



ECO News

Our new Green Flag has arrived and is flying outside SJP for all to see.



This term we have made a great start to our projects.

The seeds and bulbs that were planted back in Spring have been harvested. Potatoes, green beans, onions, courgettes and squash have all been picked. The kitchen staff have challenged pupils to come up with a menu using these ingredients, which they will cook together.



We also have three pumpkins ready to be harvested and then sculpted in time for Halloween.

This year we also plan to run:

- Walk and Bike to School Week
- More gardening schemes
- Fundraising through recycling and energy saving projects

Don't forget to check out *SJP Live* for updates throughout the term.

Some comments from Open Evening 2011:

"As a result of this visit I want my child in this school"
"Best school on the Wirral "

Rotary Club

Neil Gates & Nathan Morris (Year 13) have been awarded the 'Rotary Youth Leadership Award'. Through SJP's involvement with Bebington Rotary Club, Neil and Nathan took part in the Rotary Club Youth Leadership Award programme in Wales during August 2011. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their leadership skills whilst meeting students of a similar age from across the country.

The boys spent a week in the beautiful Welsh countryside taking part in a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors, including climbing the second highest peak in Wales.

As part of their commitment to the programme, they gave a presentation to members of Bebington Rotary Club at the Village Hotel on Monday 3rd October. It was evident from this how their confidence had grown from their involvement in the scheme. The stories and memories they shared clearly showed how much they had developed during the experience. Many members of the club commented on how mature and articulate our students were.

Neil and Nathan were awarded certificates to commend them for their involvement and they also received the 'Rotary Youth Leadership Award.'

Both Neil and Nathan will be continuing their involvement with the rotary club by fundraising for projects such as the 'Shelter Box' appeal.



Coming Up

- Thursday 13th October : Music Festival
- Wednesday 19th October: Vauxhall Manufacturing Event
- Thursday 20th October : Awards Evening
- Thursday 20th October : Engineering Your Future
- 24th — 28th October : Half Term Break
- Tuesday 1st November : LP1 Reports to Parents

Music Festival



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SJP MUSIC FESTIVAL 2011

COLLEGE HALL THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER
6.30 PM TICKETS £1.00

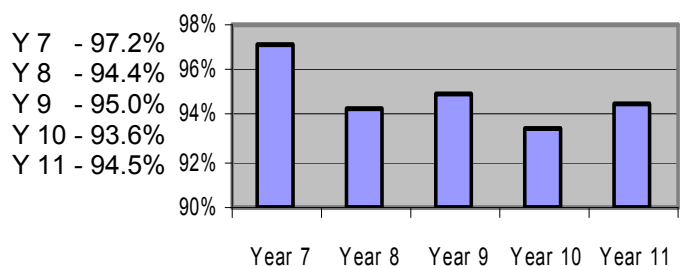
SJP Music Festival

Our annual Music Festival is on Thursday 13th October at 6.30 pm in the College Hall and features over 200 of SJP's talented pupils taking part. The evening will feature performances from the Brass Band, Swing Band, College Choir, Rock Bands, Year 7 Choir, Year 7 Dance Club and many others

Tickets are on sale now for £1 in reception (please note all children must be accompanied by an adult).

Attendance

Attendance figures up to **7.10.2011**



Sports News

Congratulations to SJP's winning Netball Teams!



Year 7 Netball:
St John Plessington v Bebington
9 – 2



Year 8 Netball
St John Plessington v Bebington
12 – 1



Year 9 Netball
St John Plessington v Wirral
13 – 5

Other Results

Sixth Form Football

Birkenhead Sixth Form College v
St John Plessington 2—1

Operation Christmas Child



"Let's beat last year's total!"

Last year we made a difference to the lives of 250 children who each received a shoebox for Christmas packed by the pupils and staff of our College community.

If you would like to pack one, two (or even more) boxes then you will find a power point on the College web site under "Spirituality – Weekly Theme," which will tell you how to pack the box and what you can and can't include.

Let's work really hard to pack even more boxes this year. Please remember that the boxes have to be packed by 7th November.

Please bring a little happiness into the life of a child this Christmas by giving a gift from us to them.

University Open Days

University	Date/Time	Departments
Lancaster University	12 th October 1pm-3pm	Departments open prior to appointment
University of St Andrews	19 th October 9.30am-4pm	All
Liverpool Hope	29th October 10am -4pm	All
Edge Hill	2nd November 2pm—3.30pm	Option to pre book a tour and speak to subject tutors
Warwick	16th November 10am - 4pm	TBC
Salford University	26th November 10am - 4pm	No booking necessary
Glyndwr University	3rd December 10am — 3pm	No booking necessary
Reasehealth College	5th November 10am — 2pm	All

Next **PTA** meeting:

7pm Tuesday 22nd November 2011
in the College Staff Room.

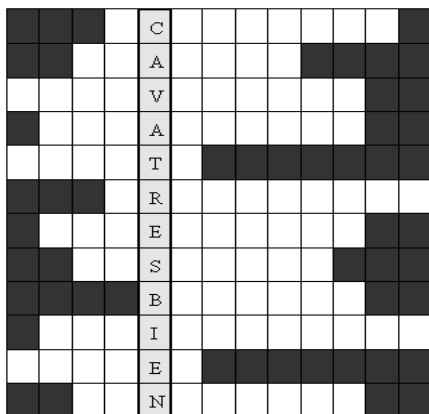
All are welcome.

Language Corner

Parlez-vous Français?

Many words in French are spelt the same or nearly the same as in English but are pronounced differently. These words are known as **Cognates** or **Near Cognates**. Can you fit them into the crossword?

Acrobates
Ballons
Biscuits
Crayons
Crocodiles
Hélicoptères
Parachutes
Robots
Sandwichs
Tables
Téléphones
Télévisions

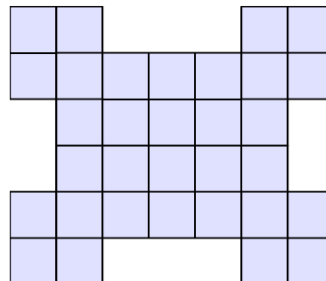


You should be able to work out the meanings of these words very easily without a dictionary. The first five correct answers to Miss Kingsland in LA2 will receive a house point.

Puzzle Corner

How Many Squares? ☆☆ 19

How many **squares** can you see in this pattern?



How many **rectangles** are there?

Solution from last week

Find The Path

Here is one solution

$$5 - 7 - 6 - 6 - 9 - 4 - 5 - 7 - 4 = 53$$

A tougher challenge is to find the route to make 60.

4	9	7	7	4
8	9	4	5	7
6	6	4	9	9
7	8	8	8	6
5	5	6	5	5

Weekly Theme - 'Acceptance'



The opposite of acceptance is rejection and there is nothing worse than being rejected by family and friends. Jesus came to help his people, the Jews, and they rejected him. Then they had him executed. Jesus wants no one to suffer the rejection he experienced. Sadly, in our world today, people are still being rejected because of the colour of their skin, or their beliefs or their gender. In our Catholic community, we must accept all people for who they are and give them the same opportunities that we expect ourselves. The parable below about the Wedding Banquet speaks of God's generosity in inviting everyone and man's refusal to accept the invitation.

The Gospel according to St Matthew (22:1-14)

Jesus answered the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son." He sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants saying, "Tell those who are invited, behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast." But they made light of it and went off; one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully and killed

them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find." Those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" The man was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness. For many are called, but few are chosen."



Father, the hand of your loving kindness powerfully but gently guides all the movements of our day. Give us the gift of your same loving kindness that we may treat everyone with love and respect today and every day. Amen