



**St John Plessington  
Catholic College**

a Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

# Newsletter

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## Breaking News

# SSAT

inquire  
inspire  
innovate  
impact

**SJP** one of the best in the country at student **progress** at GCSE 2011

**The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust** has identified **SJP** as one of the **top 10%** schools in the country for **progress** using the new Government value added measure.

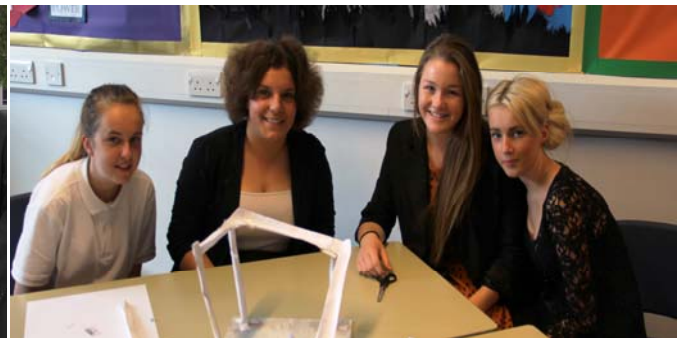
## Year 10 Enterprise Day

The College set the tone of the day as students attended our enterprise day dressed for work/business. Pupils looked exceptionally smart and felt 'the part' for their Business Day.

We started the day off with an introduction then they were split into tutor groups; the feedback from pupils was excellent.

Once again this year we found the participation and engagement was fantastic. The majority of pupils were willing to come out of their comfort zone and try new activities. The College is extremely proud of how well this Year group performed during the day.

Pupils moved around 4 different seminars with the emphasis on teamwork, communication, problem solving, decision making and presenting. Pupils gave 100% and I am sure the pupils started their work experience placement better informed to work with people in a business environment.



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**Olympics**



**Wirral Olympic Event 2012**

Last Wednesday saw The Oval host the Wirral Olympic Event for primary and secondary schools across the borough. The event included different Olympic competitions and events that pupils could join in with getting involved with the Olympic Games. It was organised by the Wirral's School Games Organisers and SJP were asked to help out as ambassadors.

In her role as Platinum Young Ambassador for London 2012, Charlotte Obermuller Year 12, had helped plan some of the different activities and took on a leadership role throughout the day. Our very own Olympic Committee and some of our Year 9 pupils also took part as Sports Leaders, helping primary school pupils get involved and ran some of the different events. The leaders even managed to get their photo taken with the Olympic Torch!

Seven of our Year 8s were also there playing in the Under 13s Five-a-side football competition and came back proud owners of silver medals after winning six out of their eight games.

The day was a great success and all pupils represented the college in an excellent manner. A big well done to them all!



**Library News**

**Book Fair**

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012

**ALL BOOKS ARE  
HALF PRICE**

VENUE: The Library

TIMES: Break, Lunchtime,  
3.20 – 4.00pm



You are invited to our Half Price Book Fair!

There are over 200 titles for you to browse through, and with fantasy, thrillers, non-fiction, adventure and lots more starting from just £1.49, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy.

**Olympics**



### Geography Tribal Hut Competition

Everyone enjoyed working together as a team and Year 8 have been studying the world's rainforests in Geography and specifically the Amazon Rainforest.

Pupils used materials from their local environment to create tribal huts.

The winner was: Jake Burson 8JB

The runners up were: Lucy Lee 8BH, Joe Saunders and Kieran Cartwright 7MK, Jordan Hewer and Peter Doogan 8MT



#### Eco Team News

We are collecting old pens that you don't need or use. So if you see a pen collection box around the school, please put your used pens in there. We are donating the pens to a charity and they use the plastic to make new and useful equipment. Please help our campaign.  
Rebecca Farrell FMT



### Literacy Corner



Can you solve the anagram?

Waitress (answer next week!)

Word of the week: Effusive

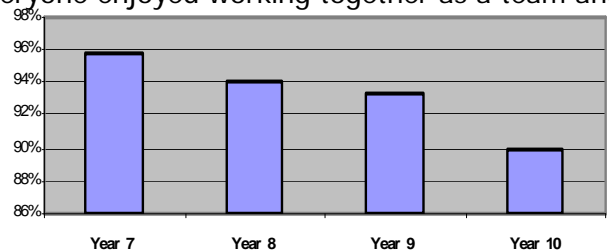
Adjective: making a great show of affection or enthusiasm.

E.g. Mum responded to John's school photo in an effusive manner.

Answer from last week: schoolmaster = The classroom

### Attendance - 25/06/12 - 01/07/12

Everyone enjoyed working together as a team and



Year 7 - 95.8%    Year 8 - 94.1%    Year 9 - 93.3%  
Year 10 - 89.9%

### Additional Sessions - 3.30pm start

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 9			Set 1 Spanish Set 2 Maths	English - Controlled assessment Catch-up Maths Set 1	
Year 10		French Maths	Spanish Geography until 14th June Maths	English - Controlled assessment Catch-up Maths	
Year 12			Maths	French	
Additional		RE Home-work catch up - All Years			PE BTEC Coursework session

## Language Corner

### Les pays francophones

Did you know that France isn't the only country in the world where the people speak French? In fact, French is an official language in over thirty different countries!

See if you can find the names of fifteen of these countries in the word search below. Can you add any more to the list?

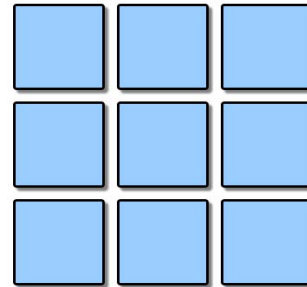
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The first five correct answers to Miss Kingsland in LA2 will receive a house point.

## Maths Corner

### Unmagic Square

Arrange the numbers into the squares so that the total of each row column and diagonal is should all be different



#### Solution from Last week

- |                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 down - circumference | 2 across - Prime   |
| 2 down - Pentagon      | 3 across - Foot    |
| 5 down - Indices       | 4 across - Algebra |
| 8 down - Total         | 6 across - Nine    |
| 10 down - Mean         | 7 across - Eight   |
|                        | 9 across - Acute   |
|                        | 11 across - Square |

## Weekly Theme - 'Keeping the Balance'

At the circus the high wire acrobat is only successful if he has a good sense of balance. It's really the same for us. In so many areas of our lives we have to keep the right balance; we must work hard, but we need to have leisure time too. We must take care of ourselves, but we must also care for others; we want to be free, but we must work for freedom for others and respect that freedom too.

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Remember this: The one who plants few seeds will have a small harvest, but the one who plants a lot will have a big harvest. Each one of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give. You should not give if it makes you unhappy or if you feel forced to give. God loves those who are happy to give. God can give you more blessings than you need, and you will always have plenty of everything. You will have enough to give to every good work. As the Scriptures say,

'He gives generously to the poor; his goodness will continue forever.'

**Father in heaven, you call us to reject the darkness, and walk in the light of Christ. May we maintain a balance in our lives between our own needs and the needs of others.**

**Amen**

