



St John Plessington Catholic College

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Newsletter

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European Day of Languages



On Friday 26th September pupils and staff celebrated the annual European Day of Languages. There were plenty of opportunities to sample European delicacies including mussels, anchovies and chocolate turrón and the Dining Hall provided a delicious international menu for us during the week. We were impressed by pupils' enthusiasm for tasting new foods and many were surprised to find that they really enjoyed it.

At break time we were 'bouled' over by Madame Sadler's skills at French boules and A Level MFL students helped us to sell croissants and pains-au-chocolat to raise money for charity. At lunch time Year 7 pupils frantically searched the College to complete



their Treasure Hunts whilst Year 8 impressed staff throughout the day by using Spanish in non-MFL lessons. During Academic Review Year 9 put their European knowledge to the test and took part in an inter-form quiz about Europe.

Overall it was a fantastic day and many thanks go to all staff and students involved in making the day a success and embracing all things European - we raised money for Street Child Africa, tried new things and learnt some useful phrases. ¡Qué bien!



European Day of Languages

Every year we celebrate European languages and their associated cultures. Can you match up the greeting to the language? Hand in your answers to Miss Gaffney for 5 Vivo points!



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| 1. Cześć! | A. French |
| 2. Goddag! | B. Lithuanian |
| 3. Olá! | C. Portuguese |
| 4. Ahoj! | D. Norwegian |
| 5. Labas! | E. Slovakian |
| 6. Ciao! | F. Polish |
| 7. Privét! | G. Russian |
| 8. Bonjour! | H. Italian |

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Emmaus Walk

The annual Year 12 Emmaus Walk from Loggerheads to Moel Famau took place on Friday 19th September. The entire year group, accompanied by their Form Tutors, enthusiastically climbed 1800 feet to the top of the largest of the Clwydian Range hills. It was a warm autumnal day and, although low cloud prevented panoramic views, a good day was had by all. Not only did the students embrace the physical challenge of climbing Moel Famau, they also endeavoured to successfully navigate their way around the route using an Ordnance Survey map. Superb teamwork skills were demonstrated as form groups motivated one another and collaborated to complete a photo treasure hunt along the route. At the summit, we shared food and prayers together before beginning the descent to Loggerheads.



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

On Friday 3rd October, staff and students will be celebrating **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**, a day when we remember how blessed we are that in our country we have more than enough food to eat, unlike the many millions of people in our world who go hungry each day.



On Harvest Fast Day we will be asking each member of our College family to give up something that they would normally eat that day and to donate the money that they would have spent to CAFOD. Sixth Form students will be selling soup and a roll for 50p in the Dining Room during lunchtime. It will be quite a hard thing to do, but can we try to give up our lunchtime meal on Friday and just have a cup of soup and a roll? Not only will we be donating money to help the work of CAFOD, we will also be showing solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who have to go hungry every



Football - Year 7

Congratulations to the 70 Year 7 boys who attended the recent football trials. The standard of football from the boys was very high and all boys acquitted themselves well.

From the trials we selected an A and B team to play against Bebington High School. In the B game SJP lost, but in the A game SJP beat Bebington High School by 4 goals to 0.

Congratulations to all boys who have been involved in the successful start to the footballing season.

SJP Food Revolution

SJP's Food Revolution is about to embark on yet another year of events to continue to promote the importance of good food and cooking skills in our school and wider community.

Last week, however, was a very busy week for us indeed. On Monday we launched our very own Bake Off challenge to give pupils and staff an opportunity to showcase their baking skills. We've had some amazing showstopper entries that would give both Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry a run for their money! Winners to be announced very soon so watch this space!



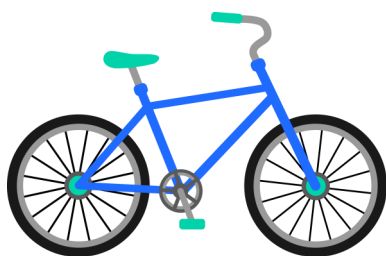
Our visitors to Open Evening on Wednesday enjoyed a range of delicious samples including mini cream teas and pizza bites made by our Sixth Form and GCSE students. We also joined forces with our Mathematics Department on Friday to celebrate the Macmillan Coffee Morning to help raise over £350 for this wonderful charity.

A few other events to look out for in the coming year including Here Comes Christmas Cupcake Factory, Cream Tea Friday, work with our Eco Schools and not to forget Food Revolution Day 2015 later on in May.

Bicycle Shed Renovations

SJP was successful in winning a bid from Merseytravel to renovate our existing bicycle storage. The vegetation has been cut back giving a clear view on all sides, the storage unit has been cleaned and new lighting put inside. In addition there has been new security boxes on both doors.

We look forward to seeing even more students cycling to College.



Coming Up

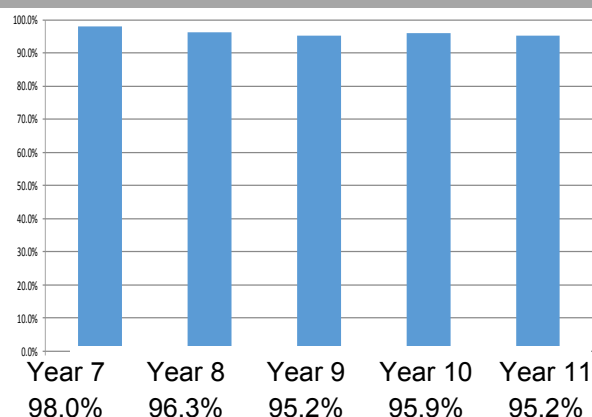
- 29-Sept - SJP Food Revolution Bake Off
- 30-Sept - Yr 7 Alpha Healthy Lifestyles Day
- 01-Oct - Open Morning
- 02-Oct - DofE Awards Evening
- 03-Oct - Yr 7 Disco
- 04-Oct - 06-Oct - DofE Silver Expedition
- 07-Oct - Yr 7 Beta Healthy Lifestyles Day

Pupil Photographs

Pupils' photographs were taken on Thursday 18th September. Without prompting, one of the professional photographers eulogised about the conduct of our pupils and the organisation of getting the pupils through. He pointed out pupils' manners, co-operation and maturity. He stated that he had never come across a school like it and would be singing our praises back at HQ.

Once the photograph proofs arrive, they will be distributed to pupils for parents to make their orders. In order to place your order, please follow the instructions on the proofs to complete the form and pass the envelope back in with the correct money or cheque before the deadline date.

Attendance 02/09/14 - 19/09/14



Open Mornings

Wednesday 1st October & Friday 10th October

We welcome Parents & Carers to attend our Open Mornings between 9.00am –11.00am

Literacy Corner

Literacy Corner!

Last week you revised modal verbs.

This week's literacy corner will test your skills!

Change the verbs below into modal verbs by inserting:

could, would, should, might, may or ought.

I **have** sweets, as a reward for working hard.

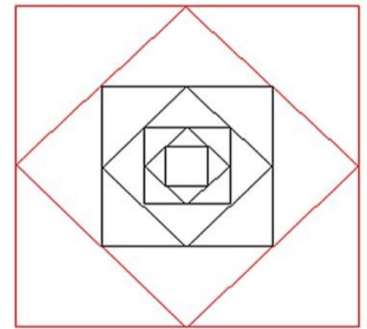
You **have** sent me a card.

They **have** bought me a present.

See Mrs Connolly in E11 with your answers to win a prize!

Maths Corner

Seven squares are set inside each other. The centre points of each side of the outer square are joined to make a smaller square inside it, and so on.



The centre square has the area of one square unit. What is the total area of the four outside triangles?

Answer to last week's Maths Corner

Dozens Questions

Answer 53184

Weekly Theme - Making Your Mind Up

Matthew 21:28-32

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?'

They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.



We all have choices in life. To have faith in God or to simply try and go it alone is a choice that we can make. To have faith in God means to try and listen to what God is asking us to do.

He communicates with us through the events of life, through his Word in the Gospel and the people around us. To listen to God may mean we have to change the direction in which we are going; this may be difficult and a challenge, because often our pride won't let us.

People often try to justify their actions when they make a wrong choice in life, they convince themselves they have chosen wisely.

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds people of the opportunities they have missed, but nothing would make them think again and change the direction in which they were going. They held onto the illusion that all was well with life.

Are we like these people in Jerusalem?

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to listen to you in all the choices I make.

Amen.