



World Book Day 2014

On Thursday 6th March, SJP celebrated World Book Day 2014 with a number of events that took place throughout the day, including quizzes and competitions during Academic Review. During the morning, the teaching staff stopped everything and spent an enjoyable fifteen minutes reading passages from their favourite books.

On Friday 7th March, award-winning children's author, Frank Cottrell Boyce, entertained pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9. He read extracts from his books, 'Millions' and 'Cosmic', as well as giving the audience a fascinating insight into his life as a writer. Abbie Christelow, 8BH commented, *"I thought that Frank Cottrell Boyce was very informative and he has inspired me to continue with my writing."*

Years 7 and 8 took part in a fancy dress competition at lunchtime with characters such as The Two Of Hearts from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Harry Potter and Mr Tickle. Elvis even put in an appearance!

Well done to everyone that took part in the World Book Day cake competition. Congratulations to Leah Gribbin, 7OR who was crowned overall winner with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' cake.



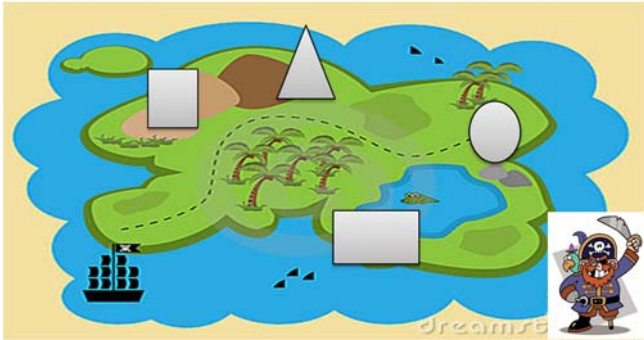
Vivo Rewards starts this week - work hard and watch your total balance increase!

Language Corner

Où est le trésor?

Read the clues and draw a cross where you think the treasure is! The first five correct answers to Mr Passmore will win Vivo miles!

Le trésor est à la gauche du cercle, à la droite du carré, sous le triangle et dedans le rectangle.



MFL Clubs

Years 7 & 8 Homework Lunch Club every Tuesday during Academic Review. Get your pass from LA1 at break-time on Tuesday.

Years 8 & 9 French Club every Tuesday at 3.20pm in LA1.

World Film Club this Wednesday. Get your passes from MFL3 Wednesday break to avoid missing out!

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 Rugby Team competed in two matches of the CVL Rugby Tournament on 25th February and 4th March at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club.

They have now played a total of 9 games and remain unbeaten with three draws and 6 wins.

Lewis Evans has been the standout player so far, closely followed by Adam Rainbow-Adams. Congratulations to the boys for all their efforts!



Trip to Liverpool Playhouse Theatre

Last Wednesday, a group of Year 7 pupils went on a trip to the Liverpool Playhouse Theatre. The English department organised the excursion in which the pupils were treated to an exciting adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's 2003 novel 'Private Peaceful'.

Set in the context of World War One, the plot centred around 'Tommo' and his family. It was a heart-warming, yet tragic tale, as we followed Tommo's life from schoolboy to soldier.

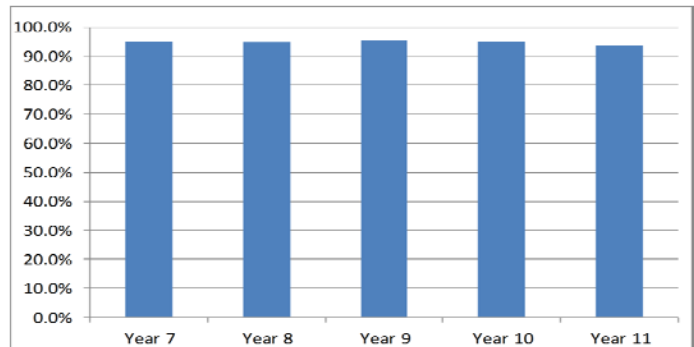
This brilliantly acted one-man show brought the plot and themes to life, culminating in a moving and poignant ending. The pupils, as always, were a credit to our College; their conduct, behaviour and engagement was outstanding!



Coming up

- Tues 18th March - Yr 12 UCAS Evening
- Wed 19th March - MFL Spelling Bee Trip
- Thur 20th March - Indoor Athletics Competition
- Fri 21st March - English Catania Public Speaking Trip
- Thur 27th March - Yr 9 Options Evening

Attendance : 03/03/14 - 07/03/14



Year 7 - 95.3% Year 8 - 95.0% Year 9 - 95.6%
Year 10 - 95.4% Year 11 - 94.0%

SJP Swaziland Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday morning, the SJP car park was packed full of sellers setting up stalls from their car boots. We also had indoor stalls selling a variety of goods, from books and teddy bears to dresses and games consoles. The fundraising event was organised by the Swaziland 2014 World Challengers.

The indoor book and cake stalls proved popular, with many bargain hunters popping in out of the cold for a cup of tea and slice of cake.

The event raised £350 for our pupils, and sellers also made money. The charity car boot was fun and friendly, and we would like to thank everyone who donated items and supported us on the day.



PGL Swindon Trip

Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils recently went on a PGL trip to Swindon. The group participated in a range of outdoor activities including abseiling and high ropes.



Another group also took part in a Manchester United Soccer School hosted by official team coaches.



Whilst training like professional footballers, pupils joined in a workshop that put them in the shoes of Manager *David Moyes* by selecting the team and making crucial decisions.

Well done to everyone who took part!

PGL Shropshire Weekend

The annual SJP PE Multi Activity Trip went ahead last weekend with 28 pupils attending the PGL base in Shropshire.

One of the most popular activities was a giant swing involving pupils being hoisted into the air on and then left to swing from a great height. They also participated in raft building, rock climbing, problem solving, an assault course, archery and a high speed zip wire.



The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were a credit to the College.

Young Analysts Competition

On Saturday 8th March, three Chemistry AS students competed alongside 26 other schools in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Young Analyst Competition. Held at the University of Liverpool, the students had to work hard as a team to determine the calcium content of milk samples using an EDTA titration, and measure the zinc content of mineral supplement tablets using ultraviolet spectrophotometry.

They also had to identify which carboxylic acid was present in a Vitamin C tablet using infrared spectroscopy.

Well done to the students for their hard work.



Literacy Corner

You're and Your

Some writers are confused by *you're* and *your*. These homophones are easily mixed up.

You're

You're is a contraction of *you are*. It has no other uses. This is a 100% rule. If you cannot expand it to *you are* in your sentence, then it is wrong.

Your

The word *your* sits before another word (usually a noun or a pronoun) to show that it belongs to "you" (e.g., your car, your arm), is of "you" (e.g., your picture, your photograph) or is related to "you" (e.g., your uncle).

Your is a possessive adjective. (other possessive adjectives are: *my, your, his, her, its, our, and their*.)

Select the correction version below:

I know **you're / your** frustrated, but there is no need to shout. I am not going to agree with you because **you're / your** yelling. The decision will be based purely on the wording in **you're / your** policy.

Maths Corner

The bottom half of some symmetrical calculations are shown below. Can you work out the answers? Can you make up some other calculations where the calculation and the answer both have horizontal lines of symmetry?

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Last Week's Answer : Mango

Weekly Theme - 'Temptation'

Matthew 4: 1-11

The Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted for forty days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. The devil came to Jesus to tempt him, saying, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person lives not on bread alone, but by everything God says.' " Then the devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem and put him on a high place of the Temple. The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, jump down, because it is written in the Scriptures: 'He has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you in their hands so that you will not hit your foot on a rock.' " Jesus answered him, "It also says in the Scriptures, 'Do not test the Lord your God.' "

Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all their splendour. The devil said, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things." Jesus said to the devil, "Go away from me, Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, you must worship the Lord your God and serve only him." So the devil left Jesus, and angels came and took care of him.

Everyone in the world today is tempted. It is as much a part of being human as eating or sleeping. In our gospel this week we hear about Jesus being tempted in the desert by the devil. The devil wanted Jesus to trust in his power, rather than that of his Father. Jesus resists everything that the devil tries to tempt him with. He proves that good is a stronger force than evil and like Jesus, we can fight temptation.

As Christians we live for God and not for ourselves. At the end of the Gospel, Satan leaves Jesus, and the angels came to him, to look after him. There are angels sent by God into our world today, just think about the many angels you have met in your life who have helped and supported you.

Prayer

Father, your Son resisted the temptations of the devil, while fasting for forty days. May we too resist temptation more strongly during the forty days of Lent. We ask you to help us with your grace and strength.

Amen