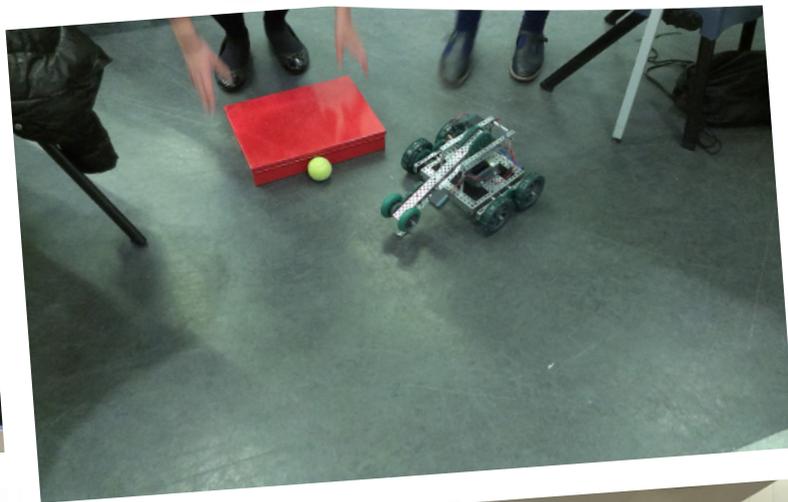


NEWSLETTER



Robotics Challenge

Last week, a team of Year 9 pupils visited Liverpool Community College to take part in the local heat of the Robotics Challenge organised by MerseySTEM. We arrived in the morning and were given a box of robot parts; initially it seemed an almost impossible task for us to make these parts into a working robot. However, by the afternoon we had a fully working robot and were very proud that we had completed this challenging task. We were then ready to let our robot compete against robots from other teams! We played Robot Football (which actually turned into Robot Wrestling!), we became very competitive and won two of

our games. During the day we also had opportunities to chat to nuclear physicists, civil engineers and representatives from Astra Zenica pharmaceuticals. They spoke to us about apprenticeships and the new flu vaccine and how it is made helped by robotics.

This event was organised through the SJP STEM Club. This club meets every Wednesday after school in Sc2. Come along and get involved in many other science and technology events and opportunities.

Coming up

This Week - w/c 30/11/15 (Week 1)
30/11/15

Christmas Cake Competition

04/12/15

Here Comes Christmas!

05/12/15

Saturday Rehearsals of the SJP Nativity

Next Week - w/c 07/12/15 (Week 2)

07/12/15

College is closed

08/12/15

Jane Eyre, National Theatre

10/12/15

National Citizen Service Stall
 Yr 12 Parents' Evening

11/12/15

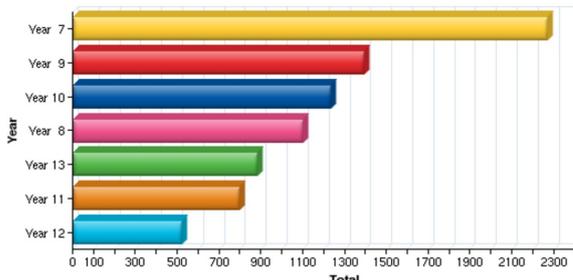
Visit to Imperial War Museum

12/12/15

Saturday Rehearsals of the SJP Nativity

Vivo Rewards

St John Plessington Catholic College



Here Comes Christmas!

Our traditional Christmas Fair, 'Here Comes Christmas' takes place on Friday 4th December. Pupils will have the afternoon off from lessons to attend this very popular and successful community event. We open our doors to the public at 3.00pm-5.00pm, with a range of exciting and imaginative stalls and games. There is something for everybody! The money raised is split between our fundraising for 'Street Child Africa' as well as college based projects that benefit our own children. Please be aware that pupils are free to leave from 3.00pm on this day, although of course many of them choose to stay on and meet up with their families. It is a wonderful community event that we hope you will support. Pupils are in full school uniform that day although they may leave their school bags at home for this one occasion.



Psychology Examination Support



The Social Science department want to remind all Psychology students who are re-sitting an examination in summer of the support available. There is a support session every Wednesday lunchtime in SS1. This is to help you with exam technique and content, to prepare you for your examination. Please come along and we will help you prepare!

COLLEGE IS CLOSED MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER AND REOPENS TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2015

Girls' Football Teams

Year 7 and 8 Girls Football triumph over Ridgeway with a score 9 – 4. Goal scorers include Mia Thomas (Year 7), Charlotte Duncan (Year 8), Sonia Striebel (Year 8). Well done to Sonia Striebel who scored a hat-trick.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Evening

Our Duke of Edinburgh Award programme enjoyed another fantastic awards evening with special guest Andy Reid. During the evening we celebrated the achievements of 162 of our pupils by awarding them with this highly prestigious award at Bronze and Silver level. Due to the incredible achievement of our pupils, this year's awards evening took place over two nights due to the high number of pupils achieving the

award. This is a testament to the commitment and enthusiasm our pupils show towards this challenging yet invaluable award.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is not easy at any level. It is a challenge, one to which all of our pupils not only attempted but accomplished. It is wonderful to hear of the many stories our pupils have about their expedition as these indicate that the

Duke of Edinburgh Award is a real experience with memories that will last beyond their time at school.

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved their awards, they are fully deserved.

Literacy Corner

What do you mean?

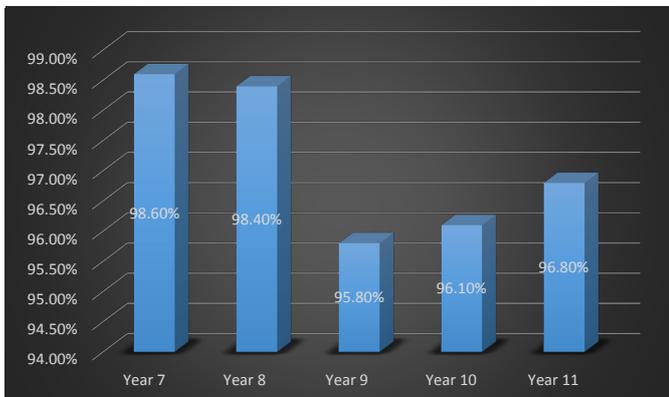


Here are some new words to help build your vocabulary range. But what do they mean and can you write them in a sentence?

Vociferous **Amiable** **Discombobulated**
Malevolent **Cacophony** **Clandestine**
Diligent **Quandary**

See Miss Davis with your answers to win a prize!

Attendance 23/11/15



Language Corner

Spotlight on: El Desierto de Atacama
 The driest place on Earth



The Atacama Desert in Northern Chile, South America is the driest hot desert in the world. The desert typically gets less than 1mm of rain a year and some places haven't ever recorded rain, which is unthinkable when you come from England!

It is extremely hard for people and plants and animals to live here. Life is concentrated around oases and mining towns.

The inhabitants of the area have learned how to get water from the fog to help them live. They farm or harvest clouds by putting up plastic sheets with big pans underneath. The fog collects on the plastic and drips into the pans, giving the people water for crops and drinking. Even though the Atacama is the driest place in the world it does not mean that it is the hottest. The Atacama Desert isn't a hot desert with temperatures ranging from 0 to 30 degrees during the day.

One interesting fact about the desert is that the soil is similar to that on Mars! Soil samples on Mars are similar to the samples taken from the desert and NASA also uses the Atacama Desert to test machinery for future missions.



The first person to correctly translate the following to Miss Gascoigne wins Vivo points!

lluvia **niebla** **arena** **tierra**
temperatura **minas**

Weekly Theme - "Hope"

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Father, all powerful God of love, you raised Jesus from death to life and he is now with you in glory, as King of Creation. May all the world rejoice in his peace, glory in his justice, to live in his love.

Amen

St John Plessington Pray for us.

