



Santa Dash



On Sunday 1st December, 23 pupils, Miss Francis, and Mr McHale got into the Christmas spirit and took to the streets of Liverpool City Centre for the annual 'Santa Dash'. All in a bid to raise much needed funds for their forthcoming expedition to Swaziland. The streets were transformed into a sea of red as our pupils walked or jogged the 5km route to the finishing line outside of Liverpool Town Hall. All those taking part received an extra special 10th anniversary commemorative medal on completion of the charity fundraising race. The entry costs helped to raise money for a wide range of local and national charities.



School will close on Friday 20th December 2013 at 12pm, this will be a non-uniform day with all proceeds going to our whole school charity. School will Open 6th January 2014 at 8.40am.

Design Your Future

Fifteen prospective young designers from Year 12 made the short trip to Manchester for the Annual Design your Future Exhibition. The exhibition is organised by UCAS. This is the body that all students apply through in order to gain entry into higher education.

There were universities and colleges from all over Great Britain promoting a whole range of courses from Product Design through to Architecture and Costume Design. The students made the most of this great opportunity talking with lecturers and admissions tutors who were able to answer questions about the courses and the qualifications students would need in order to study them. Our students were also able to meet with current university students who provided invaluable insights into university life and the types of employment they were planning on pursuing post university.



Football News

The U13 Girls Football Team represented SJP brilliantly in the Tranmere Rovers 6-a-side football league last week. The girls made it through the first round of the tournament, with some fantastic football skills and teamwork .

During the second round of the tournament the girls battled hard against the wind and rain to accumulate points but narrowly missed out on place in the final. A big well done to all the girls for their hard work and efforts.

Girls football is available to all Years on a Tuesday after school. Please see a member of PE for more details.



Literacy Corner

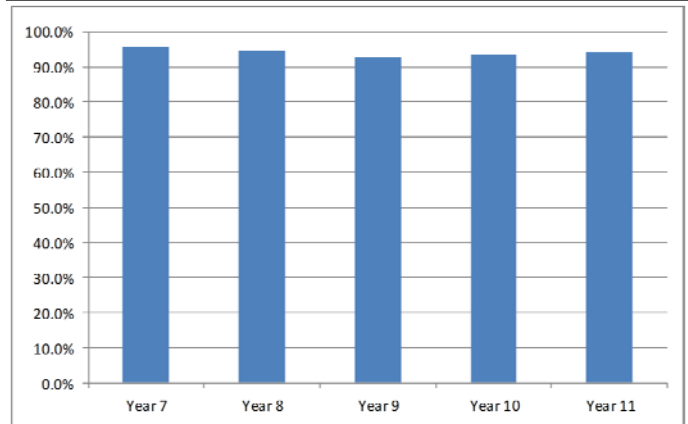
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See Mrs Connolly with your completed sheets.

Attendance - 02/12/13 - 06/12/13



Year 7 - 95.7% Year 8 - 94.5% Year 9 - 92.9%
Year 10 - 93.5% Year 11 - 94.1%

Computer Science Week

Computer Science
Education Week DECEMBER 9-15, 2013

The Hour of Code is coming

Everybody in this country should learn to program a computer ... because it teaches you how to think.

Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple Inc (1955-2011)



Computer Programming Competition

Calling all you budding game designers!

For the Computer Science Education week we at SJP are running a competition to see who can create the best Xbox game using Kodu.

The prize for the best game is a fabulous Raspberry Pi



<http://csedweek.org/>

Key stage 3 pupils will have the opportunity to use Kodu in lessons and everybody is welcome to attend Kodu sessions after school in the Computing Department. Alternatively why not create an interactive Christmas card in Scratch for friends and family.



The Hour of Code is here.
Join millions to learn for one hour.

The hour of the code at

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Xbox Game Marking Sheet and Rules

- Your game will be made using Kodu
- It will need to be saved in your area for marking
- Games will need to be by finished Friday 20th December
- Marks out of 10 will be awarded for the criteria in the grid below
- The rest is up to you! Good luck and happy coding

Name:	Form:
Name of Game:	
Creativity	
Terrain	
Characters	
Interaction	
Programming Skills	
Usability	
Playability	
Entertainment	
Design	
Creativity	

Coming up

- Carol Service: 18th & 19th December
- School closes: 20th December 2013 12pm
- School opens: 6th January 2014 8.40am

Next PTA meeting
7.00pm Tuesday 28th January 2014
in the College Staff Room.
All are welcome.

Language Corner



Many celebrities speak Spanish. Gwyneth Paltrow speaks it fluently. Read this interview with her and see if you can

Entrevistadora: Hola Gwyneth, ¿Cómo estás?

Gwyneth: Estoy bien gracias ¿y tú?

Entrevistadora: Muy bien, vale, ¿de dónde eres Gwyneth?

Gwyneth: Soy de Los Ángeles en California en los Estados Unidos y vivo allí con mi marido Chris Martin y mis hijos Apple y Moses.

Entrevistadora: ¡Excelente! ¿Y cuantos años tienen tus hijos?

Gwyneth: Moses tiene 9 años y Apple tiene 7 años.

Entrevistadora: ¿Qué tipo de películas prefieres?

Gwyneth: Me encantan las películas románticas pero también me gusta ver la televisión, especialmente los programas de cocina porque me gusta cocinar.

Entrevistadora: Muy interesante, gracias. Adiós Gwyneth.

Gwyneth: Adiós

- Where is Gwyneth from?
- What are her children called?
- What type of films does she like?
- What type of TV programmes does she like?

Maths Corner

Christmas Bells

A Festive Maths Starter of The Day



The first bell rings every 6 minutes,
The Second bell rings every 7 minutes,
The third bell rings every hour,

If all the bells ring together at noon, at what time with they next ring together?

Solution for last week

One solution is 12, 30, 45, 78 and 69 (but there are many more)

Weekly Theme - 'Change Your Ways'

If you are going out in the evening or have been invited to a special celebration, you take your time to get yourself washed and changed into your best clothes.

In our gospel this week John The Baptist told people they had to be baptised (washed) and change their lives, to enable them to welcome the Messiah.

This is what Advent is really all about, preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus the Messiah at Christmas.

John the Baptist came to help people get their priorities right. This Advent we are being asked to get our priorities right as well. There are more important things to do than buying presents and decorating our homes, or buying nice clothes to wear and good things to eat.

Remember the story of Martha and Mary, when Jesus came to their house Mary stopped what she was doing to simply 'be' in the presence of Jesus, while Martha her sister busied herself doing things in the house and missed this opportunity.

Matthew 3:1-12

About that time John the Baptist began preaching in the desert area of Judea. John said, "Change your hearts and lives because the kingdom of heaven is near." John the Baptist is the one Isaiah the prophet was talking about when he said: "This is a voice of one who calls out in the desert: Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the road straight for him. Isaiah". 40:3

John's clothes were made from camels' hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food, he ate locusts and

wild honey. Many people came from Jerusalem and Judea and all the area around the Jordan River to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptised them in the Jordan River.

Many of the Pharisees and Sadducees came to the place where John was baptising people. When John saw them, he said, "You are snakes! Who warned you to run away from God's coming punishment? Do the things that show you really have changed your hearts and lives. And don't think you can say to yourselves, 'Abraham is our father.' I tell you that God could make children for Abraham from these rocks. The axe is now ready to cut down the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptise you with water to show that your hearts and lives have changed. But there is one coming after me who is greater than I am, whose sandals I am not good enough to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He will come ready to clean the grain, separating the good grain from the chaff. He will put the good part of the grain into his barn, but he will burn the chaff with a fire that cannot be put out."

Father, in Heaven your Son's birthday draws near. May the greed and selfishness, which tempts so many people at this time of year, not blind us to the real meaning of His coming into our world. Amen