St John Plessington Catholic College

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Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

Congratulations to 46 of our Year 11 pupils who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition last weekend in North Wales. Pupils left an overcast SJP car park at 8am on Saturday morning with a 3 day, 2 night expedition ahead of them. Spirits were high and excitement was in the air. As the groups arrived at Loggerheads, the sun broke through and remained with them for what was to become 3 beautiful days.

Whilst on expedition, pupils were challenged to navigate through open fields, farmland and villages in what were simply glorious surroundings. This was a task that was achieved by all of the groups, with some making very good time when navigating. It was wonderful to see the skill, teamwork and character of our pupils in action.

When pupils were not roaming the hills they were setting up camp and working out how to be self sufficient. It was at this stage of the expedition progress from their Bronze award became evident as the majority had moved from pot noodles to pasta!

All in all it was a fantastic, yet very challenging 3 days, in which all pupils did extremely well. They did themselves, the College and Duke of Edinburgh's Award very proud indeed.



EASTER HOLIDAY DATES 14th - 25th April - Easter holiday 28th April - Pupils due back to school

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Language Corner

Read through the comments students have made during assessment week. Can you find the 10 mistakes? The first five correct answers to Mr Passmore will win Vivo points!

"Me gusta mucho la inglés porque es interesanto."



"Me odio las matemáticas porque es aburridas. "

"No me gusta nadar el dibujo, creo que es fatalo."

"Me gustan las sciencias porque el profesora es divertido."

"Me encanta el españa y pienso que son muy importante."

MFL Clubs

<u>Years 7 & 8 Homework Lunch Club</u> 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.

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

Badminton Success

Congratulations to Daisy Senior, 9OR who continues to succeed in her badminton accolades. Recently, Daisy was presented with her winners medals for the 2013/14 Badminton Wales/ North Wales Shuttle Series.



This is a fantastic achievement that Daisy has been working towards for some time.

Currently ranked 10th in the Singles and 2nd in the Girls & Mixed Doubles in Wales, Daisy is hoping to be invited to take part in the final of the Welsh Open later this year.

Daisy continues to train at least twice a week with the Performance Centre and plays most weekends representing the Cheshire U15 squad. She also plays selected matches for the Bidston Badminton Club Senior Team in Wirral League 2 which is great experience for her. Well done Daisy!

SJP PTA Bedding Plant Sale

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Catholic College SJP PTA

St John Plessington

are holding their Annual

BEDDING PLANT SALE

on

Saturday 3rd May 2014

9.00am - 11.30am

In the College Dining Hall

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If you wish to pre-order, please complete an Order Form (copies available from the College Reception) and return to us by Friday 4th April 2014

Wide choice of high quality plants available

Order early to avoid disappointment

Attendance - 24/03/14 - 28/03/14



Year 7 - 97.7% Year 8 - 93.5% Year 9 - 96.2% Year 10 - 94.0% Year 11 - 93.5%

Year 12 Radiotherapy Trip

As part of the SJP's STEM activities to encourage students to consider university courses and careers in science and technology, a group of Year 12 science students travelled to the Department of Health Sciences at the University of Liverpool for a taster session on Radiotherapy.

The students were given a presentation on the differences between radiography (taking x-rays and MRI scans) and radiotherapy (treating cancer using ionising radiation). They then took part in three workshops demonstrating the use of a CAT scanner and the virtual linear accelerator, and explaining

how moulds are made to help keep patients still whilst they undergo radiotherapy treatment. The highlight of the afternoon was watching Alex Finnigan (12MT) being put into the CAT scanner!



Coming Up

- Wednesday 2nd April & Thurs 3rd April Wirral Food Bank collection. Please donate dried and tinned goods
- Thursday 3rd April Everyman Theatre Trip, **Twelfth Night**
- Saturday 5th to Monday 7th April Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition
- Saturday 3rd May, 9.00am to 11.30am SJP PTA Bedding Plant Sale

Year 7 Street Child Africa Fun Run

Last Friday, almost 50 Year 7 pupils and some members of staff took part in a 2 mile fancy dress sponsored fun run.



The event was organised by 7TL in aid of our whole school charity, Street Child Africa.

We had a variety of runners from Spiderman and Batman to famous footballers, a range of animals, including tigers and bunnies and 70's psychedelic party outfits; we even had Elvis!

The sun shone as the pupils ran in their costumes and a great time was had by all for a very worthy cause.

Over £100 was raised on the day for Street Child Africa with some pupils still collecting sponsor money from their family and friends. Well done 7TL!



Core Science revision for unit 1 Additional Science revision for unit 2 Day / Subject (Year 10 Core & Triple / Year 11 (Year 11 Additional / Year 11 Triple) Triple / Year 11 resit) Tues: Biology Foundation: Sci 3 with Miss McMahon Foundation and Higher: Sci 5 with B1 exam 6th June Miss Kemp Higher: Sci 4 with Miss Smith B2 exam 13th May Wed: Chemistry Foundation: Sci 7 with Mr Ridler Foundation and Higher: Sci 1 with Mr C1 exam 10th June Lysaght Higher: Sci 13 with Mr Marsh C2 exam 15th May Thurs: Physics Foundation: Sci 6 with Miss Greenhall Foundation and Higher: Sci 7 with Mr P1 exam 12th June Gale P2 exam 19th May Higher: Sci 8 with Mr Gettel

GCSE Science after school revision sessions

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Literacy Corner

Select the word that corresponds to the correct definition. An extra prize is on offer if you can define the rest of the words. Please see Mrs Connolly with your answers.

Having an intense flavour or odour.

- a) pervasive
- b) pungent
- c) plethora

To express oneself; to talk.

- a) recourse
- b) repress
- c) discourse

Weekly Theme - 'Working in the dark'

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. "This man was born blind so that God's power could be shown in him. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After Jesus said this, he spat on the ground and made some mud with it and put the mud on the man's eyes. Then he told the man, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." The man went, washed, and came back seeing.

The neighbours and some people who had earlier seen this man begging said, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No, he only looks like him."

The man himself said, "I am the man. The man named Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

They asked him, "Where is this man?"

"I don't know, " he answered.

Then the people took to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. The day Jesus had made mud and healed his eyes was a Sabbath day. So now the Pharisees asked the man, "How did you get your sight?"

He answered, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see. He is a prophet."

These leaders did not believe that he had been blind and could now see again. So they sent for the man's parents and asked them, "Is this your son who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?" His parents were afraid of the elders, who had already decided that anyone who said Jesus was the Christ would be avoided. His parents said, "He is old enough to answer. Ask him."

The man answered, "I already told you, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his followers, too?"

They insulted him and said, "You are his follower, but we are followers of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don't even know where this man comes from."

Jesus found the man and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He replied "Who is the Son of Man, sir, so that I can believe in him?"

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him. The Son of Man is the one talking with you."

He said, "Lord, I believe!" Then the man worshiped Jesus.

Prayer

God our Father, you cared so much for each one of us that you gave your Son as the Light of the World.

May we not be blind, but help us to se the way that leads to a peaceful conscience and a good life. Amen.



How many triangles are there on the surface of a regular icosahedron?

Maths Corner