



St John Plessington Catholic College

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Newsletter

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"He's there, the Phantom of the Opera!"



On Thursday 13th November 2014, a group of music and drama students went to London to see *The Phantom of the Opera* in the West End, and to participate in a drama workshop.

The workshop, which was led by West End professionals, explored different ways of working with body language to create character. Students had the opportunity to perform with masks, and re-created the famous 'Masquerade' scene from *Phantom*. They then watched the matinee performance of the musical, which left many students lost for words!



Christmas Movie Night

Our next fundraising event in aid of the Ghana project is our Christmas Movie Night! Please come and join us to get into the Christmas spirit, and watch 'Elf'.

Entry to see the film is £1, and a tuck shop will also be available on the night. All proceeds will be going to the Ghana project. The film will be shown in the drama studio, starting at 3.30pm and finishing at around 5.15pm.

If you would like to attend, please return your reply slip to Miss Shevlin along with £1 by Monday 8th December 2014.

Year 7 Christmas Movie Night: Thursday 11th December

Year 8 Christmas Movie Night: Wednesday 10th December



Coming Up

19-Nov - Radiotherapy Taster Session

20-Nov - British Psychology Society Conference

25-Nov - Design Your Future D&T Trip

25-Nov - LIPA Theatre in Education Tour

26-Nov - The Nutcracker, Floral Pavilion

28-Nov - Spanish Exchange Visitors week to SJP

1-3- Dec - Yr 8 & 9 Savio House Trip

Longest-serving SJP Staff Member Retires

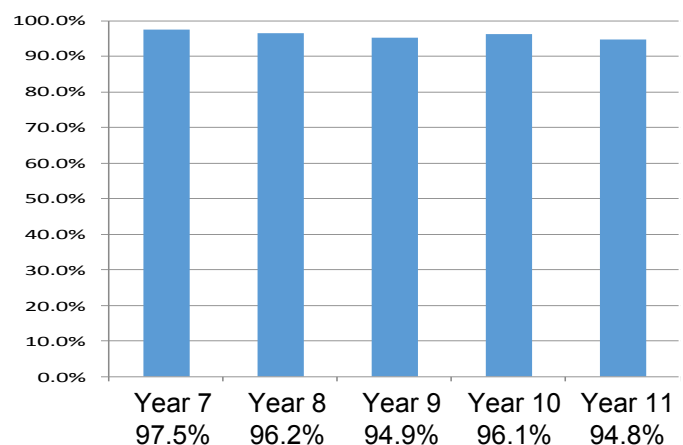


Last week we said a fond farewell to SJP's longest-serving member of staff.

After an amazing 27 years of dedicated service, Mrs Needham is hanging up her whiteboard marker and moving south.

We wish her all the best as she begins her well-earned retirement.

Attendance 01/09/14 - 07/11/14



SJP Panto

**SJP's Panto production of Alice in Wonderland
will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 3rd and 4th December 2014
Tickets will be available from College Reception this week.**

SJP Uniforms

Have you grown out of your uniform?

Any uniform or PE Kit that you would like to donate can be handed in to SJP Reception where there is a large recycling container.

SJP parents have been contributing to the recycling of our school uniform since we started working in partnership with FUSS (Free Uniforms for Secondary Schools).

FUSS have been delighted with the response so far. As a result of the collections, the uniforms will be laundered and the items put onto their website over the forthcoming weeks.

In need of uniform?

If times are tough or you want to take advantage of recycled uniform, reserve your items and go and collect them from FUSS. All uniforms are in good or new condition.

They have regular open days where you can go along and try items on or swap your current outgrown uniform for larger items.

Check out their website at www.wirralfuss.co.uk



Literacy Corner

Apostrophes are used for two reasons:

1. When you contract two words into one.

For example: Do not becomes don't.

The apostrophe is placed above the missing letter(s).

2. When you wish to show who, or what, possesses something.

For example: Lizzie's coat.

Amend the following passage to insert 9 Apostrophes

Jacks mood was not good. He had had a bad day as he had lost his Dads wallet. Jack knew his father would not take this news well.

Suddenly, Jack had a brainwave! His brothers mind had always been scatty; he would blame him! Jacks temper improved.

See Mrs Connolly with your answers!



King Lear

A group of Year 12 and 13 students travelled down to Birmingham last week to enjoy a performance of Shakespeare's tragedy *King Lear*. The group braved a harsh November storm, in which they got to experience first hand how the wind can 'blow' and 'crack' its 'cheeks'.

This gritty performance enthralled the students and was interspersed well with some of the bard's dark humour. One student enthused, "I experienced every emotion tonight! From the joy of seeing Cordelia and Lear reunited to the horror of watching Gloucester's eyes being taken out!"

Operation Christmas Child 2014



SJP are once again helping to collect and pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Every form group has been asked to pack boxes. Boxes are available from our Chaplain, Gerard during break and lunchtimes, at a cost of 30p.

Last year we managed to pack 450 boxes.

The final date for packing is 21st November 2014



Language Corner



¡Spanish Challenge!

¿Quién es? – Guess who!

Es profesora de español y francés. Tiene el pelo moreno, largo y liso. También tiene los ojos azules. En su pueblo hay algunas tiendas, una estación de trenes y un colegio. Claro vive en Bebington. No le gusta Bebington porque no hay un parque temático de Disneyland y le encanta Disney. Además tiene un pingüino que se llama Pingu. ¿Quién es?



Do you know which member of the MFL department is described above?



Maths Corner

Can you find the next perfect number?



6 is a very special number.

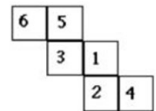
The factors of 6 are 1, 2, 3 and 6.

If we add the factors other than 6 we get $1+2+3=6$.

Answer to last week's Maths Corner



Solution

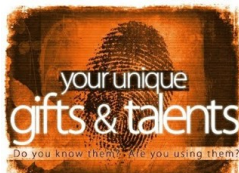


Weekly Theme - Using Our Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.'

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."



But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest." So he took the talent from him, and gave it to the one with the ten talents saying, "For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

When we describe someone as talented, what we mean is that they have received much. God takes a risk when he entrusts his gifts to us. Our response to his gifts may be wonder and gratitude, a feeling of being privileged and blessed. One of the ways we can appreciate our talents is through living our lives in such a way that we are worthy of having the gift.

The Gospel this week warns that those who are stingy in the giving will receive nothing. The third servant buried his talent. He was described as 'wicked' because he was lazy. God, who has taken a risk with us, asks us to take risks with Him and for Him. The wicked and lazy servant tried to protect himself against blame. If we fail to use our God given talents we become like the lazy servant, we bury part of ourselves, in the end we die half used up.

Prayer

Loving Lord, protect us in the challenges of life. Help us to become more aware of your plan for us that we may more willingly share our talents to build our community and support others.

Amen