

NEWSLETTER



Giant Lovell Telescope

For over 50 years the giant Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank has been a familiar feature of the Cheshire landscape and an internationally renowned landmark in the world of astronomy. Our Year 13 Physics students visited the observatory as part of their astrophysics module. The trip involved a tour of the observatory and two astrophysics workshops. In the first workshop students observed the Triangulum galaxy and learned how to calculate its mass and speed of rotation.

In the second workshop students used the virtual planetarium to explore the night sky and the life cycle of stars. They also investigated exotic deep-space objects, such as, pulsars, quasars and black holes.



Coming up

This Week - w/c 29/02/16 (Week 1)

29/02/16

PSHE P2

01/03/16

HMP Kennet Prison

03/03/16

Author Visit, Kate Maryon World Book Day

04/03/16

Diocesan- Lent Talks in the College Gold DofE Practice

This Week - w/c 07/03/16 (Week 2)

07/03/16

Liverpool A2 Fieldwork
Gold DofE Practice

08/03/16

BTEC PE External Examination

09/03/16

BTEC PE External Examination

10/03/16

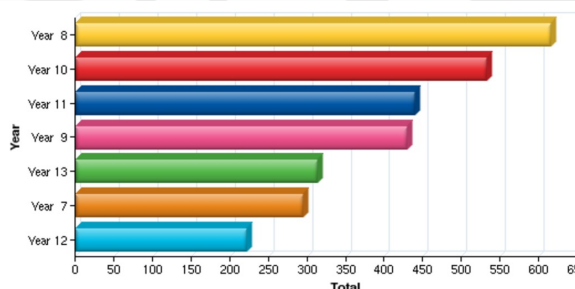
BTEC PE External Examination

11/03/16

PGL Activity Weekend
Diocesan- Lent Talks in the College

Vivo Rewards

St John Plessington Catholic College



World Book Day 2016

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How to use your £1 book token.

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools all over the country, will be distributing more than 14 million £1 World Book Day book tokens to children (that's almost one for every child/young person under 18 in the UK and Ireland).

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookshop (there's lots of them out there – find your local participating bookshop here and swap it for one of these ten (exclusive, new and completely free) £1 World Book Day books!

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead! If you'd rather get an audio book, that's fine too!

So that's £1 off any book or audio book, it's your choice, just as long as it would normally cost at least £2.99.

Then all YOU have to do is take your book home and enjoy it.

The World Book Day Book Tokens are valid from Monday 29 February–Sunday 27th March 2016.



PGL weekend

On Friday the 26th of February, 24 KS3 pupils attended the annual PE PGL dance and multi skills activity weekend in Shropshire. The multi skills group participated in a number of challenging yet rewarding activities such as kayaking, high ropes, zip wires, rifle shooting and abseiling. They participated in a sports night and a group video challenge. The dance group worked extremely hard to learn a variety of street dance moves, as well as choreographing their own group routine. They performed their routine at the end of the weekend and showed off all their hard work. They also managed to try a number of challenging activities like the giant swing and high ropes, which helped build a stronger team cohesion. All pupils had a fantastic time and represented SJP in a very good manner. They all behaved impeccably and a great time was had by all.



Literacy Corner

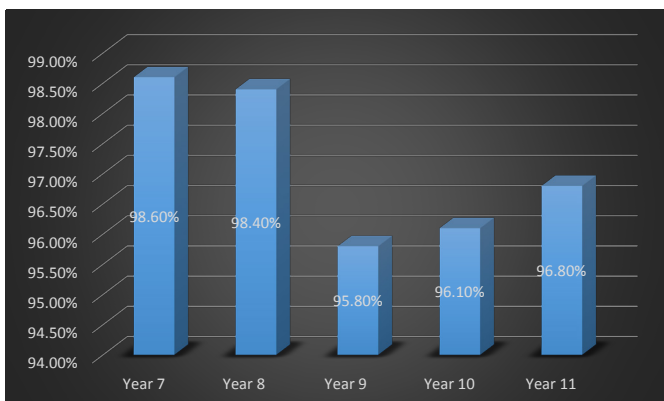
Boggle Bonanza

Look at the grid below. How many words can you find?

M	R	E	N
O	U	T	G
S	M	H	T
T	H	A	S

Give your answers to Miss Davis for a chance to win a prize!

Attendance 22/02/16



Year 11 Football

The year 11 boys football team

advanced into the next round of the Merseyside Cup after a thrilling 4-3 extra time victory against Maricourt High School. The boys found themselves 3-0 down after 60 minutes and after superb goals from John Adediran they dragged themselves back into the game and manged a 4-3 victory. An outstanding result that will not be forgotten quickly. Well done to all boys involved

Adam Don
Sean Holt
Jordon Lee Major
Daniel Malley
Josh Pointon
Michael Williams
Declan Drysdale
Callum Robinson
Cameron McGregor
Sean Fields
Daniel Shepperd
Lewis Brett
Lee McNulty
Jamie Coles
John Adediran

Weekly Theme - "Making up"

Luke 15: 11-32

Then Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Give me my share of the property.' So the father divided the property between his two sons. Then the younger son gathered up all that was his and travelled far away to another country. There he wasted his money in foolish living. After he had spent everything, a time came when there was no food anywhere in the country, and the son was poor and hungry. So he got a job with one of the citizens there who sent the son into the fields to feed pigs. The son was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pods the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he realized what he was doing, he thought, 'All of my father's servants have plenty of food. But I am here, almost dying with hunger. I will leave and return to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son, but let me be like one of your servants."' So the son left and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him and hugged and kissed him. The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his

feet. And get our fat calf and kill it so we can have a feast and celebrate. My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So they began to celebrate.

"The older son was in the field, and as he came closer to the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. So he called to one of the servants and asked what all this meant. The servant said, 'Your brother has come back, and your father killed the fat calf, because your brother came home safely.' The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast. So his father went out and begged him to come in. But the older son said to his father, 'I have served you like a slave for many years and have always obeyed your commands. But you never gave me even a young goat to have at a feast with my friends. But your other son, who wasted all your money, comes home, and you kill the fat calf for him!' The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.'" We all know what "making up" is all about. I wonder how many times in our lives we have fallen out with somebody, only to make up with them a few hours later or a few days later. Sometimes it may take us even a longer time to make up. Another word for "making up" is reconciliation.

Lent is the season for "making up" with others, but more importantly to "make up" or be reconciled to God, particularly if we have turned away from him. On Ash Wednesday we received ashes on our forehead in the sign of the cross, as a reminder to us that we are not always perfect, sometimes we don't live our lives in the way that God wants us too. Lent gives us a great opportunity to be reconciled to "make up" with God and to start again.

Just as in this week gospel, the Father of the Prodigal Son didn't wait for his Son to reach the door, instead he ran to meet his son as soon as he saw him in the distance and the first thing he did was to run and place his arms around him to shown him how much he loved him.

This is what God wants to do for us, all we have to do is to turn towards him, and he will run towards us to show us just how much he loves us.

God you are our Father, Mother, Brother and Sister, you cared for us so much that you gave us your Son as the Light of the World. May we place our trust in his guidance as we seek our way in life.

Amen