St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

Newsletter



Theme for the Week

Time

Imagine there is a bank that deposits £86,400 into your account each morning. But there's a catch - it carries over *no* balance from day to day, so you lose every pound you don't spend.

What would you do? You'd spend every penny, of course!

But each of us has just such a bank. Its name is *time*. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance; it allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against tomorrow.

Lord.

Help us to live on today's deposits. Teach us to get from it the utmost in health,

happiness and success.

Let us not waste the precious time we have been given.

Amen

Chapel Noticeboard

Monday 12.00 – G-Factor (Lower School) Tuesday 8.00 – 8.15 – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 12.00 – Mass

Friday 12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6th form)

The Chapel is open at break on Monday and Tuesday for quiet prayer, reflection or "time out".

R.E. Revision Classes

Year 10 (Room A8) - Tuesday 13 February Prayer (Mrs Davidson) Year 11(Room A7) - Thursday 15 February

Baptism / Confirmation (Mrs Cushion)

Revision books for Year 10 and 11 are available from R.E. staff.

Maths Challenge

Calling all Parents of Pupils in Maths Top Sets Year 7/8/9 & 10...

Look out for the Maths Challenge appearing on your doorstep soon...

Please encourage your child to participate in the Maths Challenge and then bring in their solutions (with full working out) to Miss McGagh in B14 by **Tuesday 27 February**.

There are two levels of entry:

- · CHALLENGE:- For Years 7 & 8
- SENIOR CHALLENGE:- For Years 9 & 10

Their answers will be sent off to the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Liverpool University to be analysed and they will be in with a chance to win a prize and represent our College at the **MEM Masterclasses** in the Autumn Term.

This is a very exciting opportunity and is being offered to **Set 1 pupils** across Year Groups 7 to 10. If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at College

Unfortunately I cannot give you the answers!

I wish you the very best of luck!

Y11 revision classes (to be run by Mr Fletcher / Mrs Davies / Miss Hill) on a team teaching basis.

All classes to run 3.30-4.30 (KS4 AND 5) To be run every Tuesday and Wednesday in Mr Fletcher's room A43

Tues 27 Feb the Western Front during WW1

Y13-Revision Classes-Mr Fletcher

To be run every Wednesday in Mr Fletcher's room A43

Weds 28 Feb - Anglo-German Relations and exam techniques.

Key issue: How strong was British Opposition to Continental commitments in the 1920's?

"Ready, Steady, Cook" Champions

For their PHSE session on Thursday morning the Year 13s were getting prepared for a healthy and nutritious time at University.

Each group was given a bag of mystery ingredients and from this they had to make a meal fit for a student!

The winning team photographed here showed excellent skills in the kitchen and their final product was presented as you would expect in a top class restaurant. Mr Walker had the difficult task of judging the final in the competition and was very impressed with all the dishes he saw and tasted.

More photographs coming up in next week's newsletter.

Well done to the winning team and all of Year 13!!!



Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 11 Basketball team who beat Mosslands 44-19. They played an excellent match well done!

Team – Louis Blackburn, Tom McKearn, Elliot Madgin, Graham Fleming, Brian Jones

Girls' Football

Well done to the Year 7 Girls' football team who played Rock Ferry on Thursday. The girls played particularly well with Charlotte Obermuller saving two penalties to keep us in the match. Unfortunately we only managed a 4-4 draw with goals coming from Beth Weight. A good effort.

Team – Charlotte Obermuller, Charlotte Varney, Becky Jones, Lauren Dickson, Jessica Partridge, Charlotte Jones & Beth Weight.

Numeracy Brainteaser

There are 101 spots on two Dalmatian dogs. One dog has 25 spots more than the other, how many spots does each have?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday 16th February. All correct answers will go into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths

Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Year 7 pupils are being invited to a matinee performance of this famous production to complement their studies in Religious Education. 40 pupils will be able to watch the production at the Liverpool Empire on Thursday 8th March for a price of £15.00. Anyone interested should quickly get a letter from Mr Woods - there are only 40 tickets and it's first come first served!

Snow Drama!

Congratulations to our intrepid Theatre Studies groups for braving the Arctic conditions to attend a matinee performance of Our Country's Good at the Playhouse Theatre, Liverpool. Hanna Storer, Rachel Clark, Kath Trigg, Heather Arnold, Hannah Dillon, Sinead McGlone, Trish Gill, Lisa Herbertson and Kathryn Mitchell put on their snow shoes alongside Miss Boast and Mr Owen and made the trek to what turned out to be a fine performance of this A level set text play by an all star cast. The play focused upon the first convict ship to arrive in Australia in 1789. Their arrival in the wilderness, which is now Sydney, was marked by their determination to put on a play which rehabilitates many of them from lives of crime. The play is based on true events and highlights the continual theme of present day criminal justice, rehabilitation or punishment for law breakers.

Netball

A reminder that the Year 9 & 10 Netball team have a tournament this Thursday. They therefore need to attend practice on Monday lunchtime (9 & 10), Tuesday lunchtime and after school (Year 9), Wednesday after school (Year 9 & 10).

College Council Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2007, 8.40 – 9.40 am

Present: Mr Harrison, Lucy Lamb & Kieran Madigan, Tom McKewan & Siobhan McLaughlin, Liam Madigan & Katie Dickson, Ben Stoneley & Becky Waters, Natalie O'Brien & Michael James

AGENDA

- 1. Year 7 issues:
- To have another fun fundraising day eg. summer term where some of the proceeds will be given to charity
- A meeting with Aramark to discuss dinners
- 2. Year 8 issues:
- Sports equipment and facilities
- Academic Review at the end of the day
- Toilets to have soap dispensers
- 3. Year 9 issues:
- School basketball kit
- Lunchtime rota for the dinner queue
- A longer lunchtime
- 4. Year 10 issues:
- Lunchtime rota between year 10 and 11
- PE shower time
- 5. Year 11 issues:
- Study leave a day of study leave now and again
- Finish early on the day of the Prom May 18th
 Friday
- Break time a counter each for two years at a time
- 6. Plans for Student Voice:
- Monthly 'Student Voice' newsletter
- Renaming of Year Council reps to become Head Boy and Head Girl of their year group – identified with a lanyard - job descriptions discussed
- College Council to design a student questionnaire after half term

These items will be discussed at the next Senior Leadership Meeting with feedback to all pupils by:

- 1 Council Meetings
- 2 Form notice board
- 3 Year notice board
- 4 Plessington News
- 5 Assemblies

Year 10 Savio House Retreat February 2007

What the pupils thought...

"I loved it so much I want to go back."

"It was fun spending time with our mates. There were people from school who I didn't really know before we went to Savio, but everyone got on really well."

"We learnt how to interact with God in different ways. We really enjoyed time with our friends and we thank Alison, Mrs Davidson and Mr McNally for making our retreat so enjoyable and we also thank all members of the Savio team for making us so welcome."

"We enjoyed playing in the games room in our free time."

"It was nice to have time in small groups to talk about important things to do with life and God, and also to have a laugh."



House Point Corner

	W	Overall Total				
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	To date
Bernadette	85	64	40	31	21	2426
Bosco	95	30	29	17	20	2137
Hume	78	34	35	18	18	2227
Kolbe	46	47	30	26	18	2309
Romero	61	25	15	21	28	2211
Teresa	90	49	30	26	19	2409