

# NEWSLETTER

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## WORLD BOOK DAY

2016

On Thursday 3rd March, SJP united in celebrating World Book Day with a number of events taking place throughout the day.

During the morning, teaching staff stopped everything and spent an enjoyable fifteen minutes reading from their favourite books. Children's author, Kate Maryon captivated pupils with a fascinating insight into her life; pupils heard how, as a child growing up in extremely challenging circumstances, Kate always managed to write stories. Her best-selling books include Invisible Girl, A Sea Of Stars and Glitter. All are available to borrow from the library.

Congratulations to everyone that took part in the World Book Day Cake Competition. The outstanding winner was an amazing book shaped Astronomy cake created by Antonino Masuzzo 7MK.



WORLD  
**BOOK**  
DAY



# COMING UP

## 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

## Next Week - w/c 14/03/16 (Week 1)

**14/03/16**

PSHE P3

**16/03/16**

Year 8 Enterprise Day  
Oxbridge Student Conf

**17/03/16**

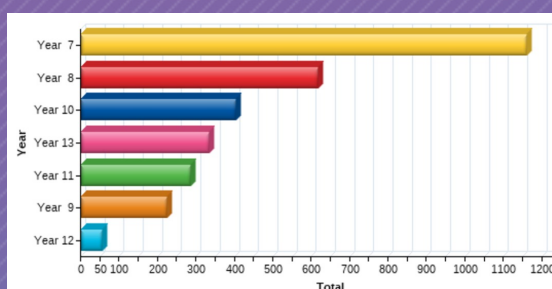
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Yr 12 Parents' UCAS Infomation  
Evening

**18/03/16**

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# VIVO REWARDS

## St John Plessington Catholic College



# UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL: SCHOLARS WELCOME DAY

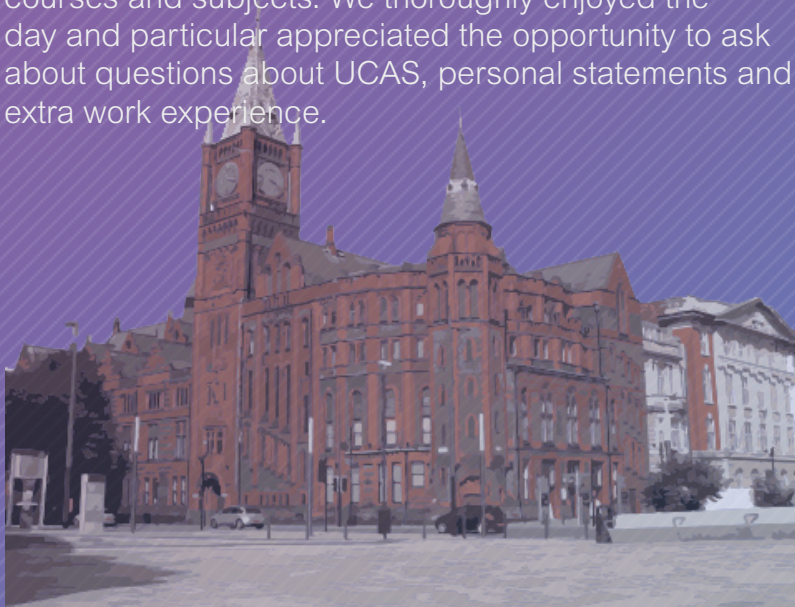


UNIVERSITY OF  
LIVERPOOL

A group of SJP Year 12 students attended the University of Liverpool's official welcome to the university on Tuesday 16th February. On the day, we were introduced to current undergraduates at the university and we were given a tour around the campus. We were also given student ID cards to gain access to their facilities.

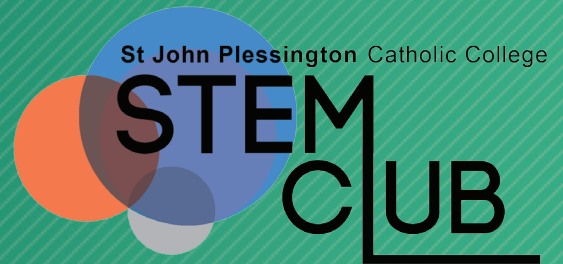
During our time there, the University of Liverpool admissions department provided a lecture on the UCAS application process. Current students were able to offer their advice on how to ensure the best possible chance of getting into your preferred university. They also encouraged us to research degree programmes that we would like to apply for next year.

During the 'Welcome Day', we were able to attend subject specific events. There were representatives from several faculties, in particular the science, humanities and medical fields. Students from the University of Liverpool were able to answer our questions and provide us with an insight into the courses and subjects. We thoroughly enjoyed the day and particular appreciated the opportunity to ask about questions about UCAS, personal statements and extra work experience.



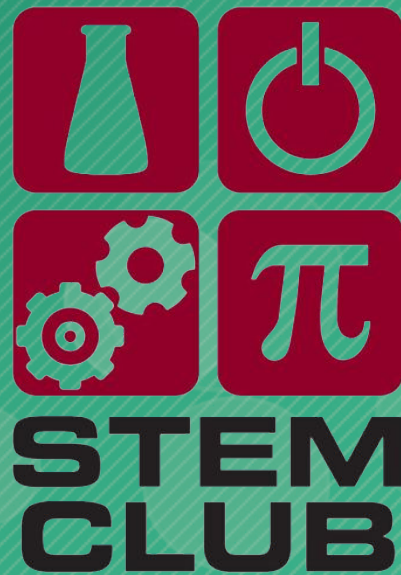


# STEM CLUB



## STEM Club goes CREST crazy!

STEMmers have started work on their bronze CREST award which will be awarded to them by the British Science Association. To be awarded this, the STEMmers have to complete 10 hours of continuous work on a project. We have chosen to follow a "Who Dunit?" project which is all about Forensic Science and how it can be used to catch a criminal. It's not too late to join but this will be the last week you will be able to. See Miss Moore in Sc1 for details.



A British Science Association programme

A meme featuring a man with a beard and a gold chain, pointing at the camera. The text 'SJP NEEDS YOU!!!' is at the top, and 'ECO SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG' is at the bottom. There are two speech bubbles: one on the left saying 'Do you care about the environment and have what it takes to earn SJP an Eco Schools Green Flag? If you do then get down to HU2 on Tuesdays 3:20 to share your ideas!!' and one on the right saying 'Ideal for any students applying for DofE!!!'. The man is wearing a gold chain with a 'VOX' pendant. The background is dark. The text 'imgflip.com' is visible in the bottom left corner of the meme image.

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**VOX**

**ECO SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG**

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# LITERACY CORNER

Kate Maryon, children's author, visited SJP recently.

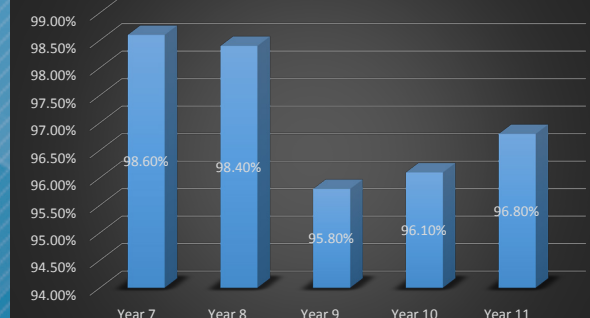
Can you unscramble the letters to reveal the book titles?

1.     egnns miloila la
2.     fa sa aseot sr
3.     vilbes ilsinigr
4.     ehnsi
5.     tigitler

See Miss Davis with your answers for a chance to win a prize!

## ATTENDANCE

29.02.16



## 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 show 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

# LANGUAGE CORNER

## Las Fallas, the Festival of Fire

Every year in Valencia a festival called "Las Fallas" is celebrated at the start of spring. Las Fallas is celebrated to commemorate St. Joseph's Day, who is the Patron Saint of Carpenters. Throughout mid- March, the city becomes filled with gigantic cardboard figures, called ninots. These figures are extremely life like and are usually made to look like popular Spanish celebrities or politicians.

The ninots are displayed across the city until March 19th, the day known as La Cremá (the burning). Throughout the evening all the figures, except one, are filled with fireworks. At midnight, streetlights are turned off and the ninots are set on fire.

Each year, one of the ninots is spared from ruin by a vote. This ninot is called the Ninot Indultat (the pardoned puppet) and is exhibited in the local Museum along with the winners from previous years.

Some of the famous figures from Las Fallas:



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

<b>carpintero</b>	<b>fiesta</b>	<b>fuegos artificiales</b>
<b>muñeco</b>	<b>primavera</b>	<b>calle fuego</b>