



Theme For The Week

“HARVEST”

Harvest time is used by people of many races and beliefs as an opportunity to give thanks for the food they eat. It is also used as a reminder of all the needy people in the world and is therefore often a time of charity. There are a number of ways in which we can mark harvest festival; we could attend a thanksgiving service at our church, donate to a charity or give food to a hamper collection,. We could dedicate personal prayer time to thanking God for all we have. Some of these we may only do at harvest time, when we are reminded to do them. Saying thank you and sharing what we have with others are things that do not need to be reserved for harvest time alone. In our lives at school, work, home and in our local communities we can take time to thank those who help us and serve us, and find opportunities when we can help those who are in need.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for all the good things we have. Help us to remember to take care of those in need whenever we can and to thank those who look after us.

Amen

St John Plessington - *Pray for us*



TRINITY COLLEGE OXFORD 15TH SEPTEMBER 2006

On 15th September 2006 7 Year 12 and 13 students visited Trinity College Oxford. After a very early start we arrived in Oxford and dodging the many bikes made our way to Trinity College. What an impressive campus it is! Founded in 1544 it is steeped in history and strolling around its grounds was like stepping back in time.

After tea and biscuits, college tutors explained the application process that students go through to get in to Oxford. Students were given an insight into student life and were quite amazed by the academic demands – I assured them that this would pay off in the end.

The afternoon was filled with the students exploring the departments and grounds themselves asking many questions.

A thoroughly enjoyable day for all staff and students. It certainly gave them all something to think about and aspire to.



In the first edition of “Plessington News” in October 2005, I announced that I would offer a prize to any pupil who had collected every edition at the end of the school year. I am delighted to advise that two pupils - David Brockway (Yr 9) and Michael Brockway (Yr 12) - collected all but three editions and their efforts have been awarded with a small gift.

Once again, I am pleased to offer a prize to any pupil who successfully collects every edition of St John Plessington Newsletter this year.

The MARINA DALGLISH Appeal

Many thanks to all staff and students who participated in raising money for the Marina Dalglish Appeal in the summer through Awards Evening. We raised over £2,300 in aid of this good cause, and have received a letter thanking us for our efforts.

St John Plessington Travel Plan

An article is due to be published in the Liverpool Mart and Wirral local papers with regards to ‘Safer Travel at Merseyside schools’. The government shared out £1 million in grants to enable students to make safer and healthier journeys to school on foot and by bicycle. Through our pro-active Travel plan we were able to access a grant with which we purchased the bicycle shed. The bicycle shed holds places for 120 bikes and is secured electronically. All pupils have access to this resource if their parents sign the consent letter provided by us.

SJP Fantasy Football League

Mr Harvey (B20) is organising a Fantasy Football League for all pupils and staff who wish to take part. The League is run by Schools FL and is a nationwide competition. You get to compete against not only your own school mates and the staff but also the whole country. There are regular prizes for manager of the month as well as medals and trophies for the eventual league winners. It costs £3.50 to take part and the deadline for entries is the 12th October. See Mr Harvey for more details and an entry form.

COLLEGE MINIBUS APPEAL

RACE NIGHT THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2006

Doors will open at 7pm with the first race starting at 7.30pm. Bring the Race Card attached to *Plessington News* on the evening. Admission is **FREE** to all staff and parents. Refreshments will be available or 'bring a bottle'. (This offer excludes our own pupils and students regardless of age)

This is a family event and we hope that many of you will share in the fun for St John Plessington's first Race Night – proceeds will go to our minibus appeal.

Many thanks to PFOP for arranging this evening.

OPEN EVENING 26.09.06

We welcomed almost 1000 Year 6 pupils and their parents to our annual Open Evening last Tuesday.

The evening was a resounding success, with parents evaluating the event as highly informative and pupils telling us that they had great fun and were very impressed by the College.

We look forward to welcoming them as SJP pupils in September 2007!

Connected with Connexions

As part of the 6th Form community we are very lucky to have career advisor Ruth Richards returning to our College early this October. A dedicated and well-informed member of the Connexions team, Ruth Richards has kindly agreed to attend St John Plessington for the benefit of the 6th Form, and will be available for counselling sessions. It is a highly beneficial experience for students who are currently at a crossroads in their lives, whether it involves university courses, higher education or full time employment. Connexions work together with many schools across Merseyside including St John Plessington, constantly striving towards establishing and developing the best opportunities for students.

A number of students who have been fortunate enough to catch Ruth Richards during her visit in September commented on the positive advice, helpful information and guidance. This is a crucial and difficult time for students, choosing the right path for the future is essential and with the dedicated 6th Form staff working alongside Connexions students can receive the best possible help and guidance. The sessions in October will be 15 minute 'one on one' meetings with Ruth Richards ensuring confidentiality and privacy. Students are advised to ask any questions relevant to their plans for the future. Whether it is university courses or full time employment Connexions are there to help.

Numeracy Brainteaser

How much earth is there in a freshly dug hole that is 20cm deep, 10cm wide and 40cm long?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 or hand in at reception before Friday 6th October.

All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift card for W H Smiths.

Science Modular Results

Congratulations to all Year 11 Science pupils. They have just received their results from June examinations (Y10). Applied Science submitted their portfolios 1 year early. Amal George was awarded a grade B for his hard work and organization. There were many more grade C's too. Separate Science students were successful with the additional, and very difficult, modules for Chemistry and Physics. Edward Smith gained maximum marks 50 out of 50 and between the 18 students, they gained 11 grade A's. Stephen Bilko has maintained his record of grade A's – clocking up 7 A**'s and 2 grade A's in Biology, Chemistry and Physics during Y10. Excellent results were also awarded to double and single award Science. Patricia Simmons has been awarded 4 x A's and 2 x B's for the modules giving her an average of a grade A overall for Y10. The results are a credit to them and the hard work that the Science department puts in to ensure everyone does their best to reach their potential. This year pupils will take a final examination in the summer and complete 1 piece of coursework.

Modular Science Examinations (Yr 10)
All students will be taking their modular examinations in Science on the following dates:

22/11/06 – 9.00am

12/3/07 – 9.00am

June dates not yet available.

Please put these dates on the calendar to avoid any clashes. As these are external examinations, they must be taken on the designated date and time. Pupils are at a disadvantage if they have to 'catch up' during the next available slot.

HOUSE POINT CORNER

	Weekly total as at 29/9/06					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Bernadette	50	60	56	35	21	222
Bosco	54	61	53	32	20	220
Hume	55	52	35	32	18	192
Kolbe	51	77	50	38	27	243
Romero	53	60	52	40	22	227
Teresa	50	70	48	30	16	214

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