



Wirral Herpetological Society



On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March, SJP welcomed all creatures great and small with our annual two day visit from the Wirral Herpetological Society.

The spectacular workshops showcased a wide range of reptiles, arachnids, owls and insects, providing the students with opportunities to learn all about animal adaptations.

Year 8 experienced an hour long session as part of LP4 consolidating understanding of ecosystems and adaptations in Geography and Science. The society commented on the excellent questions asked by SJP students and both days were an immense success.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the presentations with excitement levels reaching fever pitch when it was time to go 'hands on' and get up close and personal with over 40 animals including bearded dragons, scorpions, tarantulas, owls and snakes.

Thanks to everyone who took part to make this a truly memorable experience for all and we look forward to the visit next year.



World Book Day



On Thursday 7th March, SJP united to celebrate World Book Day with a number of events taking place. This year performing R.A.P poet, Donovan Christopher entertained pupils with his inspirational rap style poetry. Everyone involved in the workshops thoroughly enjoyed creating and performing their own poems with some masterpieces created in minutes!

Hanan Ajay 9VP commented '*This was a truly inspiring experience*' and Beth Wiggins 9VP thought that '*Donavan was one cool poet*'.

During the morning staff stopped everything and spent an enjoyable 15 minutes reading a passage from their favourite books to their class. Year 7 and 8 took part in a Fancy Dress Competition at lunchtime with characters such as Jane Eyre, Dr Who, Harry Potter and Hermione Granger making an appearance.

Congratulations to our winners of the Fancy dress competition, pictured below, who came as Sassy from the 'Seriously Sassy' series of books, Jane Eyre, Dr Who and Harry Potter.



Industry Day

Last week pupils across the College were engaged in an important element of our successful work related learning programme. This provides students with the opportunity to ask questions about the world of work and gain invaluable and independent career advice. The annual 'Career Fair' took place in the College Hall and pupils from Year 9, 11 and Sixth Form were able to talk to a wide range of universities, colleges and other agencies. A wealth of information was gathered about a wide range of careers and further educational courses, which will provide Year 9 with essential information in the lead up to selecting their GCSE options. One pupil commented "It really helped me to start to think about career areas and the qualifications I need."



Literacy Corner

Full Stop Fiasco!

The passage below is missing all the full stops needed to make it grammatically correct.

Can you put them back in?

There are TEN to add in.

The frog was very lazy he did not want to work at all each day he would just sit on his bright green lily pad watching river life flow by the frog's mother and father were very angry about this they felt their son was wasting his chances of leaping ahead in life

One day they decided to teach him a lesson that night when their son was snoring, they sprinkled itching powder all over his favourite lily pad the next day the frog went and lay on his pad the way he always did suddenly the frog leapt up and jumped from pad to pad his parents were delighted they had never seen their son move so quickly in their life!

Maths Team Challenge

Well done to Chloe Robinson, Maria Nielson-Scott, Rosin Joseph and Hanan Ajay who represented SJP at the annual UKMT team challenge. After Ms Thomson's expert navigational skills we arrived and competed against schools from across the Wirral, Cheshire and North Wales in four events. We were particularly proud of our achievements in the cross number round of the competition. The venue erupted in the relay round which saw all teams racing and competing for points. A successful and enjoyable day for all.

If you are in Year 7 or 8 and are interested in being part of the team next year try this puzzle. Bring your solutions to Ms Thomson in Maths 8.

Puzzle

16. Albert Einstein is experimenting with two unusual clocks which both have 24 hour displays. One clock goes at twice the normal speed. The other clock goes backwards, but at the normal speed. Both clocks show the correct time at 13:00.

What is the correct time when the displays on the clocks next agree?

A 05:00 B:09:00 C13:00 D 17:00 E 21:00



Plant Sale



**St John Plessington
Catholic College**
Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 7LF

SJP PTA
are holding their Annual

BEDDING PLANT SALE

on

Saturday 4th May 2013

9.00am – 11.30am

In the College Dining Hall

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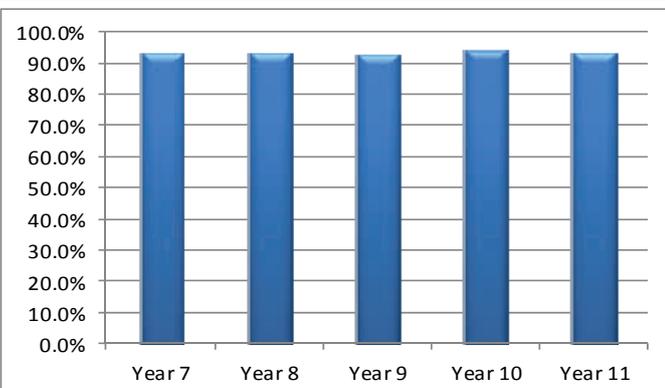
Coming up

- Munich Trip: 15th - 18th March
- Yr 12 UCAS information evening: 19th March
- SJP Passion: 20th and 21st March

Easter Holidays

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April
Pupils Return to College Monday 8th April

Attendance - 04/03/13 - 08/03/13



Year 7 - 93.8% Year 8 - 94.1% Year 9 - 93.4%
Year 10 - 95.0% Year 11 - 94.0%

Next PTA meeting:
7pm Tuesday 30th April 2013
in the College Staff Room.
All are welcome.

Language Corner



Spanish Challenge

Durante las vacaciones de Semana Santa voy a ir a España con mi familia. Vamos a viajar en avión porque es muy rápido. Normalmente vamos a la playa cada día pero esta vez no vamos a la playa. El lunes voy a ir de compras en el centro de Madrid y el martes voy a visitar los lugares de interés y sacar fotos. El miércoles voy a quedar en el hotel y practicar la natación. El jueves voy a tomar el sol y después vamos a comer en un restaurante típico. Finalmente el viernes voy a ir a la plaza de toros y vamos a ver una corrida de toros. ¡Qué emoción! Your challenge: What two things is David going to do on Thursday?

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

Weekly Theme - 'Making Up'

Luke 15: 11-32

Then Jesus said, A man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, "Give me my share of the property." So the father divided the property between his two sons. Then the younger son gathered up all that was his and travelled far away to another country. There, he wasted his money in foolish living. After he had spent everything, a time came when there was no food anywhere in the country, and the son was poor and hungry. So he got a job with one of the citizens there who sent the son into the fields to feed pigs. The son was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pods the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he realised what he was doing, he thought, 'All of my father's servants have plenty of food. But I am here, almost dying with hunger. I will leave and return to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son, but let me be like one of your servants."' So the son left and went to his father. While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him and hugged and kissed him. The son said, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get our fat calf and kill it so we can have a feast and celebrate. My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!" So they began to celebrate. The older son was in the field, and as he came closer to the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. So he called to one of the servants and asked what all this meant. The servant said, "Your brother has come back, and your father killed the fat calf, because your brother came home safely."

Maths Corner

Ignoring the apostrophe, can you rearrange the letters in this expression to form a mathematical phrase?

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place



Hint: You use these everyday!

Solution from last week

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The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast. So his father went out and begged him to come in. But the older son said to his father, "I have served you like a slave for many years and have always obeyed your commands. But you never gave me even a young goat to have at a feast with my friends. But your other son, who wasted all your money, comes home, and you kill the fat calf for him!" The father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found."

Lent is the season for 'making up' with others, but more importantly to 'make up' or be reconciled with God, particularly if we have turned away from him. On Ash Wednesday we received ashes on our forehead in the sign of the cross, as a reminder to us that we are not always perfect, sometimes we don't live our lives in the way that God wants us to. Lent gives us a great opportunity to be reconciled to 'make up' with God and to start again.

Just as in this week's gospel, the father of the prodigal son didn't wait for his son to reach the door, instead he ran to meet his son and placed his arms around him to show how much he loved him. This is what God wants to do for us, all we have to do is to turn towards him, and he will show us just how much he loves us.

God you are our Father, Mother, Brother and Sister, you cared for us so much that you gave us your Son as the Light of the World.

May we place our trust in his guidance as we seek our way in life.

Amen