor c. Lord d. Sir
5. To Kill a _____
a. Parrot b. Sparrow c. Songbird d. Mockingbird
6. A View from a _____
a. Bridge b. Flyover c. Viaduct d. Crossing
7. The Curious Incident of the _____ in the Night time
a. Cat b. Mouse c. Dog d. Horse
8. Wide Sargasso _____
a. Pea b. Flea c. Tree d. Sea
9. A _____ Named Desire
a. Train b. Streetcar c. Bus d. Van
10. The _____ of Being Ernest
a. Magnitude b. Significance c. Importance d. Substance

Next **PFOP** meeting
Tuesday 23rd November
7pm
All are welcome!

DT Competition

Y7, 8 & 9 Art / DT Competition!



Blue Peter and Buckingham Palace are giving you the chance to design an **emblem** that will be used in the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, marking her 60 years on the throne.

The winning emblem will be seen by millions of people around the UK and the World, and will appear on everything from posters to commemorative teacups!

To enter, here's what you need to do:

- Design your emblem on an A4 sheet of paper
- Don't include an image of the Queen
- Do include a crown somewhere on the design

All KS3 pupils will be set this task as a homework for LP2/3.

All entries are due in by **WEDNESDAY 24th NOVEMBER** and will be sent off to Blue Peter!

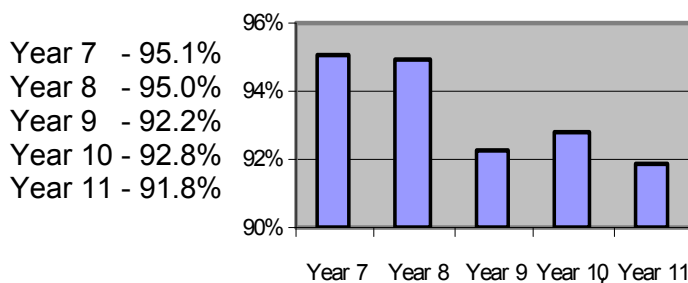
Harry Potter

If you are going to see the new Harry Potter film (which is out this Friday 19th November) and you would like to provide us with a short review or tell us what you enjoyed, please hand it in at reception next week and we may publish your comments in the newsletter!



Attendance

Attendance figures up to **12.11.2010**



Science News

Ashwin Ajay and Rachel Lowton spent their summer holiday working on scientific projects through the Nuffield Bursary Scheme.



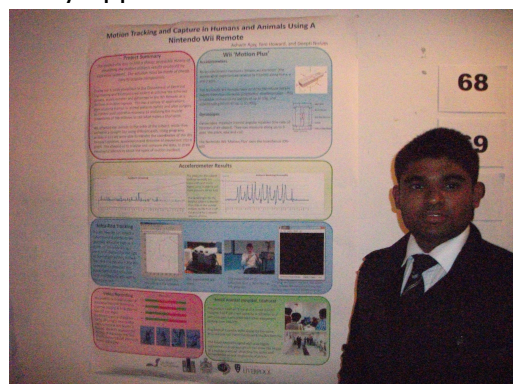
They were awarded crest Gold awards and certificates for their achievements from the Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University at Liverpool Museum.

Rachel's project, 'Isolation and characterisation of enteric pathogens including: Campylobacter, SPP, Salmonella, SPP and antibiotic resistant Escherichia coli SPP from environmental water samples' was



completed to the highest standard and was judged to be "Excellent" by the panel of judges.

Also judged as "Excellent" was Ashwin Ajay's project, 'Using low cost consumer electronics for the capture and analysis of motion for medical/veterinary applications.'



Rugby News

Well done to those who took part in the start of the rugby tournament last night. The Year 7s fought hard and they played exceptionally well. Their first match of the tournament was against Bebington, and they used teamwork, agility and will power to get past the opposition and score every try with conversion kicks. SJP 14-7 Bebington. Their next match was against Mosslands: SJP triumphed 21-7. SJP then defeated St. Mary's 21-7. This last game was against Oldershaw. Oldershaw were winning in the first half 5-12, but in the second half SJP played really well and scored two further tries and the match ended 17-12 to SJP. Well done to everyone in the Year 7 squad!



BBC School News Report

Would you like to develop your media skills?



This club will allow you to gain valuable insights into the processes that are involved in the development of media productions.

You will be involved in the creation of the SJP News Desk production which consists of interviewing students and teachers about current achievements and success in the school.

You may also get the opportunity to take part in the BBC School News Report Day in March next year. This is a national event with huge media coverage and a great opportunity to be involved in.

All members of the College community are welcome to participate and develop their skills whether it is presenting, filming, editing or producing. Pupils should see Mr McLoughlin for more details.

The club is run on Wednesdays from 15:20 - 16:30 in IT2.

Netball News

The Year 7 and 8 Netball Teams played Bebington High on Tuesday the girls were such a strong team that they stopped Bebington from scoring. The Year 7s beat Bebington High 10-0 and the Year 8s ended with a staggering 23-0 victory.



Congratulations to the Y7 team! Natalie Maxwell and Courtney Steens managed the 10 goals between them as a result of fantastic shooting. Kiah Longstaff, Elisha Dinnen and Olivia Eastland played really well together in the centre court enabling the team to keep possession and attack. Great defending from Katie Murray and Hanan Ajay meant that Bebington High struggled to get the ball into the net. Well done SJP!



The Year 8 team had an excellent game with Jade Cookson and Kirsten Whitehead on great form, not missing a shot. Sophie Loxham, Eleanor Baxter, Rebecca Hart and Rochella Operiano kept it together on court to feed the ball down to the shooters and break down any attack from Bebington High players. Jess Murphy and Jordan Thompson worked well in defence, intercepting lots of balls and making it impossible for Bebington to get the ball in the net. Well done SJP!

Language corner

¿Qué es Cataluña?



Cataluña es una región en el noreste de España. Hace frontera con Francia. La capital de Cataluña es Barcelona. Madrid, la capital de España es más grande que Barcelona.

Can you correct these statements? Circle the right answer.

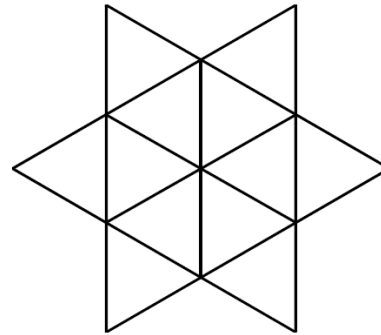
1. Cataluña is a city/region.
2. Where exactly is Cataluña?
3. What is the capital city of Cataluña?
4. Cataluña borders with which country?

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

Puzzle Corner

How Many Triangles? ☆ 3

How many triangles can you see in this picture?



Solution for last week

2. Missing Number
The missing number was 5 (add the bottom two number and divide by the top number)

Weekly Theme - 'Working for a better World'



It is not only our teachers – and when we get a job our employers – who expect us to work hard: God does too! Being idle and lazy is condemned in the bible. St Paul tells the Christians of Thessalonica,

"We order you to go on quietly working". Idleness is a sin because it is unfair making life more difficult for others and being unprepared to do our share. God expects us to work and so to improve the quality of life for everyone in our world. That is why it's so important not only for us to work hard here in our college community, but it is why we work so hard to support the work of organisations like CAFOD to help them to work hard in supporting those in our world who are in the greatest need of our help.

For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the

right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Father, Creator of the universe, you made everything out of nothing.

Help us in our daily work to do our best and develop into the caring people that you want us to be.

Amen

"Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God - the rest will be given."

Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action."

Mother Teresa

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<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/schooladmin/ims/datamanagement/privacynotices/a0064391/who-the-department-passes-pupil-data-to>

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Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

Website: www.education.gov.uk

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In addition for Secondary Schools ->

Connexions Services

Once you are aged 13 or over we are required to pass on certain information to the Connexions services. Connexions is the government's support service for all young people aged 13 to 19 in England.

We must provide both your own and your parent/s' name/s and address/es, and any further information relevant to the Connexions services' role.

However, you (if you are over 16) or your parents can ask that no information beyond name and address be passed to Connexions. Please inform Chris Lamb, Office Manager if you wish to opt-out of this arrangement. For more information about Connexions, please go to the LA website as shown above.