



St John Plessington Catholic College

Issue 6

# Newsletter

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## Year 8 Coastal Walk

This week 45 Year 8 pupils were fortunate enough to spend a day along the Wirral coastline. They started their adventure at Thurstaston and finished at West Kirby beach. Pupils saw first-hand the damage the River Dee is causing to the beautiful Wirral coastline and identified some of the ways the council are attempting to

protect the coast. We had plenty of time for exploration but also found time to complete a beach scavenger hunt and sample the delights of Marigold's Fish and Chip shop. The poor weather didn't dampen our spirits but it did put a stop to our sand castle competition. A fun day was had by all!"



## Partner Ghana Quiz Night

The next fundraising event in aid of Partner Ghana is the SJP QUIZ NIGHT! The Quiz is taking place in the College Hall at 7.00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October and we would love to have as many teams (teachers and parents/carers) as possible enter and support this worthy cause. Places are limited so if you would like to reserve a team (max 8 people) at the quiz night please collect an entry form from Miss Shevlin, and return it with the £20 entry fee.

## Cafod Harvest Fast Day

God has created a beautiful, abundant world. If we look after it wisely, everyone can have enough to eat. Yet 870 million people – one in eight people in our world go to bed hungry every night. It shouldn't be this way. With our support, CAFOD can provide food for those who need it most.

In response to CAFOD's call, Yr 12 & 13 students invited the staff and pupils to swop their normal lunch and to buy soup and a roll to show their solidarity with those who go hungry each day in our world, raising money in the process.

## Literacy Competition Winners

Pupils had the chance to win the latest David Walliams' book, "Awful Auntie," by writing a review of any other 'David Walliams' book they had enjoyed.

The three winners were all from Year 8 - Sam Norse Grant, Daniel Miturski and Aimee Malley. Congratulations to all three winners and happy reading!



## Coming Up

17-Oct - Quiz Night in aid of Project Ghana  
21-Oct - Spanish Exchange Trip  
24-Oct - Year 7 Welcome Mass

## Spanish Exchange Trip

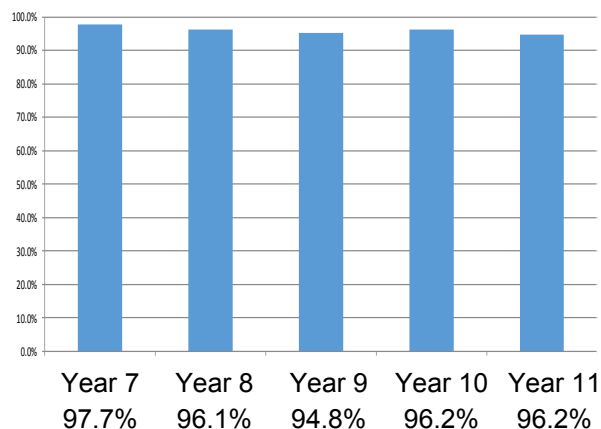
On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 14 pupils will fly out to northern Spain for our first exchange visit with our new partner school, Colegio Santa María La Real in Pamplona, a town famous for the Spanish running of the bulls festival.

During the week-long visit pupils will stay with their exchange partners and their families, take part in a number of visits around the local area and will also attend lessons at our partner school. Everyone is very excited about the visit and students are looking forward to meeting their exchange partners for the first time.

We look forward to welcoming staff and students from Spain to SJP at the end of November for the reciprocal visit where we will have the opportunity to show them our local area and for them to experience British life for a week.



## Attendance 01/09/14 - 03/10/14



## High Praise for Art Students

GCSE and A Level art students are participating in a schools' Art Project, aimed at celebrating and contributing to the refurbishment of the Lady Lever Art Gallery in Port Sunlight. As part of this initiative students visited the gallery this week to take part in practical workshops. Working with the gallery's education team, the students made a series of drawings using a wide range of techniques to record from a varied collection of art and artefacts. They will now utilise this work to develop their own original outcomes in class. In connection with the project there will also be a follow up opportunity for students to work with an artist who will visit the school after Christmas.

The project will provide students with a unique and enriching learning experience. As well as supporting their coursework portfolios they will have their work exhibited in the gallery at a future date. Not only did the group earn praise from the education staff for their work and conduct, but in addition a group of visitors, who happened to be retired teachers from outside our area, enquired which school we were from and remarked that our students were 'absolutely brilliant'.





# Partner Ghana Year 7 Disco

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, over 130 Year 7 pupils danced the night away at our 'Year 7 Welcome Disco'. The night was a fantastic success with music provided by SJP's own resident DJ, James Beattie-Mitchell, currently in Year 12. Not only did pupils have the chance to show off their dance moves, but they also had great fun purchasing photo key rings and glow sticks! One pupil said, "I'm so glad I came, this was a great chance for us to get to know people in other forms and have some fun!"



Not only did the pupils have a great time, but they also

raised over £500 for Partner Ghana project. In July 2015, nine of our Sixth Form students will be travelling to Ghana to build an IT suite and a library in our partner school, Elmina Catholic Boys Junior High School. Thank you to all of the Year 7s who supported this fantastic cause.



## Year 11 Additional Support Sessions

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject	IT/Computer Sci	Business Studies	Music GCSE	DT
Room	IT3 and IT2	BS1	Mu1	DT1, DT2, DT6
Subject	Geography	MFL	Science	PE
Room	HU3 / HU1	MFL7 / MFL 5/ MFL1 / MFL2	Sc1, Sc6, Sc11, Sc12	PE3
Subject	Art	Performing Arts	Art	RE
Room	Art 2	Drama 1	Art 2	RE3
Subject	DT (PD, GP, TX & CA)	DT (PD, GP, TX & CA)	DT (PD, GP, TX & CA)	
Room	DT1,2,3 & 6	DT1,2,3 & 6	DT1,2,3 & 6	
Subject	PE	PE	PE	
Room	PE3	PE3	PE3	
Subject	RE	RE	RE	
Room	RE4/RE6/RE2	RE5/RE1	RE1/RE3	
Subject	History	MATHS		
Room	Hu6 & Hu4	Ma3 & Ma4		
Subject	English			
Room	EN4			
Subject	Health and			
Room	Vo3			

## Healthy Lifestyles Day

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September Year 7 Alpha had the Healthy Lifestyle Day. Year 7 Beta held their Healthy Lifestyle Day a week later. This event covered topics that young people should be made aware of as they become more independent.

Taking part in the event was the Road Safety team who discussed the dangers of the road when travelling to and from College, especially when they are texting and crossing the road at the same time. Our School Nurse Mrs Milosevic introduced herself to the groups and spoke about dental hygiene, high sugar drinks and the dangers of smoking.

The students then got the opportunity to log on to KOOOTH.com which is an online support system for young people. Phil Rhodes from the NHS talked to the students through what KOOOTH can do for them.

The pupils agreed that the days were very worthwhile.

## French Fact!

Paris, the famous French capital welcomes around 27 million visitors each year from all round the globe (including an annual coach load of pupils from SJP). The city is full of history, culture and excitement with hundreds of things to see and do. The top 9 most visited tourist attractions in France are all in Paris but what are the top 3 tourist attractions in this European capital?

- A) 1. Parc Astérix      2. Disneyland      3. The Louvre museum  
 B) 1. Disneyland      2. The Louvre museum      3. The Eiffel Tower  
 C) 1. The Eiffel Tower      2. Disneyland      3. The Louvre museum  
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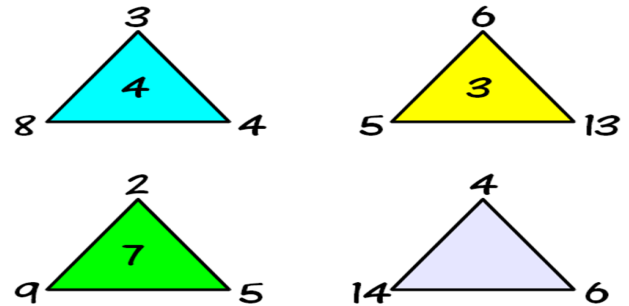


The first 5 correct entries to Miss Gaffney will win Vivos!



## Maths Corner

**Which number should go in the empty triangle?**



### Answer to last week's Maths Corner

There are a few possible solutions to the magic square. Here's one variation:

4	9	2
3	5	7
8	1	6

## Weekly Theme - All Are

*Matthew 22:1-10*

*Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.'*

*He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."*

*But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.*

*The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.*

*Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."*

*Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

It is always very exciting to get an invitation to a special celebration, for example a wedding or a special birthday party.

Normally we are happy to accept such invitations. Sometimes, however we are unable to accept an invitation and we have to say "Sorry we cannot come".

For anyone who sends out an invitation it's a major problem if people simply ignore the invitation and there is no reply. We don't know what to do and we feel that the person is not interested.

Jesus came to help his own people and they rejected him and had him killed.

Jesus wants no one to suffer the rejection that he experienced: we are called to accept everyone. Even when the most dreadful things happen we should reject no one.

We should make everyone feel welcome.

### Prayer

**Father, may  
the hand of  
your loving  
kindness  
gently guide  
all the  
moments of  
our day.  
Amen**

