

SJP NEWS

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End ofterm message

Dear Families

Welcome to our half-termly newsletter. This gives you a flavour of some of the things that have been happening across our SJP community - lots of it in your own homes!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you as parents and carers, to our pupils and to all of the staff for your hard work and commitment, particularly over the past six weeks of online learning.

To you, as parents and carers, I say "thank you" for allowing us into your homes and please contact us if we can support in any way. To our pupils, I urge you to keep up the hard work – it will be worth it and, to our staff, my gratitude to you all for everything that you do to improve and enhance the lives of the next generation.

Enjoy the half-term break, away from the screens!

Take care.

Ms M Sharratt Headteacher Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all pupils who were selected and took part in our virtual Hot Chocolate Friday.
Keep up all the hard work.

#HotChocolateFriday #SJPFamily



Digital support for pupils

We are raising money to allow us to provide Digital support for pupils. If you can, please Click to donate - any amount, no matter how small, will make a difference to the education of our pupils. We have already raised a staggering £1645. This has already helped to provide seven new laptops for those students without a device for remote learning. We would also like to thank Lee at Wirral Laptop Donations for the delivery of five laptops which will be provided to our students to support with home learning. SJP was also the lucky recipient of the 100th laptop, which was a new laptop bought with the money donated.

Click Here to donate!

Bella

Last week, we welcomed Bella into our school. All of our pupils loved her and Bella instantly created a positive and relaxing atmosphere in school. Bella loved all the fuss and she was great with all of our pupils!



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Subject Spotlight

Here we highlight some of our students' actions and work across different subject areas from virtual classrooms and extra-curricular activities.



DT

Pupils in D&T have been designing and making a wide range of products from their homes throughout LP3. D&T teachers were asked to share some of their highlights, but there are many examples of creative design, problem solving and manufacturing going on in all of our classes.

Well done to all of you!



Year 12 Textiles

Miss Holt's Year 12 Textiles students have been learning new Computer Aided Design skills, creating some fantastic and very professional CAD illustrations using online software. These skills will really help pupils to reach the top mark bands in their A

Level Fashion & Textiles course.

Year 10 Graphics

Miss Hughes' Year 10 Graphics students have been learning all about packaging and they have designed a box for their own board games whilst in lockdown using their CAD skills. We can't wait to see your games come together once we are back in school.



Drama

The drama department has been amazed this half term with the standard of work that has been produced by pupils in all key stages across the College. Pupils have been working hard writing, making, photographing and filming their creative work as part of their drama lessons. They are really going over and above to keep drama alive at home and we cannot wait to see what other imaginative ideas take shape after half term.

We have been busy celebrating the work of pupils with our online recognition boards, showcasing the work of pupils in and out of the classroom. The links to these digital recognition boards can be found in each drama classroom on Google Classroom. Please do have a look at some of the outstanding work that has been submitted this half term.

For some fun during half term, we have set a Silent Movie Challenge for Year 7. Pupils have been learning about melodrama in their online lessons and as an additional challenge, we are asking pupils to film their own interpretation of a Silent Movie, complete with heroes, villains and damsels in distress! It will be a great way to involve the whole family.

With a musical backdrop we are asking pupils to recreate classics such as 'The Great Train Robbery' with as many characters as they can. Everyone is welcome to take part. Why not have some fun playing the hero or villain of the piece or perhaps the damsel in distress? Props from home can also be used as different characters – a figurine would work well as would any teddy bear or doll you may have at home. Pupils can also use multi-role to show versatility and creativity in playing all of the characters from their movie!

Whatever the storyline, characters or number of people involved; we are looking forward to seeing your creations. Please send your submission to Miss Chesters by Monday 22nd February at 12.00pm via Google Classroom. We are looking forward to viewing all of the Silent Movies and we also encourage all other year groups to take part.



Year 7 Food

Miss Ogogo's Year 7 Food pupils have cooked a variety of sweet and savoury dishes this term from fruit crumble to ham and vegetable noodle stir-fry. They have learned to work safely and independently whilst engaging with their practical lessons at home. In addition, pupils have been learning important theory lessons such as why we must work safely in the kitchen and discussing how we can avoid food poisoning and pathogens through implementing a variety of food safety measures.

Keep up the fantastic work Year 7!





A range of year groups across KS3 have been completing a range of engineering challenges for our structures project including building the tallest tower and the strongest bridge. Pupils have been learning about careers in STEM including engineering, construction and architecture.

We look forward to seeing more of your excellent work over the remaining weeks of remote learning!

Art - Mini World Photography Challenge

If you would like a fun challenge to complete with your family, why not do take part in the creative photography challenge?

We have already had some fantastic contributions and, if you haven't already, please share some of your images with us, they really do put some smiles on our faces! #SJPCreativeChallenge



SJP launches Ban the Bottle Campaign

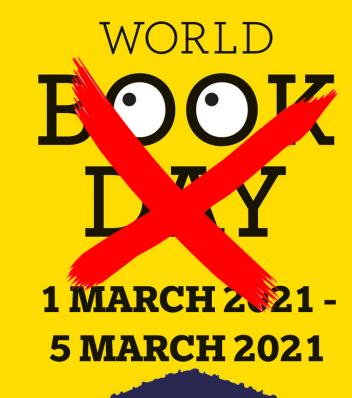
The SJP community is always looking for ways to improve our local environment and act sustainably. From turning off lights to recycling paper, we can all play a role in reducing waste and work towards 'being green'.

The SJP Eco Committee identified single use plastic as a major issue in the school and as a result, the school developed an action plan to address this issue.

Along with a successful bid to the Liverpool Community Fund, this now means the school has been granted funds to implement a project to reduce plastic bottles entering the general SJP waste system. This project will encourage all students to bring reusable water bottles to school, include a poster campaign to promote the campaign and the introduce recycling bins for single-use plastic bottles.

We are looking for pupils to get involved in the project and help launch the scheme across the school. If you would like to be involved get in touch with Mrs Dean or Mrs Hopkins from Geography Department.





World Book Week

One day is just not long enough for all the events we have planned at SJP. We are celebrating books every day from Monday March 1st to Friday 5th March with;

- whole school events;
- virtual workshops;
- competitions;
- book tokens;
- poetry;
- stories;
- creative writing.

and much more

More details to follow.

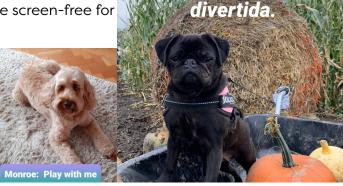
Children's Mental

Health Week

Last week was Children's Mental Health and this year's theme was 'Express Yourself'. Given the year that has just passed and the current lockdown, we all felt that this was the perfect opportunity to promote mental health and to give students a chance to explore this theme through activities and have some fun! We worked hard to put together ideas and resources for every day of the week and also made a montage of recordings from staff at school sharing how they express themselves to support their own mental health and well-being. We also challenged our students to share with us how they express themselves to support their mental health and wellbeing and have set up a pet profile picture challenge to celebrate how important our pets have been to us during lockdown. In support of Children's Mental Health Week we also celebrated Welfare Wednesday, a screen-free

afternoon where we encouraged all our pupils to get creative and think of different ways to have fun, express and enjoy themselves. It was fantastic to see staff and so many of our pupils take part in the challenges and embrace the opportunity to be screen-free for the afternoon.





UC/S Deadline

The UCAS deadline passed on 29th January, our staff here at SJP understand that selecting the appropriate course and the right university is one of the biggest decisions for our Sixth Formers. Our Sixth Form pastoral team has worked tirelessly to ensure that all of our pupils have had the guidance and support they need to apply to five universities and gain a place at their university of choice. Our pastoral team is also dedicated to giving advice and guidance for those pupils that are applying for apprenticeships or seeking employment opportunities, in order to make the right choices for the next stages of their lives.

Year 9 Options

You will have **until Monday 22nd February** to return the online Options Form, which gives you and your child time to read and discuss all of the information.

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