St John Plessington

Catholic College

a Specialist Humanities and Technology College

Newsletter



Theme for the Week

Suffering

There is a statue called El Santo Entierro. It depicts Jesus after his death lying on a bed. The statue has been adopted by many of the South American people – by those who are poor or oppressed. Often, when the statue is found in South America, Jesus has been made with no arms and no feet. It is the image of Jesus who has suffered and has become powerless. It has a powerful message to those living in poverty and under oppression, that Jesus has suffered too and that he too has known what it is to be powerless. The people feel united with Christ in suffering.

Lord Jesus.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter help us to remember the true meaning of what we are celebrating.

Let us not forget that you suffered and died upon a cross for us and that you truly understand our human suffering.

We pray that we will rejoice in your resurrection, in the knowledge that one day we will join you in heaven.

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

Friday Easter Services (in College Hall)

12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6th Form)

The Chapel is open every Break for quiet prayer, reflection or "time out".

R.E. Revision Classes

Year 10 (Room A8) – Thursday 28 March Sacraments of Healing (Mr Woods) Year 11 (Room A7) – Tuesday 27 March Roles of men and women in the Bible / The Church / Society (Mrs Davidson)

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

Well done to those Year 7 pupils who have now amassed more than 50 House Points. They are now the proud recipients of Bronze Awards.





7EA - Stephen McDonough, Jasmine Smith, Alisha Taylor, Chloe Burnett, Kyle Rowland, Lucy Lamb, Sam Gallagher, Robyn Shevlin, Liam James, Molly Calveley, Jemma Tunstall, Emma Thomas, Kyle Cartwright, Sophie Hodson, Tapiwa Chiwawa 7JP - Emma Broadhouse, Joel Aldis, Jess Partridge, Sam O'Toole, Mike McEvoy Heyes, Conor O'Keefe, Ryan Sharp, Josh Dutton, Sam Jones

7AB - Holly Harvey

7EC - Lewis Batty, Lukasz Babol, Jordan Hamilton, Emma Tarpey, Ray Gotshalk, Charlotte McNellis 7MW - Shannon Kelly, James Melton, Alan Foster, Jamie Johnson, Daniel Aston Bowen, Max Greaves, Kayleigh Taaffe

7AL - Lewis Williams, Demi Crawford, Niamh O'Neil, Lewis Hopkins, Callum Mason 7MC - Michael Gartland, Lee Edwards

Y12-Revision Classes - History

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

Tues 27 March – The impact of Economic Growth in the 1890s and the role of Witte.

Year 13 Revision Classes - History

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

Wed 28 March – Anglo German Relations and exam techniques. Key Issue: Chamberlain-Guilty Man?

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 27 March – Past paper – timed conditions Thurs 29 March – Past papers under timed conditions (Cold War revision will be set over the Easter holidays)

Year 7 Maths Trip

On Tuesday 20 March Mr Newhouse escorted six Year 7 pupils; Connor Hallas 7AL, Matthew Paxton 7JP, Aaron Coathup 7MC, Ryan Hall 7EC, Luke Shaw 7EC and Charlotte McNelis 7EC to the Discovery CLC at Ridgeway High School for an afternoon of Happy Puzzles and Murderous Maths.

The children had a productive and enjoyable afternoon and met other pupils from secondary schools on the Wirral.

Luke Shaw said "When we got to Ridgeway High School we listened to Kjartan Poskitt, the author of the Murderous Maths series of books, who showed us some maths tricks and was really funny. For the second part we had to work with pupils from other schools in groups of six. There were seven 3D puzzles, which we completed in the time given. I really enjoyed solving the puzzles because we worked in a team and it was fun".



Numeracy Brainteaser

I was 8 years old when my father was 31. Now he is twice as old as I am. How old am I?

Answers to Miss Hodges in B12 by Friday 30 March. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 give voucher for W H Smiths.

Year 9 Easter Holiday Maths SATs Revision Packs

Parents, please look out for the '10-4-10' revision packs coming home in the last week of term for pupils to complete over the Easter Holidays.

Parents' Association 'Plant Sale'

Please make a note in your diaries:

The 'Plant Sale' will take place at the College on Saturday 12 May from 9 a.m. Order Forms will be attached to a future edition of Plessington News.



Mobile Phones

Can I just remind Parents and Pupils about the use of mobile phones? Mobile phones are for emergency use only and their use is restricted to before 8.30 and after 15.20. Teachers will confiscate phones that are used during the school day.

Soup Lunches

Last week many pupils and staff opted to eat soup for their lunch instead of having a main meal. They ate a little less for lunch than they normally would so that people in developing countries who live with the constant pains of hunger and famine might be provided for. Almost £200 for CAFOD. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Textsomeone.com

We are sure that the majority our pupils feel happy and safe in College and it is our aim to ensure that all our pupils can thrive in a safe environment where they feel supported. By law, every school has to have an anti-bullying policy, and we have recently launched our new policy to pupils in assemblies and through PSHE lessons.

Our policy includes a brand new initiative called 'textsomeone. com' where pupils can text, phone or e-mail to report any incidents of unwanted behaviour in school. College staff are alerted immediately, which means we can deal with any issues promptly.

We have a strong pastoral system in place to support all pupils, and we feel confident that this method of communication will enable a quick response to any incidents of unwanted behaviour should they arise.

Although we do not envisage many cases arising, 'textsomeone.com' will enable any pupil who feels subject to unwanted behaviour from other pupils to contact us, and will also allow them to report any incidents they may witness, or report any suspicions or concerns they may have of others being treated unfairly in school. Heads of Learning will be alerted to the message straight away, which means that problems can be dealt with swiftly.

All pupils have received a pocket sized card with the relevant contact numbers on it. They can send a report at any time, as long as it is connected with an issue at College.

Alternatively, pupils may prefer to:

- ✓ tell an adult in College.
- ✓ use the new self-referral box in the library.

You will soon be able to gain access to our antibullying policy on our new website. We trust 'textsomeone.com' will help pupils to feel confident, safe and happy during the school day.

Text | **20693**

and your message to:

0778 147 4660

Or contact by phone or online at:

0845 225 8230

www.textsomeone.com

Yr 8 Pupils Meet Prize Winning Authors

On Wednesday 21st March a group of budding Yr 8 writers spent an extremely interesting afternoon at Bebington Civic Centre meeting 4 of the authors who have books included in the "Wirral Paperback of the Year" competition together with 4 other Wirral schools. The authors were Theresa Breslin, Bernard Ashley, Sandra Glover and Paul Magrs. Each of the authors spoke to the whole group, giving plenty of background information about themselves, talking about other books they have written and giving a fascinating insight into what inspires them to write.

After drinks and biscuits all the pupils got to meet each of the authors individually, giving them a chance to express their views on the books, ask questions and take photos.

All the pupils had a great time and hopefully gained some good ideas to help them become the next prize winning authors.



House Point Corner

	We	Overall Total				
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	To date
Bernadette	51	30	19	21	26	2939
Bosco	48	48	15	30	25	2620
Hume	58	31	30	24	20	2694
Kolbe	49	22	21	23	23	2782
Romero	43	1	11	22	26	2651
Teresa	34	40	23	22	21	2861