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Sports Weekends

Over the past two weekends, 60 pupils from Year 8 and 9 travelled with the PE department to PGL Borreaton Park and Liddington for dance, multi activities, football and netball. During the weekends, students experienced the giant swing, abseiling, kayaking, zip wire, football training with Manchester United coaches, a netball tournament and dance coaching. Our pupils especially enjoyed the ambush and dodgeball sessions. Well done to all pupils involved and thank you for making both weekends fantastic!



We are holding our Year 12 UCAS Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 6.00pm until 7.00pm



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World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

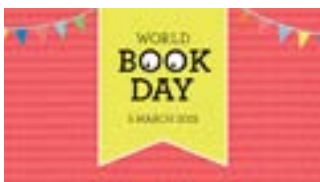
On Thursday 5th March, SJP united in celebrating World Book Day with a number of events taking place throughout the day.

During the morning, teaching staff stopped everything and spent an enjoyable fifteen minutes reading from their favourite books.

Curtis Jobling, designer of award-winning hit children's television series *Bob The Builder* and author of numerous books for teenagers including the epic, fantasy adventure series *Wereworld*, entertained pupils with a fascinating insight into his life. Pupils heard how, growing up in the 1970s on a diet of Star Wars, Batman and Fighting Fantasy books, Curtis spent hours creating his own comic strip stories and animated characters.

At lunchtime, pupils from Year 7 and 8 dressed up as their favourite book characters and took part in the Fancy Dress Competition. *Thing One* and *Thing Two* from the iconic Dr Seuss book, *The Cat In The Hat*, *Geek Girl* and *Angelina Ballerina* were just a few of the entries. Even *Judge Dredd* put in an appearance!

Congratulations to everyone that took part in the World Book Day Cake competition. The outstanding winner was an amazing *Alice In Wonderland* themed cake created by Charlotte Taylor 7BH.



Coming Up

9-March - Year 10 Team Maths Competition at University of Liverpool

10-March - UK Mathematics Trust Maths Challenge

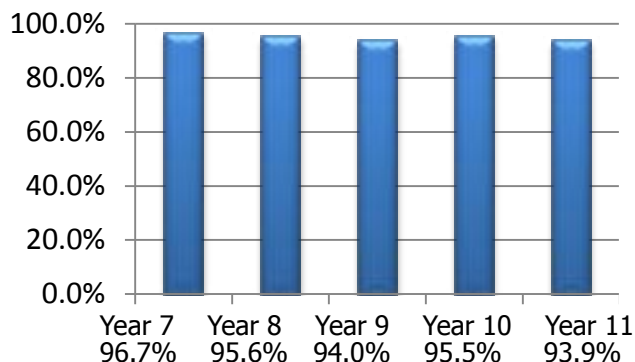
13-16 March - Battlefields Trip

17-March - University of Cambridge Event at Goodison Park

18-March MFL Spelling Bee Year 7

18-March Geography Field Trip to River Alyn

Attendance 01/09/14 - 06/03/15



Year 7 Disco - 27th March



Due to the overwhelming success of the last event, the Ghana team have joined forces with the Year 7 team to put on an Easter disco!

Over the past year the Ghana team have been raising funds to support our partner school, St Joseph's Catholic Boys School, in the town of Elmina on the west coast of Ghana. In July, eight students from our Sixth Form are going to visit the school and work alongside their peers to help turn a run-down staffroom in to a library and ICT suite for the pupils.

Obviously this could not be achieved without the amazing support of our pupils! That is why we have joined up with the Year 7 team to hold a second disco. We are hoping to split the funds between the Ghana project and the school's charity, Street Child Africa.

The disco will be held on Friday 27th March 2015 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. There will be a photo key ring booth, glow sticks and a tuck shop available, as well as some special Easter themed prizes and snacks!

Tickets are available from either Mrs Bedke in the Year 7 office, Miss Shevlin in RE or Mr Willis in English and are priced at £3 each.

Get your tickets quickly - you don't want to miss out!



Literacy Corner

Dictionary Time!

Here are three words which you may need to look up in a dictionary. If you can write all three definitions down, and write the words in a sentence, you will win a prize!

- Ablution (noun)
- Soporific (adjective)
- Heinous (adjective)

See Mrs Connolly with your definitions and sentences!



Fixtures

Tuesday - Year 9 & 10 vs Bebington High School (Netball) (Home)

Wednesday - Year 10 vs Wimslow (Football) (Home)

Wednesday - Year 7 vs Wallasey (Football) (Away)

Wednesday - Year 8 vs South Wirral (Basketball) (Home)

Friday - Year 7 vs Upton (Girls Football) (Away)

Young Analyst Competition

On Saturday, three Year 12 Chemists (Patrick McMahon, Shelby Anderson and Liam McCann) attended the Merseyside Young Analysts' Competition held by the Royal Society of Chemistry in the University of Liverpool.

The team worked exceptionally well together on the tasks and developed their analytical skills in the subject. They were able to get hands-on experience in university labs, which was really exciting and a great experience.



Language Corner

What three things did Encarna do in Cuba?

Correct answers to Miss Gaffney for 5 Vivo points!

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Hola Patri,
Saludos desde Cuba! Fui en avión y el viaje fue muy largo y aburrido. Hace mucho sol aquí y ayer fui a la playa para nadar en el mar. Comí un helado de fresa y fui a un café para beber té.

Me encanta Cuba pero mi madre dice que es demasiado ruidoso. Nos vemos pronto, Encarna



Maths Corner

If you roll two dice and add the spots are you more likely to get an even or an odd number?

What if you multiply instead?



Answer to last week's Math's Corner

You should switch. It is tempting to assume that the two remaining doors have an equal chance of hiding the star prize, but this neglects the fact that the host's choice of door to open is not independent of your initial choice. The probability of your initial choice being correct is 1/3. The probability doesn't change when the host opens one of the other doors. So the probability that the remaining door hides the prize is 2/3.



Weekly Theme - Lent - Wisdom

John 2: 13-25

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast, Jesus went to Jerusalem. In the Temple He found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves. He saw others sitting at tables, exchanging different kinds of money. Jesus made a whip out of cords and forced all of them, both the sheep and cattle, to leave the Temple. He turned over the tables and scattered the money of those who were exchanging it. Then He said to those who were selling pigeons, "Take these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place for buying and selling!"

When this happened, the followers remembered what was written in the Scriptures: "My strong love for your Temple completely controls me." Some of his people said to Jesus, "Show us a miracle to prove you have the right to do these things." Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will build it again in three days."

They answered, "It took forty-six years to build this Temple! Do you really believe you can build it again in three days?"

(But the temple Jesus meant was his own body. After Jesus was raised from the dead, His followers remembered that Jesus had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and the words Jesus had said.)

When Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast, many people believed in Him because they saw the miracles He did. But Jesus did not believe in them because He knew them all. He did not need anyone to tell Him about people, because He knew what was in people's minds.

Jesus loved people so much, but sometimes even he lost it. Faithful Jews coming to the temple for worship first had to buy animals for sacrifice and to exchange their coins for those that would be acceptable for the temple tax. But some people selling animals and changing money were making a huge profit because people had no choice but to deal with them. They had a monopoly.

This situation infuriated Jesus. He saw a system set up to take advantage of good people coming to worship their God. The system hurt the poor. It was an example of how the religious and political leaders of Jesus' time abused their power.

Getting angry over injustice isn't un-Christian, but it does not have to lead to violence. Martin Luther King is a perfect example. He fought racism in America with anger, but never used violence or threats of it against his opponents.

The closer we grow to Jesus in this season of Lent, the more we should become angry when we see people ignored or abused.

We need to use that anger as fuel to stand up non-violently for people. Just think how much the world will change when more Christians "Lose it" over injustice just like Jesus did.

Prayer
Lord, forgive us the times when we get things wrong. Please turn our hearts towards you. Lord, we ask for your blessing this Lent.
Amen