

NEWSLETTER

All the news from St John Plessington Catholic College

Congratulations to SJP Engineers

A group of students from St John Plessington Catholic College have been announced as one of the winners of the regional heats at The Big Bang North West.

The team, made up of Luke Chadwick, Cameron Pierce, Ben Weedall, Daniel Larway and Aaron Larway with the project from the group titled 'Can axolotl (AKA Mexican walking fish) slime fight disease?'. As part of the project, the students have conducted experiments on their own axolotls to see if their slime can fight disease.

The Big Bang Fair is aimed at young people primarily aged 7-19. It will see over 100 experiences, several interactive shows, a STEM playground and careers talks and guidance taking place from 11 to 14 March, with school days on Wednesday to Friday and a public day on Saturday.

In amongst the young talent, viewing their projects and

speaking to competitors you will find a host of judges and VIPs, all looking for the next GSK Young Engineer and GSK Young Scientist of the Year. Among the list of industry professionals are the likes of Head Stemette & co-founder of STEMettes Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon, UK Tech Expert, children's author and television presenter Jason Bradbury, TV personality, author and maths

teacher Bobby Seagull and inventor and co-founder of Kids Invent Stuff, Ruth Amos.

We are off to the Big Bang Fair for the National Final. Wow!



The Changing Room by Chris Bush

SJP will be Performing the Changing Room by Chris Bush as part of the National Connections festival commissioned by the National Theatre. Tickets are on sale now and available at reception.



Dedicated DofE Area on our website

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an internationally recognised Award designed to challenge and inspire young people to realise and release their full potential. To complete the Award, participants must commit to a wide range of activities designed to enhance their physical, social and emotional wellbeing. At St John Plessington we believe it is essential to provide a rounded education to cater for all of our students to ensure that when they leave they are the best possible versions of themselves. This is why we compliment our academic studies by offering the Bronze Award to all students at the start of Year 9 with many choosing to venture through the levels by completing Silver in Year 10 and Gold in Year 13.

In order to support students, parents and carers through this process I have created a new resource section as part of the College's website. This page contains step by step instructions on how to complete the various stages of the Award whilst offering essential advice for the exciting adventure which is the expedition section.

I hope that this is a helpful addition and if you have any further queries about the Award, please contact me via the school office. Please visit.

www.stjohnplessington.com/dofe-parent-information

PE Reward Trip

Last week, 14 students from Years 7-13 enjoyed a PE Rewards trip to the National Cycle Centre in Manchester - for their commitment to PE and to celebrate elite sports performance.

Well done to all those selected.



Celebrate World Book Day

THURSDAY 5th MARCH @ St John Plessington.

"Cloudy with the chance of meatballs!" Freshly made Italian style meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce.

"Dragons love Tacos" spicy mixed vegetables and cheese tacos.

"Charlie & the chocolate factory" Handmade chocolate brownie.

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food with thought

Valentines day Bake Off Winners!

The DT department would like to announce the WINNER for the VALENTINE BAKE OFF that took place on Friday 14th February. There were 20 cakes that entered the competition which was the largest number of entries we have ever received for an SJP bake off, not to mention the standard being so very high!



So without further ado, the **OVERALL WINNER is...Darcie Wilcock (7BH)** and you will receive your prize in next weeks in your assembly.

BEST TASTE...Tlillie Young (7JB)
BEST APPEARANCE...Oliver Bates (7JB)
BEST TEXTURE...Alexa Thomas (7MT), Godwin Biji (10JB) and Maddison Ormond-Donelly (7OR)
BEST EFFORT...May Delamere (7MT)

All participants will receive a well deserved certificate for their amazing entries.

Well Done Bakers!



Our very own storm Keira.

Congratulations to Keira Brady-Jones on winning the National u17 women's indoor 800m title!



Tactics were name of the game in the middle

distances. For instance, sometimes it pays to be bold like Keria Brady-Jones (Wirral, Sarah Kearney) in the U17 Women's 800m. Given the way she flew through the opening lap in a shade over 30 seconds, it was clear she only had one thing on her mind - run the legs off the opposition. She whipped through 400m in 61.8, holding off inevitable late charge to win in **2:10:00** and sometimes it pays to wait.

You watch her impressive victory here: - <https://www.runjumpthrow.com/videos/41751/>



Live at St John Plessington Catholic College
Thursday 26th March - 6.30pm

Tickets are currently on sale for £3 adults and £2 concessions. All pupils must be accompanied by an adult.



Paris Trip 2020

Just before the half term break one hundred and twenty-three of our pupils travelled by coach and ferry to Lésigny near Paris. Everyone was very excited to arrive in France. We arrived at our accommodation 'Chateau de Grande Romaine' where we enjoyed settling in and having an evening meal.

On the next day some spent the morning at the chateau taking part in a variety of outdoor activities. Pupils had the chance to try a range of activities including abseiling, climbing, buggy making and archery. Other pupils visited the Louvre where they took a great interest in the art and particularly enjoyed the Mona Lisa while some pupils visited the picturesque town of Brie Comte Robert where they took in the views and visited the shops.



That afternoon some pupils visited 'Stade de France' where pupils had a guided tour of the entire stadium including the players and referees changing rooms, the presidents' suite and even the prison! Others visited the cheese factory where they enjoyed a presentation and samples of various French cheeses and the rest enjoyed 'Cité de sciences et de l'industrie' a fully immersive hands-on science museum.

Thursday was also extremely busy, all pupils did a cruise of the river seine and visited Tour Montparnasse, the only skyscraper in Paris, where they took the express elevator up to the 59th floor and took in the incredible views of Paris from the top.

Some followed this by a visit to the spectacular Arc de Triomphe and the busy Champs-Élysées, whilst other pupils chose to tour the beautiful Sacré Coeur and Montmartre. Others visited the Musée d'Orsay and saw famous works by artists such as Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh and many more.

On Friday we spent the entire day at Disneyland in Paris visiting both the main Disneyland Park and also Walt Disney Studios.

Evenings were spent learning how to make crêpes, playing football and basketball on the outdoor courts and enjoying a fantastic last night disco.

The trip was a great success where all students were immersed in French culture and took every opportunity to practice their language skills.



Weekly Theme - W/C 2nd March 2020

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted for forty days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. The devil came to Jesus to tempt him, saying, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread."

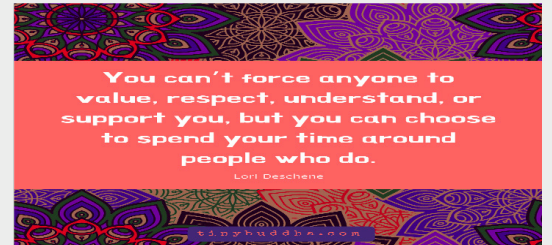
Jesus answered, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person lives not on bread alone, but by everything God says.' Then the devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem and put him on a high place of the Temple. The devil said, "If you are the Son of God, jump down, because it is written in the Scriptures:

'He has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you in their hands so that you will not hit your foot on a rock.'" Jesus answered him, "It also says in the Scriptures, "Do not test the Lord your God."

Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all their splendour. The devil said, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things."

Jesus said to the devil, "Go away from me, Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

So the devil left Jesus, and angels came and took care of him.



Extra-Curricular Timetables

Check out what Performing Arts & PE clubs are on via our extra-curricular timetables.

Please see Miss Chesters or Mr Nunnery if you are interested in getting involved in any of our Extra-Curricular clubs.

The Full timetables are available to download via our College website.
<https://www.stjohnplessington.com/sjp-news/extra-curricular-timetables>

Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable					
	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 9/8 Assembly
12 - 12.30pm		Year 11 Performing Arts Intervention (SJC)	Year 11 Music Intervention (ALS) Intervention for Year 11 Music students for support with coursework Spotlight Festival (Year 10/11 SJC Year 10 to Year 11 are invited to participate in a covering festival on the theme of mental health)		
12.35 - 1.00pm		K53 Choir (Year 7-8) ALJ All pupils in K53 are welcome to be part of the K53 Choir. National Connections (EDS) By audition to participate in this year's National Connections' peak 'Changing Rooms'	Musical Theatre Club (Year 7-10) CDD 2000 this weekly group find, rehearse and perform key numbers from well-known musicals. A knowledge of Musical Theatre is an absolute essential for this group. A Level music skills to develop their theory and knowledge of the subject. Chamber Choir (K54-K55) ALJ Chamber choir rehearsed by Miss Jefferys	LAMDA Performance Extra (SJC) For the completion of performance exams grades Spotlight 7 (Year 7 Drama Club) SJC A drama club run by Year 10 for Year 7 only	
3.20 - 4.30pm		BTEC Intervention (Year 12 and 13) SJC Year 12 and 13 Music intervention for the completion of coursework. Theatre of the Week Club (Year 9-10 Year 13 SJC) Watch a piece of theatre filmed live at a stage show and review the work.	Music Theory Club (Year 7-13) ALJ Learn the key elements of music theory notation to reading music. National Connections (EDS) By audition to participate in this year's National Connections' peak 'Changing Rooms'	Year 11 Performing Arts Intervention (EDS) Intervention for Year 11 Drama students for support with coursework School Band (Year 7-13) ALJ Please see Miss Jefferys if you want to be part of the school band Keyboard Skills (Year 12 and 13) SJC Year 12 and Year 13 are welcome to develop their piano skills	Year 10 Dance (AN) Year 10 Football (MJH) Year 7 Netball (CO) Year 8 Rugby (JSE)

Physical Education Extra-Curricular Timetable					
	Monday 12 Assembly	Tuesday 11/13 Assembly	Wednesday	Thursday 10/7 Assembly	Friday 9/8 Assembly
12 - 12.30pm	PE BTEC Club	Year 9/10 Netball (CO) Year 9/10 Basketball (MJH)	Year 9/10 Rugby (JSE) Year 9/10 Badminton (AN)	Year 9 Dance (AN) Year 9 Football (MJH)	Year 10 Dance (AN) Year 10 Football (MJH)
12.35 - 1.00pm	Year 11 Intervention Group (MJH)	Year 7/8 Basketball (JSE) Year 11 Intervention Group (BDN)	Year 8 Netball (CO) Year 7/8 Football (BDN)	Year 8 Dance (CO) Year 8 Rugby (JSE)	Year 7 Netball (CO) Year 8 Rugby (JSE)
3.20 - 4.30pm	All Years Football All Years Dance PE Fixtures - Various	Meeting Night	All Years Basketball All Years Girls Football PE BTEC Club PE Fixtures - Various	All Years Rugby (External Coach) All Years Netball PE Fixtures - Various	PE BTEC Club
BOYS CLUBS GIRLS CLUBS MIXED CLUBS INTERVENTION / FIXTURES					

Upcoming Events Week Commencing 2nd March 2020

- Y11 Mock Speaking Exam
- Media Live! Student Event

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- Media Live! Student Event
- Tomorrows Engineers Competition Final

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- Computer Science Taster Day at University of Liverpool
- Year 8 Enterprise Day
- Media Live! Student Event

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- World Book Day
- National Connections Home Performance Rehearsals

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**This week is National Careers Week and we've got loads of great activities planned for our students!*