



Operation Christmas Child



Weeks of hard work packing shoe boxes by pupils and members of staff ended this week as a total of 350 shoeboxes were loaded onto a transit van by pupils from Year 8.

It's amazing to think that in the current difficult economic situation that we find ourselves in today, that we managed to pack 100 more shoe boxes than we did last year.

This year our shoe boxes are being delivered to children in Swaziland in Africa.

So let's remember as we open our presents on Christmas morning, let us enjoy and appreciate them knowing that 350 children will be also opening their presents as well.

Well done to everyone at SJP.

Christmas is approaching!!!

A reminder that our preparations for the celebration of Christmas culminates in the SJP Carol Service on Wednesday 19th December. We will be issuing ticket details shortly but please think about coming along and supporting our evening of carols, reflections and drama which is always a wonderful prelude to the great celebration of Christmas.

Unfortunately, this year we are not hosting our traditional Christmas Fair, 'Here Comes Christmas' in the usual manner. Instead we will be having a week of activities in school for pupils at lunchtime, beginning on Monday 10th December with all funds raised going to Street Child Africa. Each year group will be hosting one day. Here Comes Christmas will be back on next year when parents will have the opportunity to join in our Christmas Fair.

Unilever Trip



On 12th November 2012, twelve Year 11 pupils visited Unilever Research & Development Centre in Port Sunlight to learn about the latest research and development taking place in the company. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about how science is used in order to make products more effective and better for the environment. Pupils looked at cell cultures taken from peoples feet and armpits and considered how particular products can be used to minimise the impact of these bacteria. Pupils also had the opportunity to do several hands-on experiments regarding the effectiveness of washing powder and fabric conditioner. When asked, pupils said that they thoroughly enjoyed gaining an insight into the workings of Unilever and that they were able to see how the science they learn at SJP is applied in real life situations.



Netball News

Under 13 Girls Football Team

Last Thursday the Under 13 Girls Football Team took part in the NPOWER Football League Girls Cup which was run by Tranmere Rovers Football Club. The competition was held at Weatherhead High School in Wallasey and the girls performed extremely well under the floodlights on 6 a-side Astro-turf pitches. It was our first competition as an U13 team and to get through to the finals the girls had to score the most points in their group of 4 teams. Our first game was against a tall Whitby team and we were unfortunate to end the game 1-0 down, however the girls had played well so we had high expectations for our next match. Upton were our next opponents and the girls worked extremely hard in defence to ensure we kept a clean sheet winning the game 1-0, our last game was against Ridgeway and we had to win the game to be in with a chance of winning the group. The girls showed excellent skill and character playing well as a team and won 5-0, which meant we ended up joint top of our group with Upton. Unfortunately we missed out on a place in the final on goal difference by a margin of 1 goal.

This was an excellent display for the team's first set of matches and hopefully is a positive sign for future games. Also a big thanks to all the parents and family who came to support the girls at the event.

Well done girls.



Literacy Corner

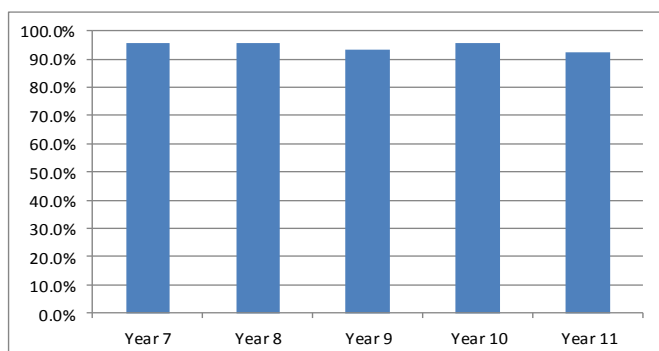
PUZZLE CHOICE

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter **I**. Can you find a 9-letter word, and at least 20 other words of five letters or more, avoiding proper nouns?



See Mrs Connolly with your answers! Good Luck!

Attendance



Year 7 - 95.6% Year 8 - 95.6% Year 9 - 93.5%
Year 10 - 95.6% Year 11 - 92.2%

A Prayer for Remembrance

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38,39



Work Experience

Year 12 Work Experience 17th to 21st June 2013

A reminder to all Year 12 students that their completed self placement forms need to be brought back into College by Friday 30th November at the latest.

If they require any help or support in finding a placement please see Mrs McMahon who has a number of placements already arranged.

Coming Up

- Year 7 Enterprise Day: 23rd November
- Carol Service: 19th December

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

Next PTA meeting:

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

Language Corner

French fact of the fortnight

During the French Revolution, the French used the guillotine as a method of execution. It was invented with the help of the surgeon, Dr. Guillotin, and was designed to kill people as quickly, efficiently and painlessly as possible.

The guillotine remained the official method of execution in France until 1981 when the death penalty was abolished however it has been used more recently.

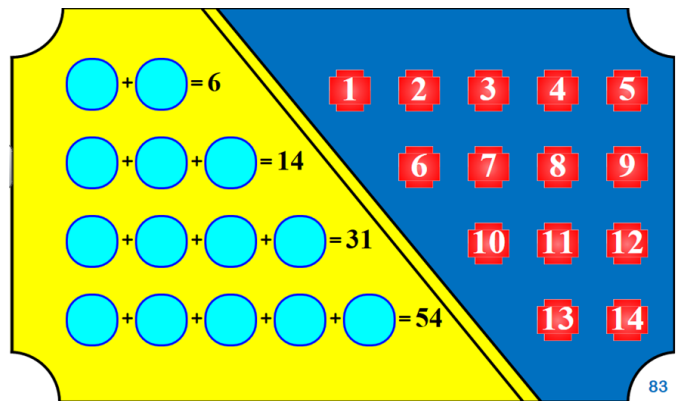
Your challenge: When was the guillotine last used in France?

- a) 1957
- b) 1977
- c) 1997
- d) 2007

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



Maths Corner



Solution from last week

1. SECTOR
2. ANGLE
3. BRACKETS
4. SURVEY
5. OPPOSITE

Weekly Theme - 'Hope'

Here in college we are always asking our students to think about their goals for the future, what do they want to do when they leave college perhaps university or maybe a job.

To get there they have to put things in place now, what they achieve in the future depends upon how they act now and the plans that they put in place now.

Our gospel this week is all about giving us hope, 'Christian hope', that one day we will be with Jesus in heaven.

How we act now in this life will decide if that goal or target is achieved. Hope is not enough; it has to inspire action now.

Mark 13: 24-32

But in those days, following that distress, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its

twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

The Day and Hour Unknown.

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Father in Heaven, you promise us salvation and future happiness through the final coming of your Son Jesus.

Help us to make our hope real by living as Jesus asked and showed us by his care for others.

Amen

