



# Painsley Catholic High School Newsletter

*a Specialist Science College*



“Lord, help us to call on Your love to see us through life’s challenges.”

## Health Promoting Schools

As detailed in the previous newsletter, Painsley is currently working towards the accreditation of Health Promoting Schools status. This involves drawing up an action plan to focus on, in the first instance, food education and drugs awareness. As part of this process, a new food education policy has been drafted and we would welcome comments on its contents. If you would like to view a copy of the policy, please contact Mr. Bell. Similarly, if you have any comments or suggestions to make on the promotion of healthy eating/food education, please contact Mr. Bell.

## School Draw

November School Draw winners:-

1st Mr. & Mrs. Johnstone

2nd Mr. & Mrs. Dimbleby

3rd M. Hurl-Hodges

There is a first prize of £500 for this draw and the second prize has just been increased to £100. If you wish to join our monthly draw please contact the school as soon as possible. The third prize is £25.

## Christmas Raffle

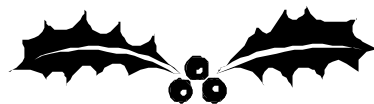
May we remind parents of our Christmas Raffle which is being drawn at the Christmas Fayre on 27th November, 2004. Prizes include the following:-

£250 Shopping Vouchers, Stoke City tickets, Wedgwood Picture Frame, Tickets for the Bass Museum, Leisure Centre tickets, New Vic Theatre tickets, Waterworld tickets, Lichfield Garrick Theatre tickets, 18 piece Tea Service, 2 x Lamps, Regent Theatre tickets, Bottle Whisky, £10 Tanning voucher, McDonalds tickets, Bolton Gate Saddlery tickets, Britannia Piggy Bank, Plant Care Kit.

## Christmas Fayre - 2pm Saturday, 27th November

Please:-

- Send items into to be sold.
- Sell as many raffle tickets as possible.
- See if you could organise a stall.
- Come along and support on the day.



## English Literature GCSE Results

Following a remark of the prose and poetry papers by the examinations board, 21 of our students have received higher grades than those awarded in August (no-one's paper has been downgraded).

Six candidates have moved from grade D to C, six have also changed from C to B, seven candidates who were awarded a B now receive an A and two candidates originally given an A will now receive an A\*. All candidates will be informed in the next few days by post and new certificates dispatched. Congratulations to Miss. Rowland and the English department whose English Literature results change so that 114 out of 147 students achieve a C or better at GCSE. This is a remarkable 78% rather than 72% originally published.

## Forthcoming Events:-

Wednesday, 24th November, 6.30 Cheadle High School - Careers Convention (Years 9 to 13 encouraged to attend).

**Saturday, 27th November - PTA Christmas Fayre.**

Sunday, 28th November - First Sunday of Advent.

29th November to 10th December - Year 11 Mock examinations.

Tuesday, 30th November - Year 7 Reports sent out.

Wednesday, 1st December - Year 7 Parents' Evening.

## School Council Article

On 16th November the whole School Council visited the Staffordshire Moorlands County Council Chambers in Leek to hold a School Council meeting. This Chamber Room is where all the major decisions for our local area are made. It was very enjoyable to hold a meeting in the Chambers and helped us to imagine what being a Councillor is like.

The outcome of the meeting was that the School Council budget is to be spent on 5 benches and it has been suggested that a non-uniform day should be held to raise further funds for this purpose.

Chris Barker, Year 10 School Councillor.

## Science Statistics

### *"Discovery takes a Helping Hand"*

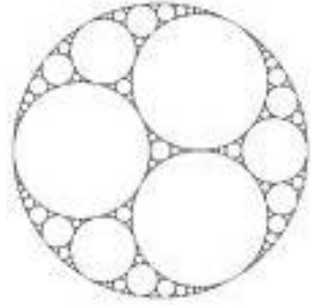
Ocean currents have always been difficult to trace. However, in 1994 34,000 ice hockey gloves were swept overboard from a Korean cargo ship during a storm in the Pacific. The gloves were washed up from Vancouver to Vietnam, helping oceanographers to trace currents more accurately than they ever had before.

Bill Bryson - *Short History of Nearly Everything*.



## Maths Mania

When three circles (of any size) touch each other they form a curvilinear triangle. Within this triangle another circle touching all three sides can be drawn, forming in turn three curvilinear triangles. This can be repeated over and over again. The pattern formed is called an "Apollonian gasket".



### Answers to quiz in last newsletter:-

$$(8+8)/8 + 8 = 10$$

$$(8 \times 8 + 8 \times 8) \times 8 - (8 + 8 + 8) = 1000$$

## PE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Girls Under 16 County Hockey Tournament

In their first two matches this year the squad managed two excellent wins, beating Thomas Alleynes 2-0 and Holden Lane 5-0! Goal scorers were Elizabeth Barry, scoring her first hat-trick and Lisa Cotton, scoring a fabulous four goals. Well done to the whole squad and good luck in the next round.

Boys Year 9 Football - Lost 4-1 to Westwood High School. Painsley's goal was scored by Julian Maya.

### Under 16 Girls' Football Cup vs. Clayton

In a very muddy match, Painsley hung on to win 1-0. The goal scorer was Eleanor Scarisbrick. Good luck in the next round.

### Under 14 County Cup Hockey

Congratulations to Amy Chesworth who scored her first ever goal in a 1-0 win over Holden Lane.

### Under 14 Netball County Tournament

The Under 14 team took part in the County Netball tournament last Saturday. They were placed in a strong section which included the eventual winners and runners-up. They won two out of their six games and played well in difficult, cold and rainy conditions.

Team: Helen Chesworth, Jade Latham, Alex Tilstone, Laura Southern, Chloe Worrall, Amy Chesworth, Amy Clewes and Emma Shaw.

### Congratulations to:-

Joanna Wright, Year 8, who has been selected for the RYA North Zone Windsurfing Squad following recent race events at Rutland Water and Carsington Water. Her selection gives her the opportunity to attend six coaching weekends over the winter and compete in national race events next year.



### Staffordshire Champions!

The Under 16 Girls hockey team competed in the finals of the county cup this week and after a shaky start they stepped up a gear and went through their group stage as runners-up.

They met King Edward's, Lichfield in the semi-finals where Elizabeth Barry scored a fantastic deflection to win the game 1-0. The final soon came and Painsley faced John Taylor who we had lost to in the group stage. The girls were on fine form and Lisa Cotton struck a shot from the top of the 'D' to win 1-0.

Congratulations to the whole squad and good luck when you represent Staffordshire at the Midlands finals!

### Year 8 Trip to Alton Castle

Last week 66 pupils and 7 members of staff visited Alton Castle for a residential three day retreat. A very enjoyable and spiritual time was had by all. The pupils on their return to school made the following comments:-

*"I particularly enjoyed cycling through those massive puddles."* Alex

*"The meditations were relaxing. I liked it so much that I might have work experience there."* Katie

*"The night Masses were superb and going to Alton Castle really made a difference to my life. It made me think about God in a different light."* Hannah

*"The Masses were great fun, religion doesn't have to be boring."* Alexander