

NEWSLETTER

Issue 2



Students at St John Plessington awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag!



Students at St John Plessington have earned an international accreditation this academic year, recognising their amazing work in making their school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in fellow students.

Eco-Schools is an international education programme that prompts young people to explore sustainability and climate change and take action.

Students at St John Plessington collaborated with Miss Davidson to conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly their school is. They reviewed everything from the school's recycling practices, to energy usage, to how environmental themes are covered in classrooms. Building on their findings, the students and Miss Davidson planned a year of activities that would up their green-credentials.

The group connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics: litter, waste and energy.

Activities included beach cleans, an energy audit of the school and creating a litter picking reward scheme for students, which was presented to the Senior Leadership Team and has been rolled out across the school for the new academic year.

Miss Davidson said; "All the students involved in Eco Club have worked tirelessly to drive change at the school and we can already see the impact of their work. They are now looking forward to involving our new Year 7 students in raising awareness and making our community more environmentally friendly."

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. Students should be proud of their great work. They're an inspiration and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet."

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to www.eco-schools.org.uk



Chester Zoo 'Takeover'

On the 6th October the SJP singers from Year 7, 8 and 9 were lucky enough to perform at our annual HFCMAT Chester Zoo Takeover.

Students performed alongside their friends from St Mary's at the Zoo basecamp. The choir sang so confidently and it was fantastic to see some of our year 7 students rise to the challenge of singing a solo.

After our performance we enjoyed a quick visit to see some of the animals.



European Day of Languages

In the last week of September we celebrated European Day of Languages. We had lots of fun and activities planned, a French breakfast cafe, a world food tasting event and even a treasure hunt around the school featuring a famous Spanish teacher! Well done to all of our SJP students who got involved. We're already looking forward to next year!



World Mental Health Day

Monday 10 October was World Mental Health Day. This week in the Personal Development lessons we gave students the opportunity to talk about mental health in general, how we should take care of it and the importance of talking about things and get help if you have problems. Reach out to a friend or family member if you think they need you.

'Othello' at the Liverpool Everyman Theatre

30 of our students from across the performing arts department had a fantastic evening at the Liverpool Everyman Theatre watching the incredible Frantic Assembly's Othello. It was a fantastic performance which had our students gripped from the very beginning! What a powerful and thought provoking interpretation of Shakespeare's work to kick start our theatre visits this academic!

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'I loved frantic assembly's adaptation of othello! incredible! and such fantastic actors too'

'Frantic assembly's Othello at Cast, Liverpool Everyman was outstanding! Genius set, banging music and awesome performances!'

'Othello is an absolute must-watch. Perfect casting, brilliant actors, and hypnotic music constitute a bold, yet wonderful idea for staging Shakespeare. It is touching, mesmerising, dynamic and powerful.'

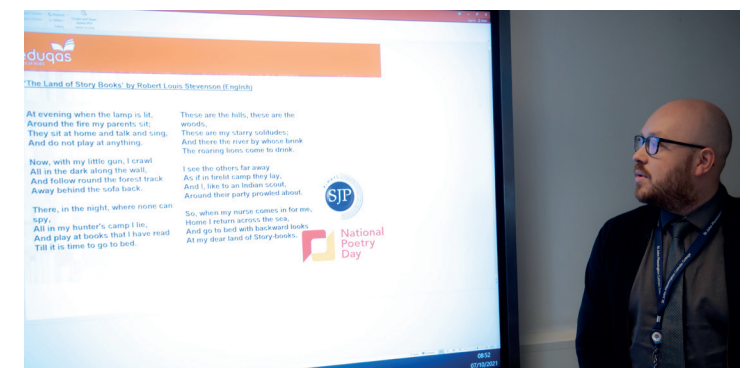


National Poetry Day

Thursday October 6th was National Poetry day and staff shared their favourite poems with students in a variety of ways. During every lesson students had poems shared on a variety of different topics including the National Poetry day theme, which this year was the environment. Some departments shared subject specific poetry with the maths department sharing a variety of Haiku poems. Teachers also shared their favourite poems with us on social media or displayed on their classroom doors.

We also launched our SJP poetry competition across all year groups with specific themes. Year 7 have been asked to write about their experiences of the transition from primary to secondary school. Year 8 have been given the theme of aspiration, following on from the work that they have been completing in Personal Development on future careers.

As World Mental Health day coincided with the timing of our competition Years 9 to 13 have been asked to create a poem relating to mental health. We have already seen some thought provoking entries. The competition closes at the end of the half term and winners in each year will be announced when we return to school.



Ward Hendry Photos - Portraits Yr 7, 10 and 12

On Monday 17th October, we will be taking school photos for years 7, 10 and 12. Please arrive with your biggest smile and no make up or piecing is allowed.



Sixth Form Information Evening

We would like to welcome Year 11 students to our Sixth Form Information Evening this Wednesday 9th November 2021 from 6.00pm. This will provide you with a chance to talk to our sixth form staff, leadership team and current students, whilst touring our amazing facilities!



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

Ignite Institute offers a School Direct Programme accredited by the University of Chester. Our one-year, full-time PGCE with QTS teacher training programme offers both Primary or Secondary options within our schools across Cheshire and Wirral.

What are the entry requirements?

- University degree 2:1 or above (2:2 can be considered with previous experience)
- Grade C or above in GCSE English and Mathematics (Science for Primary)

If you would like to know more about School Direct or our School Experience Programme please contact Angela Potts angelapotts@hfcmat.com.

You will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check to verify your suitability to work with young people

What subjects do we offer?

We currently offer Primary School teacher training (5-11 years) or Secondary teacher training for biology, business studies, chemistry, computer science, DT, drama, English, geography, health and social care, history, maths, media, modern foreign languages, PE, physics, RE and social sciences.

In addition, our School Experience Programme offers the opportunity to spend a day or two at one of our Schools such as St John Plessington Catholic College in your subject department. You will be able to observe classes taking place, engage with pupils, and speak to subject staff and the School Direct ATs who are currently training with us.



Please note, the College will be closed Friday 21st - Friday 27th October for Half Term. Friday 21st October is a Staff Training day. Students return to College on Monday 31st October, 8.30am.

Extra-curricular Timetable

Monday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Football	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Netball	Yard	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	SJP Choir	Music 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Tuesday	National Connections Rehearsals	Drama 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	SJP Soul Band	Music 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Wednesday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Football	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Rugby	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Girls football	Field	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Dance	Dance Studio	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	KS3 Food club	Food 1	Year 7, 8 & 9	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Project Moon Camp	Sci 6 & 8	Year 7 & 8	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Grease Rehearsals	Mu1 / Dr1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Thursday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Dance	Year 8,9,10 & 11	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Big Bang Club	Sci 6 & 8	Year 7 & 8	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	The Awakened	Mu2	Year 7 & 8	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	Grease Rehearsals	Mu1 / Dr1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm
Friday	Football	Yard	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 7, 8 & 11	12:00pm - 12.40pm
	Football	Yard	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Year 9 & 10	12.40pm - 1.20pm
	Year 7 Drama Club	Dr2	Year 7	3.10pm - 4.10pm
	National Connections Rehearsals	Drama 1	All Years	3.10pm - 4.10pm

*Days and times are subject to change.

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JOB OF THE WEEK – MARINE BIOLOGIST



Marine Biology is the study of everything in water and the environment surrounding, often with the aim of protecting marine environments.

Take a look at the short video clip below for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=am-StbO53ek>

Linked to the above, check out Matt's story. Matt is a Fisheries Technical Officer for the Environment Agency. His job is to improve river habitats and increase fish populations. Please read the transcript (below the video clip) as well as watching the video – Matt gives some really good advice about 'following your dreams'.

<https://icould.com/stories/matt-b/>

Year 13 – Apprenticeships

Morrisons Supermarkets - Level 6 apprenticeship (degree with honours) in Retail Leadership: Overview:

40 vacancies nationwide

Three year apprenticeship – minimum qualifications required are English and Maths GCSEs at grade 4 or higher, plus 112 UCAS points. Starting salary circa 22k. Start date September 2023.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000091208>

