



St John Plessington Catholic College

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DofE Bronze Expedition

Last weekend we saw another fantastic group of our pupils complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition.

The adventure began at 8am on Friday morning when 39 pupils met in the College dining room for their pre-expedition briefing. There was a real feeling of focus mixed with tangible excitement. After the short journey to our campsite we were greeted with a beautiful view of Moel Famau with the sun shining down on us. It was here the challenge began.

Each group set off, some clockwise, some anticlockwise, on the first 10 miles of their expedition. It was a brilliant day with pupils developing their knowledge of identifying features on their maps whilst learning how to take bearings for the first time. Some pupils even became confident in micro-navigation using contours to identify their positions and the visible landscape around them.

On returning to camp the weather remained fair as pupils set up their homes for the evening. After a cooking demonstration all pupils then became experts at cooking noodles and beans. This was followed by a short game of Touch Rugby before it became time to turn in for the night with a 7.00 am start looming for the following day. Contd...



**SJP will be holding another Open Morning
on Monday 29th June 2015
9.00am - 11.30am**

DofE Continued

Despite waking up to heavy rain on the final day, pupils were not deterred. Everyone worked very well together as they efficiently put down their tents, made their breakfasts and prepared for their day.

During the final 5 miles all pupils showed great resilience as, whilst en route, they battled both tiredness and the elements. Despite this, the lasting emotion was joy, as when pupils saw the school minibus it became a beacon of success as they realised they had completed a very challenging Bronze Practice Expedition route.

A rest is well deserved!



Coming Up

28-29 June Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition

29 June Year 12 Work Experience Week

29 June SJP Open Morning

2 July Year 6 Induction Evening

3 July Street Child Africa Day

Coming soon... SJP MAX!

Merseyside School Games

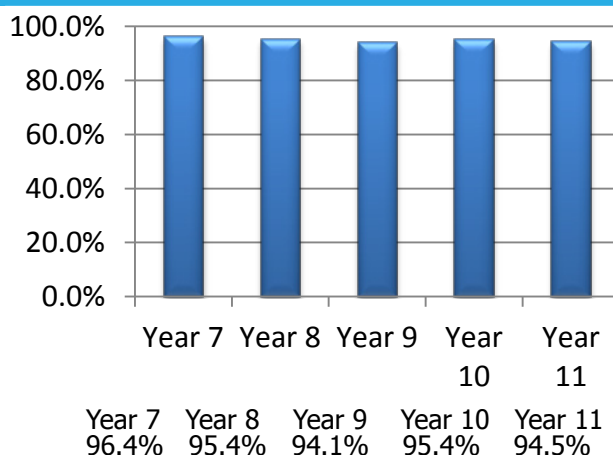
A squad of 14 Year 7 and Year 8 girls were entered into the Merseyside school games, Touch Rugby qualifier. The winner of the tournament would go on to represent Wirral at the Merseyside school games.

There were 5 other teams entered, Wirral Grammar A and B, South Wirral, Bebington and Neston High School. The girls showed some excellent levels of skill and performed brilliantly throughout the day, narrowly losing out to Wirral A team, and coming second overall.

Well done girls!



Attendance 01/09/14 - 19/06/15



Taekwondo Black Belt

Lesley Brown 9JB was recently awarded with her second star on her black belt in Taekwondo. It has taken Lesley a lot of hard work and commitment as she had to learn Korean and practise patterns to then perform in front of the judges.

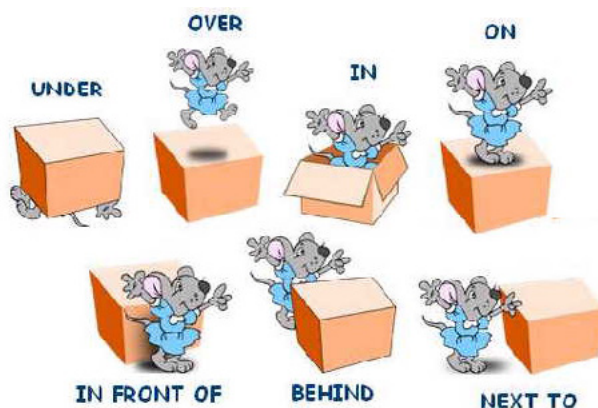
We would like to say a big well done to Lesley!



Literacy Corner

**Choose one of the prepositions to fill the blanks:
IN - OUT OF - TO - UNDER - WITH**

1. With luck, we should be XXX London by 3.
2. Would you like to contribute XXX our campaign fund.
3. He told me I was XXX arrest.
4. The match resulted XXX a goalless draw after extra time.
5. The talks broke down when the enemy decide to pull XXX negotiations and go home.
6. I told her XXX her face exactly what I thought of her.
7. Christopher started to take an interest XXX football.
8. We have a good working relationship XXX the local authorities.
9. The proposal to introduce a local income tax is still XXX discussion.
10. The car went over the hill and was soon XXX



Tennis Review from Year 7

When I ventured to Tennis Club on Friday I was quite wary as Tennis isn't really my thing, but my doubts were swiftly silenced. At the helm of the club was PE Teacher Mr Hughes, who did very well making sure everyone was having a fun time. We played "Winner Stays On" because of the sheer amount of people that showed an interest in the club.

I would recommend this club to all people in Year 7 who have an interest in sport and having a fun time.

Tennis is on a Friday during Academic Review.

SJP Fixtures

Fixtures This Week

Cricket - Year 8 vs Ridgeway (Home) - Wednesday

Sports Day - Whole School - Thursday

Answer to last week's Maths Corner

Four consecutive prime numbers that add up to 220

Solution: $47 + 53 + 59 + 61 = 220$



Language Corner

Take this Spanish quiz to test your knowledge of Minions before the new film is released!

True or false?

1. La película se llama 'Gru 2' en español.
2. Los Minions son violetas.
3. La comida favorita de los Minions es manzanas.
4. Los Minions han existido desde el siglo de los dinosaurios.
5. Los Minions tienen tres dedos.



Maths Corner

What is the only way of making 16 when adding together 5 unique digits from 1 to 9?



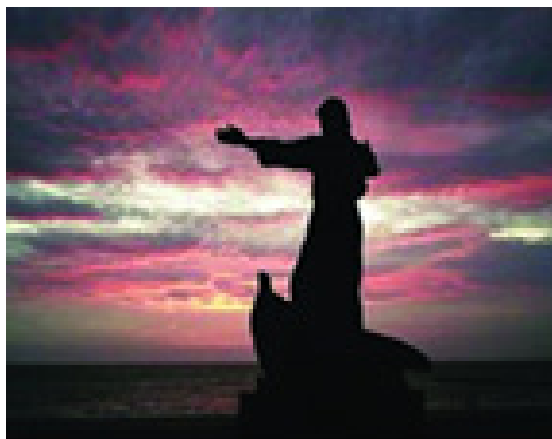
Weekly Theme - Calming the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Later that day he said to them, "Let's go across to the other side." They took him in the boat as he was. Other boats came along. A huge storm came up. Waves poured into the boat, threatening to sink it. And Jesus was in the stern, head on a pillow, sleeping! They roused him, saying, "Teacher, is it nothing to you that we're going down?"

Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea, "Quiet! Settle down!" The wind ran out of breath; the sea became smooth as glass. Jesus reprimanded the disciples: "Why are you such cowards? Don't you have any faith at all?"

They were in absolute awe, staggered. "Who is this, anyway?" they asked. "Wind and sea obey him!"



Teenage years can bring with them a lot of fun. But they can also bring plenty of storms as well. One day may bring new friends and great times, while the next might bring broken friendships and even feelings of loneliness. We might have great successes. But we might also feel more and more pressure to succeed. Some people who seem to be popular, can feel confused on the inside. Meanwhile, others struggle to find one friend to accept them as they are.

Sometimes we may feel like the Apostles in the boat who cried out to Jesus "Don't you care about us!"

But just as Jesus calmed the storm for the disciples, so he can calm our storms. He might send people to us when we reach out for help. He might fill our hearts with peace, if we have the courage to ask him to.

He might send us to calm the storms that other people face as they go through rough times in their lives.

Jesus does calm storms today. If we call out to him, our clouds will part.

Prayer

**Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease,
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.**

Amen