



THEME FOR THE WEEK -

"Forgiveness"

Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

Malachy McCourt

What does this tell us about forgiveness? It tells us that harbouring a grudge against another person eats us up inside. That grudge hurts us more than it hurts the other person. It is never easy to forgive when we have been hurt, but it is only through forgiveness - through letting go - that our hurt can be healed.

*Lord Jesus,
In the gospels we read that you forgave people.
You even forgave the people who put you to death.
Help us to be forgiving people.
Teach us to let go of our hurts and to become reconciled with those who have hurt us.
We pray that others will forgive us when we do wrong
and that we will have the courage to apologise.*

Amen.



TROMBONE TRIUMPH

Congratulations to Andrew Evans of 9JA, who passed his Grade One Trombone Examination this week with a Merit.

His hours of hard work in the school brass band have clearly paid off.

Well done Andrew!

REMINDER * REMINDER * REMINDER

YEAR 10 * IMPORTANT * YEAR 10 *

SUCCEEDING IN EXAMS

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD TO ACHIEVE THEIR BEST IN THE GCSE EXAMS

St John Plessington Catholic College invites all Year 10 pupils and their parents to a "How to Succeed in Exams" evening, to be held in school on Thursday 19th October 2006.

The evening will start promptly at 7.00pm in the Hall, where Examination Experts will give advice and strategies on revision techniques, the Internet and planning.

The event has proven invaluable in the past and is a real opportunity for you to help your child succeed. Please bring writing materials with you.

RACE NIGHT

Many thanks to all who organised and attended last week's Race Night. The event was very well attended and fun was had by all! I can report that my team were losers throughout the evening, with no successful winners at all.

I did manage to keep my shirt but it was a close thing!

We also managed to raise around £400 for our Minibus Fund.

Thanks to all.

SPANISH COURSEWORK DEADLINES

A reminder that the first two pieces of coursework (details below) **must** be completed by Friday 20th October 2006:

1. Advertising My School
2. My Last Holiday

MASCOT FOR YEAR 7 FAMILY MASS



Year 7 pupils created this collage of scenes from SJP life to adorn the Hall for the Mass.

COLLEGE GOES GREEN FOR ECO SCHOOL SCHEME

The College is pleased to welcome Dr Crawford and Mrs Carty, College Governors, to our Eco Team. The purpose of our team is to raise environmental awareness within our community and to introduce exciting changes to the way the College recycles.

The first full meeting of the team will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 1.20pm. Eco volunteers should please see Ms P Phillips, (Head of Science) paulaphillips@plessington.wirral.sch.uk.

DRAMA TRIP TO THE GLADSTONE THEATRE

On Thursday, 12th October, 25 pupils from SJP gathered at Port Sunlight's Gladstone Theatre to watch a production of Charlotte Keatley's *My Mother Said I Never Should*. The show, directed by Liz Sharp and performed by a strong cast from The Port Sunlight Players, held the audience spellbound as it recounted the emotional journeys of four generations of women from one family. The pupils were a credit to the school. Their behaviour and attitude throughout the long evening's performance could not be faulted. This cultural enrichment visit provided a great opportunity for the Drama Department to forge strong links with the local community by supporting a local theatrical event.

YEAR 7 FAMILY MASS

Many thanks to all who participated in our Year 7 Family Mass on Thursday evening. It was a wonderful night for the whole of the College Community, as we welcomed guests from local Primaries, our Governors and, of course, our Year 7 pupils and their parents.

One of the most special aspects of the evening was the way in which our pupils launched themselves into the music, dance and liturgy surrounding the mass. In this, they were ably accompanied by our Brass Ensemble and College Choir who, as always, acquitted themselves with great distinction.

Frs Hovington (St Peter's), Quinn (St Anne's) and Hartley (St Werburgh's) were kind enough to concelebrate Mass for us and were delighted by the contributions made to the Liturgy by each of our Year 7 Forms and by the work of Friends of Plessington, who gave their usual sterling service in refreshing us all!

Well done and many thanks to all for their contributions

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

This week's brainteaser:

What is the only whole number between one and ten which does not divide exactly into 360?

Last week's solution: 23 years old
Last week's winner: Steven Harris

HOUSE POINT CORNER

	Weekly total as at 13/10/06					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Bernadette	49	60	53	21	18	423
Bosco	55	59	38	21	18	411
Hume	45	44	40	14	9	344
Kolbe	58	68	43	23	17	452
Romero	67	47	34	17	17	409
Teresa	54	49	51	25	21	414

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