



### Awards Evening



We were delighted this week to welcome back the Shadow Education Secretary, Stephen Twigg MP. Fresh from the Labour Party Conference, Mr Twigg headed to SJP to visit what he described as "One of my favourite schools." Guest of honour at SJP's Annual Awards Evening, the front bench politician commended the school on our recent successes, including achieving 'Outstanding' status in all areas of our recent inspection under the new, even more demanding, OFSTED rules. He drew particular attention to the College's fantastic achievement of winning the accolade of best Maths Department in the country, and being shortlisted for best English Department too, at the Times Educational Supplement's Schools Awards in the summer. He went on to add "Education is about much more than just contributing to economic progress and about getting a good job; it's also about fulfilment and these are all things that SJP does outstandingly well."

Mr Quinn, Head Teacher, said "We were delighted that Stephen Twigg was able to return to SJP to join with us in celebrating our fantastic recent achievements. It is wonderful that the efforts of pupils and staff are being recognised at a national level as the College continues to go from strength to strength." Congratulations to all our award winners.



## European Day of Languages



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September pupils and staff celebrated the European Day of Languages. There were plenty of opportunities to sample European delicacies including mussels, anchovies and chocolate turrón. For lunch the dining hall provided an international menu including Boeuf Bourguignon and Tortilla Española. Year 7 pupils frantically searched the College to complete their treasure hunt and Year 8 impressed staff across the College by using Spanish in non-MFL lessons. We were 'bowled over' by Callum Penhaligon's skills at French boules and we were impressed by Thomas Parkinson's courage at the MFL bush-tucker challenge eating three anchovies at once! Many thanks to all staff and pupils involved in making the day a success and embracing all things European - we raised money for Street Child Africa and some pupils even learnt how to make Tarte aux Pommes and Calzone in their DT food lessons.



## Rugby News



This week the Year 8 Rugby played their first game of the 2013-2014 season against a traditionally strong Woodchurch side. SJP started and finished the game the stronger team and came out 25-0 winners by the end of an entertaining game. The whole squad showing plenty of commitment throughout the game. There were particularly strong performances by Sean Fields, Ryan Jones, Liam Donnelly and Captain, George Burrows, and there were some strong performances from debutant players Josh Keane, Reece Hulse, Reece Williams and Oscar Roche. Well done everyone.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Friday, SJP raised a total of £304.64 in support of Macmillan Cancer support's largest UK fundraising Event. In 2012 one hundred and fifteen groups signed up and a record £15 million was raised.

## Parking

Polite reminder to parents/carers about parking outside school. Please be courteous to our neighbours and don't park over driveways or in any private parking areas. Please be mindful with regard to parking along the access road to the Oval as this can cause additional congestion and may restrict the movement of emergency vehicles.

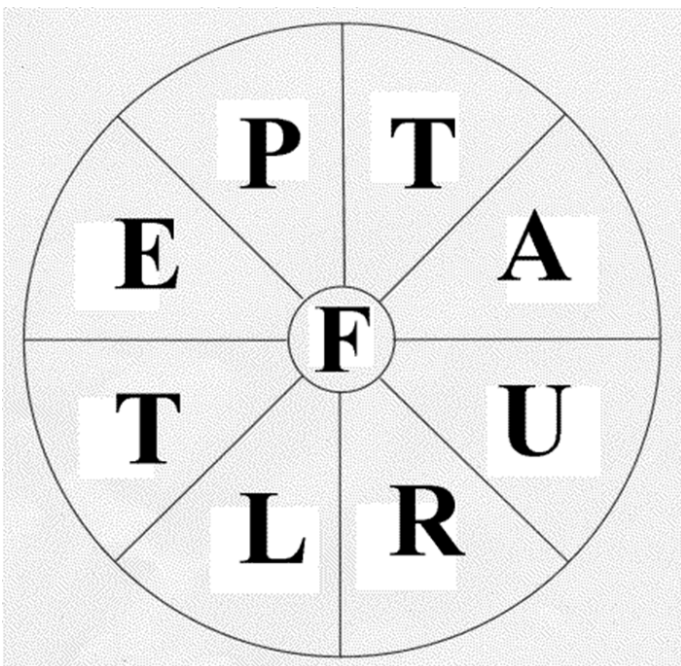
## Literacy Corner

### Literacy Corner! Word Wheel.

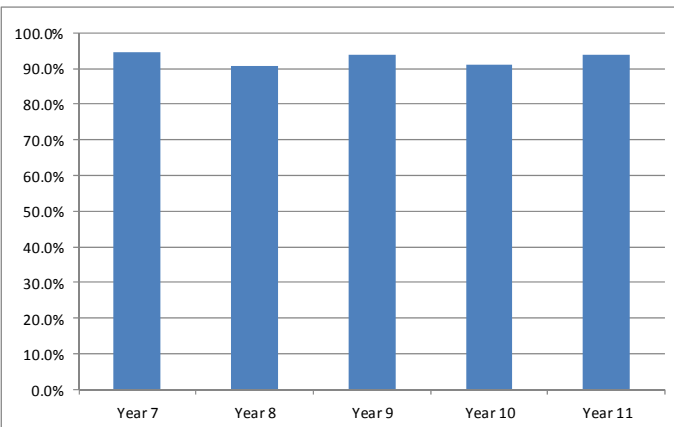
How many words can you make out of the word wheel below?

Remember, you can use each letter only once in each word?

Whoever find the most, and gives them to Mrs. Connolly, wins a prize!



## Attendance - 23/09/13 - 27/09/13



Year 7 - 94.5% Year 8 - 90.7% Year 9 - 93.8%  
Year 10 - 91.0% Year 11 - 93.9%

## Operation Christmas Child

During this month students and members of Staff will be busy packing shoe boxes for our annual appeal. Last year we packed 350 shoe boxes, this year we hope to beat that figure.

This Year why not purchase one of our pre-printed shoe boxes at a very reasonable 40p to add your gifts. These are available at reception



## CAFOD

This year CAFOD are asking us to join in a 'Big Share.' Sharing what we have with those in our world who have so little. On Friday we are going to ask you to remember to 'share a place' with one of the millions of people in our world who will go to bed hungry. We are asking you to give up your meal on Friday and instead have a cup of soup and a piece of bread donating what you would have spent on your lunch to CAFOD. The minimum donation will be 50p. Please do all that you can this week to promote Friday's CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.



### Next PTA meeting:

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

All are welcome.

## Coming up

- DoE Gold: 3rd-7th October
- Year 13 Parents' Evening: 10th October
- Spanish Trip: 16th - 20th October
- Year 7 Welcome Mass: 18th October

## Language Corner

### La cuisine française

The French are famous for their love of fine food and wine. All of the greatest chefs go and spend time studying in "Le Cordon Bleu" in Paris. We have all tried some French foods such as croissants, pains au chocolat and tarte aux pommes. There are many strange and wonderful foods the French are also famous for, such as; frogs legs, snails and aspic (a meat jelly).

Do you know what these following famous French dishes are?

Bœuf Bourguignon  
Cuisses de grenouille  
Les escargots  
Croque-monsieur  
Moules marinés



The first five pupils to bring the right answer to Mr McAuliffe in LA3 will get a house point.

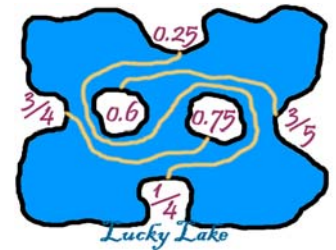
## Maths Corner

### ROWS-ROSES

Can you draw 4 straight lines, without taking your pencil off the paper, which pass through all 9 roses?



Solution for last week



## Weekly Theme - 'Sharing'

### Luke 16: 19-31

*There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.*

*In Hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire. But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."*

*He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment."*

*Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them."*

*"No, father Abraham" he said, "But if someone from the*

*dead goes to them, they will repent"*

*He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."*

This is really important for us to think about. We don't help others only because this is a good thing to do. We don't help others because we have plenty of extras in our lives. We help others because we are Christians. We do what Jesus is calling us to do when he said, "Follow me." We are not merely humanitarians, respecting others dignity as human beings. That is wonderful, but we are more than humanitarians. We reach out to all because all are made in the image and likeness of God. We reach out to those hurting the most because Jesus associates with them. "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do unto me," we hear in Matthew 25: 31-46. We are called today to fight against complacency. We are called to take responsibility for the needs of others in the world and the needs of our country. May we have the courage to be followers of Jesus in our world today.

### Prayer

Father of unlimited goodness, thank you for all the gifts which make our lives comfortable.

May we show the same generosity to your people who are in need.

Amen

CS/HLJT

30 September 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Supporting Families**

The SJP community is only too aware of the difficulties that families on the Wirral are experiencing due to the economic climate in Britain today. Consequently, SJP are going to work in partnership with Wirral Food Bank and The Catholic Children's Society, in an effort to support families.

SJP are asking parents/carers to donate one food item each term during set weeks. The food will be collected and given to Wirral Food Bank. The Catholic Children's Society have an allocation of food vouchers. They are also available for support and information for the families within the College community who may need immediate assistance. The telephone number of The Catholic Children's Society is 0151 652 1281.

In addition, SJP are working in partnership with Free Uniform for Secondary School (FUSS). This is a voluntary organisation which recycles and cleans school uniforms at no charge to parents. A collection box will be placed in the reception area for parents to place any school uniform which is no longer required but still in very good condition. FUSS can be contacted via its website, [www.wirralfuss.co.uk](http://www.wirralfuss.co.uk).

Further details of the food collections will be made available with your child in due course.

Yours sincerely



Ms S Skillen  
ECM Co-ordinator



## NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

The term of office of one of our Parent Governors has now ended.

Parents play a very important role on our Governing Body and are a vital part of our team, helping the College to meet the needs of the children and the community we serve.

Parent Governors are elected by all parents / guardians of registered pupils in the College and it is now necessary to elect one Parent Governor for our College Governing Body to fill this vacancy. The term of office for Parent Governors is usually four years. Parents / guardians of registered pupils at the College are eligible to stand for election for parent governorship at the College.

Attached is a nomination form, incorporating grounds for disqualification. **If you would like to stand as a candidate, please complete the attached nomination form, including the details of a proposer and seconder, and return it to Helen Caul, Clerk to the Governors, at the College, no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013.** If you return a form, Helen Caul will issue a receipt for it. Should two parents / guardians living in the same household wish to make separate nominations, a further form can be obtained from Helen Caul. If there are more nominations than vacancies on the Governing Body it will be necessary to hold an election.

**ST JOHN PLESSINGTON  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

**NOMINATION FORM – PARENT GOVERNOR ON GOVERNING BODY**

**Name of Candidate** \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

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Class(es) of Child(ren) in College \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that I am prepared to offer myself as a candidate for election as Parent Governor on the Governing Body of St John Plessington Catholic College. I declare that I am not disqualified on any of the grounds mentioned in the attached Qualifications and Disqualifications – Constitution of the Governing Body.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Proposer** \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) & Year Group(s) of Child(ren) in SJP :

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Secunder** \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Secunder \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) & Year Group(s) of Child(ren) in SJP :

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates will be invited, following receipt of the nomination form by Helen Caul, Clerk to Governors to submit a note on their background and interests

**This form must be returned to Helen Caul, Clerk to the Governors by 4.00pm, on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013.**

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office if that person:

- is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order, debt relief restrictions order, an interim debt relief restrictions order or their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced
- is subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, a disqualification order under Part 2 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order)
- has been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- is included in the list of teachers or workers considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children or young people
- is barred from any regulated activity relating to children
- is disqualified from working with children or from registering for childminding or providing day care
- is disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State
- has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor
- has received a prison sentence of two years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor
- has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
- has been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor
- refuses a request by the clerk to make an application to the Criminal Records Bureau for a criminal records certificate.