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Learning Programmes Unit 6/6
Week Commencing 17th July 2006

Theme for the Week - "End of the Year"

Loving Father,
as we come to the end of another term we turn
to you in confidence and place any difficult
relationships into the healing hands of Jesus,
your son.

Enable us to leave behind any regrets or
bitterness, and "entrust the past to your mercy,
the present to your love, and the future to your
providence".

Help us appreciate more the need to keep a good
balance in our lives.

May the holiday be for us a time of rest and
recreation to help restore us and re-create us in
your image and likeness, as we enjoy more of the
love and presence of our families,
on whom we ask your blessing.

Amen



Final Year Reports to Parents

Tuesday 18th July 2006

School Reopens

Wednesday 6th September 2006

Pupils in Year 7, 12 and 13 should report
to Yard at 08.35.

Pupils in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 should report
to Yard at 09.35.

Plessington News

HEADLINES

Thank you to all students and parents for the positive comments we have received regarding the uniform changes. I would like to clarify one or two points. As you know, next year we are introducing a school sweater for boys and girls with logo. The sweater is compulsory after October half term. For the first half term, therefore, it is optional although I am sure that many of our students will be wearing it in September. Girls have the option of wearing navy/black opaque tights OR navy socks. For September the socks may be knee length or mid-length. They must not be ankle socks. They must be navy in colour, plain without patterns or logos. The uniform will be available from next week in the Wirral Uniform Centre. The skirts will be available from around 20th August. If you are buying PE kit please ensure that you are buying the new style PE kit outlined in my recent letter to you.

Thank you for your patience and support over the uniform. It's taken a while to finally get there but this is because we have laid great emphasis on listening to students views and making sure we have them on board. They have been tremendously enthusiastic and honest throughout the process and have appreciated that.

LIVERPOOL LEGEND MAKES AWARDS EVENING A TRIUMPH

This week we celebrated our 16th Annual Awards Evening. During the day, we had the Champions League Cup on site by kind permission of Liverpool Football Club. Students were able to have their photo taken for £1 with all proceeds going to the Marina Dalglish appeal or breast cancer, at the request of Phil Neal, our special guest. Over 400 students took up this opportunity. Students also 'wore a football shirt' to school, and again money raised from this went to the same charity.

We welcomed Phil Neal to Plessington on Wednesday evening and enjoyed a wonderful celebration of over 150 students' achievements throughout the year in a variety of areas across school life. Over 400 people packed the new hall to see our pupils meet Phil Neal, and then listen to him giving a motivational speech about his time in school and how it prepared him for his life. He kindly stayed to receive a cheque for the Marina Dalglish appeal for £2000, collected in school.

A memorable night and a wonderful celebration. Thanks to all involved.



Visit our new e-learning portal – <http://www.samlearning.com>

Year 10 Industry Day

On Friday 7th July Year 10 pupils took part in "Industry Day" when the focus was upon learning about Careers, opportunities and Higher Education course. All of the pupils conducted themselves with maturity, their appearance was impressive and they enjoyed the day.

Coronation Street star visits Plessington

Professional actress Emma Spike visited Plessington yesterday to run a drama workshop with the 10 Performing Arts group. Emma has worked extensively in both theatre and television and has made several appearances on Coronation Street and Hollyoaks. This was an excellent opportunity for the pupils to gain an insight into the necessary skills and experience needed to pursue a successful career in performing arts. They learnt about the different techniques involved in taking a production from the page to stage, from voice control and gesture to costume and set design.

The day was an all round success providing motivation and fresh ideas for the next academic year. All the class behaved excellently and participated with great enthusiasm. The girls were a credit to the school – well done!

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Please could parents of Year 10 pupils please make a note in their diaries that their full parents evening for Year 11 will take place on 14th September 2006. Your child will make five minute appointments with each of their subject teachers, where progress, attainment, learning strategies and focus for exams will be discussed.

Your support for you child in this final year is extremely important. If you cannot attend please contact the school office without delay. Further details will follow in September.

Pupils sing at the Royal Albert Hall

Last weekend 20 students and 5 members of staff made a long journey down to London for a very special event. We arrived late on the Saturday afternoon due to a long traffic jam on the motorway and after a quick dinner we hotfooted it across London just in time to see a performance of the Lion King. On Sunday we spent the morning shopping in Covent Garden followed by a leisurely stroll through Hyde Park ending up at the Royal Albert Hall just in time for rehearsals. The students and staff were there to participate in a unique opportunity, 2000+ singers were gathering to sing Verdi's Requiem accompanied by the Royal Festival Orchestra. We were given a special welcome from all the performers as well as an individual mention in the programme as we were the only school participating. The nerves were getting the better of some as the concert approached and this was heightened soon as we stepped out into the choir stalls at the Royal Albert Hall and saw the masses of people below, and above us. However as soon as the first note from the orchestra was heard the nerves disappeared and all pupils performed magnificently. All too soon the concert was over and we had to leave, but a repeat performance of the music was given on the bus on the way home. This was a unique opportunity for our pupils and one that they responded to magnificently, they are a credit to the school and their parents. Well done!



Year 7 Spell it out!

On Tuesday 11th July, Year 7 students took part in the annual 'English Spelling Bee'. The finalists involved had competed in a number of spelling tests that had taken place during their English lessons and the top scorers went through to the Grand Final.

It was an enjoyable afternoon for all with Mr Meehan entertaining students as our resident Master of Ceremonies. Of course, there could be only one winner, Emma Shirley 7AB, who received a £20 gift voucher and a certificate. Tom McKeown of 7JA took a close second place with Rachel Gahan of 7AB receiving the prize for third place.


