

St John Plessington Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

Newsletter



Theme for the Week

Lent: Sharing

If a problem shared is a problem halved, does it mean that a happiness shared is a happiness halved? It probably doesn't work that way, because while talking about a problem to a person we trust can help to lessen the burden, talking about a happy event can increase our joy because we have someone with whom we can celebrate. When we share in this way we gain as much as we give away.

*Heavenly Father,
We pray for good friends and a supportive family
with whom we can share both the difficulties and
happiness that life brings.*

*Thank you for the opportunities that life gives us
to make new friends and to develop old
friendships.*

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 12.50 – Eggs and Ashes (Upper School)
Friday	12.00 – Eggs and Ashes (Lower School) 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) – Thursday 8 March

The Bible / Magisterium (Mr McNally)

Year 11(Room A7) – Tuesday 6 March

Euthanasia & Abortion (Mrs Davidson)

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

New SJP Website Goes Live

www.stjohnplessington.com

On Friday of last week the new College website went online. This is a major step forward for home/school communication and a boost to the use of E Learning at SJP.



Logon to see the various pages full of interesting information and news about SJP. Take a virtual tour of the school buildings or visit our photo galleries to see the wonderful things that are going on in our community. Keep track of lessons by downloading the Learning Programmes in the Curriculum section.

Competition

Somewhere on the website you will find the word **eureka**. The first person to locate this and communicate that location to Mr J C Williams will win a mystery prize.

Best Comprehensive on the Wirral

Last week the DfES performance tables were published. You will have seen in the local press that our best ever KS3 results meant that we were the highest performing mixed comprehensive on the Wirral. Well done to all our pupils and staff on their tremendous success.

Ski USA 2007

During February half term a group of 21 pupils and 4 staff travelled to USA.

1st Stop: New York City

Our trip included a stop over in New York for a night so that we could see the city. It was fantastic! Our tour took us around the city, stopping to see sights such as the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Ground Zero, Times Square, Central Park, 5th Avenue and Trump Tower. This was a great experience for all. We felt like we were in the movies.



(The group at The Alice in Wonderland Monument, Central Park)



(Times Square)

Main Stop: Skiing in Stowe, Vermont

The majority of pupils were beginners and had ski lessons during the day. They all worked really hard, with their instructors and managed to ski down a variety of slopes. Miss Shaw impressed us with her kamikaze skills!



Snow conditions were very good, although it was extremely chilly up on those chair lifts.

The fun didn't stop at the slopes, however. During our stay in Stowe we even managed to fit in a trip to the movies and bowling. On the last night we went ice skating, where Miss Youds managed to show us her impressive stunts and Mr Wilson finally managed to let go of the side to make a full lap around the rink. We even managed to fit in a trip to the shopping outlets on the back to the airport.

Thanks to all of the pupils who made it such a great holiday. I hope you've all managed to catch up on your sleep!

Andrew Bennett, Lee McNeill, Ryan Mullen, Luke Spereall, Chelsea Gibson, Ashlea Franklin, Lauren Dean, Zak Doran, Sophie Ferguson, Amanda Madden, Kane Lucas, Kevin Yates, David Varney, Billy Richards, Jordan Ezard, Robert Jones, Jamie Flynn, Jospeh O'Gorman, Joseph Langton, Jessica Fletcher, Bethanie McLean

Staff: Miss Harris, Miss Youds, Miss Shaw & Mr Wilson

Miss Harris would also like to thank Miss Youds, Miss Shaw and Mr Wilson for all of their help during the trip. Thank you to parents for allowing the pupils to be part of the trip. Video footage and photos are currently being put together for display on the plasma screen in reception.

Girls' Football

Year 10s continued their fine run of results with another victory against Oldershaw. They produced another great performance during their 4-0 win with goals coming from Emma Atkinson (3) and Kayleigh Hamill. Well done girls!

Team:

Emma Atkinson, Becky Philips, Kayleigh Hamill, Kirsty Hamill, Amy Fitzmaurice, Chelsea Johnston, Danielle Burns

Year 7 girls were unfortunate in their fixture against Oldershaw. They produced a great first half and were 1-0 up through Lauren Dickson. Unfortunately they lost but performed to a good level. Well done anyway.

Team:

Lauren Dickson, Charlotte Obermuller, Becky Jones, Beth Weight, Charlotte Varney, Holly Harvey

Boys' Football

Congratulations to the Year 10 football team who put in a convincing performance with a 5-1 win away to Bebington High School. Man of the match and captain, Daniel Morgan, showed some excellent battling qualities despite the testing conditions. Congratulations also to Luke Cassidy, Charles McInnes and James Vaughn who marked his debut with a final goal.

The Year 9 team suffered their first defeat of the season away to Bebington High School. Although the game finished 8-4 to the home side there were many positives to take from the game. The boys battled against very harsh weather conditions and being reduced to 10 men through injuries. Man of the match Daniel Ramsden capped a fine performance by netting two goals.

Mathematics Modular Exam

Year 10 will be taking their GCSE Mathematics Modular Exam on Thursday 8 March at 9.00 a.m.

For all exams pupils should have pens, pencils, calculators, ruler and be punctual to school.

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 Thursday in Mr Fletcher's room A43

Tues 6 March – Home Front during WW1

Thurs 8 March – Source work / essay writing techniques on the above

Y12-Revision Classes

To be run every Tuesday in room B33 from 3.20 – 4.20

Tues 6 March – Concepts and terms appropriate to the study of Russia 1894-1917, impact of Russia's geography, environment etc on the Russian Government

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last week's winner: Lee Edwards, 7MC
Last week's solution: 105

What is a dozen plus a score plus a gross?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday 9 March. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 give voucher for W H Smiths.

Maths Challenge

Thank you to all those pupils in Set 1 of Year 7 - 10 who entered in the Maths Challenge. There was a very good response. All entries have now been posted off to Liverpool University and we await the results...

Watch this space for further news...

Fingers Crossed!!

Year 11 Spanish GCSE Revision Classes

Classes will take place every Thursday after school.

8 March – Education / Holidays
15 March – Hometown / Leisure
22 March – Daily Routine
29 March – Role plays

Science Exams

Year 11 Re-sits for Single and Double Award (letters have been sent home) on 7 March at 9 a.m.

Year 10 Modular Science exams 12 March at 9 a.m.

For all exams pupils should have pens, pencils, calculators, ruler and be punctual to school.

College Council Meeting Feedback

The requests from the Year Groups were addressed by the Senior Leadership Team on Tuesday February 28th 2007. A summary of the lengthy discussion that took place follows:

- Another event on the scale of *Here comes Christmas* is not planned for this academic year, but it was great to hear that Year 7 want to do something for charity.
- A request has been made to hold a meeting with Aramark in the near future.
- We have a new Head of P.E. starting after Easter and the condition of the sports equipment, the facilities and the time allowed for having showers will all be high on the agenda of 'things that need doing'.
- The idea of having soap dispensers in the toilets is so simple but effective that we are already in discussions to ensure that this happens in the very near future.
- We are hoping that the new sports kits will be ready after Easter.
- It has been noticed that the dinner queue has virtually disappeared by 12.15 pm so no pupil is waiting an unreasonable amount of time for their dinner. Year 10 and 11 will no longer have a rota.
- Year 11 will be able to have a day of study leave when it is feasible and appropriate.
- Year 11 will be allowed to finish early on the day of their Prom: 2.20 pm.
- All College Council members are to be re-named as Head Boy and Head Girl for their respective year groups – they will be instantly recognisable, as they will be wearing 'lanyards' just like the staff.
- All students will shortly be asked to complete a questionnaire about the part they play in the SJP community.

Trip to Hope University

26 Year 10 students had a taste of University life when they visited the Liverpool Hope University Campus on Wednesday as part of the Aim Higher Initiative.

They were given the opportunity to take part in sporting activities and media, where some of the students created a short animated film.

The comments made by the students were:

'We worked together as a group and with people we don't normally get together with, it was brilliant'
'I can't wait to go back'

'we were expected to behave like University students and we were treated like adults'

'I learnt new skills and took part in sports I hadn't done'

'the street dancing was brilliant'

This was the first of 5 workshops designed to introduce pupils to University and to give them an insight into possible career choices.



House Point Corner

	Weekly total as at 2/2/07					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
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

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