



Holocaust Memorial Day 2014

On Wednesday 5th February 2014, fifteen pupils from different year groups within our College community attended Wirral Borough Council's Holocaust Day Commemoration. Pupils from schools across the borough gathered at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton. The Commemoration began with the lighting of the Yahrtzeit candle or 'Soul candle' which, in Jewish tradition, is lit in memory of the dead.

The pupils were addressed by Joanna Millan who is a survivor from Theresienstadt, the World War II concentration camp. Joanna was born in Berlin in 1942. In 1943, her father was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he was later killed. Only months after her father was captured, Joanna and her mother were taken from their home to Theresienstadt, a concentration camp fifty miles outside Prague. Sadly, Joanna's Mother died from tuberculosis leaving her an orphan.

Joanna was liberated by the Russian Army on 3rd May 1945, and later flew to England, where she was adopted by a Jewish couple from London.

In his closing remarks, The Mayor of Wirral, Cllr Dave Mitchell assembled pupils and said, "Since the Holocaust, many incidents of genocide have taken place including in Cambodia, Rwanda and Bosnia and even today we are seeing the horrors that are taking place in Syria. It will be through young people learning about such atrocities that we can prevent them in the future."

Pupils from our College were moved by what they had witnessed. One pupil remarked, "We have read about the Holocaust and seen the images from the concentration camps, but today Joanna's testimony helped me understand that every person killed belonged to a family, each person was a father or a mother, a sister or a brother and each had their own unique story."



JOANNA MILLAN
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR



HOLIDAY DATES

17th - 21st February - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

24th February - ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY

25th February - PUPILS DUE BACK IN SCHOOL

Language Corner

Vamos al Mercado!

Mr Passmore needs you to help him with his shopping! Read through the list of items he needs, check this against the price board from the market and write down how much the total bill will be. The first five correct answers to Mr Passmore will win house points!

Mr P's Shopping List

2kg of grapes
2 lettuces
1kg of bananas
1.5kg of apples
2kg of carrots

Mercado Buen Precio

1kg tomates è 3€
1kg zanahorias è 2€
1kg manzanas è 3€
1kg uvas è 4€
1kg plátanos è 2€
una lechuga è 1€

Total cost € _____

MFL Clubs

Years 7 & 8 Having difficulty with your MFL homework? Please come to Homework Club every Tuesday during Academic Review! Get your pass from LA1 at break-time on Tuesday.

Years 8 & 9 Do you want to enhance your language knowledge even further? Why not learn French? French Club is held every Tuesday at 3.20pm in LA1.

World Film Club this WEDNESDAY! Get your passes from MFL3 Wednesday break to avoid being locked out!

Year 9 Spelling Bee

On Friday 31st January, nine Year 7 pupils delivered an impressive performance whilst competing in Stage 2 of The Routes into Foreign Languages Spelling Bee. Pupils had sixty seconds to translate a selection of words into Spanish before spelling out each letter individually using the Spanish alphabet. Our four winners were Fiona Logan, Erin Glanvill, Hollie Christelow and Libbey Emery. They will now go on to compete in Stage 3 of the regional finals at Manchester Metropolitan University. Our overall winner, Hollie Christelow, was crowned 'Queen Bee'. Well done!



Car Boot Sale

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Saturday 8th March 2014
9.00am - 1.00pm
(set up from 8.00am)

n Plessington Catholic College
Via Chester Road, Bebington,
Wirral CH63 7LF

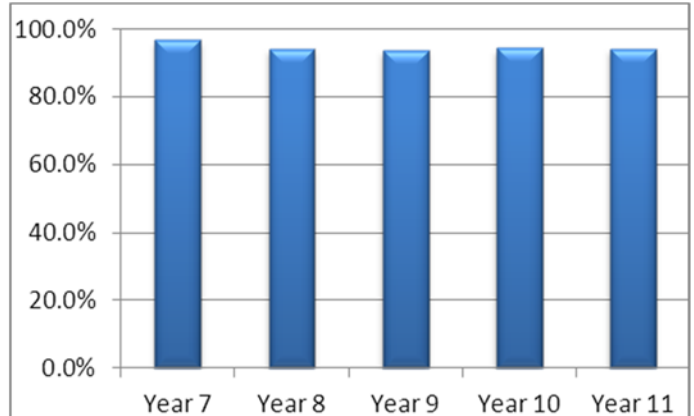
£10 per car
(50p buyers entry fee)
Refreshments & toilet facilities
available.

If you wish to pre-book your space, please contact Mr Luke McHale at the College on 0151 645 5049 or email schooloffice@stjohnplessington.com

Coming up

- Friday 28th February - Yr 8 Enterprise Day
- Saturday 8th March - Car Boot Sale
- Tuesday 11th March - PTA Meeting
- Tuesday 18th March - Yr 12 UCAS Evening

Attendance 3/1/14 - 7/2/14



Year 7 - 96.7% Year 8 - 94.1% Year 9 - 93.7%
Year 10 - 94.3% Year 11 - 94.1%

GCSE Revision/Coursework Support Classes Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RE 8.00am - 8.30am (breakfast included) RE3	History 8.00am - 8.30am HUM1	Health & Social Care 12.30pm - 1.15pm VOC1	Health & Social Care 12.30pm - 1.15pm VOC1	Health & Social Care 12.30pm - 1.15pm VOC1
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Music 12.30pm - 1.15pm MUSIC2	Geography 3.20pm - 4.20pm HU2 & HU3	DT : Product Design, Textiles, Graphics & Catering 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT1, 2, 3, 4 & 6	History 3.20pm - 4.20pm HUM1	DT Graphics (Yr 11 & 12) 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT6
Drama 12.30pm - 1.15pm DRAMA1	Health & Social Care 3.20pm - 4.20pm VOC1		Health & Social Care 3.20pm - 4.20pm VOC1	
PE BTEC 12.30pm - 1.15pm	PE (Yr 10) BTEC 3.20-4.20pm		Art 3.30pm - 5.00pm ART2	
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	DT : Product Design, Graphics & Catering (Yr 10-13) 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT1, 2, 4 & 6		DT (Product Design, Graphics & Catering) 3.20pm - 4.20pm DT1, 2, 4 & 6	

Sixth Form Revision & Coursework Support Timetable

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 A2 RE Art / DT / ICT / PE	English Comb & Lit. AS French A2 Spanish Physics Chemistry AS Religious Studies Maths A2 Biology DT ICT PE	English Comb & Lit. A2 Psychology H&S Performing Arts Physics AS Science Applied Maths A2 History A2 Media Health & Social DT ICT PE	P.E. 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.

Literacy Corner

Work out what the following dingbats are trying to tell you.

See Mrs Connolly with your answers and win a prize.

DINGBATS

Example 1 3 5 7 9 11
FAVOURITE Answer: Odds on Favourite

1 10000000

2 BAN ANA

3 KNEE
LAMP TORCH FLASH

4 HOROBOD

5 WISH
★

6 GOOD

7 ~~LEAST~~

8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

9 LOST WORD
WORD
WORD

10 ETUNIMANI

Language Corner

Arrange the numbers of the squares so that each of the three digit numbers formed horizontally are square numbers and each of the three digit numbers formed vertically are even.

Square and Even

			2	1
			6	5
			4	8
			4	4
			4	

Last Week's Answers :

Here is one of many solutions

	6			
5	1	2	3	
	4			

Weekly Theme - 'Are We There Yet?'

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing, except to be thrown out and walked on. You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lamp stand so the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven."

When Jesus tells His disciples, "You are the salt of the earth." He wasn't speaking about that white stuff in a shaker on the table. He was speaking about wisdom. In Roman times, salt was associated with being rich. Slaves were often purchased for salt. The expression, "He's not worth his salt," is based on this.

When Jesus speaks about salt, He is speaking about something that gives us value and what gives us value is that which we have received from God. That is wisdom. This wisdom, this salt, is a new way of life, far different from the values of the world.

The values of the world, are selfishness. "Life revolves around me," the world says. "Take care of number one," the world teaches. But this false wisdom, leads only to frustration, fear and despair, that you have wasted your time.

"You are the light of the world," Jesus tells us. Our light must shine as an example to others. We have a responsibility to others. We have been given the wisdom of God. We have a responsibility to let them experience this wisdom. We need to care for others. Our light should shine by being a good example to those who are around us, all we have to do is have the courage to follow the example given to us by Jesus in the way in which he lived his life.

Prayer

**Father, watch over us, for we are your family.
Keep us safe from harm.
May no action or thought of our hurt others;
for you love each of them, as you love us.**

Amen.