



**St John Plessington
Catholic College**

Newsletter

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Happy New Year



Are you the next big thing? Do you have what it takes to steal the show?
If so, you need to enter "SJP's Got Talent". Auditions week beginning 21st January, final to be held on 14th February.

To enter, complete the form (available from reception) and post in the box.
Any questions, please speak to one of the Performing Arts staff.

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Christmas Jumpers

Staff and sixth form raised £440 wearing Christmas jumpers on the last day all in aid of Street Child Africa.



Coming Up

Year 7 Conway: 23rd - 25th January

Year 7 are looking forward to their forthcoming 'First Steps Experience' trip to the Conway Centre, Anglesey on 23rd January. The year group will set off in the morning and enjoy two nights away where they will take part in exciting adventure activities; these include canoeing, raft building and climbing. The trip is a fantastic opportunity for Year 7 to develop their wider learning skills and cement new friendships. Pupils will enjoy Drama and Art activities and will get the chance to show off their moves on the dance floor at the disco on the final evening. This will be a fun time for all involved.

Year 8 Castlerigg: 14th - 18th January

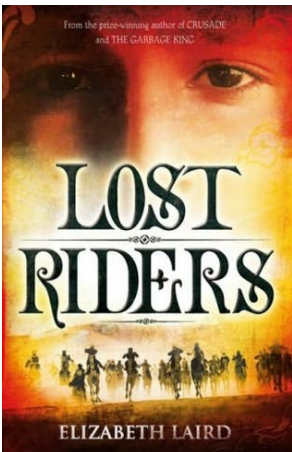
Next week will see students from Year 8 pack their bags and head off to Castlerigg Manor which is situated outside Keswick in Cumbria. During their three day stay at the Manor which is run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service, they will be thinking about what it means to be a member of a community. Students will work together as part of a team in activities organised by the Staff at the Manor, while also taking time to explore the beautiful countryside in the Lake District. Both staff and students are looking forward to having a fantastic time together.

Sixth Form Revision and Coursework Support Timetable

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12		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
13	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.

Book of the Month



When Rashid was eight, he was sold. He lost his brother. He lost his freedom. He lost his name. He was one of the lucky ones. Rashid and his brother, Shari, are taken away from their poor but happy family in Pakistan and duped into thinking that they are to become playmates to the son of a wealthy family in

Dubai. When they finally arrive after a long, hot and uncomfortable journey the reality is a far cry from the dream.

Rashid is separated from his brother, driven to an 'uzbah' in the desert on the outskirts of Dubai and forced to become a camel jockey. Living in squalid conditions Rashid is fed a starvation diet to preserve his slender frame. Over time, Rashid loses some of his fear of the camels and becomes his stable's star jockey but the one thought never leaves him. Escape!

This book is gritty and realistic and describes events that took place only a few years ago. A very moving, compulsive read, right to the last page.

There is a wealth of information about Elizabeth Laird and other books she has written at:

www.elizabethlaird.co.uk

Next PTA meeting:

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

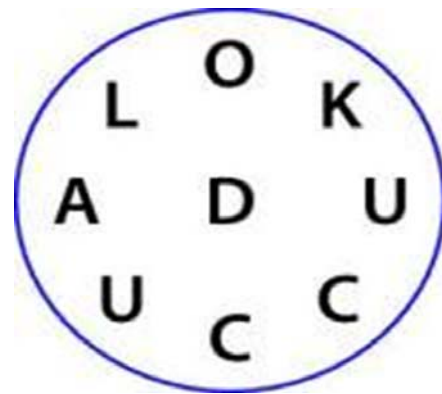
Literacy Corner

Word Wheel

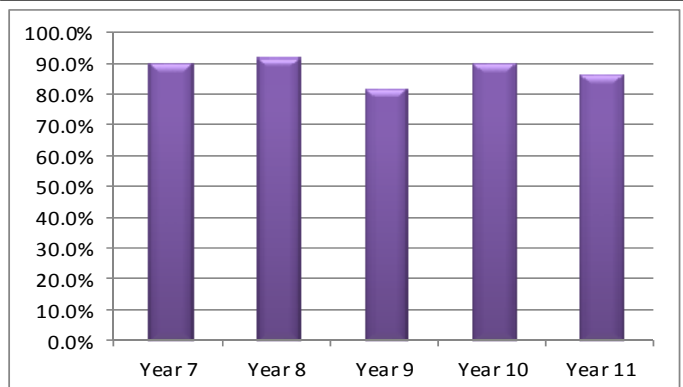
How many words can you make out of the word wheel below?

Remember, you can use each letter only once in each word?

Whoever find the most, and gives them to Mrs. Connolly, wins a prize!



Attendance - 17/12/12 - 21/12/12



Year 7 - 91.0% Year 8 - 92.7% Year 9 - 82.5%
Year 10 - 90.9% Year 11 - 87.4%

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 Spanish and French	PE BTEC

Language Corner



Hola me llamo Lina y soy colombiana pero ahora vivo con mi familia en España. Antes vivía en un barrio pobre y no había muchas oportunidades de empleo sin embargo era muy bonito. Ahora vivo en el norte de España en un barrio bastante industrial pero me encanta vivir aquí. Hay un museo muy famoso que se llama 'El Guggenheim' y tiene un equipo de fútbol también. Aquí se habla dos lenguas - el español y el vasco.

Your challenge: In which Spanish city does Lina live?

The first 5 people who bring the correct answer in Spanish to Señora Smart in MFL 5 will receive a



Weekly Theme - 'Good News'

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship Him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

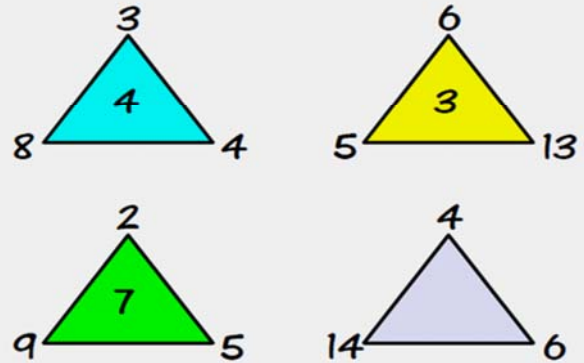
"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On

Maths Corner

Which number should go in the empty triangle?



Solution for last week

SOLUTION:

$$1 + 3 + 6 + 10 + 15 + 21 + 28 + 36 + 45 + 55 + 66 + 78 = 364 \text{ presents}$$

coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another way.

The word Epiphany means "Making known". With The visit of the Kings to Bethlehem, God wanted us to know that Jesus his Son came into the world for all people. His birth was good news for everyone to celebrate.

Today when we seem to hear and read about only bad news it's good to remind ourselves of the good news that Jesus can bring into our lives today through the actions of other people. This kind of good news is rarely reported about in our newspapers or on the television.

How can we in our lives be good news to others?

Loving Father, today as we begin a new year in our college community help us to be good news to others by the things that we do and say.
Amen

