



Barcelona

Shortly before the half term break, forty of our Spanish pupils travelled to Tossa de Mar in north eastern Spain, near to Barcelona. We flew early on the Wednesday morning and travelled by coach to our hotel. We spent the afternoon exploring the town and enjoying the sun on the beach. On Thursday we travelled into Barcelona where we visited the famous street of La Rambla before Mrs Jackson took us on a tour of the famous Boqueria Food Market. We got to see the wide range of meat, fish, fruit and vegetables on offer in the bustling market. After lunch in la Plaça Catalunya we toured La Sagrada Familia. We then took the coach to the Nou Camp Football Stadium to see the famous pitch and enjoy the spectacular view of the stadium from the commentary box. On the Friday, everyone was very excited to go to the Port Aventura theme park for the day. The weather was great and there weren't many queues so we all got to go on everything we wanted to. Saturday was another busy day as we took the coach to Girona where we walked around the walls of the old town and climbed a tower to take in the views. After lunch and some free time to do some shopping we went to Figueres and visited the Dalí Museum.

The highlight of Saturday was going to a restaurant just around the corner from the hotel for a tapas tasting evening! We got to try lots of local food such as patatas bravas and mejillones (mussels). Everyone tried a bit of all the different dishes with some being more popular than others! On the Sunday we rounded off our trip with a walk up to the castle above Tossa de Mar before going on a boat trip up the coast where we spent more time on the beach. We flew back to the UK on Sunday evening after five great days enjoying the sun in Spain and discovering a range of new places in the region of Catalunya.



SJP Bake Off



Last week 15 pupils from Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in the first ever SJP Bake Off competition! We had some amazing entries which were viewed by staff and students at break time, entries included a scale replica of the College buildings made from cake, SJP Towers complete with ice cream cone turrets, pigs bathing in a chocolate mud bath and many more. Staff took part in judging the cakes in the categories of originality, taste, texture and quality.

Winners and runners up for each category are:

Original Show Stopper:

Amy Tinsley, 7SB (1st) and Neve Cooney, 7MT

Taste:

Bonnie Bennet, 7BH (1st) and Jonathan Nield, 9TL

Texture:

Aaron Barber, 7MT (1st) and Amelia McInnes, 7SB

Quality:

Jonathan Nield, 9TL (1st) and Ellie Roberts, 8VP

The remaining cake was sold during break and lunch and raised £25 for Street Child Africa. The 'Bake Off' was a huge success and we hope to hold a second competition later this year! The SJP Food Revolution team would like to congratulate and thank all of the entrants.



New Crossing



On Friday 1st November 2013, Alison McGovern MP and Harry Smith Councillor, Katherine Culshaw from Living Streets, the Road Safety Department and the College Council met to celebrate the new school crossing.

The College Council and Living Streets worked together in identifying the major issues with regards to road traffic congestion in the immediate area around SJP. Through this work the College was able to secure funding through Living Streets towards the crossing. The students have continued their work regarding the major road outside of SJP and as a result further improvements will be taking place.



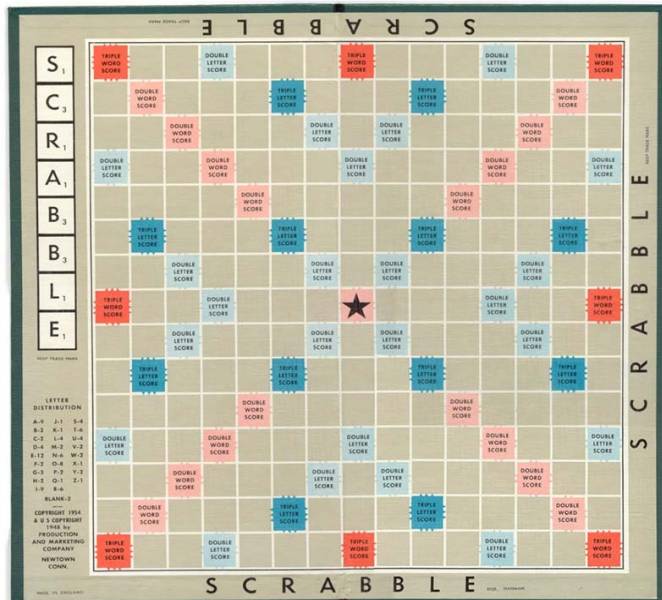
Coming up

- Year 7 and 10 Review Day: 15th November
- Here Comes Christmas: 6th December
- Additional Holiday: 9th December (School Closed)
- Year 12 Parents Evening: 12th December

Literacy Corner

Scrabble!

With the letters you have on the seven tiles below, what is the highest scoring word you could start the game with?



A	E	I	D	E	V	T
1	1	1	2	1	4	1

Here Comes Christmas News

Raffle tickets are now on sale in school to win a fully signed 2013 Everton Football Raffle tickets are only £1 each, and the draw will be made at the end of Here Comes Christmas Fair. More chances to win a Liverpool shirt coming soon.



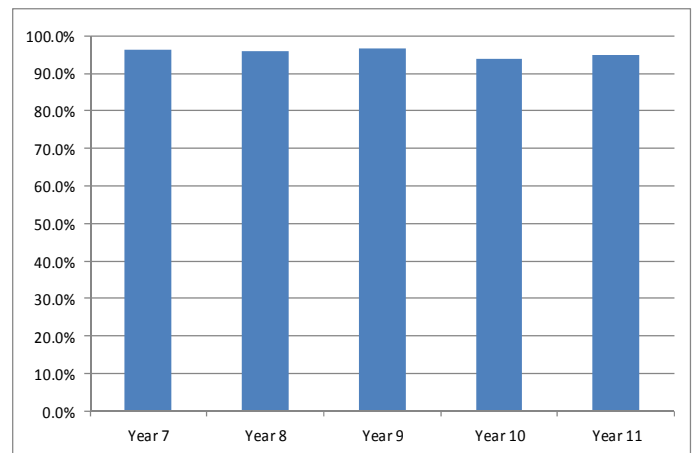
Christmas Clear Out

As you are aware our fabulous *Here Comes Christmas!* Fair is rapidly approaching; The big event is on Friday 6th December. If you have any unwanted bric a brac, books, CDs, DVDs, pictures, toys and games, please send these into school where they will be converted into cash and become somebody else's treasure. Items can be left at the College main reception.

Next PTA meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 28th January 2013
in the College Staff Room.
All are welcome.

Attendance - 28/10/13 - 01/11/13



Year 7 - 96.2% Year 8 - 96.0% Year 9 - 96.5%
Year 10 - 93.7% Year 11 - 95.5%

Back by popular demand...
The PTA of St John Plessington Catholic College present for your enjoyment

Here Comes Christmas

The biggest and most successful school fair you will ever experience!!

Friday 6th December 2013

Doors open to the public 3pm -5pm

Children free when accompanied by an adult! Loads of stalls for the little ones

Star Attractions

The Laser Dome
Potholing Caves
The Climbing Wall

Plus
The Best Santa's Grotto on the Wirral

All your favourites

Donkey Derby, My Favourite Teacher,
Tin Can Alley Celebrity Roulette, Pizza Roulette,
Pop Corn, Candy Floss, Chocolate Fountain,
Play Your Cards Right

Win...

- Tickets to see *One Direction* at the Echo Arena
- Tickets to see *Michael Buble* at the MEN
- Signed Everton, Liverpool & Tranmere Shirts
- Win a Car (Fiat 500) by cracking the Safe code
- Win a Mountain Bike

Language Corner

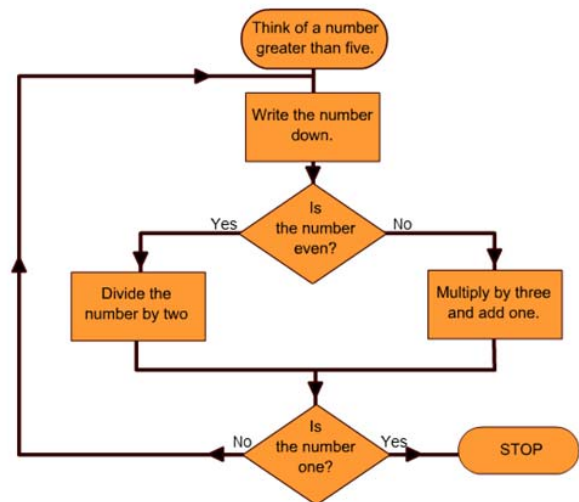
Voici l'entrée aux catacombes de Paris. Tout le monde pense que Paris est la ville plus romantique du monde. Mais la majorité ne sait pas que sous les rues de Paris, il y a un réseau de tunnels où il y a les squelettes de plus de 6 millions personnes. On peut visiter les catacombes et marcher dans les tunnels mais il faut faire attention. En 1793 Philibert Aspart est entré dans *l'empire de la mort* mais il s'est perdu. Son corps a été trouvé 11 ans après. For a virtual tour of the catacombs visit <http://www.catacombes.paris.fr>. Why were the bones of over 6 million people moved here?

Dictionary:
 Un réseau – a network
 Les squelettes – skeletons
 Faire attention – to be careful
 Il s'est perdu – he got lost
 Le corps – the body



If you know the answer, go to Mr McAuliffe in MFL3 and receive a house point.

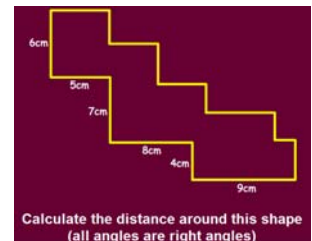
Maths Corner



Try many different starting numbers in the flowchart above. Which starting numbers reach one the fastest?

Solution for last week

Answer
78cm



Weekly Theme - 'Accepting one another'

Luke 19:1 - 10

Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. A man was there named Zacchaeus, who was a very important tax collector, and he was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was not able because he was too short to see above the crowd. He ran ahead to a place where Jesus would come, and he climbed a sycamore tree so he could see Him. When Jesus came to that place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down! I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus came down quickly and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to complain, "Jesus is staying with a sinner!"

But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "I will give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times more."

Jesus said to him, "Salvation has come to this house today, because this man also belongs to the family of Abraham. The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."

Each one of us needs to be loved and accepted by others. A person who isolates themselves from others is a desperately sad figure. In our Gospel story Zacchaeus is alone up his tree and hated by everyone for being a tax

collector. But Jesus notices him. Jesus changes his plans. He didn't intend to stay in Jericho. But something happened that made him change his mind. That something was 'Compassion, Mercy and Love'. Zacchaeus had climbed the tree because he was curious to see Jesus. But then Jesus waited under the tree and told Zacchaeus that he wanted to stay at his house that night, and must have been really shocked at the words of Jesus. The crowds must have been as equally shocked by Zacchaeus's reaction, climbing down the tree he told Jesus that he would give half his possessions to the poor and pay back four times over the taxes he had wrongly collected from the people. Jesus cared about him and Zacchaeus would not let the moment pass.

Almighty and ever living God

Increase our faith, hope and love.

Help us to grow in love and show real concern and care for all those we live and work with.

Amen

