



## Conway



Firstly, we would like to thank all parents, carers, staff and pupils for their support in making our Conway trip hugely successful. We took 221 pupils to the Conway Centre, North Wales for a 3 day/2 night residential on the 25th to 27th January. Pupils partook in a range of activities including; canoeing, rafting, climbing and bushcraft. Pupils said they particularly enjoyed the 'nightline' activity, which required being blindfolded and lead through an obstacle course in the woods. On the first evening we enjoyed a 'popcorn and movie' night. The second evening was the time to dress 'to the nines' for the disco! The theme we chose was Chinese New Year; Mrs Stearne taught pupils how to make paper dragons and Miss Marnell explored Chinese Myths through a range of activities. The staff at the Conway Centre commented on how polite, friendly and well mannered our pupils were throughout the whole trip. Well done year 7! This will truly be a trip you will never forget - we expect that you will join us on many more residential trips to come as a result!



**Pupils to return to College on Tuesday 21 February after the Half Term Break**

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## Sports News

### SJP Olympic Committee 2012

The SJP 2012 Olympic Committee has now been formed; after rounds of interviews 16 pupils from Year 7-12 have been selected. Their role will be to promote the very exciting Olympic Games that are being held in London this year. The committee are in the process of holding meetings to organise events that will take place throughout the year, currently running is the Year 7 Olympic playground challenges and the 'Value of the Week' competition. Keep a look out for more exciting things that will be happening in the next few months!



### SJP Sports Council 2012

The SJP Sports Council is a selected group of pupils and students that have been formed to drive forward PE and School Sport during this year. The council members have been selected from a variety of year groups and are role models for other pupils and students at SJP. The council will meet regularly and discuss ideas and initiatives that will continue to drive forward the already outstanding provision for PE and Sports that SJP pupils and students have access too. Well done to all those members who gained a position on the sports council, we look forward to working with you this year.



## Can You Help?

### Do you have any unwanted gardening equipment?

Our Poly Tunnel has arrived and will be constructed on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012. In order to start growing vegetables and flowers for this season we are looking for donations of gardening equipment.

#### We need:

Spades	Forks	Trowels
Wheelbarrows	Rakes	Secateurs
Brushes/brooms		

Donations can be brought to the school office.

If you would like to help with the construction of the poly tunnel, a shed, raised beds or help prepare the ground for the planting of 61 Diamond Jubilee Trees then please email [ecoteam@stjohnplessington.com](mailto:ecoteam@stjohnplessington.com)

Thank you



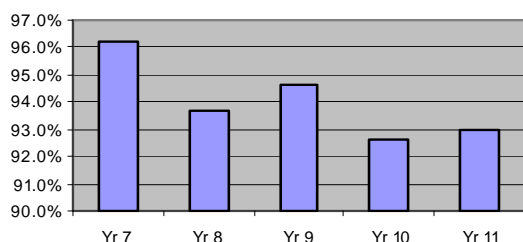
## Art News



A group of GCSE & A level Art students recently had the unique experience of having an exclusive and private tour of a major art exhibition conducted by the artist himself.

Birkenhead born and internationally renowned painter and filmmaker Graham Dean, whose special effects were used in the iconic 'sledgehammer' music video for Peter Gabriel personally introduced students to his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday 'Retrospective' at the Williamson Art Gallery before the exhibition opened to the general public. Graham arrived at the gallery to supervise the hanging of the exhibition and gave his time generously to discuss his work, ideas, and practices with our students, pictured above.

## Attendance - from Sept to 3rd Feb



**Year 7 - 96.2%   Year 8 - 93.7%   Year 9 - 94.7%**  
**Year 10 - 92.6%   Year 11 - 93.0%**

## SJP Unplugged


An evening of acoustic music


**UNPLUGGED**

Tuesday 28th February  
6:30pm  
in the College Hall

£3 adults   £2 concessions

Refreshments provided by SJP PTA





Tickets can be purchased from College Reception

### Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 6th March 2012  
in the College Staff Room.  
All are welcome.

## Literacy Corner

### Word of the week

**Gumption (noun)**



### Definition

Somebody who has **gumption** shows initiative and common sense.

### Example:

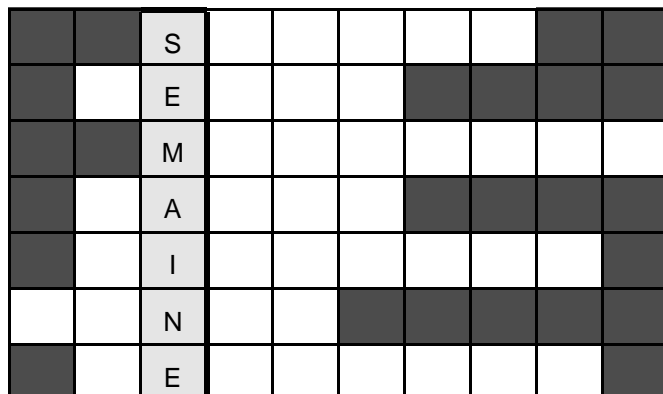
*The boss would hire almost any young man who had the **gumption** to ask for a job*

### Task:

Try and use the word **gumption** this week or show **gumption** in something that you do.

## Language Corner

## Les jours de la semaine *The days of the week*



Can you name the seven days of the week in French?

See if you can write them into the correct lines of the puzzle above around the word 'Semaine'.

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

## Maths Corner

## The puzzled farmer

Once upon a time, a farmer set out to market with a turkey, a fox and a basket of wheat. When he came to the river, he found there only an empty rowing boat, so small that he could only carry one of his articles with him at a time.

If the fox was left with the turkey, he would surely devour her, and if the turkey was left with the wheat, she would eat it up.

How did the farmer get them all across safely?

What is the minimum number of crossings necessary?



### Solution for last week

1.  $25 \times 36 = 900$
2.  $5 + 312 = 317$
3.  $8 \div 8 + 2 = 3$
4.  $\sqrt{1681} = 41$
5.  $25 + 36 = 61$
6.  $3 + 2 - 5 = 0$
7.  $824 \div 8 = 103$
8.  $\sqrt{36} + 1 = 7$

## Weekly Theme - 'Helping Others'



After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak. Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. Later Simon and the others went out to find him. When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." So he travelled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

### Mark 1: 29-39

*The symbol of the genuine Christian is the apron. Jesus took the model of the suffering servant, foretold by Isaiah, and put himself at the total service of others. At the Last Supper he got up from the table, put an apron around him, and washed his friends' feet. This was normally the job of the lowest servant in the household. "Now do what I have done," he said.*

*The sign of a true follower of Jesus is that he or she is prepared to wait upon others and serve them.*

**In faith and love, we ask you, Father, to watch over our families.**

**May we learn to help and serve one another humbly,  
as your Son has shown us.**

**Through the prayer of the humble Jesus may we die to arrogance and pride and grow in humility and peace**

**Amen.**