



**St John Plessington  
Catholic College**

a Specialist Science, Technology and Humanities College

# Newsletter

**Issue 4**

Learning Programme 1/4  
w/c 24th September 2012



## Open Evening

“When we visited **SJP**  
the teachers and pupils went  
out of their way to help and  
inspire us.  
Our son was very excited about the  
prospect of  
joining such a high achieving,  
vibrant and well run school.”  
(PARENT)



## OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 2nd October 2012 (6.00pm-9.00pm) Head Teacher's Talks at 6.00pm, 7.00pm and 8.00pm

## OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 10th October 2012 (9.00am-12.00noon) & Tuesday 16th October 2012 (9.00am-12.00noon)  
Please contact Admissions Officer, Mr Simon Rylance, for details.

*“This is an outstanding school in which exceptional things happen.”* OFSTED

### Open Evening

Please note that College will be closing at 2.20pm on Tuesday 2nd October 2012,  
due to Open Evening.

School buses will not be available - please make alternative arrangements.

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## Alison McGovern Visit



On Friday Alison McGovern MP, came into College to discuss the 'Send My Friend to School Campaign' with our Year 11 and Year 8 pupils.

During summer term Year 7 worked on a campaign to send all children to school by 2015. There are 67 million children worldwide who do not have access to any education and the campaign seeks to ask the government to help this change.

Year 7 and some Year 11 pupils wrote letters to Alison McGovern asking her to support this campaign. As a result she came into school to meet

with the pupils involved and discuss why education is so important. SJP pupils spoke with passion about why they believed we should back this campaign and asked hard hitting questions about what the government can do to help. Alison McGovern was very impressed with our support for the campaign and asked us to continue with this support. She also offered us the opportunity to help with other projects and said that we would be welcome to visit her in the houses of parliament.



## Literacy Corner

### Book Wise

**Can you name the famous children's books that these extracts come from?**

**What do they all have in common?**

"The leader of the Winged Monkeys flew up to her, his long, hairy arms stretched out and his ugly face grinning terribly."

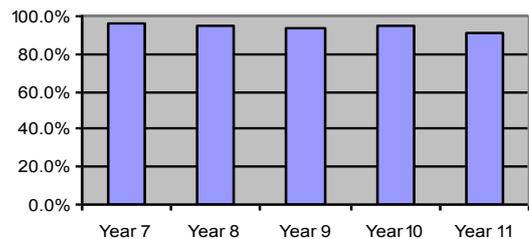
"Everyone in the room was peeling off her gloves. I was watching the hands of those in the back row. I wanted very much to see what their fingers looked like and whether my grandmother had been right. Ah!.... Yes!... I could see the brown claws curving over the tips of the fingers."

"The Queen let another drop fall from her bottle on to the snow, and instantly there appeared a round box, tied with green silk ribbon, which, when opened, turned out to contain several pounds of the best Turkish Delight."



Give your answers to Mrs. Connolly

## Attendance - 17/09/12 - 21/09/12



**Year 7 - 96.0% Year 8 - 95.2% Year 9 - 93.4%**

**Year 10 - 94.6% Year 11 - 91.3%**

## Coming Up

- 27th September - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 2nd October - Open Evening
- 4th & 5th October - SJP Experience
- 4th -7th October - Sixth Form Kintbury Visit
- 10th October - Open Morning
- 11th October - Year 13 Parents Evening
- 12th October - Year 7 Family Mass

### Reminder

Pupils are to be on the yard by 8.30am each morning. When pupils arrive they should go straight onto the yard and not congregate outside the school gates. The school gates close at 8.35am so as to allow Lesson 1 to begin at 8.40am prompt.

## West Side Story

**SJP PRESENTS**  
SONGS AND SCENES FROM  
**WEST SIDE STORY**

**TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER & WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2012**  
**AT 6.30PM - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION**

## Career's News



A new online career programme for students, parents and carers.

Do you want to know what skills and qualifications universities and employers want? Do you know what to include in a CV or letter of application? Would you like to see a 360° virtual tour of a particular career area?

St John Plessington Catholic College have a new multi media online career package to help you in your career planning.

There are 2 ways to register:

[www.merseyinteractive.com](http://www.merseyinteractive.com)

'click' register and fill in your details.

The registration code is **34725**

Choose your area then choose a question and the system will select the most relevant and useful resources for you to use.

This also allows you to click on the U - Explore icon

Enter your detail including your registration code: **34725**

In future, when you use Mersey Interactive you will be able to click straight through to U-explore. If you need any further assistance please contact Mrs McMahon.

## Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime (12.40-1.15)	Production meeting	Woodwind Group West Side Story Samba Group Spotlight Seniors	Brass Band SJP soul choir West Side Story Year 7 Drama Club Spotlight Juniors	Guitar Group West Side Story Yr 8 Drama club LAMDA prep	String Group Year 7 Choir West Side Story Drama BTEC
After school (3.30-4.45)	West Side Story	West Side Story	West Side Story	Music GCSE Drama BTEC D of E Guitars	Spotlight Boys

## Language Corner



### Spanish Challenge

¿Cuántas palabras españolas puedes encontrar en esta frase?

#### EL DÍA EUROPEO DE LAS LENGUAS

eg. día, euro, largo, negro ...

Bring your entry to Señora Smart in MFL 5 before 3:30pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

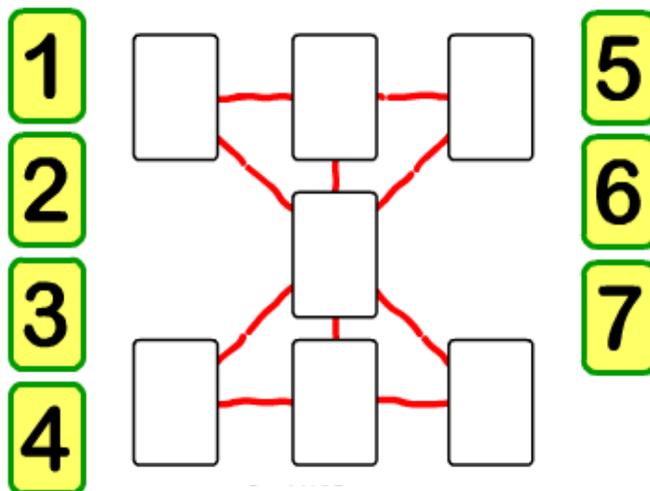
The 5 people who find the most Spanish words in the sentence will receive a house point.

**Miércoles el 26 de septiembre— es el día europeo de las lenguas!**

Look out for lots of foreign language based activities around school and check out

<http://edl.ecml.at/> to find out more!

## Maths Corner



Arrange the numbers so that the totals of the three numbers along any line are the same.

### Solution from last week

Number of squares: 28 @ 1x 1, 16 @ 2 x 2, 6 @ 3 x 3, 2 @ 4 x 4 **Total: 52**

## Weekly Theme - 'Saying no to Violence'



### James 3:16-4:3

*Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to*

*make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish conniving. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the other's throats.*

*Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterised by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honour.*

*Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it.*

*You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.*

Violence breeds violence, Jesus would never tolerate it. He stopped his disciples arguing. He stopped Peter using his sword and he died a victim of extreme violence. In a Christian community like ours there should be no place for any form of violence; and that includes people with attitudes and violent language and bullying. Major world conflict can grow from people falling out with each other.

**Father, guide us as you guide creation according to your law of love.**

**Fill us with your own generous love that we may find his love in each other and never resort to violent language or actions.**

**Amen**