



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Evening

On Thursday evening, Emmerdale star James Sutton presented more than one hundred Year 10 pupils with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award after what has been a fantastic first year of DofE participation. Guests in attendance at the special celebration included; the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, The North West Director of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Robbie Johnson, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Scottish Power Anne Loughrey, parents, staff and governors. Exactly a year ago, the Bronze Award was re-launched at SJP and this year group have been the first cohort to be given this amazing opportunity. They have taken up the challenge with enthusiasm and 112 have already completed their Bronze, with a further 34 working towards completion. It is hoped that the majority of them will continue with Silver and in two years time we will be able to proudly take our pupils to the palace with one of the largest Gold cohorts in the country. Five male and five female pupils were nominated for the accolade of 'DofE Student Of The Year' for their extra special efforts and in a highly competitive field Joseph Shields 10TL and Hannah O'Neill 10VP were the overall winners, receiving majestic glass trophies donated by Scottish Power. Well done to all.



Rugby News



This week as part of the RFU all Schools Programme, a Girls Development Day was held at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club, hosted by a number of coaches from the Rugby Football Union as well as local players from the club. The day encouraged schools to participate in a number of sessions that developed basic skills for rugby, and ended with a tournament. It also encouraged school/club links offering girls the opportunity to play rugby for the emerging Birkenhead Park Girls' Rugby team.



14 Girls from Year 7 and Year 8 were selected to attend the day and represented SJP in an excellent manner. They not only worked well with pupils from school but they also worked with other girls from different schools. The tournament at the end of the day saw lots of 'trys' and both year groups beating their oppositions.

We look forward to the continued success of the girls tag rugby teams. As well as winning the match, the girls received the Canterbury playing kit they designed back in October.



Basketball News



The Year 9 Basketball team recently participated in the Merseyside Basketball Cup Competition, held at Kirkby Sports College in Liverpool. The competition hosted the winners from each of the different areas of Merseyside. The competition was run in a league format with each team playing each other once. After 2 early wins against Rainford High School and OBA from Halton, SJP were faced with a tough game against a talented Deyes High side. However after going behind early on SJP powered back to take the game 23 – 19. The penultimate game brought another convincing win for SJP which clinched them a place in the final against St Margaret's High School from Liverpool. The final was a pulsating game where the score ebbed and flowed. SJP started well and were up by 4 points after the first quarter, but St Margaret's came back strongly to take a 3 point lead into the break. However the Year 9 boys responded with great determination and some excellent shooting to edge out St Margaret's to take the trophy and the title of County Champions.

Football News

On Tuesday night the Year 7 football team entered the annual 7 a side football tournament at Woodchurch High School. On a cold night, with rain in the air, the Year 7 boys achieved a very respectable third place out of seven schools. There were fantastic performances from all boys, the team showed flair and character throughout the night. Well done to all boys, you were a credit to the school.

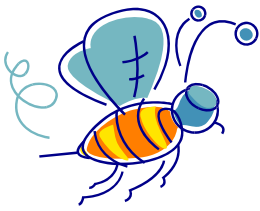
Next PTA meeting:

7pm Tuesday 5th March 2013

in the College Staff Room.

All are welcome.

Spanish Spelling Bee



On Thursday 30th January, ten brave Year 7 pupils delivered an impressive performance whilst competing in stage 2 of The Routes into

Languages Foreign Languages Spelling Bee. Pupils had 60 seconds to translate a selection of words into Spanish before spelling out each letter individually using the Spanish alphabet. Our 4 winners; Che Cullen, Jamie Williams, Abigail Christelow and Abbey Martin will now progress onto stage 3 to compete in the regional finals at Manchester Metropolitan University. Our overall winner was Abbey Martin who was crowned 'Queen Bee' as she managed to translate and spell a word every four seconds, I'm sure you would all agree that this is a fantastic achievement. A special word of thanks goes to our Year 10 Language Leaders who helped out at the event.

As you know each year we do a montage of all the pupils in the school. This Academic Year's Montage is now available - there is a limited number now available from Reception for the sum of £5.00 on a first come, first served basis. The montage boards are very popular with our children and the mini ones make a lovely 'keepsake'.



Literacy Corner

Spelling Rule 5

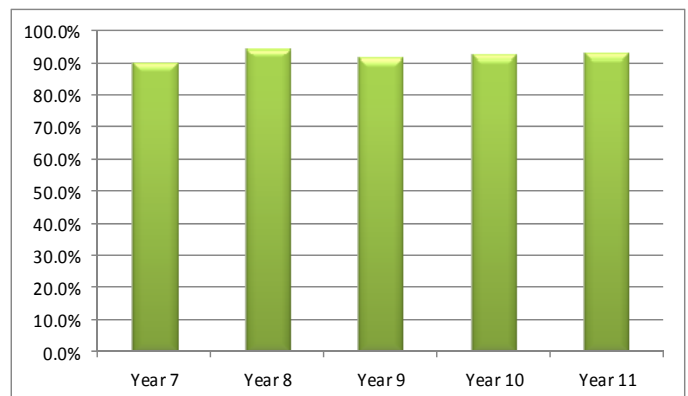
Here is a reminder of the rule:
y becomes ies, when there is more than one (plural), when there is a consonant before the y.

The passage below is incorrect. Can you correct the spellings using Spelling Rule 5?

The ladys who worked in the nursery were upset because all the babys were crying. One lady said, "When Carol tries to cheer the babys up, it seems to make them worse. We just do not know what to do. We do not wish to come across as bullys, but it is what people will think, if they don't stop crying."

5 to correct! See Mrs Connolly with your answers!

Attendance - 28/01/13 - 01/02/13



Year 7 - 90.6% Year 8 - 95.2% Year 9 - 92.4%
Year 10 - 93.2% Year 11 - 93.5%

Key Stage 4 Homework Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	ICT	ICT	ICT	ICT	ICT
After School		Applied Science Triple Science SC9 Maths	French	History Science Core SC2 & SC4 Business Studies Spanish and French	PE BTEC

Maths Jam



GIFTED AND TALENTED MATHS JAM!

Maths Jam is a new and exciting club on offer to our gifted and talented cohort. The first Maths Jam was an adventure into the secret world of code breaking! Students arrived to receive their Maths Jam Jars and in teams started their mission to solve five difficult codes, some of which arrived at SJP in an encrypted email straight from MI5.

Our mathematicians had to use their problem solving skills, creativity and lots of resilience in order to successfully make their way around the room. Raffle tickets were given throughout the evening for examples of good work.

The final task saw students trying to cut up a cake into eight pieces using only 3 cuts and then taking this home as a prize!

The next Maths Jam will be taking place on Thursday 14th February. This is going to be an Engineering Extravaganza! Please see your maths teacher for details...



Sixth Form Revision and Coursework Support Timetable

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12		Psychology Sociology Chemistry History DT ICT Business Studies	H&S Religious Studies Maths Biology History DT EPQ ICT	H&S Performing Arts Religious Studies Science Applied Media DT Business Studies	PE DT
13		Eng Lit (LT1 resit) Chemistry Media A2 Politics DT ICT Business Studies	H&S Religious Studies Biology DT ICT	Psychology Sociology Religious Studies Maths DT	PE DT

Careers

Independent Careers Guidance for Years 9,10,11 and Sixth Form

All Pupils have been issued with guidance sheets on how to register and log onto 2 career websites - Mersey interactive and U explore. These websites allow pupils (and parents/carers) to access a fantastic array of information about different career areas and general career advice. It is particularly important for Year 11 who are selecting their subjects for Sixth Form to research any career area they have in mind and be aware of the qualifications they need if they wish to progress into this area. U explore has a search engine that you can select by a specific job, area or subject and brings up a variety of different career areas that gives guidance on the necessary GCSEs and A levels required.

This will also be important for Year 9 as they approach the time when they select their KS4 options.



STUDENT AND PARENTS GETTING STARTED WITH MERSEY INTERACTIVE AND U-EXPLORE

Search for Mersey Interactive, find site and click. The first time you go in you must register.

Make up your own user name, your own password, and email address

(this **email** address should be **correct** in case you forget your password **you can request a new one** Which will be emailed to you). Answer the series of questions using the drop down boxes, Status being Student,

Region being **wirral**, then find your school.

your Student Code is

Once you have registered you need to go back in and log in and click on Wirral peninsula shown above.

To get into U-EXPLORE, click on the last icon on the last page of the opening screen of Mersey Interactive. Once you click on U-EXPLORE, a black screen will appear. Complete all fields. **Register again as a student**, make sure you click your correct Year Group and Name your Teacher.

GOOD LUCK AND FIND A CAREER THAT SUITS YOU.

NEXT TIME YOU ONLY NEED TO LOG INTO MERSEY INTERACTIVE.

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Language Corner

French fact of the fortnight

France has 4 sea fronts and Europe's largest beach at La Baule in the Loire-Atlantique department which is 7.5miles long.



Your Challenge: How many miles of coastline does France have?

- a) 3,418 miles
- b) 4,318 miles
- c) 8,418 miles
- d) 1,318 miles

The first 5 correct entries to Madame Smart in MFL 5 will receive a house point.

Last week's winners were:

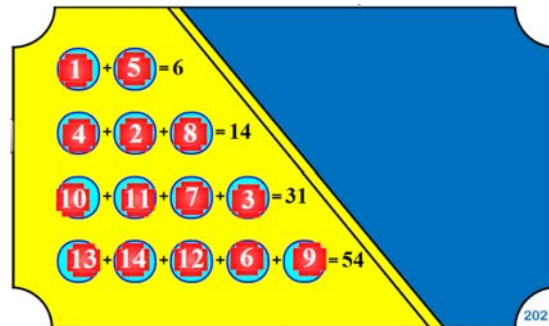
- Ben Fildes 7TL
- Philemon Peters 7OR
- Abigail Christelow 7BH
- Leona Breen 7BH

Maths Corner

As I was going to St Ives
I met a man with seven wives
Every wife had seven sacks
Every sack had seven cats
Every cat had seven kittens
Kittens, cats, sacks, wives
How many were going to St Ives?



Solution for last week



Weekly Theme - 'The Circle of Life'

Luke 4:21-30

He came to Nazareth where he had grown up. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he said, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place." All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was a child?" He answered, "I suppose you're going to quote the proverb, 'Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.' Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn't it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian." That made everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

The Greeks and the Romans believed in lots of gods who they thought would help them out in different situations. They believed that their gods lived on the tops of mountains, they were remote gods and the people feared them and worried about incurring their wrath.

Our God is not like the mythical gods that the Romans and Greeks believed in. Our God felt so strongly about knowing and understanding our life, that he became human, just like us. Jesus experienced all the daily ups and downs of life, the happiness and the pain. He knew what it was like to be rejected by people. Throughout our lives we know that no matter what the circumstance we find ourselves in, God knows just how we are feeling, he understands and wants to help us. All we have to do is ask Him.

Father in heaven, we thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus your Son to be one of us.

You know just how it feels to be happy, sad, excited, scared or worried.

Help us as we journey through our life. Let us never forget that you are with us in each step that we take.

May our love and our will- ingness to do your will grow and develop.

We ask this through Jesus, our Lord, who gave you complete obedience.

Amen.

