

# St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

## Newsletter



### WHAT'S ON IN THE CHAPEL?

Monday	12.00	G-Factor (Lower School)
Tuesday	8.15 12.50	Morning Prayer Justice and Peace (Upper School)
	3.30-4.15	Music Liturgy group
Wednesday	12.00	Mass
Thursday	8.15	Morning Prayer
Friday	12.50	Taizé Prayer (6 <sup>th</sup> form)

**The chapel is open every break for quiet prayer, reflection or "time out".**

### ECOSCHOOL UPDATE

<http://ecoteamsjp.blogspot.com>

You may have noticed the 10 new hanging baskets outside reception and around the quad area. These were made by our pupils. Although they won't grow much over the next 2 months, when spring arrives we should see pansies and polyanthus beginning to flower. Some of the Pansies that were left over were placed by the Basil Hume Centre.

On the last day of term, Form Captains were invited to plant a tree. 30 trees were donated by the 'Woodland trust' the trees are Cherry Blossom, Silver Birch and Rowan. They are only saplings but will grow quickly over the next 10 years. They have been planted between the school restaurant and the RE area. In years to come, we hope that you will walk through a leaf covered pathway back into College.

Recycling is taking place. All classrooms and many offices now have a basket to put paper into. This is collected weekly by the council.

The website is only available using the address above- it is not searchable. Visit here to see other College eco news.



### ATTENDANCE

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are happy to receive authorisation of absence via letter or telephone call (645 5049). It is a matter of great importance that you communicate with us to confirm your child's absence, not least because it helps teachers and pastoral staff to stay on top of any difficulties and to provide work for those pupils missing lessons through illness. It goes without saying that the College, for its part, will continue to respond to absence via a call to parents if pupils are not attending for any reason.

### ART DEPARTMENT

At the end of last term GCSE Art & Design Graphic Studies took part in a collaborative project between our Art Department and the Wallasey CLC.

Attending two stop-frame animation sessions our students were able to utilize preliminary work on a 'Psychedelic Art' theme to produce individual animations which will form part of their ongoing coursework.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparations at St Anne's will start for pupils in Year 8 & Year 9 on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm in the Presbytery. For further information, please contact Fr Ned on 645 3996 or email [st.anne.rockferry@ntlworld.com](mailto:st.anne.rockferry@ntlworld.com)

### SIXTH-FORM OPEN EVENING

Pupils in Year 11 and their Parents are very welcome to join us between 18.00 and 20.00 for our Sixth-Form Open Evening on 18/01/07. At this meeting, we will be providing details of our arrangements for our post-16 Students for the coming year, as well as providing details of the courses on offer.

### NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

A glass is full of milk. The total weight is 370g. When the glass is half full of milk, the weight is 290g.

What is the weight of the glass?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007. All correct entries will be put into a draw to win a £5 Gift Voucher for W H Smiths.

## UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Last term, **Hannah Lee** and **Grant Gamble** from Year 9 were specially selected to take part in Mathematical Master Classes run by Liverpool University.

Hannah and Grant had the opportunity to take part in fun activities and work with pupils from across Merseyside and explore Mathematics on a whole new level. Here's what they have to say about the whole experience...

### Hannah's Story

The first masterclass we did was good. Everyone was really nervous and shy at first. The Masterclasses were fun and everybody got involved – I would definitely recommend it to others. The course lasted 10 weeks and on the last day our parents came too – their Maths skills were tested!

My favourite part was the juggling and being able to square numbers really fast in our heads. We learnt about Egyptian numbers and the History of Maths.

### Love

*You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves.*

St Francis de Sales

Owning a piano doesn't make you a pianist. Owning lots of music for the piano, listening to recordings of great pianists, learning the history of the instrument or reading books about technique, while they are useful, do not make you a pianist. To learn to play the piano a person has to sit at the instrument, place their fingers on the keys and spend time learning to play the notes. It is only with time, effort and natural ability that a person can become an accomplished pianist.

It is the same with loving. We all have a natural ability to love, but it is something that has to be practised. Our capacity to love other people and to be loved increases the more we get into the habit of doing it.

*Lord Jesus,*

*You told us to love one another and you showed us how to love one another.*

*Give us the strength and the will to follow your teaching and example so that we will always treat others with love.*



### Grant's Story

When we first visited the University, we were nervous but settled in quickly. We learnt a lot of things in the University like how to multiply huge numbers in 5 seconds! I most enjoyed it when the lecturer came in and showed us the Maths involved in juggling. All in all it was a very good experience – we learnt to use Maths in the real world during the business game. There were 4 people to a team and our team won! I enjoyed going to University – it was really fun!

## HOUSE POINT CORNER

	Weekly total as at 12/1/07					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
<b>Bernadette</b>	55	37	19	23	9	143
<b>Bosco</b>	57	27	10	19	15	128
<b>Hume</b>	87	35	23	24	5	174
<b>Kolbe</b>	93	42	31	33	7	206
<b>Romero</b>	65	48	8	26	8	155
<b>Teresa</b>	58	50	34	28	9	179