



Wirral Herpetological Society Visit



Staff and pupils of SJP welcomed all creatures great and small with our annual two day visit from Wirral Herpetological Society. The spectacular workshops showcased a wide range of reptiles, arachnids, owls and insects, providing the students with opportunities to learn all about animal adaptations.



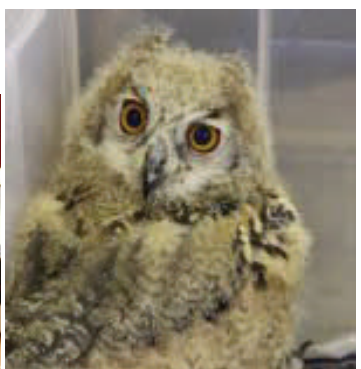
Year 8 experienced an hour long session as part of LP4 consolidating understanding of ecosystems and adaptations in geography and science. The society commented on the excellent questions asked by SJP students and both days were an immense success.



All students thoroughly enjoyed the presentations with excitement levels reaching fever pitch when it was time to go hands on and get up close and personal with over 40 animals including, bearded dragons, toads, scorpions, tarantulas, corn snakes, owls and a 4 stone female python.



Thanks to everyone who took part to make this a truly memorable experience for all and we look forward to next years visit.



Comments from KS4 Information Evening

'Literature and detail given by teacher is useful.'

'The evening was useful and changed my daughter's opinion of subjects.'

Literacy Corner

Anagrams:

Now can you solve the anagram?

William Shakespeare: I'll make a wise phrase
 Elvis: lives

Word of the week:

Pathos - pa·thos / [pey-thos, -thohs]

An element in experience or in artistic representation evoking pity or compassion.

e.g. Our knowledge of his tragic end adds an element of *pathos* to the story of his early success.

Dance Revolution



130 primary pupils were welcomed onto the SJP stage on Wednesday for the 5th Dance Revolution Festival. The festival took place following the fantastic work of the Year 10 Dance Leaders. Over the past 6 weeks our dance leaders have been out in primary schools running extra curricular dance clubs and the festival was a celebration of all of this hard work. At 1.30pm, the doors opened and we welcomed pupils, staff and relatives from St John's Juniors, St John's Infants, St Anne's, St Andrew's, St Joseph's, Stanton Road and Christ the King. Performers ranged from as young as Year 2 pupils to Year 6 pupils and the quality of performance reflected the outstanding levels of leadership from our Year 10.

Congratulations to our 45 Dance Leaders on successful completion of their Level 1 Award. A huge thank you to all who came to support the festival.

Next PTA meeting:
 7pm Tuesday 1st May 2012
 in the College Staff Room.
 All are welcome.

Diamond Jubilee Competition

As part of SJP's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the English Department and the Librarian recently organised a short story competition with the theme '**60 Words for 60 Years**' which was open to all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.

The judges received an abundance of imaginative and creative compositions which were a credit to all those who contributed. After a considerable amount of deliberation, the entry from **Rebekah Davies 7TL** with her story '**The Memorial Tree**' was judged the outright winner.

The Memorial Tree

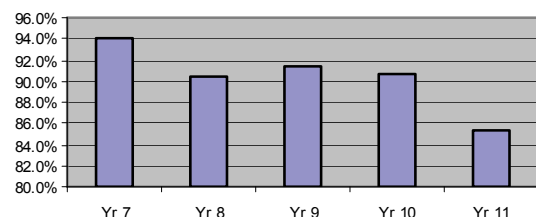
I am in a field because men have gone to war.
 Every day I have a different visitor.
 I am blossoming and I have a lot of flowers wrapped around my trunk and name tags hanging from my branches.
 Years pass and I'm still here, planted for soldiers.
 Locals don't want me even though I'm a special tree, full of memories.

Her story has also been submitted to the national short story competition organised by the Woodland Trust. We should hear after the Easter holidays if her entry has won!

All the entrants were lucky enough to take advantage of the good weather and plant some of the 60 trees delivered from the Woodland Trust to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In years to come these trees will provide shady areas for our school community and important habitats for wildlife.



Attendance - 26/03/12 - 30/03/12



Year 7 - 94.0% Year 8 - 90.5% Year 9 - 91.4%
Year 10 - 90.7% Year 11 - 85.3%

Summer GCE & GCSE Information

All students with GCE or GCSE exam entries for Summer 2012 should have received an Individual Pupil Timetable from their Head of Learning, Learning Coach or Form Tutor.

If you think you have been entered for exams, but have not received a timetable, please ask for the Exams Officer at the Reception Desk.

If you have received an Individual Pupil Timetable, and you think you think an exam entry is incorrect, please show the timetable to your subject tutor.

GCSE and GCE Exam Information Booklets for Parents and Pupils can be accessed via the College website as follows:

- www.stjohnplessington.com
- About Us
- Exam Timetables 2012
- Useful Information

Both booklets contain an exam timetable (GCE or GCSE) and important information about exam requirements and regulations: It is important that you and your child read this. Hard copies are available

from the Reception Desk on request.

Morning exams will begin at 9.00 am. Afternoon exams will begin at 1.30 pm.

Students must be ready to enter the exam room at 8.30 for am exams and 1.00 for pm exams. Please refer to the booklets for specific details.

Candidates must bring correct equipment to each exam (eg. calculators and geometry sets to Maths exams, calculators to Science exams). Please check with your subject tutor if you are not sure.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL STUDENTS BRING A BLACK BALLPOINT PEN TO EVERY EXAM.

Seating plans will be displayed in the foyer and from the DT classroom window overlooking the school yard. You should be able to spot them - they will be printed on bright green paper.

Exams run very efficiently and smoothly at SJP thanks to the excellent conduct of our students. **If you have any queries or questions about your forthcoming exams, please ask your subject tutor or the Exams Officer.**

Additional Sessions - 3.30pm start

	MFL	Geography	PE	RE	English	Maths
Monday				Homework Catch up club, All Years		
Tuesday	Y10 French Y13 Spanish					
Wednesday	Y9 set 1, Y10 & Y11 Spanish	Y10, until 14 th June				Year 12
Thursday	Y12 French				Controlled Assessment catch-up session, Y9, Y10 & Y11	Year 13
Friday			BTEC Course-work Session			

Language Corner

Cherche les numéros

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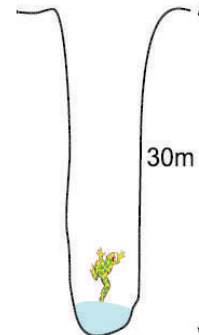
There are 39 numbers between 10 and 60 hidden in the word search above. Can you find them?

The first five people to find at least fifteen of these numbers and bring them to Miss Kingsland in LA2 will receive a house point!

Maths Corner

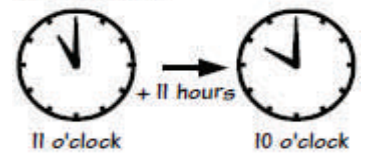
The Jumping Frog ☆ 6

A frog has fallen into a pit that is 30m deep.



Each day the frog climbs 3m, but falls back 2m at night. How many days does it take for him to escape?

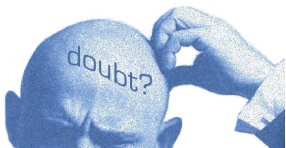
4. Times Table



Solution for last week

11 + 11 = 10. This could clearly be extended to other moduli. The more observant students may spot the clue in the title.

Weekly Theme - 'Coping With Doubt'



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "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 and yet have believed."

In the famous story of doubting Thomas, Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he could see with his own eyes and touch. "Seeing is believing", many people say. Jesus calls Thomas' bluff. Then Thomas decides he doesn't need to touch. Almost 2 billion Christians in the world today believe in the Risen Jesus, without seeing or touching. Jesus had them in mind when he said, "Happy are those who have not seen but believe." Faith conquers doubt.

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 every day. Amen