



Conway Trip Year 7

Last week Year 7 enjoyed three days in Anglesey at the Conway Centre. The 'First Steps Experience' gave the year group a fantastic opportunity to come together and enjoy a range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities with the theme of Community and Friendship. Canoeing, bush craft, high ropes and nightline were just a selection of the exciting activities in which pupils participated. When pupils weren't outside adventuring in the cold, they enjoyed art (making friendship bracelets), drama, dance and a movie night. The final evening saw Year 7 take to the dance floor to show off an array of skilful moves. A great time was had by all!



"Very impressed. My child is in Year 5 of primary school and we are very glad we came to look around."

Parent of Year 5 Pupil, SJP Open Evening

Swaziland Book Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday saw our Swaziland Expedition Team host a book sale and coffee morning in the College Hall. It was a huge success and vital funds were raised for the forthcoming expedition.

Thank you to all who supported us through the donation of books and cakes. It was an excellent turn out and a thoroughly enjoyable morning. The total raised was £273.45.

Upcoming Swaziland fundraisers for your diary include:

Year 7 Salon and Disco,
Friday 7th February



Car Boot Sale, Saturday 8th March

Quiz Night, Friday 28th March



LJMU Visit

Year 12 Geography and World Development spent the day at Liverpool John Moores University studying the built environment. The day ranged from looking at the future shape of cities and making building more sustainable, from the rotating building in Dubai, to practical engineering and strength testing bridges. It was an excellent day and provided pupils with food for thought regarding their future careers.



Coming up

- Year 7 Enterprise Day** - Friday 7th February
- Year 7 Disco** - Friday 7th February
- Paris Trip** - Wednesday to Sunday 12th - 16th February
- Half Term** - Monday to Friday 17th - 21st February
- Additional Holiday** - Monday 24th February

Car Boot Sale

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

John Plessington Catholic College
Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral. CH63 7LF

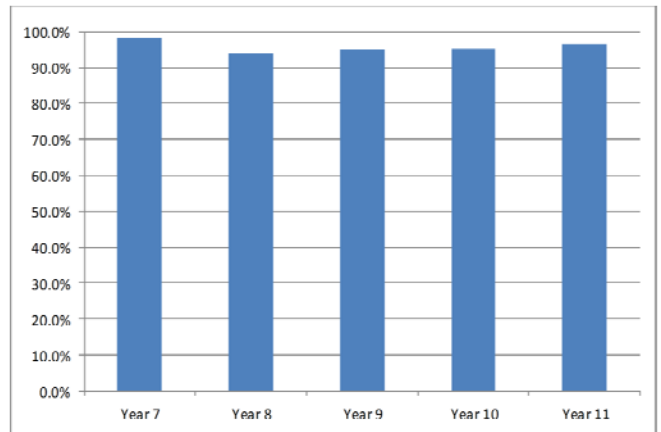
£10 per car
(50p buyers entry fee)
Refreshments & toilet facilities available.

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

Organised by pupils taking part in SJP World Challenge Swaziland Expedition 2014.



Attendance - 20/01/14 - 24/01/14



Year 7 - 98.2% **Year 8 - 93.7%** **Year 9 - 95.0%**
Year 10 - 95.2% **Year 11 - 96.7%**

Language Corner

Comment s'écrit?

Read the letters as they sound in French and work out what word is made! The first five correct answers to Mr Passmore will win house points!

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Ess - say - ee - euh - en - say - euh

Eegrek - ah - err - day

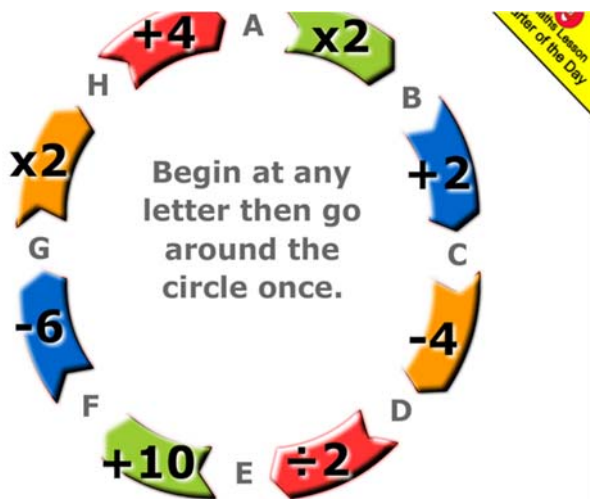
Say - oh - em - pay - oo - tay - euh - err

Ess - say - ash - oh - oh - ell - bay - ah - shay

Don't Forget! World Film Club THIS WEDNESDAY! Get your passes from MFL3 Wednesday break to avoid being locked out.

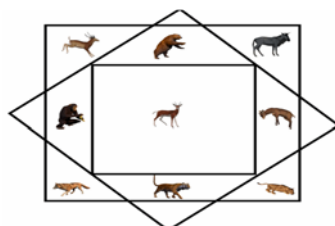


Maths Corner



Think of a number (perhaps your age). Start at any letter then go around the circle performing each operation in order. Which starting point gives the largest answer? Which gives the smallest?

Solution for last week



Geography Competition

What is this and which article in the newsletter is it related to? Bring your detailed answers to Mr Higginbotham in Humanities 2 to win a prize.



Water Polo Trials



On the 11th and 12th January 2014, Michael Kelly in Year 10 attended Water Polo trials at Cardiff International Pool – there were 83 boys at trials and Michael has been selected for the Great Britain Talent Development Squad for Boys born in 1999.

This will involve him attending regular National Talent Camps in Cardiff with a view to developing and playing for Great Britain Junior Men's in the European Championships in 2017.

The pictures show Michael scoring against Wales in last years Regional Competition and him holding the ball at Millfield School National Water Polo Academy in 2013.

On the 8th and 9th February he will be representing the North West in the Regional Championships in Walsall.

Well done Michael - a star on the rise!

Holocaust Memorial Day

This year's theme is Journeys

The experience of those affected by the Holocaust and genocide is characterised by forced journeys. Many of these journeys ended in death; persecutors forcibly moved huge numbers of people – in trains, cattle trucks and on death marches, from homes in villages and towns and across countries. Some journeys ended in survival; when those persecuted made journeys to escape, some in disguise, some into hiding. There are journeys too, made after liberation: to life in new countries, or returning home to the places where neighbours may have contributed to the persecution.

Individuals and families were forced to move away from their homes and familiar surroundings, into the unknown. These journeys were mostly undertaken in fear and in ignorance of what would be found at the journey's end. Refugees travelled across countries and across seas. We read of endless queues for visas, train or boat tickets, of timetables and waiting on station platforms. We read of people struggling to carry suitcases with whatever they could pack in a time of desperate need.

Similar journeys may be made during other conflicts. However, journeys undertaken during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides are underpinned by the perpetrators' systematic and planned use of vast transport infrastructure and personnel resources to facilitate stages of genocide; separating families and communities, organising and preparing for torture and murder by moving populations to ghettos and camps. In deportations and death marches, the journey itself was a means of degrading, persecuting and killing Jews, political prisoners and many others.

The history of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and of the subsequent genocides is of upheaval, uprooting individuals, families and even whole communities, people forced to travel from village to city, from town to hiding places.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2014

For survivors who arrived in the UK, their journeys ended with the establishment of new lives and new homes in a country that at first felt very alien.

Weekly Theme - 'A Light in the Darkness'

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ...From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father mending nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus makes his appearance as a great light that has arisen in Galilee of the Gentiles. He is the light for a people who have lived in darkness and the shadow of death and oppression.

At times we need to distance ourselves from material things and sometimes even revisit our values for the sake of the gospel.

This week Jesus is asking each one of us if we will turn our lives around and leave behind the darkness and whatever gets in the way and stops us from bringing the Good News of Jesus and his Kingdom of justice and peace into our world today.

Prayer

For the grace to 'repent', turning from ourselves toward those in need,

Merciful God, hear us!

For the grace to respond to the call of discipleship, quickly and decisively,

Merciful God, hear us!

For the grace of healing to all who are ill and alone,

Merciful God, hear us!

Amen