



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



On Monday, the High Sheriff of Merseyside, Ian Meadows (OBE), accompanied by the North West Director of the DofE, Robbie Johnston, visited SJP. SJP have the largest and most successful DofE programme in the Northwest and they came to discuss our outstanding practice to share with other schools. Mr Meadows met two of our current DofE pupils at different stages of their journey. Rebecca Caldwell who is participating in her Bronze Award and James Caswell, who has not only completed the expedition phase of his Gold Award, but who has recently used his skills to conquer Mount Everest and raise money for charity. We continue to go from strength to strength with the delivery of this award and look forward to working with our new cohort of 150 Year 9 pupils who have recently registered on the award programme.



Gymnastics News

Hannah Stewart and Amy Tinsley's recent gymnastic success made the pages of the regional newspaper. The girls took part in a UK gymnastics competition with their New Brighton Gymnastics Club and performed exceptionally. Hannah achieved 1st place in the U10-12 Vault and 3rd place in the U10-12 Bars. Amy followed this success with 3rd place in the U10-12 Vault and 4th in the Beam. This is such a fantastic achievement for both girls and we hope to hear more of their success in the future. Well Done.



Basketball News

The Year 7 Basketball Team delivered an excellent performance in their first game of the season with a win over Ridgeway, 20-8. The team as a whole played well with standout performances from captain Ivan Garner, Kyle Brennan and Josh Koumas.

RE Catch Up Clinic

Mr Jones, Mrs Harvey and Miss McKenna will be running support lessons after school on Thursday for all Year groups. 3.20-4.20 in the RE rooms. Please ensure you are there.

Library News



The 'Free Books' For Year 7 Pupils have arrived.

At the beginning of the new school term our Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to choose a free book from the twelve specially selected titles that were written by some of our favourite children's authors, which were displayed in the library. This is the 7th year that our College has taken part in this extremely popular campaign aimed at inspiring young people to read for pleasure and discover new books and authors. As the new books arrived they created a real buzz in academic Review as they started to read them. The 'Bookbuzz' website, www.bookbuzz.org.uk, contains lots of fun activities and is also a great place to discover other exciting books and authors.



Literacy Corner

Split Words

Combine the split words in the grid into ten whole words of one or two syllables (a syllable is a unit of sound, so the word "open" has two syllables: o - pen).

The theme is food.

Bring your list of ten words to Mrs Connolly and win a prize!

pea	sine
rot	sal
vor	bam
sau	nach

car	boo	cui
pro	spi	nut
chick	ad	fla
do	tein	sage

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. Items can be left at the College main reception.

Coming up

- Here Comes Christmas: 6th December
- Additional Holiday: 9th December (School Closed)
- Year 12 Parents Evening: 12th December
- Panto: 11th & 12th December
- Carol Service: 18th December

Here Comes Christmas News

Back by popular demand...
The PTA of St John Plessington Catholic College present for your enjoyment

Here Comes Christmas

The biggest and most successful school fair you will ever experience!!

Friday 6th December 2013

Doors open to the public 3pm -5pm

Children free when accompanied by an adult! Loads of stalls for the little ones

Star Attractions

The Laser Dome
Potholing Caves
The Climbing Wall

Plus
The Best Santa's Grotto on the Wirral

All your favourites
Donkey Derby, My Favourite Teacher, Tin Can Alley Celebrity Roulette, Pizza Roulette, Pop Corn, Candy Floss, Chocolate Fountain, Play Your Cards Right

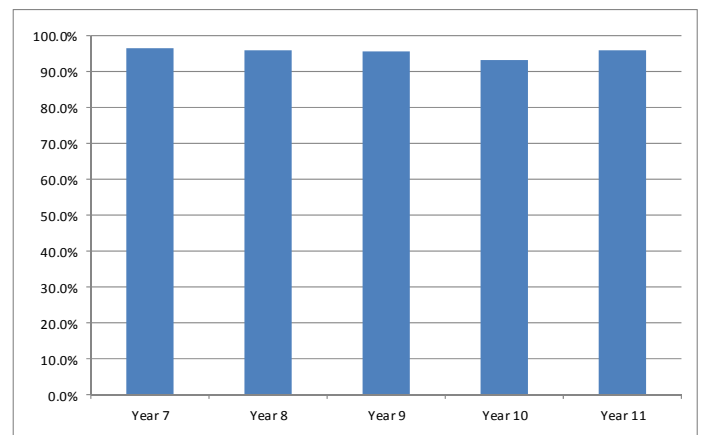
Win...

- Tickets to see One Direction at the Echo Arena
- Tickets to see Michael Buble at the MEN
- Signed Everton, Liverpool & Tranmere Shirts
- Win a Car (Fiat 500) by cracking the Safe code
- Win a Mountain Bike

Next PTA meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 28th January 2013
in the College Staff Room.
All are welcome.

Attendance - 04/11/13 - 08/11/13



Year 7 - 95.6% Year 8 - 95.8% Year 9 - 95.6%
Year 10 - 93.1% Year 11 - 95.9%

Language Corner

Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead)

El Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) is an annual holiday celebrated mainly in Mexico, but also around the world in various other cultures. It lasts for two days, starting on 31st October and ending on 2nd November.



Despite the rather gruesome name and scary costumes, El Día de Muertos is actually a celebration of friends and family members who have died. It has links to Christian religious holidays All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. Families will usually create 'ofrendas', private altars to honour the deceased, and will decorate these altars including such things as the favourite food and drink of the deceased, along with some of their possessions! The 'ofrendas' are then taken to the grave and offered as gifts.

Maths Corner

How Many of Each?

Pens cost 12p each.
Pencils cost 9p each.

Sean spent 51p altogether.

How many pens and pencils did he buy?

Dishes cost £1.78 each.
Plates cost £1.12 each.

Seth spent £6.92

How many of each did he buy?



Solution for last week

There are many solutions, but this is the easiest

6, 3, 10, 5, 16, 8, 4, 2

Weekly Theme - 'Belonging to God's Family'

Luke 20:27 - 38

Some Sadducees, who believed people would not rise from the dead, came to Jesus. They asked, "Teacher, Moses wrote that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, then that man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. Once there were seven brothers. The first brother married and died, but had no children. Then the second brother married the widow and he died. And the third brother married the widow and he died. The same thing happened with all seven brothers; they died and had no children. Finally, the woman died also. Since all seven brothers had married her, whose wife will she be when people rise from the dead?"

Jesus said to them, "On earth, people marry and are given to someone to marry. But those who will be worthy to be raised from the dead and live again will not marry, nor will they be given to someone to marry. In that life they are like angels and cannot die. They are children of God, because they have been raised from the dead. Even Moses clearly showed that the dead are raised to life. When he wrote about the burning bush, he said that the Lord is 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' God is the God of the living, not the dead, because all people are alive to him."

The whole of the human race is one family. This was made clear when Jesus asked us to call God "Abba" a word which means "Daddy" or "Father". This family, with God at its head, is absolutely vast, including not only those who live on planet earth at this moment in time but all those humans who have ever lived – to whom, of course, in some way or other, we are all related. In the Catholic tradition we call this the 'Communion of Saints' which explains why holy people of the past (saints) are asked to speak to God for us. We also pray for those who have died as well.

10th November was Remembrance Sunday and the 11th November is Armistice Day (the day on which the First World War ended).

This week we pray in particular of all those who have lost their lives in the service of our country. We pray also for their families, as well as for those who lives have been changed both physically and mentally while serving their country in the armed forces.

Prayer

Father of the human family you created our planet and each of us to give you glory and praise.

May we support and help each other as we learn to love and praise you.

Amen