



### THEME FOR THE WEEK - "POVERTY"

The Make Poverty History campaign saw great numbers of people take action against poverty. This action took many forms from wearing white bands to letter writing to fund-raising. The campaign continues and this month is Global Month of Action when there are many organised events that we can attend in our attempt to make poverty history. We might not be in a position to join one of these events, but we can take action through our prayer. The *Prayer to make poverty history* was written to support the campaign.

#### Prayer to make poverty history

Christ our Lord,  
your light shines into the shadows,  
and shows us  
where the obstacles to change lie.  
We know that often  
they are in our own hearts,  
in the way we live,  
and in our daily choices and actions.

We pray that we may accept  
the light of your love  
as a challenge to change  
ourselves and our world.

We pray that, each day,  
we make the choices and  
take the actions  
that will bring an end to poverty and hunger,  
and lead us all  
towards a fairer world.

Be with us, Lord,  
as we face your challenge  
and learn how to live  
our lives in love.

Amen

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### NUFFIELD BURSARIES 2006



6<sup>th</sup> Form students celebrated their Gold Crest Awards at Liverpool FC conference facilities on Wednesday October 4th. The final celebration and presentation was the culmination of a summer holiday scholarship. **Only 600** bursaries were awarded in the UK and St John Plessington students received four of them.

The students received £280 and were placed in a field of work of their choice. Melanie Cliff worked with Liverpool veterinary college, Francis D'Elia, at Aerogistics, Scott Devoy worked alongside a professor of Mathematics at Liverpool University and John Barton-Ward was placed at Scottish Power.

The Vice Principal of JMU stated that "the pupils' final reports and presentations were of the highest standard, and that any of them would be welcome to apply for places at the university".

All Year 12 students will have the opportunity to apply for the scholarship after Christmas and benefit from placements in Science, Maths and ICT. For more information about the opportunities see Ms Phillips, Head of Science.

### ADMISSIONS

I would like to take this opportunity of re-stating for the benefit of the College Community and of the local Catholic Community our absolute guarantee of a place for Catholic pupils from feeder Primaries who choose SJP as a first preference. Our commitment to Catholic comprehensive education means that Catholic Families showing preference for SJP from feeder Primaries will be warmly received when they take up their place at the College and we are aware that increasingly they feel that SJP is their natural destination. Our expectation is that local Catholic families will opt for SJP in large numbers this year, thus allowing us to continue to fulfil our declared Mission Statement aim of

**Ensuring that faith and worship is lived, taught and celebrated**

## YEAR 7 WELCOME MASS

First of all, thanks to all Year 7 Parents for their support, which led to excellent retreats at the Franciscan Friary, Pantasaph, North Wales. The trips were hugely successful and very helpful in building a real sense of community throughout the Year Group.

Following on from this, we would like to invite all Year 7 Parents to our Year 7 Welcome Mass on Thursday 12 October 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

Further details are in the letter that Year 7 pupils brought home following their retreat last week.

## NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

**This week's brainteaser:**

**I was 8 years old when my father was 31. Now he is twice as old as I am. How old am I?**

**Answers to Miss Hodges in B12, or hand in at Reception by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for W H Smiths.**

Last week's solution: NONE

Last week's winner: Daniel James – 8AB

**HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!**

A reminder for everyone's diaries. This year we are hosting the first ever SJP Christmas Fayre. We are hoping it will attract a huge response and we have already secured some exciting attractions. The event is called 'Here Comes Christmas' and will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December straight after school. We are looking for parents, friends, relatives to sponsor some prizes for the event. It may well be that you know someone who has a business (eg. Restaurant) who would be prepared to offer a prize (of a meal for two etc). In exchange for your generosity we will offer free advertising space at the fayre and in the 'Here Comes Christmas' programme. The audience base will be a large one and the advertising will reach out to a large number of people.

We are also looking for any cash donations from parents and friends to help support the event. All monies raised will go towards the cost of running our new College mini-bus which we now have available for lots of extra-curricular events.

Since this is our first attempt at the Christmas Fayre, we are also looking for any money spinning ideas for stalls or events that you can help us with. Again any support here would be really welcome.

If you have any ideas, have any questions or are willing to donate cash sums however much – please contact Mr Rylance or Mr Dolan at the college and leave us your name and number and we'll get straight back to you.

Thank you.

## RACE NIGHT

A big thank you to everyone who had a bet on the horses last night. There was a tremendous atmosphere in the hall – who needs Chester Races when it's on your doorstep.

Further thanks to those who really got into the spirit of the event and came dressed for their part in the proceedings – they know who they are!

We are still counting the money, so the final total towards our Minibus Appeal will be announced in a future edition of Plessington News.

A final thank you to PFOP, who planned and helped out with Race Night 2006.

## SJP Fantasy Football League - LAST OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN!

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 12<sup>th</sup> October**. See Mr Harvey for more details and an entry form

## HOUSE POINT CORNER

	Weekly total as at 29/9/06					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
<b>Bernadette</b>	50	60	56	35	21	423
<b>Bosco</b>	54	61	53	32	20	411
<b>Hume</b>	55	52	35	32	18	344
<b>Kolbe</b>	51	77	50	38	27	452
<b>Romero</b>	53	60	52	40	22	409
<b>Teresa</b>	50	70	48	30	16	414

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