



St John Plessington Catholic College

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Year 7 Welcome Mass



On Friday 24th October 2014 our Year 7 pupils gathered in the College Hall together with their families and members of staff, to celebrate Mass together to mark 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 a 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 has 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 world around us.

Pupils from each of our form groups took part in the various parts of the liturgy of the Mass. Members of our newly formed Year 7 Choir led the singing and sang two solo items during the distribution of Holy Communion.

We hope that we have given our students a lovely memory to cherish. 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.

SJP Quiz for Ghana

On Friday 17th October, pupils, parents and staff gathered in the College Hall for SJP's Big Quiz Night!

The night consisted of eight rounds, testing competitors on their general knowledge of literature, sport, music and movie trivia.

The victorious winners of the quiz were our very own senior management team, who unashamedly referred to themselves as 'The Senior Citizens'.

However, they weren't the only winners of the evening, as 14 lucky competitors took home a prize from the Grand Raffle.

The night was a great success, raising £680 towards the Ghana project. Huge thanks goes to our fantastic PTA, who provided a bar for the evening, donating all profits to the project. Thank you to all who showed their support for this fantastic cause!



Coming Up

04-Nov - RFU Merseyside Emerging Schools Festival 2014

04-Nov - GCSE English Exams start

04-Nov - GCSE Maths Exams start

13-Nov - Phantom of the Opera Music Trip

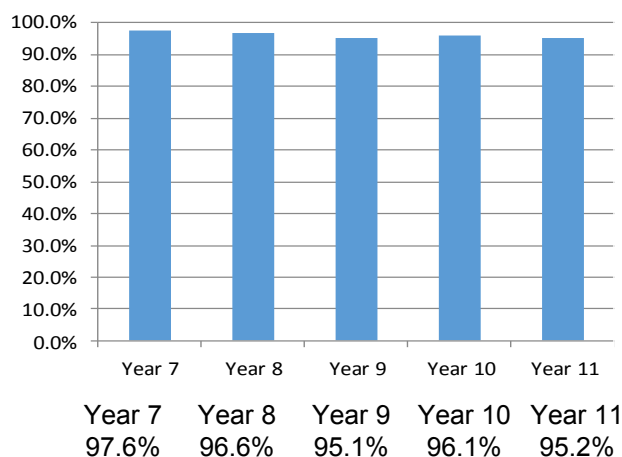
14-Nov - Review Day Yr 7 & Yr 10

14-Nov - Warner Bros Studio Tour

Year 11 Additional Support Sessions

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject	IT/Computer Sci	Business Studies	Music GCSE	DT
Room	IT3 and IT2	BS1	Mu1	DT1, DT2, DT6
Subject	Geography	MFL	Science	PE
Room	HU3 / HU1	MFL7 / MFL 5/ MFL1 / MFL2	Sc1, Sc6, Sc11, Sc12	PE3
Subject	Art	Performing Arts	Art	RE
Room	Art 2	Drama 1	Art 2	RE3
Subject	DT (PD, GP, TX & CA)	DT (PD, GP, TX & CA)	DT (PD, GP, TX & CA)	
Room	DT1,2,3 & 6	DT1,2,3 & 6	DT1,2,3 & 6	
Subject	PE	PE	PE	
Room	PE3	PE3	PE3	
Subject	RE	RE	RE	
Room	RE4/RE6/RE2	RE5/RE1	RE1/RE3	
Subject	History	MATHS		
Room	Hu6 & Hu4	Ma3 & Ma4		
Subject	English			
Room	EN4			
Subject	Health and			
Room	Vo3			

Attendance 01/09/14 - 10/10/14



Review Day Yr 7 & Yr 10

Friday 15th November 2014 is Review Day for Years 7 & 10.

Years 8, 9 & Sixth Form are to complete set work at home.
Year 11 are to come into College for normal time to complete a mock examination in Mathematics.

English Key Stage 3 Takeaway Homework

Key Stage 3 pupils have really enjoyed completing their English homework this half term! The English Department introduced our new 'Takeaway Menu' which allowed pupils to choose tasks to complete each week. Menu options ranged from 'Literacy Starters' to 'Main Courses' and 'Reflective Deserts'. All tasks were designed to complement the novels and plays studied by Key Stage 3 pupils in their English lessons.

Two menu choices which proved to be extremely popular were the 'Easy Bake English Cake' option, which asked pupils to bake cakes inspired by the novel or play they were studying in class and the 'Creative Cracker' choice, which involved creating and designing 3D models based on class texts.

The novel, 'Billionaire Boy', by David Walliams inspired some creative Year 7 pupils to bake cakes decorated with huge, gold, chocolate coins reflecting the incredible wealth of the main character, Joe Spud. Michael Morpurgo's,



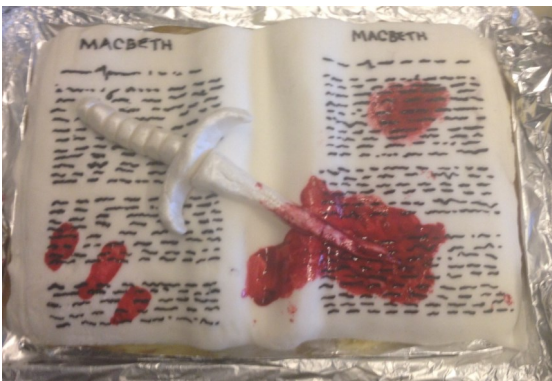
'Kensuke's Kingdom', which tells the story of a young boy shipwrecked on a desert island inspired other imaginative Year 7 pupils to create desert island cakes, filled with exotic ingredients while inventive Year 7 pupils created 3D models of islands, boats and even characters from the novel.



The novel, 'Once', by Maurice Gleitzman is the story of a young Jewish boy growing up in occupied Poland during World War 2. This text encouraged Year 8 pupils to produce beautifully designed cakes, decorated with the Star of David. Other Year 8 pupils studying 'Room 13' by Robert Swindells created spooky cakes inspired by this chilling novel.



Pupils in Year 9 have been studying Shakespeare's tragedy, 'Macbeth.' The English Department was inundated with gloriously gruesome, yet delicious, cakes as well as 3D models of Macbeth, Lady Macbeth and Scottish castles!



Well done to all Key Stage 3 pupils!



Literacy Corner

People often get affect and effect mixed up because they sound similar and mean similar things. However they are actually used in very different ways.

Affect = a verb. For example: The weather can affect the way you feel.

Effect = usually a noun. For example: The new medicine had a surprising effect.

NOW TRY THESE!

The special _____s in the film were amazing.

Losing my job _____ed my income.

What was the _____ of adding the blue powder?

When I failed the exam, it _____ed my confidence.

The _____s of Global warming are catastrophic!

Your poor behaviour is _____ing your progress.

She was deeply _____ed by the sad chapter of the novel.

The new coach _____ed a change in the football team's results.

See Mrs Connolly with your answers!

Maths Corner

A frog has fallen into a pit that is 30m deep.



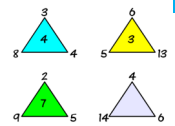
Each day the frog climbs 3m, but falls back 2m at night.

How many days does it take for him to escape?

Answer to last week's Maths Corner

Answer = 5

Which number should go in the empty triangle?



Weekly Theme - Happiness

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly see in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.



During November we remember all those who have died. We remember in particular the members of our own families who we have loved, who are now Saints in Heaven. We pray for them knowing that they are praying to God for us.

Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen