

Newsletter

Issue 7

Learning Programme 1/7 w/c 17th October 2011



Visit from the Mayor

On Thursday 13th October 2011 the Mayor of Wirral Councillor Moira McLaughlin visited our College community.

The Mayor was welcomed by our Head Teacher Mr Quinn and Mrs Marks our Chair of Governors. She toured the College and met with many of our students during their morning break in the college restaurant. The Mayor commented upon how impressed she was at they way our students conducted themselves and the calmness and sense of purpose that exists at SJP.

The Mayor's own four children were educated here so she enjoyed the opportunity of chatting to the members of staff who had previously taught them.

Following her tour, the Mayor met with members of the College Council and several Sixth Form History and Politics students. Everyone was keen to ask questions of the Mayor about her role in her 'year of office.'

In November our Sixth Form History and Politics Students will meet the Mayor once again as she has kindly invited them to meet her in the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall in Wallasey.

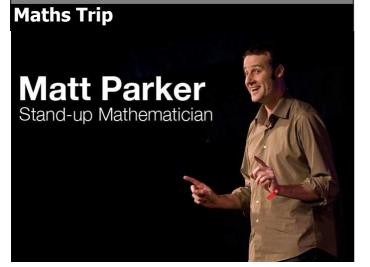


Some comments from Open Evening 2011:

"I am so impressed. You are running a beautiful school." "Fantastic school with excellent facilities."

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On 6th October, Year 11 went to see Matt Parker at Liverpool University. Matt works both as a standup comedian and as a maths communicator. In his talk he went through some of his current favourite bits of entertaining mathematics while also talking about how the techniques of stand-up can be used to communicate maths effectively. Matt also discussed why it is important to engage the public with mathematics. We were led to believe that he wouldn't speak about his favourite number, but in the end he did enlighten us as to the 'friendly' numbers of 220 and 284.

Matt also showed us the hidden treasures of Barcode Maths and very impressively was able to calculate the cube root of any two digit number. An enjoyable evening had by all!



Next **PTA** meeting:

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

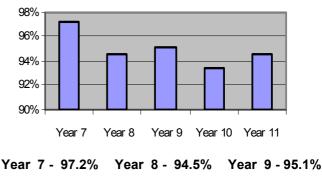
University Open Days		
University	Date/Time	Departments
Liverpool Hope	29th October 10am -4pm	All
Edge Hill	2nd Novem- ber 2pm— 3.30pm	Option to pre book a tour and speak to subject tutors
Warwick	16th Novem- ber 10am - 4pm	ТВС
Salford University	26th Novem- ber 10am - 4pm	No booking neces- sary
Glyndwr University	3rd December 10am — 3pm	No booking neces- sary
Reasehealth College	5th November 10am — 2pm	All

Coming Up

- Wednesday 19th October: Vauxhall Manufacturing Event
- Thursday 20th October : Engineering Your Future
- Thursday 20th October : Awards Evening
- 24th 28th October : Half Term Break
- Monday 28th October: Pupils Return
- Tuesday 1st November : LP1 Reports to Parents
- Saturday 26th November: Airbus Open Day

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 14.10.2011



Year 10 - 93.5% Year 11 - 94.5%

Healthy Lifestyles Days

These events were recently held for pupils in Year 7. The aim of the days was to help pupils take increasing responsibility for their physical and emotional wellbeing and also to look at how they can help to keep themselves safe outside of school.

There were a number of different sessions throughout the days. These included some work on Road Safety, addressing issues to do with travelling safely on public transport and being responsible pedestrians. Other areas of study throughout the packed schedule included sessions with the School Nurse and the Wirral Healthy Schools Team.

Part of the programme involved looking at a free, sixweek family fitness course. This session also looked at the effects certain types of food can have on the health and well-being of young people. Our Food Technology staff led discussions with the pupils about the effects of having too much sugar and fat in their diets, linking this in to examining the dangers of over-reliance on fast foods and the importance of maintaining a healthy weight.

One of the final slots of the programme was dedicated to looking at the internet and, in particular, the use by young people of social networking sites. Valuable information was shared about how pupils should be cautious about information they post on the internet, including the dangers of chatting to people online who they don't know personally.



If you would like further information about this area in particular, please go to:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk or click on the CEOP button on the front page of the SJP website.

Operation Christmas Child



There is not long left

With the Half Term Holiday fast approaching, the deadline for the packing of our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, 7th November is getting closer.

How many boxes has your form packed yet?

Remember every box that we pack will bring happiness to a child this Christmas.

Thank you for your support.



Review Day Postponed

We have had to postpone our Review Day for Year 7 and Year 10, which was due to take place on Friday 11 November 2011. This is because there was a clash with GCSE exams for our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils so the Review Day for Year 7 and Year 10 has now been put back to Friday 25th November 2011.

We apologise for any inconvenience this unavoidable change may cause.

This means school is now OPEN for ALL pupils on Friday 11 November 2011

School will be CLOSED to pupils on Friday 25th November 2011 for the Review Day

Half Term Holiday Dates:

24 - 28th October 2011

November Exam Dates:

8th - 15th November 2011

If you write the word COD in a grid like this there are two

ways of spelling the word.

How many ways can you

make HAKE?

What about COLEY or

SALMON?

Can you predict how many ways there are to make

BARRACUDA? Solution from last week

19. How Many Squares? 28 @ 1×1, 16 @ 2×2, 6 @ 3×3, 2 @ 4×4.

Total: 52

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Puzzle Corner

A Fishy Tale

Language Corner

Spanish Quiz

Add up all the Spanish numbers you can find in the text to complete the puzzle.

First five correct answers to Mr Joglekar in MFL 5 will receive a housepoint.

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Weekly Theme - 'Citizenship'



Street lighting and the drainage system, along with the Fire Brigade, Police, schools and colleges, are some of the benefits of what we call society; and

we all live in society. That means that all Christians are citizens. We have a responsibility that our Christian values are heard in our society whether at local, national or international level.

This summer I am sure that we were all horrified with the scenes of violence and destruction which took place on the streets of some of our cities and towns in what seemed to be a breakdown in the values and morals of a civilised society. Let's not forget, however, the response of the thousands of ordinary people who came together to together to clean up and reclaim their neighbourhoods.

Christians should always be the most caring and responsible of citizens because Jesus asks us to care for everyone in society.

Matthew 22:15-21

Then the proud religious law-keepers got together to think how they could trap Jesus in His talk. They sent their followers to Jesus with some of King Herod's men. They asked, "Teacher, we know that You are true. We know that You are teaching the truth about God. We know You are not afraid of what men think or say about You. Tell us what You think of this. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" Jesus knew their sinful thoughts and said, "You pretend to be someone



you are not! Why do you try to trap Me? Show Me a piece of money." They brought Him a piece. Jesus said to them, "Whose picture is this? Whose name is on it?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Pay to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar. Pay to God the things that belong to God."

Prayer

Lord, our help and guide in life, Make your love the foundation of our lives. May we care about society and our environment. Help us to always behave and act as responsible citizens.

Amen

