

St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

Newsletter



Theme for the Week

Lent: Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

St. Paul's exhortation to pray without ceasing appears amongst a number of suggestions of how to live a Christian life. It might seem unrealistic to expect us to pray all the time. How can we when there is work to be done? However, we can offer everything we do God but remembering that at all times we are in his holy presence. Awareness of God's closeness can make life prayerful.

Heavenly Father,

Help us to remember that we are always in your holy presence.

Amen

Chapel Noticeboard

Monday	12.00 – G-Factor (lower school)
Tuesday	8.15 – Morning Prayer 12.50 – Justice and Peace Group (upper school) 3.30 – 4.15 – music liturgy group
Wednesday	12.00 – Mass
Thursday	8.15 – Morning Prayer 12.00 – Eggs and Ashes (lower school) 13.00 – Eggs and Ashes (upper school)
Friday	12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6 th 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 27 February
Sanctity of Life / Contraception (Mrs Davidson)
Year 11(Room A7) - Thursday 1 March
Ordination of Women (Mr Woods)

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

Sixth Form Open Evening

A successful Sixth Form Open Evening was held on Thursday 8th February for pupils and their parents in Year 11 who wish to apply to the Sixth Form. Pupils attended from Saint John Plessington and other local schools. There was the opportunity to discuss the subjects they are considering taking with relevant staff and also as representatives were present from Edge Hill and Hope University, how their option choices would be suitable for progression to University. A full Sixth Form Prospectus was available which includes a considerable amount of information about the Sixth Form and includes an application form.

Parents and pupils were asked to complete a short evaluation report and overwhelmingly the feedback was positive. Comments received included "informative and helpful", "well organised" and "good for finding out about new subjects".

If any one has any queries about the Sixth Form they need to contact Mrs McMahon Director of Sixth Form.

Y11 revision classes (Mr Fletcher / Mrs Davies / Miss Hill)

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

Tues 27 Feb the Western Front during WW1
Thurs 1 Mar Coursework / essay writing techniques based on the above

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?

5-a-side Primary Football Tournament

Last week we hosted the year 3/4 primary football tournament. Over 60 primary pupils took part in a very successful festival, with St Werburgh's winning to go through to the final.

Many of our pupils were involved with the running of the event. Thank you to Jonathon King (Year 10) for his superb refereeing skills and to Jamie Smith (Year 12) who was chief scorer. I would also like to thank Katie Robinson, Megan Gallagher, Charlotte Obermuller, Danielle Boughey (all pictured below), Shannon Reid and Nakita Longstaff for using their leadership skills with assisting with the primary teams.



Year 9 Basketball Team

Congratulations to the year 9 boys who became Wirral Champions after beating Woodchurch in the final. Well done to Mr Klabou for his excellent coaching skills. Squad: Tom Critchley, Craig McMahon, Chris Kane, Callum Brady, David Varney, Kevin Yates, Jamie Flynn, Billy Richards, Marc Peters & Tim Stewart. Thanks to Sam Watkins for assisting with scoring.



The Junior Sports Leader Award

Since the start of the year a large number of Year 10 pupils have been taking part in The Junior Sports Leader Award. They have worked through a variety of communication and organisational units. The Award works on developing pupils as young leaders and involves planning and leading activity sessions. Over the past 2 weeks, pupils have been leading their sessions to year 5 primary pupils from St John's. This has been very successful and it has been very rewarding for the Year 10 pupils. These sessions will continue after half term as part of their assessment.

Year 7 & 8 Rugby

Well done to both of these rugby teams who were victorious against our local sports college, Bebington High, we really played a great game! The Year 7 game ended with a 12-0 score and the Year 8 team beat their opponents 20-0. A clean sheet for both teams.



Year 10 Girls Football

The Year 10 girls continued with their winning streak by beating Rock Ferry 12 goals to 10 in a very competitive game. We would like to congratulate the girls on their superb behaviour and responses to their competitors, they were a credit to the College.

Squad: Emma Atkinson, Kayleigh Hamill, Kirsty Hamill, Chelsea Johnston, Amy Fitzmaurice, Danielle Burns and Rebekah Philips.

Netball Tournament

The Year 9 and 10 teams went to Wirral Grammar yesterday to take part in the local netball tournament. Both teams played very well but unfortunately they didn't make it to the final. A very good effort by all girls, well done!

Year 9: Katie Dickson, Jess Cadden, Hannah Bolton, Courtney Thomas, Jerelyn O'Reilly, Sarah Sayce, Hayley Dennett, Kate Ashcroft, Lucy Fitzpatrick & Rachel Statham.

Year 10: Emily McKinney, Sarah Clement, Christina Hughes, Jasmine Wallace, Stephanie Riddick, Rebecca Waters, Jerri Short, Helen McNeill & Rebekah Philips.

Year 7 & 8 Football

Well done to the Year 7 & 8 Boys football teams. The Year 7 team put on a very convincing performance beating Bebington High School 7 – 2. Captain and man of the match, Dominic Crossley managed to get himself on the score sheet as well.

The Year 8 team were equally convincing with a 5 – 1 win, also at Bebington High School. Although it was a fine team performance, Thomas Wingfield was named man of the match.

Isle of Wight – PGL Activity Holiday

You will be aware that Ms Showler has now left us and so to clear up any confusion I, Miss Harris, will be taking over the running and organisation of the trip. I will be in contact with all pupils and parents involved in the trip after half term.

CAFOD

Mr McNally and the R.E. Department would like to thank everyone who assisted with the fundraising for CAFOD.

Winner of "Benedict" the Teddy was Emma Kate Donnelly! The Saint of Inner Peace!

We managed to raise £55.30!

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last week's solution: 38 and 63
Last week's winner: Tom Dyer 8EA

This week's brainteaser:

How many spots are there altogether on five, normal, six-sided dice?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday 2 March. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £3 give voucher for W H Smiths.

Year 7 & 8 Reading Club Notice

Miss McGowan and Mrs Broom would like to thank the Year 7 and 8 pupils who have attended the reading club on a Friday.

It has been a huge success so far. We will continue to develop the club and look at ways in which to improve it. If you do not have a Friday Library Pass could you please see Mrs Broom as soon as possible.

Year 12 Pilgrimage To Lourdes

20 Year 12 students have volunteered to join the Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. They will spend a week of their summer holidays with other young people serving the sick, elderly and infirm as our first SJP group joining the 1000 strong pilgrimage.

Fundraising is well under way with staff having their cars washed for a donation towards the £380.00 it costs for each young person to go to Lourdes. Further fundraising activities are planned for the coming months. Watch this Space!!

Year 12 Retreat to St. Cassian's Centre, Kintbury, 12th – 15th February 2007

Ryan Griffiths, Jamie Smith, Lucy Brown, Dave Keenan, Alexis Samata and Tom Rosignoli attended a retreat to St. Cassian's Centre, Kintbury, accompanied by Alison Benson and Mr. Kitchin. The retreat gave pupils and staff an opportunity to reflect upon their lives in a meaningful and enjoyable way. Our pupils were at Kintbury with pupils from other schools – from Swansea, Jersey and London. There was plenty of time to make new friends and to strengthen existing friendships, as well as time to spend in prayer or thinking about relationships, studies, home and faith.

SJP was well represented by our pupils and they received many positive comments from the staff at Kintbury and the other schools. They were called "a lovely bunch of kids" and one person said that they are loveable. It was said that they were a real tribute to SJP's history of visiting the centre and that the school's ethos was evident not only in the conduct of our pupils, but by the fact that we have a full time school chaplain and that school made the commitment of sending an experienced teacher.

Favourite moments of Kintbury included reading affirmation books that had been written by people on retreat, socialising on the last night, feeling the Spirit of God in the quiet room and even hearing Mr. Kitchin sing. (But don't give up your day job, Sir!)

During the minibus ride home there was a real buzz about what had been experienced at Kintbury. Conversations were full of *I want to go back, I had an awesome time, I'm going to miss the new friends I made and I experienced God in a new way.*



House Point Corner

	Weekly total as at 2/2/07					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Bernadette						2426
Bosco						2137
Hume						2227
Kolbe						2309
Romero						2211
Teresa						2409

