



Christmas Carol Service 2013 - The Road to Bethlehem

Before our Christmas break, the pupils, staff, parents and governors at SJP joined together to celebrate our annual Christmas Carol Service.

The Service was the culmination of the College's preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus and took place over two evenings in the College Hall. Through music, word and drama, pupils told the story of Mary's journey to Bethlehem to give birth to the Child who would change the course of human history. The quality of the pupils' performances on both evenings was truly exceptional and the true meaning and spirit of Christmas was shared throughout our local community.

Thank you to all who participated in this spectacular SJP event.



Tuesday 14th January, 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Year 11 SJP Sixth Form Information Evening

Swimming Gala

On Thursday 12th December, SJP entered a swimming team into the Wirral School Girls Swimming Gala against Wirral Grammar, Birkenhead Academy, Weatherhead, Woodchurch and West Kirby Grammar. The mixed Year 7/8/9 team consisted of Amy Head, Helen Nielsen-Scott, Maria Nielsen-Scott, Holly Moore, Leona Breen and Ellie Stevens who performed brilliantly. There were some fantastic races, with a special mention to Holly Moore who won the 50m Breast Stroke. The girls also came 2nd in the Junior Medley Relay. We are very proud of all the girls who represented SJP superbly. We look to continue the team's success at future events. Well done girls!



Basketball News

The Year 7 Basketball Team played a friendly match against a traditionally strong Woodchurch side on Tuesday 17th December.

Led by Captain Ivan Garner, the Year 7 boys played extremely well and through sheer hard work, managed to pull off an exceptional victory, winning 20-4. An outstanding performance. Well done!



Literacy Corner

Welcome back!

January Birthday Word Search

All these famous people were born in January. Can you find them all?

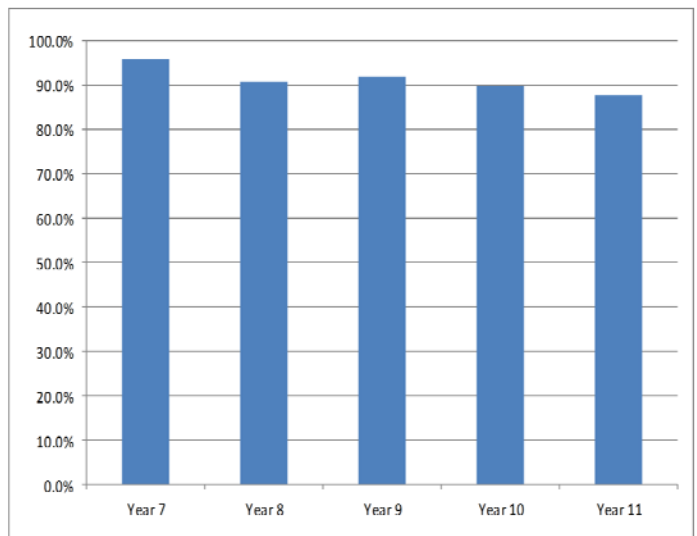
For a bonus prize, can you find out what all these people were famous for?

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ISAAC ASIMOV JRR TOLKIEN ISAAC NEWTON
 ELVIS PRESLEY BEN FRANKLIN MARTIN L KING
 MOZART JOAN OF ARC R NIXON EDGAR A POE

Please see Mrs Connolly with your answers

Attendance 16/12/13 - 20/12/13



Year 7 - 95.9% Year 8 - 90.6% Year 9 - 92.1%
 Year 10 - 89.9% Year 11 - 87.7%

Language Corner

¡Vamos a comer!

Vamos a preparar una pizza para la cena. ¿Qué son los ingredientes normales para una pizza? Elige los cinco ingredientes correctos.



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| Pollo | Manzana | Naranja | Patatas Fritas |
| Pimiento | Cebolla | Azúcar | Champiñones |
| Salsa | Limonada | Plátano | Chocolate |

Do you know what you've put on your pizza? Write the English next to your ingredients if you know!

The first 5 correct pizzas shown to Mr Passmore will receive House Points!

World Film Club

Don't Forget World Film Club on Wednesday! Get your passes this Wednesday at breaktime from MFL3.

Don't miss out!



Coming Up

- Tuesday 14th January, 6.00pm - 7.30pm - Year 11 SJP Sixth Form Information Evening.
- Friday 24th January - SJP Industry Day, Year 9 and Sixth Form.
- Saturday 25th January - Book sale and coffee morning - Swaziland Fundraiser.
- Tuesday 28th January, 7.00pm - PTA Meeting in the College Staff Room. All welcome.

Sixth Form Revision & Coursework Support Timetable from January 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Independent Study Time	English Comb & Lit AS Psychology AS Sociology (wk1) A2 Sociology (wk2) AS Biology AS Chemistry A2 Applied Science AS Geography AS History AS Media World Development Health & Social Care A2 RE Art DT ICT PE	English Comb & Lit AS French A2 Spanish Physics Chemistry AS Religious Studies Maths A2 Biology DT ICT PE Business Studies	English Comb & Lit A2 Psychology Performing Arts Physics AS Science Applied Maths A2 History A2 Media Health & Social Care Art DT ICT PE Business Studies	PE DT

You are advised to attend all after school (3.20pm – 4.30pm) sessions, where possible, to maximise your potential to achieve your best possible grade

Weekly Theme - 'Good News'

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the new born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Herod sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search for the child..." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising went before them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They knelt before him and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Jesus, when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus.

God's presence is revealed to us in many different ways. We can search out the meaning of our dreams; we can learn from our own and others experiences; and we can be guided by the words that we read in the scriptures. We can have a deep awareness of our place on the earth which teaches us respect for all creation and respect for its power which can lead each one of us beyond ourselves.

The feast of the Epiphany tells us about the wise ones or astrologers 'from the East' who are led beyond themselves and their immediate location by the rising of a star. They form their own views about what the star meant and travel west to search out the meaning of this sign. When they ask questions in Jerusalem about a new-born 'king of the Jews' they attract the attention of Herod, the Roman-appointed 'king of the Jews'. They continue their journey following the star that leads them to the home of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, where they find the new-born baby, the Wisdom of God.

The gospel does not tell us how many wise ones or magi come to pay homage to the child. There is no indication in the story as to whether they are men or women or both. The three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh have been traditionally associated with three different characters, usually kings of different nationalities and colour.

These strangers are the first to recognise 'God-with-us' in the baby Jesus. They also come to recognise 'in a dream' Herod's threat to kill the baby, and so they return home by a different way.

Today each one of us is given an invitation to be the wise ones of our generation, to join with people of different cultures, to make our own search for wisdom, and to follow the star that leads to truth and lasting peace. But we also have to be on the lookout for those who find themselves, and the power they have threatened by the Good News that the birth of Jesus brings into our world.

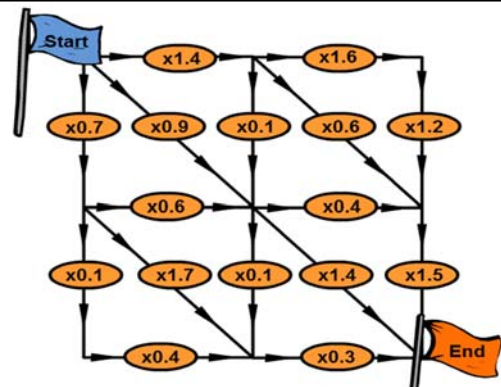
O God, as you guided the Magi by the light of a star. May Jesus be our light.

O God, you have created a marvellous variety of peoples. May we be open to all cultures, races, and nations.

O God, your love surrounds us. May we faithfully offer Christ the gold of living faith, the incense of our worship, and the myrrh of compassion.

Amen

Maths Corner



Beginning with the 'start' flag with 100 on a calculator, what are the largest and smallest totals you can end up with at the 'end' flag? You can only travel in the direction of the arrows.

Solutions to the previous puzzle:

- * Two numbers whose sum is 8 and product is 12 : 2 & 6
- * Two numbers whose sum is 26 and product is 120 : 6 & 20
- * Two numbers whose sum is 17.5 and product is 71.5 : 11 & 6.5