



D of E Bronze

Following in the footsteps of our Year 11 Silver Award pupils, Year 9 have taken their first steps to achieving the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award. Over the last two weekends over 60 of our Year 9 pupils travelled to North Wales to successfully complete their practice expeditions where they learnt how to navigate using ordnance survey maps, set up camp and cook for themselves using Trangia stoves.

In order to complete their practice expedition pupils were challenged to walk 14km on the Friday before setting up camp and cooking a hot meal. Then pupils rose at 7.00am to pack up camp and walk a further 10km before returning to school. The route took pupils through the stunning scenery North Wales has to offer which made the challenge worthwhile as pupils were treated to some spectacular views. Whilst this was a challenge, it was a challenge that was accepted and conquered by all of our pupils as they displayed great camaraderie, resilience and enthusiasm whilst being challenged by the elements and new experiences.

The aim of this expedition was to introduce pupils to the beautiful countryside in our local area whilst equipping them with the skills to access it. It was also to prepare them for their next challenge which is their qualifying weekend at Moel Famau. Judging by pupils' enthusiasm and commitment to the award so far, I am sure they will navigate their way to success.



Half Term Holiday Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2014
Pupils due back Monday 2nd June at 8.40am

Language Corner

J'aime le français!

Can you solve the anagrams below? Hint: you study these each week. The first five correct answers to Mr Passmore will win Vivo points!

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| 1: | slangai | _____ |
| 2: | cessince | _____ |
| 3: | shtam | _____ |
| 4: | eihpargoeg | _____ |
| 5: | sçranifa | _____ |
| 6: | prosts | _____ |
| 7: | reiotshi | _____ |
| 8: | iegolnochte | _____ |

MFL Clubs!

TUESDAY: Year 7 & 8 – Having difficulty with your MFL homework? – Then come to **Lunch Club** every Tuesday during Academic Review. Get your pass from LA1 Tuesday breaktime. Don't miss out! TUESDAY: Year 8 & 9 – FRENCH LANGUAGE LEARNERS. Want to enhance your language knowledge even further? Why not learn French? Every Tuesday at 3:20 in LA1. Be there. Don't Forget. World Film Club this WEDNESDAY Get your passes from MFL3 Wednesday break to avoid being locked out!

KS3 Leadership Club

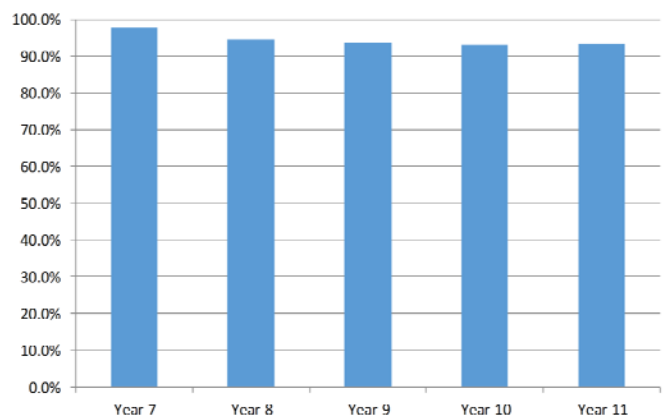


On Wednesday lunchtime the KS3 Leadership Club had a massive 54 participants. The sports leaders are developing their leadership skills during the sessions and working towards leading lunch time clubs for the primary school pupils of St Johns. Well done to all involved.

Coming Up

- Friday 16th and Saturday 17th May- Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Expedition (Third group)
- Wednesday 21st May - Teen Tech North Wales and Cheshire, Science 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

Attendance 06/05/14 - 09/05/14



Year 7 - 97.7% Year 8 - 94.6% Year 9 - 93.6%
Year 10 - 93.1% Year 11 - 93.3%

Literacy Corner

Find an eight letter word in the grid. It can be spelled out by combining adjoining letters: sideways, backwards, up and down.

Good luck!

J	E	A	L
X	S	U	O
X	Y	M	U
N	T	H	O

Give your answers to Mrs Connolly to win a prize!

Maths Corner

Can you make this statement true by adding just one small line?

$$10\ 10\ 10 = 9:50$$

Answer to last week's puzzle:



Weekly Theme - 'Making the Right Choice'

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, the person who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The one who guards the door opens it for him. And the sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he brings all his sheep out, he goes ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger. They will run away from him because they don't know his voice." Jesus told the people this story, but they did not understand what it meant.

So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the door for the sheep. All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. I am the door and the person who enters through me will be saved and will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life—life in all its fullness".

Today when sometimes we think about shepherds looking after sheep, we have a very fanciful idea about

them. We picture cuddly sheep wandering around in green fields. When Jesus spoke about being a good shepherd he was speaking about the shepherds of his time, who was a tough outdoor man who lead mixed herds of sheep and goats which wandered all over the place. But the shepherd knew his sheep and made sure they were safe from animals who would attack them or people who would try to steal them. The sheep knew the voice of their own shepherd and would only follow the voice that they recognised.

Who are the voices that we follow today? Is it the voice of the immoral elements of our society? Is it the voice of the popular but self-absorbed? Or do we follow the voice of Jesus?

Loving Father, please give us the strength and courage that we need to follow Jesus, as our Good Shepherd. May we trust Him completely especially when life is confusing and hard. Amen.



