



### BBC News Report

More than 1,000 schools across the UK made the news on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 as 'School Report News Day' went live. Classrooms were turned into newsrooms for the day as teams all over the country prepared to create a BBC School News Report.

Ten Year 7 students from St John Plessington started the day in the media suite trawling through the news in newspapers, online and on the BBC to see what they could report on.

A selection of stories were chosen as well as a focus on all the news right here at SJP as they set about recording 'studio' links, outside broadcasts and live interviews.

All students involved worked incredibly hard as they experienced the pressure of reporting news and meeting the required deadline.

Help was at hand from our friendly Sixth formers to ensure the 2012 BBC School News Report team completed their report which you can see for yourselves on the website.



### Change to 605 bus timetable

Merseytravel has informed us that with effect from Monday 16 April 2012 the 605 bus service will be a limited stop service with the first alighting stop to be Spital Train Station.

Any children travelling between the College and Spital Train Station have the 410 or 419 bus service, and the rail network available to them, as well as the healthier option of cycling or walking to College.

The College is looking into the option of providing level 3 cycle training for those children who have completed level 1 and 2 at primary school or indeed any children looking for reassurance when cycling on the road.

## Sports News



### Year 7 & 8 Tournament

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 netball teams that participated in the Wirral Schools Netball Tournament on Saturday. Both teams played exceptionally well throughout their sections winning some tough games.

The Year 7's finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their section narrowly missing out on getting through to the semi-final.  
**SQUAD:** Jade Fairclough, Daisy Senior, Emily Evans, Isabelle Storer, Maria Nielsen-Scott, Demi Mason, Amy Coile, Jasmine Bryson, Nicole Bell

The Year 8's finished joint 1<sup>st</sup> in their group with West Kirby Grammar School making it into the semi-final. Despite a strong performance against Wirral Grammar we lost by one finishing on a 3-2 result.

**SQUAD:** Courtney Steens, Natalie Maxwell, Olivia Eastland, Kiah Longstaff, Charlotte Head, Ellen O'Connell, Katie Murray, Hanan Ajay

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

## Year 10 Maths Competition



On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, four dedicated Year 10 pupils took a trip to King David's High School in Childwall where they participated in the Year 10 Team Mathematics Competition 2012.

Divine Abraham 10TL, Sarah Dooley 10MT, Chloe Hughes 10JB and Clerin Joseph 10TL excelled in completing a series of competitive rounds, where each team worked on a problem or set of problems against other teams in the Cheshire and Merseyside area.

It was wonderful listening to the conversations made on the way home as the team discussed their achievements from the event. "We had a fun day. It was a first class experience" and "It was mind blowing and the time flew by!" were just some of the comments made by the pupils involved.

SJP Maths Department present Maths Homework Club.  
A further programme of support to help pupils achieve.

## Sum Help?!



**Do you need extra help with your Maths Homework or just a little bit of extra Maths support?  
If so, come along :**

**Every Wednesday**

**3:20 – 4:20pm  
Maths 12**





**St John Plessington  
Catholic College**

Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 7LF

**SJP PTA  
are holding their Annual**

**BEDDING PLANT SALE**  
on  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012**  
**9.00am – 11.30am**  
**In the College Garden**

If you wish to pre-order, please telephone 0151 645 5049 or call into the College Reception for an Order Form to be returned to us by Friday 30 March 2012

**Wide choice of high quality plants available**  
**Order early to avoid disappointment**

- 28th March - 1st April Spanish Trip
- 30th March - Easter Services
- 2nd April - 13th April Half term
- Pupils return 16th April 8.40am

A huge congratulations to the students who competed for SJP in the Wirral Inter School Cross Country league this season. All students competed really well during each of the races. A special congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 boys teams who finished first and second respectively in their leagues.

A further well done to Daniel Matindale, Alex Welch and Oliver Davies who finished first, second and third in the year 7 boys league and to Joseph Martindale and Oscar Senior who finished first and third respectively in the year 8 boys league.

## RE Competition

Choose one of the following incidents and write a description of the incident in your own words, as if you were present. You can be a character involved or invent one. You can illustrate your essay, but it must be on A4. You can be present at

Christ healing the centurion's servant (Luke 7: 1-10)

Christ raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44)

Christ calms the storm at sea (Matthew 8:23-27)

Christ heals a sick woman and raises Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:40-56)

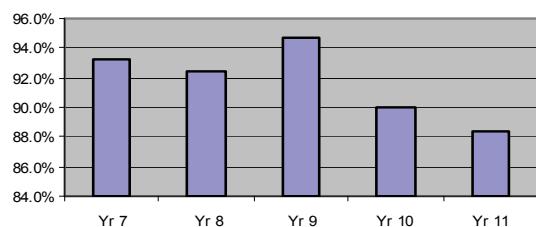
The women find the empty tomb (Matthew 28:1-10)

Not only can you win a prize gift voucher, but the best entries will be sent into a national competition, with prizes for the school and the pupil. See any of your RE teachers for details.

### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 27th March 2012  
in the College Staff Room.  
All are welcome.

## Attendance - 12/03/12 - 16/03/12



Year 7 - 93.2% Year 8 - 92.4% Year 9 - 94.6%  
Year 10 - 90.0% Year 11 - 88.3%

## Inspirational Women

The RE department recently held a competition for all students in the school to write about a woman in their own lives that inspired them. Our students, so often, are encouraged to look up to celebrities, or aspire to be like successful women who run multi-national companies. But we wanted our students to consider the inspiring women that they have in their own lives.

The response that we had was wonderful; it seems that our students have a lot of wonderful role models right under their noses.

This was something recognised by the winner Dallis Toy in 7SB, who won a bouquet of flowers to give to her inspiring woman, who just happened to be her Mum. Dallis wrote 'Now reading through this it makes me think really, just how lucky I am to have such a wonderful person in my life.' Dallis' essay told us 'I would really love to win this bouquet of flowers for my mum; it would mean the world to me because I have actually earnt it myself.'

It was a hard decision to make, and we ended up with three runners up too! So we got three smaller posies and Megan Ruiter in Year 8, who was a winner of one of these said 'Some people are inspired by celebrities and pop stars and I do like both pop stars and celebs but to me my mum is more perfect than them.' Sam O Grady in Year 9 said 'My mum is a good role model and if I can be as perfect and brilliant as her, I will be happy'. Our final runner up Morgan Lowe in Year 7 thought very carefully about who he would pick, but he too picked his Mum. Morgan said 'Mum works really hard to make sure I have lots of nice things, especially on my birthday and at Christmas.' It was lovely to read how inspiring some of the Mums and Nans of our students are, look out on SJP live for some of the other entries. Well done to all those who participated, and congratulations, again, to our winner Dallis.



## Language Corner

### Les Calculettes Jeu de logique



Il y a quatre copains qui s'appellent Jean, Aline, Pierre et Sabine.

Ils ont onze, douze, treize et quatorze ans.

Quelqu'un a une calculette bleue.

La fille qui a douze ans a une calculette verte.

Jean a une calculette rouge et il est plus âgé que Pierre.

Aline a onze ans et sa calculette n'est pas jaune.

Nom	Âge	Calculette

Can you work out which colour calculator belongs to each of the four friends and what their ages are? Write your answers in the table above and bring your answers to Miss Kingsland in LA2.

The first five correct responses will receive a house point!

## Maths Corner

### Back To Front

★ 25

### Write down a 2 digit number

62

### Reverse the digits

26

### Work out the difference

$62 - 26 = \underline{36}$

Try more 2 digit numbers.  
Can you see a pattern?

### What happens with 3 digit numbers?

### Solution from last week

- 1: All of them. Every month has at least 28 days. 2: If a doctor gives you 3 pills and tells you to take one pill every half hour, how long would it be before all the pills are taken? 3: 1 hour. It is a wind up alarm clock which cannot discriminate between a.m. and p.m. 4: 70. Dividing by half is the same as multiplying by 2. 5: 9 Sheep

## Weekly Theme - 'Water and dignity'



The impact on a family's health from drinking dirty water is immense. Contaminated water can cause many diseases –like cholera and dysentery. At any time, half of the developing world's

hospital beds are occupied by someone suffering from diseases associated with poor water and sanitation. Mothers around the world are forced to make terrible decisions. Do they give their children the water they so desperately need, or do you ignore their cries of thirst because the water is too dirty?

Unsafe or inadequate drinking water, sanitation and hygiene results in over 1.7 million deaths annually-more than from all forms of violence, including war. This week, our students will be answering some questions about water, and its importance.

I'm found in many places, I cannot claim I'm rare, I rise from hidden caverns

I fall down through the air. You take me in a bottle I

take you in a boat There's nothing you can teach me,  
I teach you how to float  
My colour? I don't have one My shape? You just can't  
tell I have no stripes or patterns I have no taste or  
smell.

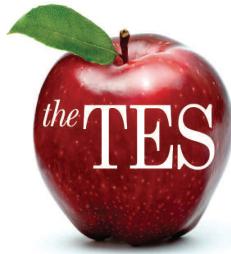
Sometimes you pray to find me Sometimes I spoil your  
days Sometimes you have to fight me Sometimes you  
give me praise.

Without me you would wither Without you would die  
Without me plants would shrivel So tell me who am I?

We need to consider the importance of water in our  
lives, and treat it with the dignity and respect it de-  
serves.

Lord,

**Help us to respect our gift of water, and the life it brings. We ask you to grant forgiveness on our failures to respect the many gifts that you provide.**



*Secondary School  
of the Year 2010-2011*

# Attendance

Regular attendance is an important part of school life.

Good attendance shows potential employers that you are reliable.

Do we ever really consider the impact of having a day off school? The chart below shows the number of days and lessons 'lost learning' for students with different percentage attendances. The chart is based on a school with a 190 day year and shows a five period day.

## You can help by:

making sure that your attendance and punctuality are as good as possible

not missing school for minor things, think about whether you would expect to miss a day at work for the illness

try to make sure appointments for dentist etc are made outside school hours when possible

not taking holidays during term time

Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Number of days lost learning	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost learning (for a five period day)	47.5	95	142.5	190

Is 95% attendance good? This means that you have still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term.