



**St John Plessington  
Catholic College**

a Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

# Newsletter

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“**Students** are given  
the confidence and motivation  
to **succeed** so that they  
**enjoy** their **education**”

(OFSTED)

## Invitation

**Aspire**  
not to  
**have more**  
but to **be**  
**more...**

Archbishop Romero

## OPEN EVENING

24th May 2012 (6.00pm - 9.00pm) Head Teacher's talks at 6.00pm, 6.45pm and 7.30pm

*'this is an outstanding school in which exceptional things happen'* OFSTED

## Open Evening

Please note, College will close at 2.20pm on Thursday 24th May 2012  
School buses will not be available

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## Year 11 Rugby Finalists



Last week the Year 11 rugby team played in the final of the Wirral rugby cup at Birkenhead Park RFC against Mosslands School. The team went into the final unbeaten in all games.

The SJP team had the worst start imaginable with Mosslands conceding three tries early in the first half. But the SJP team showed some outstanding character to get back in to the game with a try to Matthew Brown and two long range tries from Cy Longstaff. Unfortunately it was not enough as they conceded a late try due to a very fortunate bounce of the ball giving a Mosslands player a very simple touch down. Final score 27:19 to Mosslands.

It has been an excellent season for the team with some great play and determined defence. Most outstanding players were Cy Longstaff, Jordan Fleet and Matthew Brown, but all players contributed to the success of the team, well done.

## Mass



On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the SJP College Choir took part in a Civic Mass held at St Anne's Church to mark the end of Councillor Moira Mc Loughlin's year as Mayor of Wirral.

The SJP choir performed "You Raise Me Up" as a solo during Communion reflection, and sang hymns throughout the Mass.

Afterwards the Mayor, whose own children had all attended the College, personally thanked the students who had taken part, saying it had made her celebration a very special occasion.

## Olympics

This is the London 2012 Olympic Torch!



The torch was designed in East London and features 8,000 cut out circles which represent the 8,000 people who will carry the torch on its journey around Britain.

The torch stands 800mm high. You may have heard about the Olympic Torch Relay which starts on 19<sup>th</sup> May, this is where the torch gets carried around by people called torch bearers who have been chosen for this role due to their inspirational stories. The torch and relay were an important part of the Olympic Games of Ancient Greece, which is where the Games originate. During these games a flame burnt continually on the altar of the goddess Hera. In addition, heralds were summoned to travel throughout Greece to announce the games and declare a sacred truce for the duration. We still keep this tradition today through our Olympic Torch Relay!

The Olympic Flame will come within 10 miles of 95% of people in the UK and will arrive in Birkenhead Park on the evening **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity so make sure you don't miss out viewing the very special Olympic Torch!

Visit [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com) for more details on the route and events that will be happening in Merseyside.



### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 19th June 2012  
in the College Staff Room.  
All are welcome.

## Maths News

**MyMaths.co.uk**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**



6<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**The MyMaths Championships are now live!**

We are looking for the highest MyMaths users between the 6<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June.

There are prizes to be won! All you need to do, to be in with a chance to win, is log on to your own individual MyMaths account and complete as much of the online tasks and booster packs as you can before the deadline.

All your hard work will prepare you for the forthcoming exams so log on and be rewarded for your revision!

You got to be in it to win it!

LOGIN	PASSWORD
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The **COUNTDOWN** is on!

### My Maths Championships Leader board

Forename	Surname	Tasks Completed
Cara	Baxter	13
Kristina	Evans	6
Leanne	Fearon	4
Courtney	Lillie	4
Jessica	Hallas	4
Curtis	Jones	4
Taylor	Christian	4
Grace	Wingfield	4
George	Podmore	4
Lewis	Crighton	4

## Literacy Corner

Can you solve the anagram?

Conversation (answer next week!)

Answer from last week: Astronomer  
= moon starrer



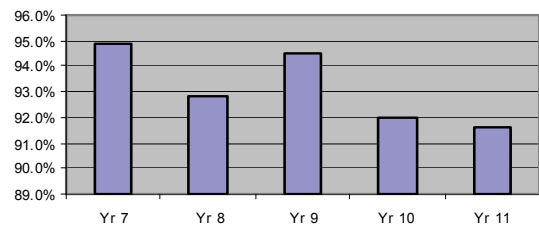
Word of the week:

Empathy – The ability to understand and share the feelings of another. This is often a skill that is developed when writing as another character.

Example:

“Dear diary,  
I hate it in the workhouse. I am so lonely here...”

## Attendance - 07/05/12 - 11/05/12



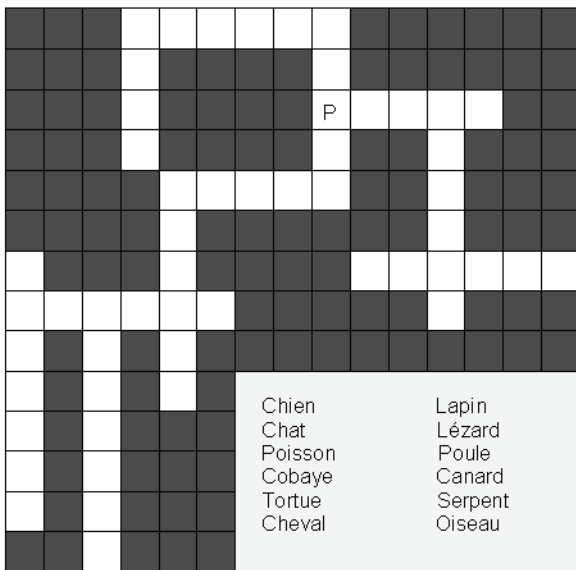
Year 7 - 94.9%    Year 8 - 92.8%    Year 9 - 94.5%  
Year 10 - 92.0%    Year 11 - 91.6%

## Additional Sessions - 3.30pm start

	MFL	Geography	PE	RE	English	Maths
<b>Monday</b>				Homework Catch up club, All Years		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y10 French Y13 Spanish					Year 10 Year 11
<b>Wednes- day</b>	Y9 set 1, Y10 & Y11 Spanish	Y10, until 14 <sup>th</sup> June				Year 9 set 2 Year 10 Year 11 Year 12
<b>Thursday</b>	Y12 French				Controlled As- sessment catch -up session, Y9, Y10 & Y11	Year 9 set 1 Year 10 Year 11 Year 13
<b>Friday</b>			BTEC Course- work Session			

**Language Corner**

**Les animaux**



Can you solve the puzzle and put the animals into the correct boxes on the crossword above?

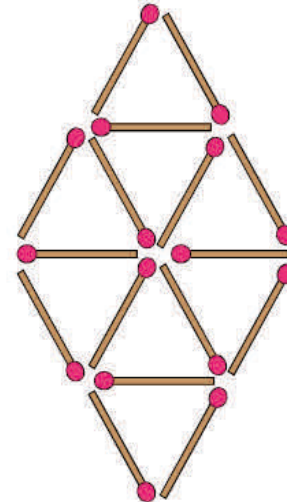
What are the names of these animals in English?

The first five correct responses to Miss Kingsland in LA2 will receive a house point!

**Maths Corner**

**Missing Matches** ☆ 5

Remove just 4 matches to leave 4 equilateral triangles – they must be all the same size.



**Solution for last week**

There is no earth in a hole!

**Weekly Theme - 'Neighbors Everybody Needs Good Neighbors'**



**John 15:9-17**  
*"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my*

*Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will*

*last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.*

The theme song of Neighbours can be our song for the week; the words "Everybody should be good neighbours" is straight from the gospel of Jesus. Only two principals are necessary for a life that is full, Jesus said: "love God and love one another as I have loved you." It's really that simple and yet in practice it can sometimes be such a difficult thing to do. But if we pray hard and try hard amazing things can happen.

**Ever-living God,  
 fill us with your spirit of truth, love and peace.  
 Help us to live by the truth and enjoy the peace  
 that only you can give.  
 Amen**

