



From the
Headmaster

Spotlight on Science

Boys throughout the School have been inspired and challenged by science this week. Older boys enjoyed a student-led assembly on theories of time travel and trips into London to visit our outstanding museums. Years 3 to 5 loved their forensic science workshop and our Reception boys have been fascinated watching chickens tap their way out of eggs.

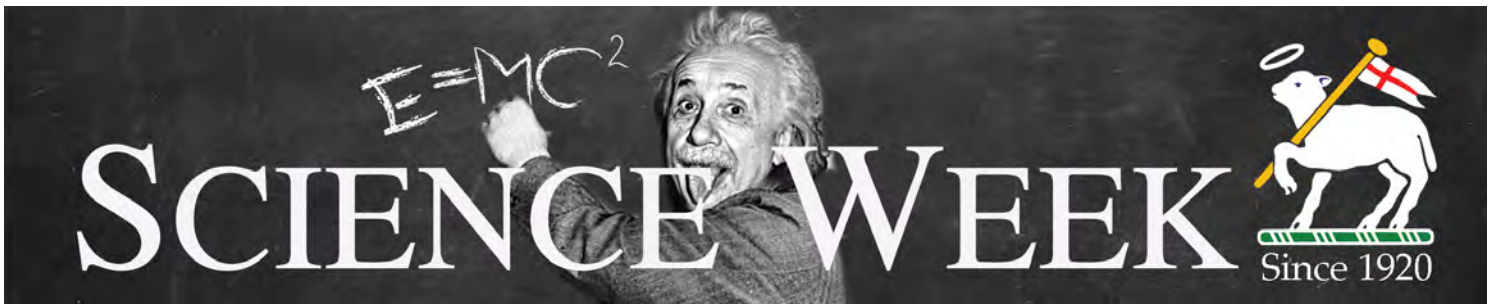
Senior boys continued their preparation for life after St John's with a careers talk by Mrs Grice, Head of Careers at MTS and today joined the youngest members of our community for a Red Nose Day walk around the School grounds. We all really enjoy the occasions when we can connect across the School while raising money for good causes.

Our sportsmen excelled this week, in hockey, rugby and football, not forgetting the Pre-Prep who have been working on the bat hold prior to the cricket season.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow at the Litter Pick and St John's Association Quiz.

Finally, we would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to families of Muslim faith.

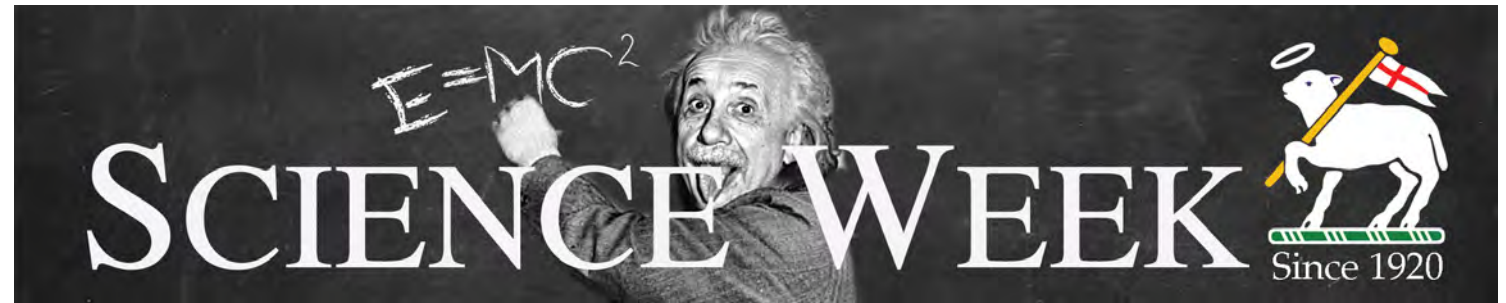




Year 7 visit the Science Museum

Science Week got off to a great start this Monday with the Year Seven trip to the Science Museum. Our day began with the hands-on Wonderlab exhibit, where the boys had great fun with all the experiments. Then we were treated to a show full of scientific demonstrations. After lunch we had time to visit the amazing Flight and Space galleries.





Year 6 visit the Natural History Museum

Year 6 enjoyed a stimulating trip to the Natural History Museum. The day was packed with science with the boys attending two workshops, one on palaeontology and the other on evolution. Even though the science was challenging, the boys worked well and showed their good understanding of the subjects. We also had a chance to take in the creepy crawlies and dinosaur exhibits before heading home, after a quick stop at the shop of course!



$$E=MC^2$$

SCIENCE WEEK



Year 8 Astronomy

Last week, the Year 8 boys who took the Astronomy option for their Enriched Curriculum session, enjoyed a special treat. Mr Coulter, the secretary of the West of London Astronomical Society (WOLAS) brought a selection of solar telescopes to their lesson. The scopes allowed the boys to see structures on the sun's surface which they had been learning about in lessons, including sun spots and solar filaments. (You should never look at the sun with a normal telescope.)





Juniors and Year 5 Science workshop

To celebrate Science Week, Years 3 to 5 took part in a forensic science workshop. They learnt how to analyse the evidence found at a crime scene to determine who was the culprit. The boys analysed DNA samples, footprints, and fingerprints to help to reach their decision.





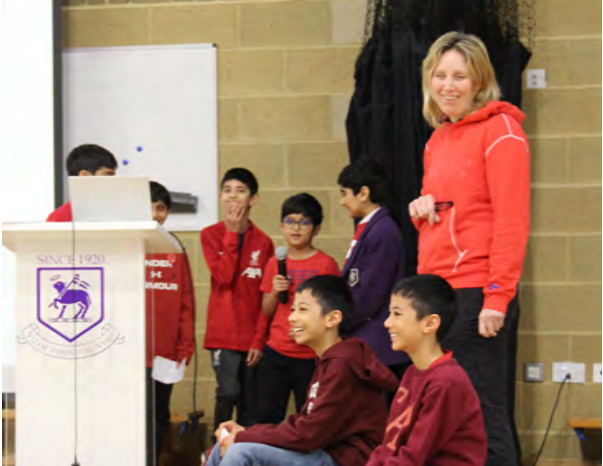
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Red Nose Day brings the whole school together

We all wore something red today for Red Nose Day today. We walked around our grounds as a whole school community and thought about those children who are less fortunate than ourselves. Later, we enjoyed our sweets from the tuckshop. Many thanks to the St John's Association for organising the treats. The fund-raising mini stand-up comedy event at first break was great fun.





Red Nose Day





THIS WEEK

March Tasting Table - Rhubarb

This month's tasting table presented an exciting selection centred around rhubarb. The eagerly anticipated offering included rhubarb & ricotta cake, rhubarb salsa, and rhubarb crostini bread for the boys to enjoy.





Careers advice for Years 7 and 8

Our Year 7 and 8 boys were treated to a careers assembly this week as we continue to prepare them for life after St John's. All boys benefited from the expertise of Mrs Grice, Head of Careers at MTS, as she talked them through the role of a careers advisor and encouraged them to think about the career opportunities that may be open to them. Judging by the conversations at breaktime, her words have given the boys food for thought and, whilst they may be a long way from knowing exactly what they want to do in the future, it has kick-started a very important conversation for them.



Raising money for Save the Children

Aary in Year 7 organised a very popular charity waffle sale at first break on Wednesday and raised £200 for our School Charity.





Lucas played from memory as we came into assembly



The Quiz Club Challenge



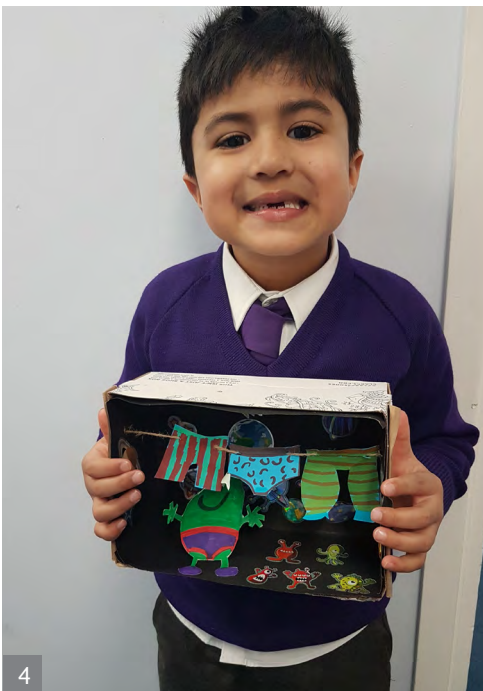
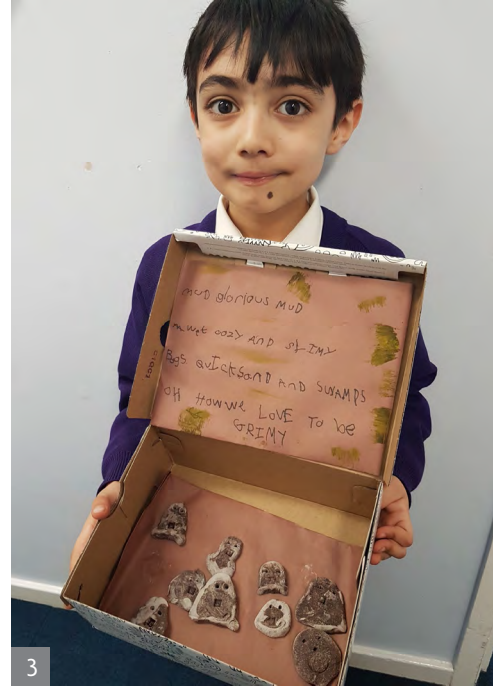
Let's have a heated debate: should art and museums become virtual or should they remain in their traditional form?



Yelena from Restless Development came to school on Monday to invite us to take part in a charity triathlon at Mill Hill on 9th June. [Click here](#) for more information

Look at these wonderful story shoe boxes

Continuing our focus on stories, Pre-Prep have been busy making story shoe boxes at home. From rummaging in the garden for foliage to collecting old bottle tops, boys have really got stuck into the task and made some very imaginative story scenes. They proudly showcased them to their friends and boys enjoyed guessing each other's story. Can you guess what the stories are? The answers are below.



- 4. Aliens Love Underpants
- 5. Please Mr Panda
- 6. Mr Bump

- 1. The Snail and the Whale
- 2. Ravi's Roar
- 3. We're Going on a Bear Hunt



Cricket in the nets for Pre-Prep

The **Pre-Prep** boys enjoyed working on their batting skills in preparation for the summer term. With some great skills on display the boys really got into the swing of things!





The entries for House Art are looking amazing





Year 3 Shaduf Project

This is how the Ancient Egyptians built the pyramids and lifted the water from the Nile.







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U8 and U10 Football

Last Thursday, the Under 8s enjoyed a hugely positive set of fixtures with 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss across all games. The football on offer was superb and the goals sublime.



As always, it was a great to visit the fantastic UCS sports grounds and the Under 10s were certainly put through their paces. The boys had to think fast and move even faster to adapt to the pace set by the opposition, and they really stuck at the challenge.





Under 13 Hockey

Triangular hockey v St Martin's and Merchant Taylors' Prep

The Under 13 A and B teams and the Under 12 A team had a very positive afternoon in these matches. The Under 13 A team drew against MTP and beat St Martin's. The Under 12 As and the Under 13 B team both beat MTP, however, neither could match St Martin's. A great afternoon of hockey with some great momentum built for the Striker's Cup.



Under 13 Hockey v UCS

We enjoyed a great set of matches against UCS. It was a good way to open a week of tough hockey fixtures for the Under 13s. The As came away with the win in a close 6-5 victory, putting them in good stead for the Strikers cup on Friday. Our Under 13 B team did well to step into play the UCS Under 12A team while our Year 7s were out on a science trip. They couldn't manage the win but battled their way to a consolation goal through Freddie.





Under 11s passion for Rugby

The U11 rugby squad had an exciting day playing against quality opposition on Saturday 9th March after two weeks of early morning training sessions with Mr Kruger at 730am. Thank you for your commitment and parental support! The boys enjoyed playing five matches against strong opposition, Oratory, Danes Hill, Caldicott, Berkhamsted and St Mary's Hall. They had an amazing win in their last match of the day. A brilliant team effort with standout performances from Ryan A, Micah, Luca, Teddy, and Lawrence. Very well done indeed.





Under 11s passion for Rugby



Krüger Sports Camps



We are back!

Spring is approaching fast and we want to continue to ensure that there are opportunities for our children to play more, be active and develop valuable social skills.

See our Easter dates and programme below:

- TUES, 2nd April - CRICKET
(Nets, hard ball & soft ball)
- WED & THU, 3rd & 4th April - FOOTBALL
- FRI, 5th April - COURT SPORTS

For more information & bookings go to www.krugercamps.co.uk





Important dates & contacts

Saturday 16th March: Whole School 'Litter Pick'

St John's Association Quiz (6.30pm)

Monday 18th March: Year 6 Trip to Merchant Taylors' Hall & Docklands Museum

Year 8 Trip to Kew Gardens

Junior Drama Dress Rehearsal (9.15am)

Tuesday 19th March: ABRSM examinations

Football v Gayhurst: U9 A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.30pm)

DT&E Open House (4 Oak) (4.00pm – 4.30pm)

Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting (4.10pm)

Wednesday 20th March: House Meetings (8.40)

Silly Science Workshop (Pre-Prep)

School Council

Football v Caldicott: U13 A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.15pm)

Junior Drama Production (6.30pm)

Thursday 21st March: Westbrook Hay Sevens Tournament: U13 A VII (a) (1.00pm)

Year 7 Trip Information Meeting (4.10pm)

Senior School Transfer Information Meeting (Year 5) (6.00pm) (Norman Hall)

Friday 22nd March: Forestry Commission Assembly

Last swim at Merchant Taylors'

IPQ deadline (Year 8)

Rosslyn Park Sevens Tournament: U11 A VII (a) (9.00am)

Pre-Prep Open House

RSE Consultations (Years 7-8) (4.45pm-5.15pm)

Sunday 24th March: Rehearsal for Joint Concert at Merchant Taylors'

Monday 25th March: IPQ Presentations (Year 8)

RSE Consultations (Years 3-4) (4.45pm-4.15pm)

Joint Merchant Taylors', St Helen's and St John's Concert at MTS (7.00pm)

Tuesday 26th March: Prep School Clubs and Activities End
IPQ Presentations (Year 8)

House Music Festival Final (2.00pm)

RSE Consultations (Years 5-6) (4.45-5.15pm)

Wednesday 27th March: End of Term

Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

You can also follow us on twitter [@stjohnsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjohnsnorthwood) and our sports department [@StJohnsNwSport](https://twitter.com/StJohnsNwSport)

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Notices and reminders

The Lamb: We hope you have enjoyed reading The Lamb this term. The next edition will be a bumper end of term edition on Wednesday 27th March.

Whole School Litter Pick tomorrow Saturday 16th March: Please sign up [using this link](#).

St John's Association Quiz tomorrow evening 16th March 7.00pm: This event is always extremely popular with an excellent quiz master, good food and a bar.

Easter Egg collection for City Harvest: Boys have been asked to bring one or two chocolate egg donations into school between Monday 18th March and Thursday 21st March. Year 8 boys will collect any eggs donated from the playground before school.

A Celebration of English Music Monday 25th March

7.00pm: Musicians from Merchant Taylors', St John's and St Helen's perform in the Great Hall at Merchant Taylors'.

Tickets from <https://development.mtsn.org.uk/events>

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: Are AI-generated images too believable? 68.6% said yes

Next week's question: "Do you know how to be an ally?"

House Points:

1st Lawrence 105.76, 2nd Churchill 105.22,
3rd Lincoln 102.44, 4th Oates 101.74

Have a great weekend.