



SJP Dance Nation 2014

On Tuesday 29th April, the annual SJP Dance Nation Show took place in the College Hall with over 70 pupils from Years 7-11 taking part.

The groups performed a variety of routines from around the world; from Bollywood and African to Contemporary and Street. For each performance, the dancers wore corresponding costumes that related to the style and origin of each performance.

Pupils had been working towards the show since December and all their fantastic efforts and hard work paid off. All of the talented dancers should be proud of their achievements which made for an enjoyable and successful show. We are very much looking forward to next year. Well done girls!



Language Corner

¿Qué deportes haces?

Read through Juan's statement and see if you can spot the mistakes. There are 6 in total. The first five correct answers to Mr Passmore will win Vivo points!

Hola! Me llamo Jaun Normalmente juego al ciclismo con mis amigos. Este fin de semana voy a hacer vale con mi padre. Me gusto mucho hacer deporte porque soy el más deportista en mi colegio. A veces hago el bádminton en el equipo de colegio. ¿Te gusta los deportes?



MFL Clubs

Years 7 & 8 Homework Lunch Club every Tuesday during Academic Review. Get your pass from LA1 at break-time on Tuesday.

Years 8 & 9 French Club every Tuesday at 3.20pm in LA1.

World Film Club this Wednesday. Get your passes from MFL3 Wednesday break to avoid missing out!

Coming Up

- Friday 9th and Saturday 10th May - Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Expedition (second group)
- Tuesday 13th May, 7.00pm - PTA meeting in the College Staff Room
- Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May- Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Expedition (third group)
- Wednesday 21st May - Teen Tech North Wales and Cheshire Visit
- Sunday 8th June - Tranmere Rovers Car Boot Sale in aid of Ghana trip
- Saturday 21st June - Tesco Rock Ferry Bag Pack in aid of Ghana trip

Wirral Food Bank

From now until Thursday 22nd May 2014, we will be collecting donations for Wirral Food Bank. Any dried or tinned goods will be welcomed.



Wirral Food Bank supplies emergency food to local people in crisis. Here at SJP, we support this worthy cause and would remind you that in addition to sending in contributions during this month, you can also donate non-perishable food items throughout the year direct to Wirral Foodbank (Unit 14 Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road, Birkenhead CH41 1JW) or at any One Stop Shop or Wirral Library.

Wirral FUSS

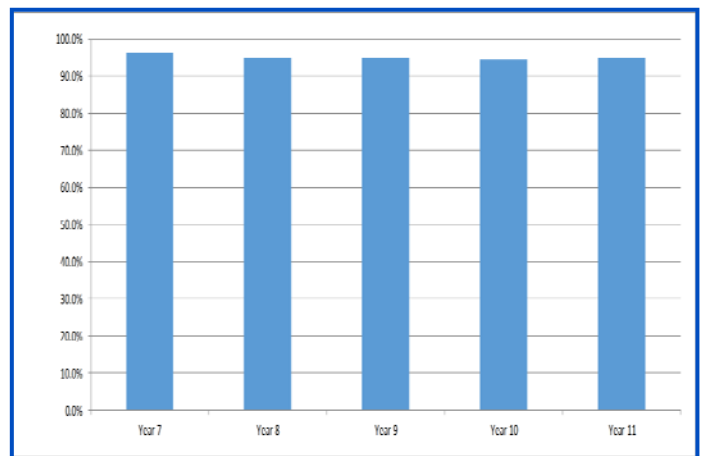
Wirral FUSS (Free Uniform for Secondary Schools) are holding an open day on Monday 12th July 2014, 10.30am to 1.30pm at Bebington Methodist Church. Parents can go along and collect recycled uniforms.



We also have a FUSS collection bin in the College Reception for parents to donate clean and in good condition uniforms.

For more information, please visit www.wirralfuss.co.uk

Attendance - 28/04/14 - 02/05/14



Year 7 - 96.2% Year 8 - 95.0% Year 9 - 94.9%
Year 10 - 94.4% Year 11 - 95.0%

Summer 2014 GCSE and GCE Exams

Summer exams began on Wednesday 7th May and will continue through to Tuesday 24th June. All pupils taking examinations should have received an Individual Pupil Timetable.

Timetables, information and advice for pupils and official notices from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) can be found on the College website via the following route:

www.stjohnplessington.com → About Us → Exams Information Summer 2014

Summer exam results days are:

- GCE: Thursday 14th August 2014
- GCSE: Thursday 21st August 2014

BE WISE, REVISE!

The summer exam season is upon us and revision should be well under way. Why not call into the College Library to browse through and borrow from the extensive selection of GCSE, AS and A2 Revision Guides. These are available to help you achieve your maximum potential.

Alternatively, you can access the following revision websites from any of the computers within College or at home:

BBC Bitesize : www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Revision World : www.revisionworld.com

English Biz : www.englishbiz.co.uk

My Maths : www.mymaths.co.uk

S-Cool : www.s-cool.co.uk

Good luck to everyone sitting exams over the next few weeks!



TOP TEN REVISION TIPS

1. Short bursts of revision (30-40 mins) are most effective. Your concentration lapses after about an hour and you need to take a short break.
2. Find a quiet place to revise and avoid being interrupted or distracted.
3. Don't just revise the subjects and topics you like. Work on your weaker ones as well.
4. Make your own revision notes – you will remember what you have written down more easily.
5. Rewrite the key points of your revision notes; read them out loud. We remember more than twice as much of what we say aloud than of what we merely read.
6. Use different techniques. Make your own learning maps, use post-it notes to write key words on, create flash cards. Use highlighter pens to mark important points.
7. Practise on past exam papers or revision tests. Initially do one section at a time and progress to doing an entire paper against the clock.
8. You will need help at some stage; ask friends and family for support.
9. Don't get stressed out. Eat properly and get lots of sleep.
10. Believe in yourself and be positive. If you think you can succeed, you will.

Good Luck!

Literacy Corner

So far this term we have looked at spelling rule 1 and spelling rule 2. Here is a reminder of the rules:

Spelling rule 1: adding an 'e', lengthens the vowel sound.

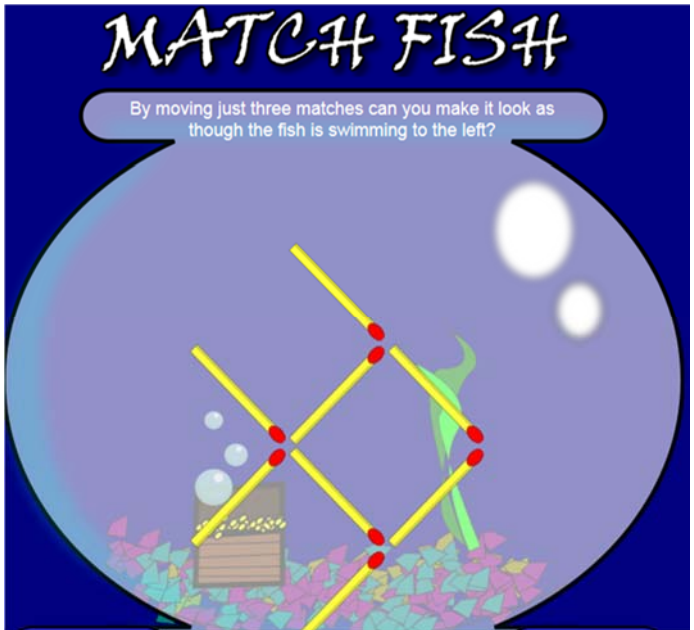
Spelling rule 2: knock off the 'e', add 'ing'. In the piece below, circle any words that follow the spelling rule. Label them 1 or 2.

'One day, Luke was walking to school, feeling fine, having written all of his homework the previous night. Luke didn't usually like homework but he understood that to complete a task would help him to improve his grades. He wanted to do well in School and saw that hard work was the key to achieving in exams.

He clutched his school bag, hoping his teacher would be proud of his extreme effort. He had a smile on his face. He could appreciate his own effort and he knew he'd done the right thing completing it all on time!

SEE MRS CONNOLLY WITH YOUR ANSWERS AND WIN A PRIZE!

Maths Corner



[Answer to last week's puzzle:](#)

There are 36 rabbits and 28 chickens in the field.

Weekly Theme - 'Telling our Story'

Luke 24:13-35

Two of Jesus' followers were going to a town named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking when Jesus came near and began walking with them, but they were kept from recognising Him.

Jesus said, "What are these things you are talking about while you walk?" One of the followers answered, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know what just happened there?" Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about?" They said, "About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet who said and did many powerful things before God and all the people. Our leaders and the leading priests handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him. Today some women among us amazed us. Early this morning they went to the tomb, but they did not find His body there."

Then Jesus said to them, "You are foolish and slow to believe everything the prophets said. They said that the Christ must suffer these things before He enters his glory." Jesus began to explain everything that had been written about himself in the Scriptures. They came near Emmaus, and Jesus acted as if He were going farther. The followers begged Him, "Stay with us,

because it is late; it is almost night." So He went in to stay with them. When Jesus was at the table, He took some bread, gave thanks, divided it, and gave it to them. When the followers recognised Him, Jesus disappeared. They said, "It felt like a fire burning in us when Jesus talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures."

The two followers got up at once and went back to Jerusalem. They said, "The Lord really has risen from the dead!" They told what had happened on the road and how they recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

It is not always easy to recognise God's presence in our lives. But God is there in all those who walk alongside us. The people who have brought us a light in the darkest times, those who have strengthened our faith by their presence.

Prayer

Christ Jesus, open our hearts to the wonder of your presence in our lives. Open our eyes to recognise you in each person and to walk alongside those among us in need.

Amen.