

# St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

## Newsletter



### YEAR 10 – JOINT WIRRAL RUGBY CHAMPIONS

The Final of the Wirral Rugby Cup took place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Birkenhead park under floodlights. The game was against an extremely well-organised and determined Rock Ferry team, who we narrowly lost to in the qualifying rounds.

The game didn't start too well, with Rock Ferry scoring two tries, one converted, making the score 12:0, but the lads' determination was not weakened. Rock Ferry's tackling was immense, stopping us four times, inches short of the line. Any other teams would have crumbled under pressure. Half time 12:0 down.

The second half was again a very spirited performance. The breakthrough came with 15 minutes to go, with Aaron Taylor crashing over the by line. Charlie McGuinness converted – score 12:7.

With 5 minutes to go, Charlie McGuinness scored in the corner making the score 12:12. Unfortunately the lads couldn't force their way over the line, leaving the score 12:12. REV Rules state that U-16s cannot play more than 60 minutes in 1 day, so there could be no extra time. The Cup, therefore, will be shared for the year.

The dedication from the lads has been superb, both on and off the field, and they are an example to the rest of the College. Well done lads!

### MOONEY MAKES CHESHIRE U15 SQUAD

Sean Mooney in Year 10 heard this week that he has made the Cheshire U15 rugby squad. Sean, who plies his trade for Birkenhead Park and West Cheshire, has shone for both club and College with a "Man of the Match" performance on Wednesday.

Congratulations Sean!

### HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who supported our first ever Christmas Fair on Friday. Without a shadow of a doubt it was a spectacular success, raising over £6,000 pounds towards the purchase of our College Minibus.

As well as all our pupils attending the event, over 700 people came through our doors to make it a wonderful occasion of true community spirit. There were prizes galore given out (though no-one won the Mitsubishi car – one person threw 5 sixes!), the Santa's Grotto was quite superb and parents commented on how fabulous it was and there was so much to do and enjoy. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form and staff ran a brilliant Salon, and the Teachers' Stocks raised a huge amount of money – no surprises there then!

What was more important than the Fundraising, was the way everyone pulled together and enjoyed themselves. One pupil commented that it was 'one of the best days they had spent in the life of the school'.

A special thanks to all the staff who ran a stall and to the Parents and Friends of Plessington for their help and support. An extra special thanks to Mr Dolan and Mrs Davis who put in hours of their time to ensure the event got off to a flying start. We are already looking forward to the next one.

### PRIZE WINNERS

MP3 Player & Chocolates	- Mrs Shakeshaft
DAB Radio	- Mrs Holmes
Signed Everton Shirt	- Daniel James Y8
Signed Liverpool Shirt	- Lynsey Donnelly Y8
Hamper	- Robin Shevlin
Large Brown Teddy	- Josh Cookson Y8
White Bear/Tranmere Shirt	- Graeme Daulby Y10
Signed Football	- Daniel Y7
Signed Football	- Chris Williams Y11

Congratulations to you all!

## MORE NETBALL SUCCESS FOR SJP

The Year 8 Netball Team came away from Prenton High holding a 12-0 victory. They played an outstanding match throughout and we saw some excellent shooting from Katie Robinson and Natasha Nicholls. The talent in this team is immense. Well done girls!

**Year 8 Squad:** Olivia Webster, Natasha Nicholls, Rebecca Lunt, Katie Robinson (captain), Megan Gallagher, Shannon Reid and Sian Bilko.



Next Netball Fixtures to be held at SJP - all supporters very welcome.

- Year 7 Netball v Prenton High
- Year 8 Netball v Prenton High (re-match)

## YEAR 7 - 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 7 5-a-side Football Team. The boys took part in a tournament held at South Wirral on Tuesday. The side, Captained by Dominic Crossley, performed extremely well against teams from Hilbre, Park High and South Wirral. The performance of the evening came in a 2-0 win over the hosts, South Wirral. The top two teams progressed to the next stage but unfortunately SJP were pushed into 3<sup>rd</sup> place on goal difference. Putting this disappointment behind them, the boys recognise that they are more than capable of progressing in such tournaments in the future. Well done!

## COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE

A date for your diary! The Annual College Carol Service will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. All College parents and pupils (in uniform) are very welcome to attend and we hope to see you there in good numbers to help us prepare for the Christmas Season.

Mince pies and refreshments will be available after the service.

There will be no charge for your tickets but this will assist in the preparation of the hall and refreshments.

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I require \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Carol Service on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

## YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November was the feast of Christ the King and also Youth Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the Church's year and on that day the Church celebrates its young people and all that they can bring to the life of the Church.

St. Joseph's church in Birkenhead held a Youth Mass, which was attended by a number of pupils from SJP, some of whom took an active part in the Mass by reading and by leading a hymn. The pupils that sang, pictured with Fr. Frank Rice and Alison Benson, School Chaplain, performed the hymn *Servant King*. Many people from the congregation commented upon how much they enjoyed hearing the pupils and how beautifully they sang.



## NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

I save 1p today, 2p tomorrow, 4p the next day and so on, doubling each day. How much will I have at the end of two weeks?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December  
All correct answers will go into a draw for a £5 voucher for W H Smiths.

Last week's answer: 4 and 2  
Last week's winner: Lucy Lamb, 7EA

## HOUSE POINT CORNER

	Weekly total as at 24/11/06					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
<b>Bernadette</b>	63	52	34	30	9	1655
<b>Bosco</b>	67	45	24	20	15	1461
<b>Hume</b>	75	35	48	26	5	1507
<b>Kolbe</b>	49	48	28	31	7	1530
<b>Romero</b>	63	32	34	31	8	1547
<b>Teresa</b>	59	42	62	28	9	1642

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