



## Happy and Holy Christmas

First of all, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term. It has been a long one and the pupils have, as always, responded really well to the opportunities they have been presented with.

We have had successful trips to China, Peru and to New York City with SJP pupils an absolute credit to the College and to their parents.



## Science Trip



On Tuesday 18 December 2012, a team of Year 9 pupils from St John Plessington Catholic College took part in a 'Make It In Chemical Manufacturing Challenge', held at the Holiday Inn in Ellesmere Port. The event was organised by Make it in Manufacturing (part of The Manufacturing Institute) and sponsored by ChemClust (a group of chemical industrial companies in the North West). The team of eight pupils were against nine other schools from the Wirral, Liverpool and Cheshire areas.

The competition involved creating a soap manufacturing business, with each of the pupils playing a role of either a managing director, finance, marketing, sales or manufacturing managers. They had to develop a new range of soap for a particular client

base. They had to make the soap, given a choice of fragrances and colours. They also designed and then had to make the packaging for their product. They also had to develop a brand logo and slogan before presenting their product with in front of the 'Dragon's Den'.

The team finished in second place, which was due to their excellent team work, enterprise and initiative throughout the day. Dr McNeill, who accompanied the pupils to the event, was particularly impressed with their pitch which included an advertising campaign involving Usain Bolt (aka Kudakwashe Chiwawa). The team have now qualified for the NW regional final of the Make it in Chemical Manufacturing Challenge to be held in 2013.

## Coming Up

Carol Service: 19th December 7pm - tickets are available from the school reception

Half Term 24th December - 7th January  
Pupils Return Tuesday 8th January

Sixth Form Information Evening :  
15th January at 6pm

## Sixth Form Revision and Coursework Support Timetable

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

Sixth Form – you are advised to attend all sessions, where possible, to maximise your potential and achieve your best possible grade.

## Literacy Corner

### "I" or "me"?

A common error in written and spoken English is to confuse "I" and "me".

Look at the rules then try the examples below.

#### Rules

Always use "I" when it's the subject of the sentence. For example: *I like cheese.* (NOT *Me like cheese.*)

Always use "me" when it is the object OR after a preposition. For example: *The drink was for my brother and me.* The "drink" is the subject. "me" is the object.

#### Now try these:

1. Matt is good friends with Jo and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. My dog and \_\_\_\_\_ were running through the park.
3. Dad built a tree house for my sister and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Ella and \_\_\_\_\_ are friends.

Good Luck!

See Mrs Connolly with your answers and Happy Christmas!

#### Next PTA meeting:

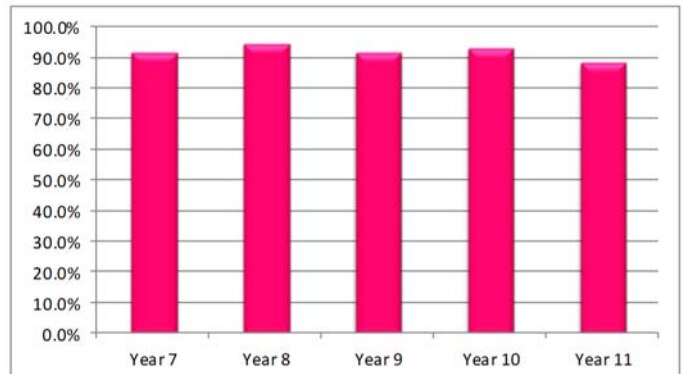
7pm Tuesday 22nd January 2012  
in the College Staff Room.  
All are welcome.

## PE Trip

On Thursday evening 55 sporty young pupils from SJP were involved in a PE rewards trip to Pizza Hut and the Odeon Cinema. The trip was organised to reward those pupils who have shown an outstanding commitment to PE extra curricular clubs this term. The pupils enjoyed pizza and ice cream at Pizza Hut before settling down to watch *Nativity 2* in the Odeon Cinema. We had a fantastic evening and at the end of the evening everyone was feeling the excitement of Christmas.

Urgent Message for Year 12 parents/carers concerning work experience June 17th 2013.  
It may be next year but please could you ensure that your son/daughter has returned their self placement form as soon as possible to ensure the appropriate health and safety checks can be completed. The students have been issued with a new format of the form which needs to be used from now on. If you require any support please contact Ms McMahon directly at College.

## Attendance - 10/12/12 - 14/12/12



Year 7 - 91.5% Year 8 - 94.7% Year 9 - 91.7%  
Year 10 - 92.9% Year 11 - 88.3%

## Key Stage 4 Revision Timetable

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



## Language Corner

### French fact of the fortnight

In France they celebrate Christmas differently than we do in England. One of the biggest differences is food as they don't tend to eat turkey and sprouts. Your Challenge: On what night of the year do children in France put their boots outside the door and wait for Père Noël to fill them with presents?

- a) 5<sup>th</sup> December
- b) 6<sup>th</sup> December
- c) 24<sup>th</sup> December
- d) 6<sup>th</sup> January

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

Last week's winners were:  
 Abigail Christelow 7BH  
 Leona Breen 7BH  
 Reagan Cole 8MT  
 Elliott McLean-Carratt 8VP  
 Liam Pearson 8MT  
 Maddison Loftus 8JB

## Maths Corner

According to the traditional song, on the first day of Christmas (25th December), my true love sent to me:

A partridge in a pair tree

On the second day of Christmas (26th December), my true love sent to me **THREE** presents:

Two turtle doves, A partridge in a pear tree

This carries on until the twelfth day of Christmas, when my true love sends me:

Twelve drummers drumming, Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking, Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five gold rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, A partridge in a pear tree.

After the twelve days of Christmas are over, how many presents has my true love sent me altogether?

The range is  $93 - 5 = 88\%$

The mean is 50%

**Solution  
for last  
week**

Drag the Smiley Faces into order to help you find the median.

## Weekly Theme - 'Sharing What We Have'

### Luke 3:10-18

*"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."*

*Even tax collectors came to be baptised. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"*

*"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.*

*Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"*

*He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."*

*The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other*

*words John proclaimed the good news to them.*

People are generous to others at Christmas; it's a time for sharing, because God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son. As Christmas approaches, we need to remember that God gives his gift to everyone, not just a few friends. We should not give just to receive something in return; that isn't generosity, but simple exchange or trading. As followers of Jesus we should give, if only something simple as a smile as a loving gesture in his name, to those who may not be our friends. Christmas is a time for giving and forgiving.

**Father, as we wait for Christmas to arrive, help us to understand the real meaning of happiness and find it in the peace that your Son promises to all who follow him.**

**Amen**

