



### Year 7 Welcome Disco



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, over 130 Year 7 pupils took to the dance floor, for our 'Welcome to SJP Disco'. The night was a huge success with music provided by St John Plessington's own resident DJ, James Beattie-Mitchell, currently in Year 11. The pupils were dressed to the nines and danced the night away to a variety of chart toppers, making the most of this great opportunity to meet new friends and learn some new dance moves after a very busy start at SJP. The event was a double celebration as it was organised by pupils raising funds for their July 2014 expedition to Swaziland and South Africa which is fast approaching. Pupils were a credit to the College and a fantastic night was had by all, with a total of £612 being raised for the 2014 expedition.





## Netball News

Well done to the Year 9 and 10 Netball Teams who played Ridgeway and Bebington High on Tuesday. Both teams displayed an excellent level of skill on the court and a strong defence meant that it was extremely difficult for the opposition to score. Mid court players did well to keep possession and feed the ball up to our accurate shooters. Congratulations to all of the girls.



## Rugby News

The Year 7 Rugby Team turned out for their first ever rugby match for SJP on Tuesday and what a match it proved to be. Their rivals, Woodchurch High School, started the game well and were winning with 20 minutes to go by 10 points to 5 when Luca Longman scored for SJP. However, SJP continued to put pressure on the Woodchurch forwards and found themselves level with 3 minutes to go following another Longman try. Within the last 30 seconds of the game, Longman used all of his power to burst through 3 tackles and run 70 metres to score a fantastic winning try and sealing a hat-trick. SJP won the game 15-10.

The whole SJP squad were outstanding and showed full commitment throughout the game. Luca Longman was a standout player, scoring a hat trick and leading the attack with some 'destroying runs'. Other pupils of note included: The captain Harris Randles, Aaron Rainbow-Adams and Josh Koumas all leading the team well in both attack and defence.

## Football News

The Year 9 Football Team progressed into the second round of the Merseyside Cup with an excellent 2-0 win over All Saints Catholic High School from Knowsley. There were outstanding performances all over the pitch making it impossible to single out one man for man of the match. Congratulations to all of the boys involved.



Congratulations to Kiah Sullivan in Year 10 who has been selected to represent the U16 Merseyside Football Team. This is a fantastic achievement for Kiah to be selected and testament to her ability and hard work.

### Next PTA meeting:

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

## 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.

## Operation Christmas Child



Please remember to keep packing your shoe boxes for this year's appeal.

## Mini Dash

Pupils represented our College at a 'Mini DASH' Conference held at St Anselm's Catholic College on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Once a term the Head Teachers from the Secondary Catholic Schools and Colleges in our Diocese meet together.

At the same time pupils representing each of their schools and college also meet together. The Pupils meeting is organised by Mrs Pat Barker the Assistant Director of Education for Secondary School in our Diocese.

The pupils worked together exploring a theme for the day. The theme for the meeting on Friday was 'Words of Faith'. Pupils looked at the words of Pope Francis when he addressed the young people of the world at World Youth Day in Rio De Janeiro this summer.

At the end of the conference the pupils made a presentation to the Head Teachers telling them what they had achieved during their time together.

## Coming up

Half Term:

21st - 25th October pupils return Tuesday 29th October.

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

## Literacy Corner

### What do you mean?

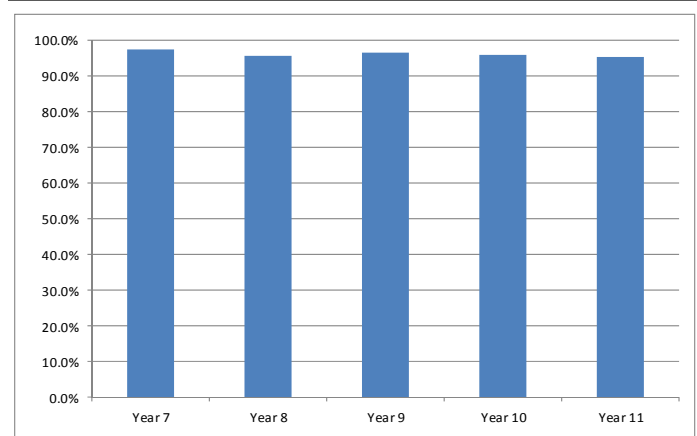


Here are some new words to help build your vocabulary range. But what do they mean and can you write them in a sentence?

**Tumultuous    Enormity    Gratified**  
**Belligerent    Plural**  
**Magnificent**  
**Substantial    Diligent**  
**Dilemma**

See Mrs Connolly with your answers to win a prize!

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



**Year 7 - 97.5%    Year 8 - 95.6%    Year 9 - 96.5%**  
**Year 10 - 95.8%    Year 11 - 95.3%**



## Language Corner



Marion Cotillard est actrice française qui a gagné beaucoup de succès depuis quelques années pour la qualité de son travail, son sens de la mode et sa beauté. Elle a interprété plein de rôles dans les films français et anglais. Elle a gagné des nombreux prix. Elle est la première per-

sonne qui a gagné un « Best Actress Oscar » dans une langue étrangère.

Have you seen her in any of the following films?

La Vie en Rose, A Good Year, Big Fish, A Very Long Engagement, Nine, Inception, Midnight in Paris, Contagion et The Dark Knight Rises.

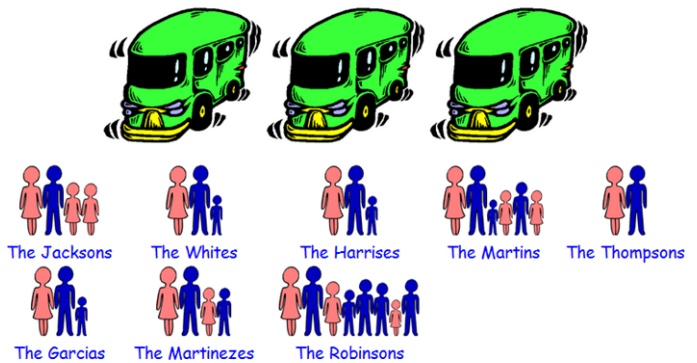
What famous French singer did she play in the film "La vie en rose"?

If you know the answer, come and see

Mr McAuliffe in MFL3 and you could win a prize.

## Maths Corner

Each bus can hold 11 passengers.



Can you assign families to buses without having to split families up?

### Solution for last week

22 (Add four to the previous term)

47 (Add 9 to the previous term)

75 ( $T = 2N + 11$ )

S (Initial letters of days of the week)

5 (Number of letters in the counting numbers)

5 (This sequence is the next terms of the previous sequences)

## Weekly Theme - 'Saying Thank You'

### Luke 17: 11-19

*Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. He travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As He was going into a village, ten men met Him. They had a skin disease called Leprosy. They were standing close by. And they called out in a loud voice, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"*

*Jesus saw them and said, "Go. Show yourselves to the priests." While they were on the way, they were healed. When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. The man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?"*

*Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."*

'I know what I want and I want it now' sums up the attitude of many people today, and Christians are no exception. However as Christians we are supposed to be God's 'Thank you people'. The Most important prayer our faith is called the 'Eucharist' which means, the 'Thanks Giving'. To live a truly Christian life we should be full of joy and giving thanks to God for all the good things He gives us each and every day.

So why didn't all ten return to Jesus to give thanks to God? Why was it that nine never bothered? Perhaps some of them were angry. Maybe they were upset that they had missed so much in life. Perhaps some were like little children who were never taught to say, "Thank you," as though they had a right to all good things in the world.

One of those former lepers, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus. He was out of the mainstream, not even Jewish. He wasn't one of the chosen people. But he knew that God had chosen him. He knew that he had received a grace from God. He knew that he hadn't done anything to deserve this gift, but was the recipient of God's compassion. He wanted others to rejoice with him. He wanted Jesus to know how grateful he was and he returned to thank Jesus.

This is all God wants from us. He wants us to show our gratitude by being good to others as He has been good to us.

### Prayer

Father, the hand of your loving kindness powerfully but gently guides all the moments of our day.

Give us the gift of the same loving kindness that we may treat everyone with love and respect today and every day.

Amen