

NEWSLETTER



Year 7 Enterprise Day

This exciting day took place last week at our College. All of Year 7 pupils were involved in the day and it gave the pupils an understanding of business and entrepreneurial skills, promoted and created a teamwork ethic, developed communication and presentation skills and developed their ability to work under pressure and keep to deadlines.

These skills were developed throughout the day and were clearly demonstrated in the final presentation.

Winning pupils from Year 7 were:

Marta Wisniewiecka, Kai Darlinga, Jessica Short, Eleanor Roe, Lauren Moore, Ellen Gordan, Cameron Bowen
The judges were particularly impressed about the idea and how well they worked as team.

The challenge was to design a new attraction for an outdoor activity centre, Dearne Valley in Yorkshire. Eight groups from each form were selected to go forward to go through to the finals where an expert panel of judges had to make the difficult decision of whose design would win and go through to the National Finals in June. All presentations were excellent and showed innovative ways of getting their information across but the final winners were the team pitching the "Hamster Run" idea.

Please note, the College will be closed Monday 15th - Friday 19th February for Half Term. Monday 22nd February is a Staff Training day. Pupils return to College on Tuesday 23rd February

Coming up

This Week - w/c 08/02/16 (Week 1)

10/2/16

Paris Trip
Psychology - Law Court Trip

11/2/16

Paris Trip
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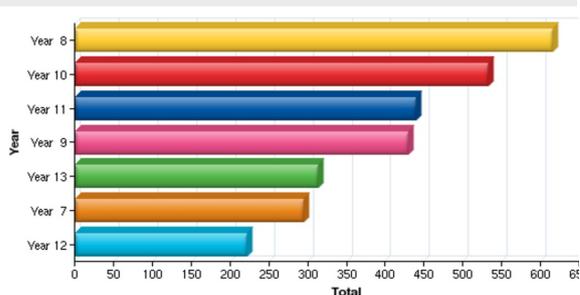
12/2/16

Paris Trip
PSHE P.3
Jodrell Bank Astrophysics trip

Half Term- 15-22nd February 2016

Vivo Rewards

St John Plessington Catholic College



Help for Syrian Refugees

In this Year of Mercy Pope Francis has asked us to think about our call as followers of Jesus, to give water to the thirsty, to feed the hungry and to cloth the naked.

Over the last few weeks the College family of SJP have been collecting blankets and baby clothes, nappies and sleeping bags and jumpers to help the Syrian men, women and children who are being forced to leave their home and become refugees.

SJP is supporting a local charity in Birkenhead which is despatching containers full of the much need bedding and clothing to those who are in such desperate need of warmth. Many of the refugees' fleeing from Syria leave with only the clothes that have on their backs

The clothing donated by SJP will soon be on there way by container to Greece to help the thousands of men, women and children arriving their seeking refuge.

Thank you to all at SJP.



Psychology trip

On 1st and 3rd February, a group of Year 12 students visited Liverpool law courts, as part of their Psychology A Level course. The purpose of the visit was to view Eyewitness testimony, and the fallibility of memory within the court setting. This was useful for students as it allowed them to see and experience how memory can be unreliable, and how the jury can be negatively affected by this. Students found the visit extremely interesting and this has been a useful enrichment activity to look at implications for psychological research in the economy.



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Literacy Corner

Vocabulary Builder

Can you define these words and then use them correctly in sentences?

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

- Tumultuous
- Frivolous
- Abysmal
- Quintessential

Language Corner

Carnival and Lent in Spain

What is a carnival? A carnival is the name given for any kind of revelry or festivity. Traditionally, the carnival season starts just before Lent. Lent is celebrated in many Catholic countries with parties, processions and flamboyant costume parades.

The word 'carnival' comes from the Italian word 'carnevale', which basically means to remove meat (in the past, Catholics were forbidden to eat meat during the 40 days of Lent). The first day of Lent differs from country to country. Mardi Gras, or Pancake Day is celebrated on a Tuesday however, although the rest of the world focus on the Tuesday, Spanish chose a different day of the week. They celebrate the Thursday that starts Carnival, which is the week before Ash Wednesday is known as Jueves Lardero or día de la tortilla.



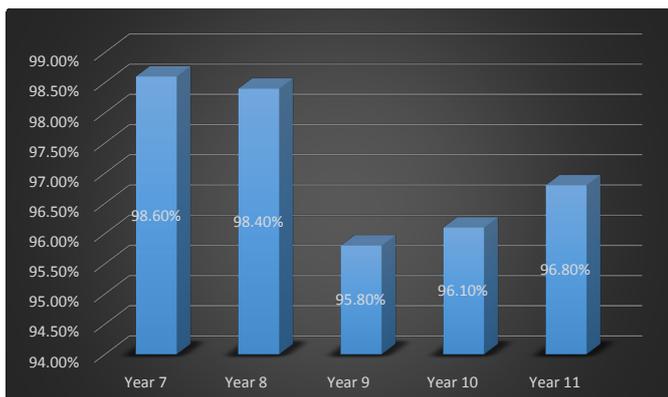
The first person to correctly translate the following to Miss Gascoigne wins Vivo points!

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carroza

Attendance 01/02/16



Weekly Theme - "Do not be afraid"

Luke 5 1-11

One day while Jesus was standing beside Lake Galilee, many people were pressing all around him to hear the word of God. Jesus saw two boats at the shore of the lake. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, and asked him to push off a little from the land.

Then Jesus sat down and continued to teach the people from the boat.

When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Take the boat into deep water, and put your nets in the water to catch some fish." Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night trying to catch fish, and we caught nothing. But you say to put the nets in the water, so I will." When the fishermen did as Jesus told them, they caught so many fish that the nets began to break. They called to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they were almost sinking. When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he bowed down before

Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!" He and the other fishermen were amazed at the many fish they caught, as were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will fish for people." When the men brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

There are 1.8 billion followers of Jesus in the world today; half of that number are Catholic. Not all, of course, are good followers, but at some point in their lives they each have made a decision to try and follow the teachings of Jesus. This is all any of us can do: try to live up to the ideals and standards that Jesus sent for his followers.

This week on Wednesday we begin the season of Lent, during the forty days of Lent let's try to make more of an effort to following the teaching of Jesus by loving God and loving our neighbour as much as we love our self.

This week in our "Forty Day Challenge" we are encouraged to show somebody that we value and respect them.

Pope Francis on the last World Youth Day which took place in Rio de Janeiro told the young people from all over the world that Jesus' message of love is not just for some, it is for everyone, and he urged the young people not to be afraid of bringing Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem most indifferent. The Church needs you – he said – your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you. Do not be afraid – he repeated – Jesus never leaves you alone!

In faith and love, we ask you, Father, to watch over your family. May we learn to help and serve one another humbly, as your Son has shown us. Through the power of the humble Jesus may we die to arrogance and pride and grow in humility and peace.