

Year 7 Welcome Mass

On Friday 18th October 2013 our Year 7 pupils gathered in the College Hall together with their families and members of staff to celebrate Mass together marking the beginning of their journey together as members of the SJP family. The theme of the Mass was "From little acorns mighty Oaks grow". Pupils decorated the tree in the College Hall with acorns, upon which they had written what they wanted to achieve during their time here at SJP. Fr Nick, who celebrated Mass, asked the children to think about the gifts and talents that God had given them and how they could be grown in the years to come, not only for themselves but also for the service of others in the SJP community and the wider world.

Pupils from each form group took part in the various elements of the liturgy of the Mass, including leading the offertory procession. Pupils brought forward baskets of bulbs, one for each student in the year group to be planted in the Peace Garden as a reminder to our students in spring that they are called to grow and flower here in our SJP family. Members of our newly formed Year 7 Choir led the singing and also sang two solo items during the distribution of Holy Communion.

We hope that we have given our pupils a lovely memory to cherish and we believe as a Catholic community that the best gift we can possibly give to our young people as they begin their journey with us is the celebration of Mass together which is our reminder of God's great gift to us, His Son Jesus.



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Rugby News



The Year 8 Rugby Team played in a merging schools tournament on 17th October against 20 teams from Merseyside. SJP won the group stage unbeaten and made it through to the final - only to fall short of the title, losing to a strong Birkdale side. The whole squad played exceptionally well throughout the tournament and were a credit to SJP. There were particularly strong performances by Sean Fields, Ryan Jones, Liam Donnelly and the Captain, George Burrows.

Science Club

Do you have a love for science? Do you want to take part in exciting practicals? Science club is up and running again now!

Each session will be based around a different topic including: Physics, Chemistry and Biology, and will enhance your understanding of the science you learn in school and of the world around you!

Science club will be running in Sc8 every Tuesday from 3.30pm-4.30pm, and will be open to all year groups.



Netball News

Two Year 7 Netball Teams played their first netball matches against Bebington High School and were both successful, winning 8-0 and 5-0. Both teams stayed solid in defence not allowing the other school to score a goal. All girls played really well and showed a promising level of skill. Every girl who participated represented SJP with exemplary behaviour. We very much look forward to the next matches and up coming tournaments. Well done girls!



The Year 9 Netball Team continued their winning streak, and beat a mixture of Year 9, 10 and Sixth Form players 26-5. The girls played really well in both attack and defence and demonstrated outstanding phases of play. The girls are now looking forward to their next match and future tournaments.

Literacy Corner

<u>Adjectives</u> are words that help add information to the noun. They play a vital role in descriptive writing. DID YOU KNOW all colours are examples of adjectives? Here is a descriptive piece of writing. Circle all

the adjectives you can find! See Mrs Connolly with your sheet.

The ice cool stare from the slim man was chilling. She could see that his black coat was casting a sinister shadow on the crumbling wall he was slumped against.

She wanted to run but her trembling, unstable legs would not move. She watched him reach his bony hand into his pocket and slowly remove an ancient piece of paper. The old, partly torn parchment seemed to distract him from his stare.

She saw a huge opportunity to flee from this dangerous and dark alley. Her leather boots seemed to shout with each long stride. He looked up. As he did so, she snatched the parchment from his desperate grasp and his rancid face revealed the full horror of what she had done.

She kept running as fast as she could: passing sleeping houses, empty streets, silent gardens. Finally she slowed, gasping for breath, her sweaty hands still clutching the parchment. She heard a soft sound and looked up. The tall figure was in front of her, his black coat billowing.

"You have something of mine", he growled, "and I want it back."

His skeletal hand reached out towards her.....

Swaziland Fundraising

Swaziland Fundraising: Race Night On Friday 15th November, a small group of Year 11 pupils will be organising a fun packed 'Race Night' at Bromborough Social Club. The pupils are fundraising for their upcoming World Challenge expedition to Swaziland and Kruger National Park. The night begins at 7.30pm and will also include, live entertainment, a raffle, disco and

karaoke. Tickets are £2 each. If you would like a ticket, please contact Mrs Mandy Doole on: 07952127332

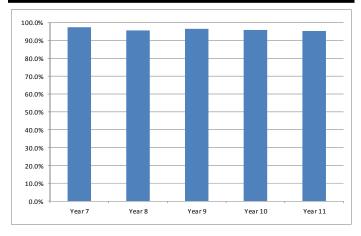


Christmas Clear Out

As you are aware our fabulous *Here Comes Christmas!* Fair is rapidly approaching; The big event is on Friday 6th December. If you have any unwanted bric a brac, books, CDs, DVDs, pictures, toys and games, please send these into school where they will be converted into cash and become somebody else's treasure.

Next PTA meeting 7.00pm Tuesday 12th November 2013 in the College Staff Room. All are welcome.

Attendance - 07/10/13 - 11/10/13



Year 7 - 97.0% Year 8 - 94.8% Year 9 - 95.1% Year 10 - 95.6% Year 11 - 92.9%

Coming up

- Blood Brothers Evening Trip: November 6th
- Year 7 and 10 Review Day: 15th November

Language Corner

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Can you match the famous celebrity to their nationality?

Kylie Minogue	Escocés
Antonio Banderas	Inglés
Andy Murray	Australiana
Cristiano Ronaldo	Estadounidense
Barack Obama	Francés
Mesut Ozil	Portugués
Catherine Zeta Jones	Alemán
Steven Gerrard	Galesa

Don't forget! World Film Club is on Wednesdays from 12:30 Get your passes from MFL3 Wednesday breaktime Last week was a lockout, so be sure to get your passes quickly

Weekly Theme - 'Can we Make it Alone?'

Luke 18: 9 - 14

Jesus told this story to some people who thought they were very good and looked down on everyone else: "A Pharisee and a tax collector both went to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee stood alone and prayed, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people who steal, cheat, or take part in adultery, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I give one-tenth of everything I get to the Temple." "The tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even look up to heaven. But he beat on his chest because he was so sad. He said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you, when this man went home, he was right with God, but the Pharisee was not. All who make themselves great will be made humble, but all who make themselves humble will be made great."

In our world today a lot of people try to live their lives without taking any notice of God. Then they wonder why their life doesn't seem to have any

Maths Corner



Can you construct an expression for 100 which uses all the digits 1 to 9?



Solution for last week

Here's one solution. There may be many more!

Bus 1 The Thompsons Th The Whites Th The Martins The

Bus 2 The Harrises The Jacksons The Martinezes Bus 3 The Garcias The Robinsons

meaning and they can never find satisfaction or even peace and happiness.

Our gospel reading this week shows us that arrogance and contempt for others are rejected by God; simple and humble dependence – realising that everything we have comes from God and that we need him – will bring us peace and true happiness.

Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, strengthen and deepen our love,

That we may learn to love you in all we do for our neighbours, family and friends. Amen



