



St John Plessington Catholic College

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# Newsletter

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## Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Evening

This year, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award season got off to a flying start as we joined together for a special evening to celebrate the success of over 140 pupils who had achieved their Bronze or Silver awards. Pupils, staff, families and our specially invited guest, mountaineer Alan Hinkes OBE, joined together to celebrate the determination and commitment of our pupils. The evening was a huge success with our pupils showcasing their talents and skill. They were inspired as they listened to the success of Alan Hinkes, the first British Mountaineer to have climbed all 14 mountains in the world measuring over 8000 metres. Pupils should be extremely proud of their achievements and are congratulated on demonstrating the strength, determination and commitment it takes to achieve their DofE awards. Alan Hinkes, quoting Edward Whymper, left us with this thought, "Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are nought without prudence, and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Look well to each step."





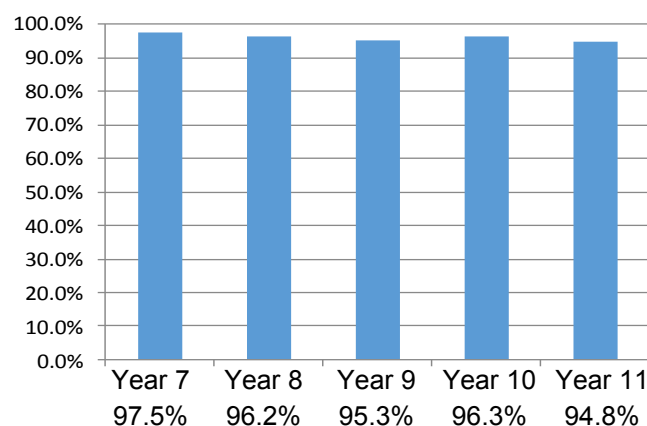
## Duke Of Edinburgh's Awards



### Coming Up

- 07-Oct - Yr 7 Beta Healthy Lifestyles Day
- 08-Oct - Yr 7 & 8 Spanish Exchange Information Evening
- 08-Oct - Yr 8 Geography Wirral Coastal Walk
- 08-Oct - Art Trip to Lady Lever Art Gallery
- 09-Oct - Yr 11 Parents' Evening
- 10-Oct - Open Morning 9am - 11am

### Attendance 01/09/14 - 26/09/14



### Open Evening - Comments from Parents & Carers

- ◇ **Very impressed with the knowledge of staff and politeness of students.**
- ◇ **Small class sizes were very impressive.**
- ◇ **School had a lovely welcoming feel and a calmness about it.**
- ◇ **I would love my son to come to this school; I know he would thrive.**
- ◇ **Great school offering amazing opportunities for students.**

### Open Morning

Friday 10th October

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

## SJP Bake Off



A big "Well done!" to all of our finalists for this year's Bake Off challenge. We were extremely impressed with the standard of cakes entered - they all looked fantastic and it was a very close judging contest indeed! All votes were counted and our congratulations go to

**MOST CREATIVE:** 'Afternoon Tea Picnic' - Holly Christleow & Leah Gribbin Year 8



**BEST TASTE:** 'Chocolate and Strawberry Surprise' - Jessica Portchmouth Year 7

**MOST SKILLED:** 'Rainbow Cake' - Olivia Singleton - Year 7

**BEST OVERALL:** 'Pancake Stack' - Charlotte Taylor - Year 7



All winners will receive Vivo Points, our very own SJP Bake Off 2014 engraved wooden spoon and cook books to hopefully inspire them to do even more baking.

Let's see what next year's Bake Off will bring.



## Defibrillator in College

We have a defibrillator in College which is positioned at Reception. This has been funded by the Oliver King Foundation, with our thanks.

Their foundation has been set up in the name of Oliver King, a 12 year old who sadly passed away because of SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) which describes heart conditions that can cause sudden death in young people.

Their aim is to try and raise awareness about SADS which commonly affects people aged between 12 and 35 years of age.



At SJP, we now have 12 members of staff trained to use the equipment. The defibrillator can be easily removed from the wall and taken to where it is required, if it is ever needed.

## New Novel Released

### Awful Auntie by David Walliams

Awful Auntie, the eagerly awaited new novel from number one bestselling author, David Walliams is now available to borrow from the College Library.

The book is a page-turning, riveting read, sparkling with Walliams' most eccentric characters yet. From larger than life, tiddlywinks obsessed Awful Aunt Alberta to her pet owl, Wagner, this is an adventure with a difference. Aunt Alberta is on a mission to cheat the young Lady Stella Saxby out of her inheritance – Saxby Hall. But Stella is determined to fight back.

How awful can Aunt Alberta get? Read it and find out!





## Year 8 Coastal Walk 8 October

From Parkgate to West Kirby, leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 3.00pm.

You will experience coastal features studied in LP1, walking a total distance of 12km examining the physical processes and human features of the Wirral coastline.

Don't forget to make sure that you wear sensible shoes/trainers, your own clothes and a coat.

Bring a packed lunch, or money to buy food (fish and chips).



There are 45 places available, being allocated on a first come, first served basis. The cost is £4. Collect your letter from HU3 at break, lunchtime or end of the school day.



## Maths Corner

Place the numbers

1 to 9 in the grid so

that the sum of each

row, column and

diagonal is the same.

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### Answer to last week's Maths Corner

**Squares & Triangles Question**  
**Answer = 32**

## Weekly Theme - We Are What We Do!

Matthew 21:33-43

*'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.*

*When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.*

*Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.*

*Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:*

*"The stone that the builders rejected  
Has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes"?*

*Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.*

**SMALL  
ACTIONS  
× LOTS OF  
PEOPLE =  
BIG CHANGE**

God worries about us. God tries to warn us when we are heading down a path that can hurt us or others. This week's gospel is all about the warnings that God has sent throughout the ages. Many of God's warnings came through prophets who challenged Israel to end poverty and injustice. Often the religious leaders ignored the prophet's warnings and even had the prophets killed.

God warns people today in a variety of ways, through concerned friends, through parents who offer us love and stability, through adults who counsel or challenge us.

But are our ears open to what they have to say?

### Prayer

**Almighty and eternal God, thank you for loving us.  
May we always be open to the people you send  
into our lives.**

**Amen.**