



NEWSLETTER



SPORTS DAYS 2016

A huge thank you and congratulations is extended to all Sports Day competitors. This year was one of the most successful yet, with a host of school records being broken across the morning and afternoon events.

Among the stand out performances were Year 7's Ben Kean who ran a PB of 12.47 in the 100m, and Hannah Ozturk who ran a superb 200m with a time of 31.27. For Year 8 Chloe Penketh ran a new PB to break the school record in the 100m, and Ryan Pengelly won a keenly contested shot put competition with a very impressive 9.45m. Representing Year 9, Harris

Randles won the 400m with a school record of 1.00.42, and Ellie Chaliner took gold in the 800m with a very impressive 2.45. For Year 10 Josh Kean won the 200m, and Connor Johns jumped a huge 1.55m to take gold in the high jump.

Basil Hume is also congratulated for its victory in the overall house competition, achieving a grand total of 404 points.



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COMING UP

Next Week - W/C 27.06.2016 (Week 1)

28.06.2016

La Vina Spanish Restaurant, Liverpool

29.06.2016

Year 12 Restaurant Visit - Nando's
Year 9 DTP/ Meningitis Vaccination

30.06.2016

DofE Gold

Induction Evening for new Yr 7s

01.07.2016

DofE Gold

Cream Tea Day

Next Week - W/C 04.07.2016 (Week 2)

04.07.2016

Year 12 Work Experience Week
DT Workshops St Johns Primary

06.07.2016

Visit to Llangollen Eisteddfod:
Children's Day.

Year 6 induction Day

08.07.2016

Staff/Parent Quiz Night to Support
Pupils Fundraising for World Challenge
India June 2017

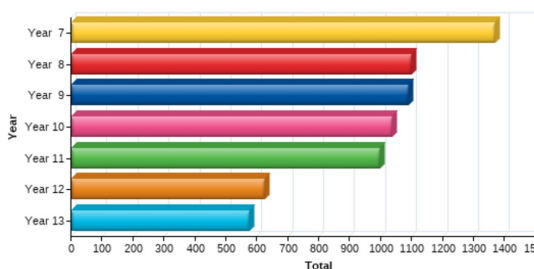
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As part of National Sports Week, we were invited to select fifteen students to attend the Underground Training Station in Hoylake on Wednesday 22nd June. The students enjoyed this opportunity to sample different gym activities, as well as receiving education about their exercises along the way. All fifteen worked extremely hard through a circuit, a strength session, a cardiovascular session and a stretching session - some of which provided more of a challenge than others. Everybody who took part gave 100% throughout the afternoon, and were excellent representatives of SJP.



VIVO REWARDS

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OLIVER!



Please Sir, can I have some more?

This week saw the much anticipated performance of 'Oliver!' take to the stage, showcasing the talents of pupils in Years 7 to 13. Over the course of Tuesday and Wednesday night the cast and band led their audience through the streets of Victorian London, following young Oliver's brushes with danger after he is sold for asking for more food.

The show was a great success, demonstrating a wealth of talent from all involved. One parent expressed that they, "Thought we were at the Empire!" and it's not hard to believe, with pupils performing with the focus of true professionals and lighting up the stage with their energy and enthusiasm.

With packed audiences on both evenings, the show was very well received and audience members enjoyed clapping along in time to the infamous 'Consider Yourself' and providing rapturous applause at the end of the night.

The standard of performances produced by the pupils involved, both those on stage and in the band was a credit to SJP and a true reflection of the hard work and dedication undertaken in the rehearsal process. The standard of the show was very high and to see Years 7 to 13 working side by side, supporting one another in their performances was truly inspirational.

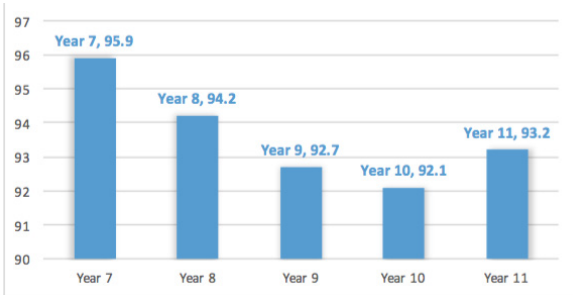
LITERACY CORNER

SHAKESPEARE

How many words can you find within the word 'Shakespeare'?

Give your answers to Mrs Lysaght (English 5) for a chance to win a prize!

ATTENDANCE 20.06.16



LANGUAGE CORNER

On Friday 24th June, fifteen Year 8 pupils visited a Routes into Languages Enrichment event at University of Manchester. They attended a talk about the importance of language learning and the many benefits on future employability from of the University language lecturers. Pupils then enjoyed the opportunity to learn about Bavarian language and culture including trying their hand at 'Schuhplatten'- a traditional German dance. Other activities included an Italian language taster, Chinese paper folding and an introduction to Chinese language, as well as trying their hand at using chopsticks. All pupils had an enjoyable day and got a lot out of it.



WEEKLY THEME "COMMITMENT"

Luke 9: 51-62

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

This week's gospel is a tough one for us to read, Jesus is asking those who want to follow him to be totally committed to following him. There can be no half measures.

This year during August athletes from around the world will gather in Rio in Brazil to celebrate the Olympic Games.

So why do the athletes go to the Olympics? They go to win a medal -- hopefully the gold. I am sure that all of you have probably heard of Michael Phelps. Michael is a thirty one year old swimmer who won eight gold medals at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. That's more

than anyone in history. How would you like to win eight Olympic gold medals? Before you say, "Yes," you might want to hear more of Michael's story and the sacrifices he had to make to win those medals.

When Michael was eleven years old, he was swimming in a pool in Baltimore, Maryland. A swimming coach by the name of Bob Bowman noticed him. He immediately realised that Michael had extraordinary talent. He talked to Michael's parents and told them that the boy was very gifted and could become an Olympic champion if he trained. He told them that it would require a total commitment to training and told Michael that he could never reach his full potential by living the life of a normal kid. So, from the time he was eleven, Michael gave up almost everything else in his life to devote himself to becoming the greatest swimmer in Olympic history. Michael Phelps lost the life of a "normal child" but he found greater fulfilment in life as an Olympic champion.

Just as Bob Bowman saw great potential in Michael Phelps, Jesus sees great potential in each of us. That is why he has called us to become his disciples. Will it be easy to follow him? No! Jesus once told his followers that to be his disciple would be very difficult. "If any of you want to be my follower, you must forget about yourself,

take up your cross, and follow me." Jesus took up his cross, didn't he? He took his cross and carried it up a hill where he was crucified. He knew he was going to have to suffer, but he also knew he would win the victory in the end and so will we. Jesus promised, "If you give up your life for me, you will find it." Do we have what it takes to follow Jesus? If we do life won't be easy all the time, but it will be worth it!

Loving Father, you call us to commit ourselves to you in the name of your Son. Give us the courage that we need to live a good Christian life and so accept Jesus as our friend.

Amen