



St John Plessington Catholic College

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Newsletter

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Street Child Africa



This week SJP welcomed Debby Metcalf from Street Child Africa, which is our College charity for Years 7-11. During her visit Debby made a presentation to each of the year groups, telling them how the money that SJP has previously raised had been spent supporting the work of "Friends of the Street Children in Zambia". Debby was also presented with a cheque for a further £10,000 - the money raised during our last school year. This makes the total amount of money raised so far by the community of SJP an amazing £26,750.

Debby thanked the pupils and staff for their commitment and hard work in supporting Street Child Africa. She said that every penny that was raised goes to help the children who live and work on the streets. Through the monies raised by SJP, they are offered support, education, accommodation, but more importantly hope for the future.

This was Debby's first visit to SJP. As she left, she said how impressed she had been by the warmth of her welcome, and bowled over by the interest and determination and ongoing commitment of both pupils and staff to support the vital work undertaken by Street Child Africa.



Free Books - Yr 7

Language Corner



FREE BOOKS FOR ALL YEAR 7 PUPILS

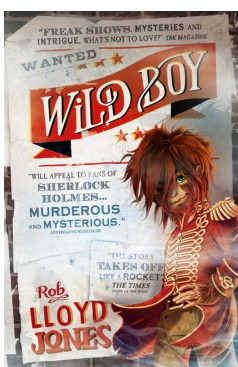
BOOKBUZZ, the **FREE BOOKS** reading promotion for **ALL** Year 7 pupils is back again!

Now in its eighth year, this extremely popular campaign which is organised by Booktrust and partly funded by the Department of Education, has given free books to almost two million children in England.

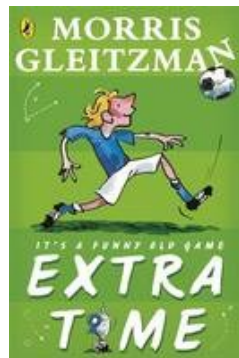
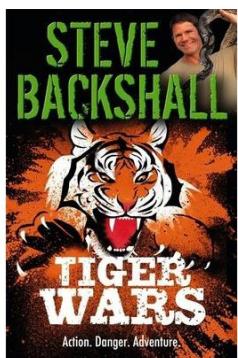
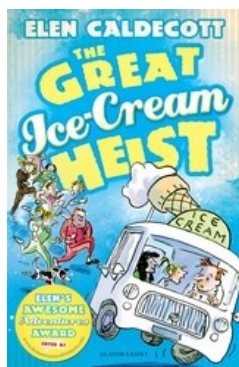
The aim of **Bookbuzz** is to inspire and encourage young people to read for pleasure and discover new books and authors by providing every Year 7 pupil with a free book from the specially selected titles by award winning children's authors.

There are twelve books in total which are displayed in the College Library for Year 7 pupils to browse through. Orders can be given to Form Tutors and the books will be delivered to forms after the half term break.

More information can be found about Bookbuzz at www.bookbuzz.org.uk



A small selection of the books available:



iMucha lucha!

How one Mexican art form took the world by storm



Many of us have watched some form of professional wrestling on TV and can picture the scene well but far away from the glitz and the glamour of the billion dollar industry lies the humble roots of *lucha libre*.

Inspired by the tradition established in ancient Greece and Rome, Enrique Ugartechea, the first Mexican wrestler, developed what we now recognise as *lucha libre*. When it became televised in the 1950s its popularity exploded, with people watching both at home and live in arenas. Tickets were cheap and it became a form of family entertainment that continues to this day.



Mexican wrestling is a blend of traditional wrestling and acrobatics with lots of "high-flying" moves. The costumes are bright and colourful and some wrestlers wear a full face mask, and it is considered a great shame if they are ever seen without their masks – some of the most popular *luchadores* in Mexico even wear them in public! Often, the greatest rivals challenge each other to a *lucha de apuesta*, where whoever is defeated loses their mask.



Some of the most famous American wrestlers, such as Eddie Guerrero, Rey Misterio, Alberto del Rio and Sin Cara started their careers in Mexico.

The first person to correctly translate the following words into English wins Vivo points!

lucha libre *luchador* *lucha de apuesta*

Entries should be passed to Miss Gaffney

Open Evening & Open Mornings



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 24th September 2014 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Head Teacher's Talks at 6.00pm, 6.45pm

OPEN MORNINGS

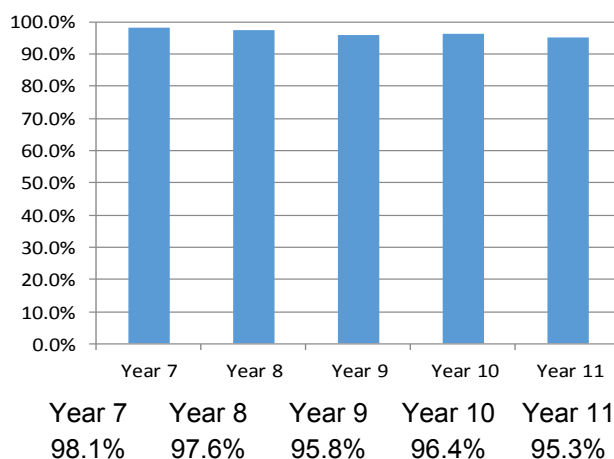
Wednesday 1st October 2014 9.00am - 11.00am
Friday 10th October 2014 9.00am - 11.00am



Coming Up

- 23-Sept - PTA Welcome Meeting
- 24-Sept - Open Evening
- 25-Sept - Yr 9 DofE Info Evening
- 26-Sept - European Day of Languages
- 26-Sept - Chester Zoo Trip
- 26-Sept - Macmillan Coffee/Cake Morning

Attendance 02/09/14 - 12/09/14



Open Evening

Wednesday 24th September –

College will close early at 2.20pm due to our Open Evening.

Please note that unfortunately school buses will not be available on that day.

Literacy Corner

Full stops are a crucial element to understanding the meaning of written language. Full stops are the most basic form of punctuation, yet we often forget them. You must not forget them!

Look at the passage below. All full stops have been removed making the meaning unclear. Can you put them all back and correct the capital letters?

She loved to read her hair often got in her eyes though making the process harder a clip was the answer from then on reading became much easier

See Mrs Connolly with your corrected versions and win a prize!

Maths Corner

Dozens



What is the largest possible five-digit number divisible by 12 that you can make from the digits 1, 3, 4, 5 and one more digit?

Answer to last week's Maths Corner

**brown basket - 3 eggs
red basket - 2 eggs
pink basket - 5 eggs**

Weekly Theme - It's Not Fair!

Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

As we grow up and mature we realise that life has its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures but we also need to remember that our life is given to us as a blessing from God.



The workers in the vineyard in this week's Gospel did not have gratitude. To them God's way of rewarding those who went into the vineyard didn't seem fair, in fact to them it seemed unjust, hence their grumbling. They expected God to reward each worker for exactly what they had earned. They expected God to act by their standard of justice.

God is different, his generosity exceeds all human expectations. Those who grumble don't understand this, they are envious because God is generous. Jesus challenges the grumblers to think about the big picture and notice the overflowing generosity of God's love.

Prayer

**Loving Father, help me to put the needs of others before my own needs.
Amen**