



Theme for the Week

Resurrection to Ascension

Witness

He (John the Baptist) was not the light, but a witness to speak for the light.

John 1:8

Witness is a word that is often used to describe a person who has seen something – an event, a crime. When Christians speak of witness they often mean talking about faith – they give witness to God as they know him, as they have experienced him.

In the original Greek, the word for witness is μαρτυρε (martyre) which has become our English word martyr. Dying for one's faith is the ultimate form of witness. In our lives as Christians living in the UK we are not in a position where we have to sacrifice our lives for our faith. We might have to sacrifice other things such as our time or we might run the risk of being laughed at for our faith. However, it is a risk worth taking.

Heavenly Father,
We pray that we will not be afraid to witness to our faith
Amen

Chapel Noticeboard

Monday	12.00 – G-Factor (Lower School)
Tuesday	8.15 – Morning Prayer 12.50 – Justice and Peace Group (Upper School)
Wednesday	12.00 – Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Hovington from St. Peter's in Noctorum.
Thursday	8.15 – Morning Prayer
Friday	12.50 – Taizé Prayer (6 th Form)

**Music liturgy group will begin
rehearsing again Tuesday 8th May
3.30 – 4.30 in the Chapel.**

GREASE IS THE WORD!

SJP MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Thursday night saw the culmination of a three night extravaganza of 'Grease' the musical and what a hit it proved to be. So much so that despite over 100 extra seats being put out and even more crammed in there just wasn't enough room for everyone who wanted to watch it. The show had been a sell out, but word of mouth proved once again to be so powerful that come Thursdays performance people were queuing outside school from 5.45pm onwards to try and get a seat for the 7pm performance. From the moment the doors opened at 6.20pm the excitement in the air was palpable and this reached the cast backstage as they were going through their warm-up routines. Tuesday and Wednesday night's performances had been nothing short of fantastic but Thursday's was promising to be magical.

Right from the beginning the audience loved what they saw, joining in with the songs and even giving standing ovations to some of the performers. The audience really spurred on the cast who in the second act came back with what has to be their finest performance ever. Every single member of the cast gave it their all throughout the four performances and really raised the bar for the standard of performance we now have at St John Plessington.

Every member of the cast gave it their all throughout the four performances; however, there are a couple of exceptional performances that need noting. Danny Curtis (yr 10) played Danny Zuko and until January had had no singing experience whatsoever. His rendition of 'Stranded at the Drive in' left staff speechless and the audience on their feet.

Grease cont'd/....



Jodie Kinsella (Yr 11) had just the right amount of sweetness of character to play Sandy but boy what a voice! Abbie Randles (Yr 11) again not a singer but she nailed Rizzo's solos and in particular 'There Are Worse Things I Could Do'. This was proving in rehearsals to be her nemesis. Thursday's performance of the song was amazing. The performance by Katie Kokborg (Yr 9) and Ashley Franklin (Yr 8) of 'Beauty School Drop Out' was brilliant and considering their young ages I can only imagine where they will be by the time they are in Year 11. And also in particular the lads in the show, who at first couldn't/wouldn't sing and couldn't/wouldn't dance, pulled off a spectacular performance and Greased Lightning was simply stunning!



Well done to all staff and pupils involved in this amazing performance. It was a triumph.

Parents' & Friends of Plessington Association 'Plant Sale'

The 'Plant Sale' will take place at the College on **Saturday 12 May from 9.00 a.m.**

Order forms should be returned to the school reception. The last date for orders is:

Tuesday 1 May 2007



Parents' & Friends of Plessington Association Meeting

The Next PFOP Meeting is on Thursday 3 May 2007, 7.00 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

Cheeky Money Marathon Challenge

Thank you to all those who have agreed to participate in activities in support of the Paul O'Gorman Leukaemia Fund. Those involved should now see Ms Shaw in P.E., who will now guide them through the list of activities available.

Summer Examination Timetable 2007

This timetable is now available at www.stjohnplessington.com and a paper copy will be issued to students after the Easter break. Students will also receive their own personalised timetable in due course. We wish all our students every success at this important time on their journey of "lifelong learning".

Playground Planning Committee

Visit of Year 6 Pupils to St John Plessington Catholic College

On 24th April, 18 Pupils who will be starting in Year 7 at SJP in September visited us for the morning. The students from St Werburgh's, St Anne's, St John's and St. Laurence's Junior and Primary Schools were transported to SJP in our minibus.

They were invited to help in the planning of an exciting new venture at SJP – the creation of a new Year 7 outdoor area – for use in play, relaxing and the curriculum. This project will help greatly with 'transition' - settling new students quickly into the school. The school was seeking the ideas and opinions of those children in Year 6, who would shortly be coming to SJP, as well as our current students. Working with them was a group of Year 7 students, form councillors and the school 'Eco Council'.

The work began with an opening talk by Mr Kitchen on the aims of the morning and the health and safety, security and caretaking issues, which the group would need to think about. The idea of 'stakeholders' was introduced and discussed, with examples given. Students were then able to list the many people in school and in the wider community who have an interest or 'stake' in our future plans and who should be consulted.

Our Chaplain Alison Benson led prayers and discussion of how to include ideas from our mission statement. Students felt images about the Christian ethos of the school would be a good idea; perhaps built into a reflection / relaxing area.

Year 9 students Grant Gamble and Hayley Reilly from the school 'Eco Team' gave a presentation. Having researched carefully, they raised many issues the group should consider e.g. sustainable materials, recycling, water conservation and the attraction of wildlife to the area. Their presentation was mature, clear and very interesting.

The students inspected the area for the new playground. Measurements were taken, along with observations of the path of the sun, the levels of the ground and the locality of nearby buildings and houses. The fresh air triggered appetites and much wholemeal toast, milk and fresh fruit were eaten.

The groups then shared, discussed and presented their ideas, with much good advice from Miss Sutton. After the plenary, each group of students were given their 'homework', to make a detailed plan of the playground, thinking about all 'stakeholders' including local residents. We will invite the Year 6 students back in May to present their completed plans to staff, students, governors, architectural advisers and other stakeholders.

Many thanks to everyone involved with this very successful morning. Much was achieved and new friendships were made.



Revision Schedule GCSE Geography Paper 1

All classes to take place Wed 3.20 – 4.20pm

Date	Topic	Teacher and Rm
2 May	Map Skills	M Klabou A39
9 May	Urbanisation	D Williams A42
16 May	Tourism & Glaciation	M Klabou A39
23 May	Energy	D Williams A42

Cricket Fixtures

Cricket fixtures next week: U15 vs Wirral GS at Wirral 16h00 start. This is in the first round of the Cheshire Cup.

A reminder to all Pupils that there will be cricket training for all Year groups on a Thursday after school for an hour.

See you there!

SJP goes Medieval!!!



On my return from the Easter break I was delighted to find that my room had been transported back into the medieval ages, and I must thank Pupils and Parents of 7EA for their imagination and artistic skills! A particular mention must go to our 1st prize winner, Lucy Lamb. Lucy's castle was not only fantastically made but was also historically accurate in many ways. Also Samantha Gallagher and her Parents who battled to transport the biggest model of a castle I have ever seen to school! Once again, thank you for the hard work and the support. History is always more fun when we bring it to life!

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 1 May – Nazi Society and Economy / source and essay techniques

Thurs 3 May – USA in 1920s – Boom/bust and essay techniques

Y12-Revision Classes - History

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

Tues 1 May – Russia 1906-1914

Year 13 Revision Classes - History

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

Wed 2 May – Russian Dictatorships / exam techniques

Key Issue: Comparison of the treatment of Russia's people by the Tsarist and Communist Regimes

House Point Corner

	Weekly total as at 27/04/07					Overall Total To date
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	
Bernadette	51	28	3	40	26	3008
Bosco	48	21	4	20	25	2665
Hume	58	39	3	23	20	2759
Kolbe	49	44	7	31	23	2864
Romero	43	41	3	40	26	2795
Teresa	34	25	8	42	21	2936