



From the Headmaster

Welcome back to school everyone!

At long last we are all together on site and we've had a great week. The boys have enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers, getting back to their sport and immersing themselves in their learning, clubs and extra-curricular activities. We were also blessed with some lovely weather to enjoy the grounds again – until the wind and rain arrived!

This week was St John's Science week and the 8L boys presented a fascinating assembly on "Innovation for the Future." The topics were wide-ranging and included organ growth, a knife that doubles up as a toaster and the potential of A.I.

The Year 7 & 8 Adventure film night with Mr Vince was another highlight of the week for me. It was very inspiring watching all the intrepid explorers learning about different cultures and ways of life around the world on their travels. You can read more about that evening on page 5.

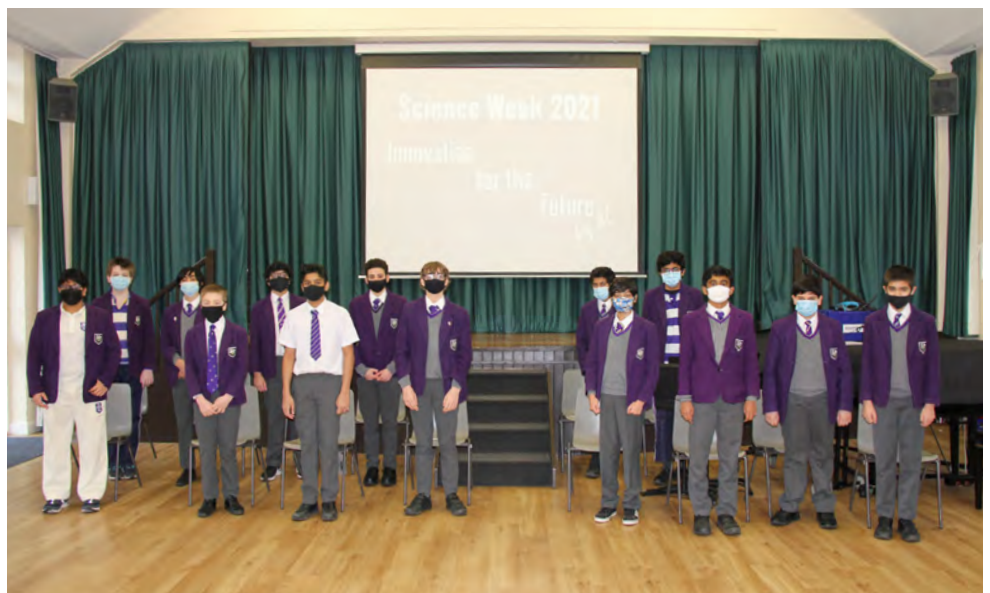
It was good to see so many families at the St John's Association Quiz Night last Saturday. Many thanks to the team who organised such an entertaining evening.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend as we all settle back into our routines.

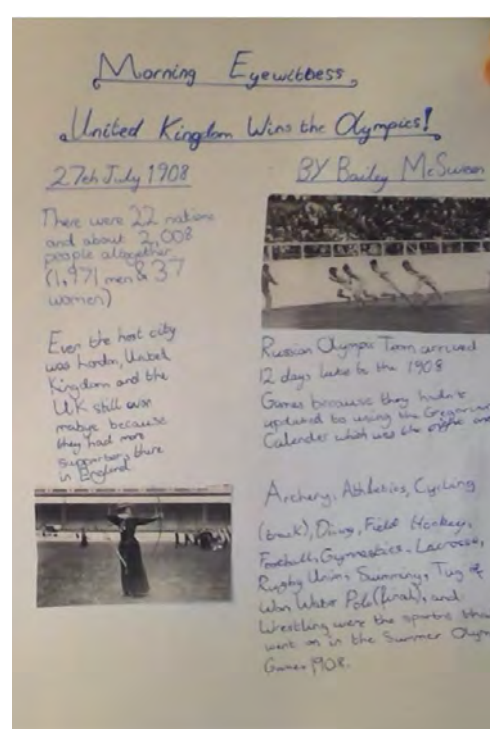
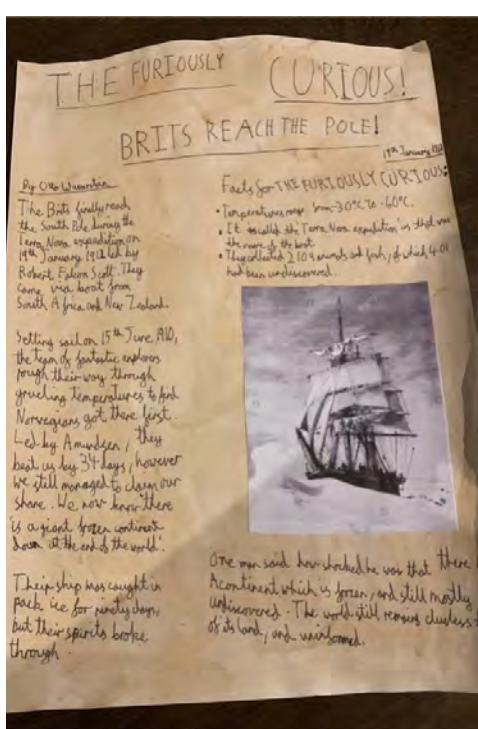
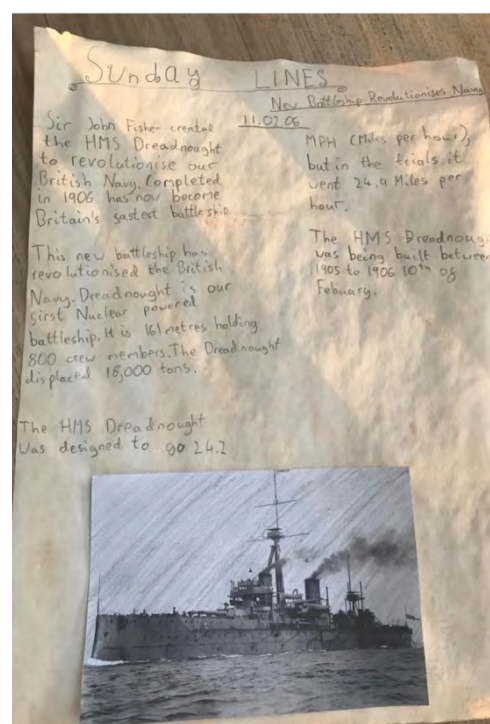
S. R. Vince

St John's Science Week

The theme for this year's Science Week was "Innovation for the Future." So for our 8L assembly we decided to research some new and amazing technologies and inventions. The topics in the final PowerPoint presentation to the rest of the school ranged from advances in computing technology and A.I. to new designs of trainers for top athletes and even an innovative toaster (below). We also discovered new ways of solving the climate crisis and of creating new body organs, as well as improving spaceflight. The boys spoke well and dazzled us with wonderful science facts and fiction. It was a nice way to return to school assemblies after the lockdown. Science "Week" this year will continue on March 23rd when 8B will be presenting their own assembly on scientific innovation.



Year 5 have been learning about the Edwardian Era in their History lessons this term. They have been researching important events in this period of History and have made newspaper articles. In order to give their newspaper a vintage look, they tea stained the paper.



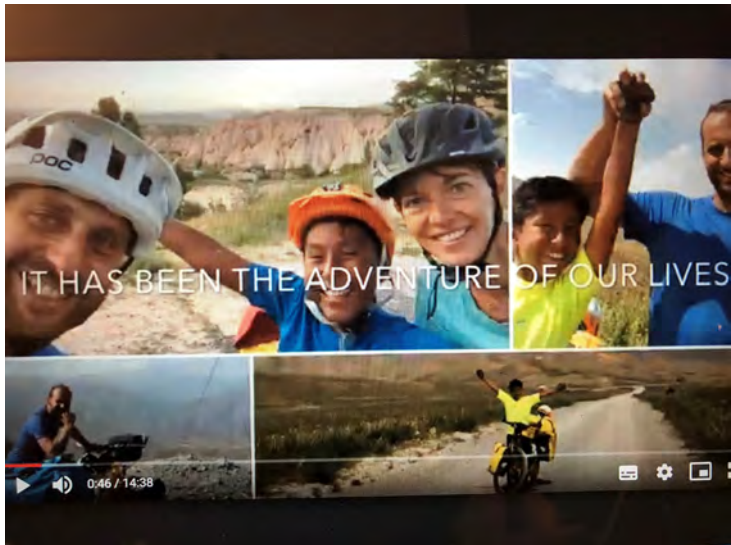


A Night of Adventure Films

The “Night of Adventure Films” evening on the 10th of March was very interesting and inspiring. This evening consisted of eight short films, varying in length (the shortest was one minute and the longest one was fourteen minutes). Personally my favourite happened to be the longest one, it was about a family of three that travelled across a few continents, it was a very difficult task, but not only were they very good cyclists, they were always ready for the next day with a fresh head. Another film that I found interesting was the first one because of how far the “Sidecar Guys” went on their journey to 34 different countries (a shocking 34,000 miles taking them 15 months with a few breaks due to engine failure for example). They faced extreme challenges such as Russia’s -40 degree temperature.

At the very beginning of the evening, Mr Robinson told us some facts about Mr Vince, such as how he created and performed some of the music for companies such as Black Widows and Sony PS4. Mr Vince also mentioned about how you must embrace every person, country, and religion. I believe this is so you can get the best out of every experience. Not only does Mr Vince have a very interesting life, but he also mentioned some very inspiring quotes, such as, “The more you see and find out about different countries, the richer your life will be”. I really liked the evening and feel privileged to be writing about it for The Lamb.

Thank you Mr Vince
Reece 8B





Sumosan Twiga Sushi Masterclass



On Wednesday 10th March 2021, I attended a sushi making masterclass by the head chef of Sumosan Twiga, London. Sumosan Twiga has always been one of my favourite restaurants in London and I love the Japanese cuisine. However, Sumosan Twiga adds a twist by the fact that it combines two fantastic cuisines, Japanese and Italian, and uses them to make the restaurant unique. It uses two popular cuisines from miles apart and mixes them to make an outstanding restaurant.

However, the head chef, Bubker Belkhit, specialises in the Japanese cuisine and he decided in lockdown to start offering sushi making masterclasses. Not many authentic Japanese restaurants offer this, so I decided to seize the opportunity.

It was his first masterclass, but he was still a great teacher, nonetheless. He helped guide us through the process and helped us quickly to get the hang of it. We made four

different types of sushi: cucumber maki rolls; california rolls; philadelphia rolls and spicy tuna rolls. I could tell that by the end the rolling of the sushi had improved a lot.

The hardest part was probably cutting the sushi, and for that you needed a very sharp and wet knife to be able to slice through the many ingredients. The restaurant provided us with all of the ingredients in advance and they even gave us extra, so I made more once the class had finished. The thing that I loved about the homemade sushi is that it is tailor made for you. For example, some people might not like a lot of wasabi, but some would like a lot. At home, the sushi will taste how you like it.

Overall, it was an extremely fun session with outstanding results on my side. I am extremely happy that I can now make my favourite food at home.

Kabir 6A



The Annual St John's Quiz Night

As with most things this year, the annual quiz night took on a virtual form and this time the whole family was invited! We were overwhelmed with the level of support we received and over 130 families joined in the fun, together with Mr Robinson, Miss Morgan, Mrs Luke, Mrs McSween, Mr Kruger, Mr Smith and Magda holding up the side for the teachers.

Our Quizmaster for the evening, Rob Blackwood from 'Interrupt the Routine' guided us through, quickly sorting out the technical glitches and successfully conducting a lively and spirited competition. The questions varied in difficulty with answers ranging from Princess Poppy in 'Trolls' to The Spice Islands in the Indian Ocean! (I hope you got both of those answers!)

With some great prizes on offer, the competition was fierce, but with brains working overtime and some fast finger work, it was eventually Ananda (5W-S) and his family who bagged the top prize, an enviable one night stay with breakfast for the whole family at top hotel Denham Grove.

Winner of the second prize was Ansh (7H) and his family who were able to deliver some superb speedy answers, dashing Mr Robinson's efforts at securing the £50 gift voucher from Wenzel's.

Third prize (which most boys had their eyes on), was four vouchers for free ice cream at Baskin Robbins in Northwood, and this was happily received by Myan (Owls) and his family. In addition to this, it is Myan's first week being at St John's; what a brilliant way to start life at the school!

Very big congratulations to our winners Ananda, Ansh, Myan and their families!

As always we like to pit year groups against each other and this year was no exception, so to put you all out of your misery, the winners of the group prize aredrum roll please..... YEAR 7 with a stupendous average of 19309. Coming in a close second with 18522 were Year 6, a very well done to all!

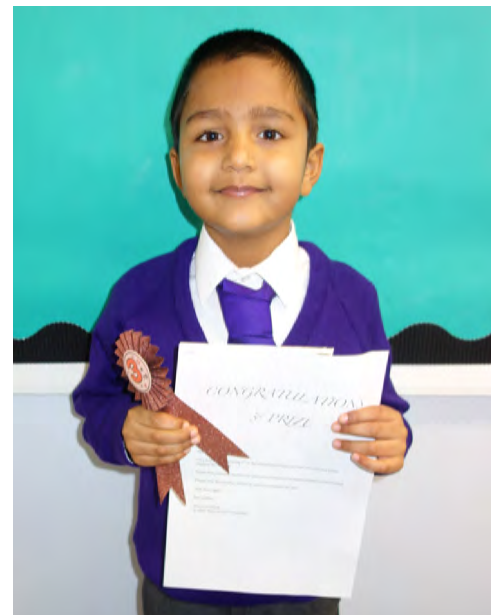
Finally, not forgetting the most coveted prize of the night, with our current Year 4 holding the wooden spoon for coming last at the previous quiz night, they can now happily pass the accolade onto Reception....look after it well!

The SJA would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous donors for the evening Neal Khanna of Denham Grove Hotel, Mr Wenzel of Wenzels Bakery and Mr Visar of Baskin Robbins in Northwood, not forgetting Tesco's in Pinner.

We hope you all had a lovely evening and were able to enjoy a night off cooking with the discounts provided from our local restaurants. Thank you once again for your continued support and we hope to see you again at the next SJA event.

List of year group averages

Year 7	19309	1st prize	Year 5	17434
Year 6	18522	Runners Up	Lambs	16769
Year 8	18091		Year 4	16646
Year 3	17751		Year 2	15791
Year 1	17699		Reception	15377
Teachers	17478		Wooden spoon	





Nature Corner with Mr Lawrence

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating wildlife in our Eco-Week. However, there are many more ways that you can get involved with looking after animals and birds around where you live. Now is a great time to build a bird box so birds can make a nest and raise their chicks in safety, away from predators and the bad weather! We have included a few links of great websites that give full instructions about how to construct and position your bird box. Even if you don't have a garden, you could put it in a local park or woodland or even bring it into school where we can put it in our Nature

Trail! I look forward to hearing how you get on!

Here are some links to some good bird box making sites
<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/diy/how-to-make-your-own-bird-box/>
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/build-a-birdbox/>
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/how-to-make-your-own-bird-box>

Mr Lawrence

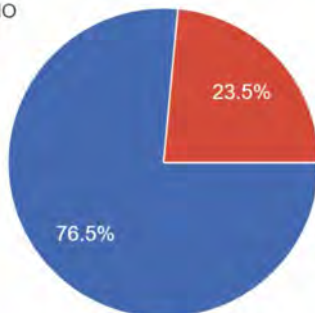




VOTESFORSCHOOLS

Results of last week's poll are...

● YES
● NO



This week we have been talking about International Women's Day and gender equality.

Our question of the week has been:

Gender Stereotypes can affect your future because when you are older you may want a certain job, but because of stereotypes it may be difficult. It is important to get rid of gender stereotypes so there will more equality in the world. For example, Malala fought for girls' education rights when it was considered not important. Jamie, Year 6



Yes and no because it won't necessarily be stereotyped because if boys say oh you can't be that job that's a girls job I just won't listen to them I would be like I can be whoever I want.
Leo BI Year 5

And next week's question...

Vocab Check



Gender bias:
Being treated a certain way due to gender.



Be informed.



Be heard.



Sinking and floating in the Lambs

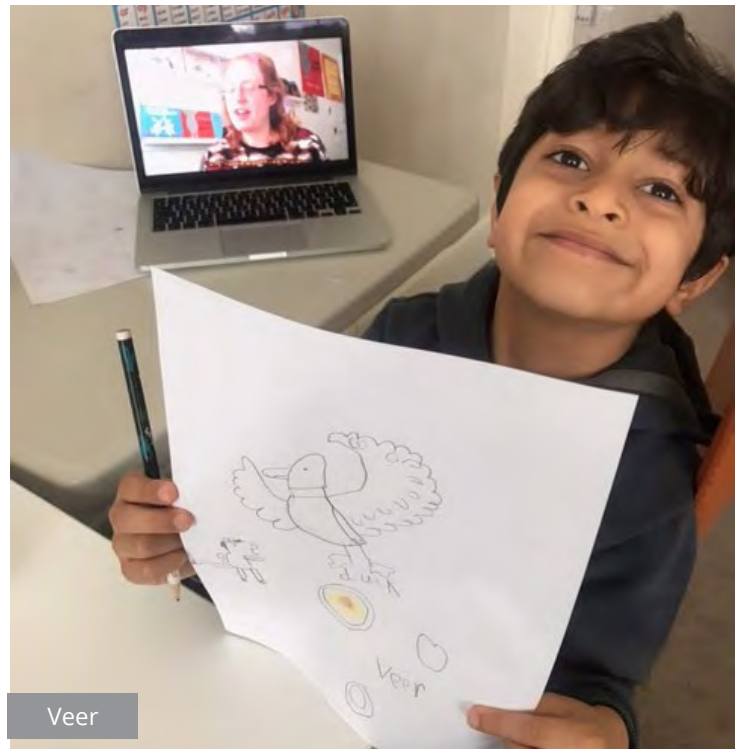
The Lambs have been learning all about sinking and floating. We have carried out lots of experiments to discover which items sink or float. It was fun making foil boats and watching the ones that sank to the bottom of the sea!





A talented artists in the Squirrels and Robins

On World Book Day last week, the Nursery and Reception boys were lucky enough to have Spaghetti Hunters read to them by Morag Hood, the author. The boys were all encouraged to draw while they listened to the story. This week, Morag Hood shared Joshua's drawing, top left on her Instagram page. How exciting!



PRE-PREP



Measuring in Year 1

The Otters and Owls have been busy in Maths lessons this week measuring things around their classrooms and outside using centimetres and metres. They learnt how to use a ruler to measure accurately. Using centimetres, they measured the

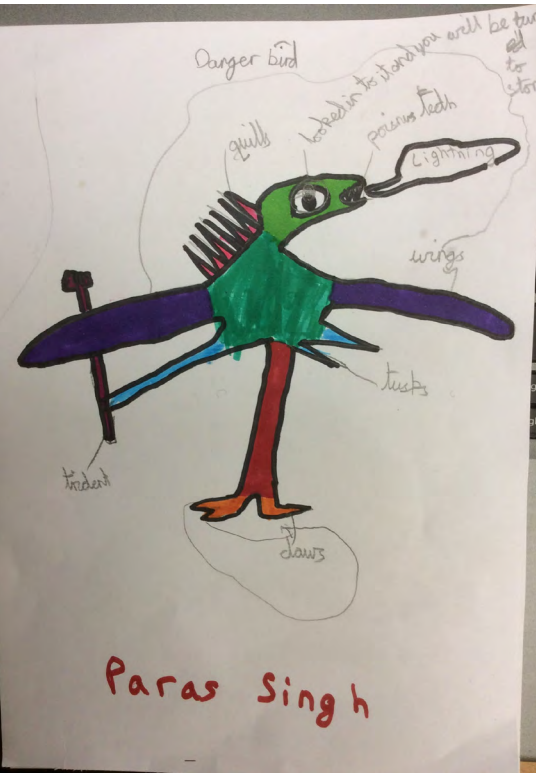
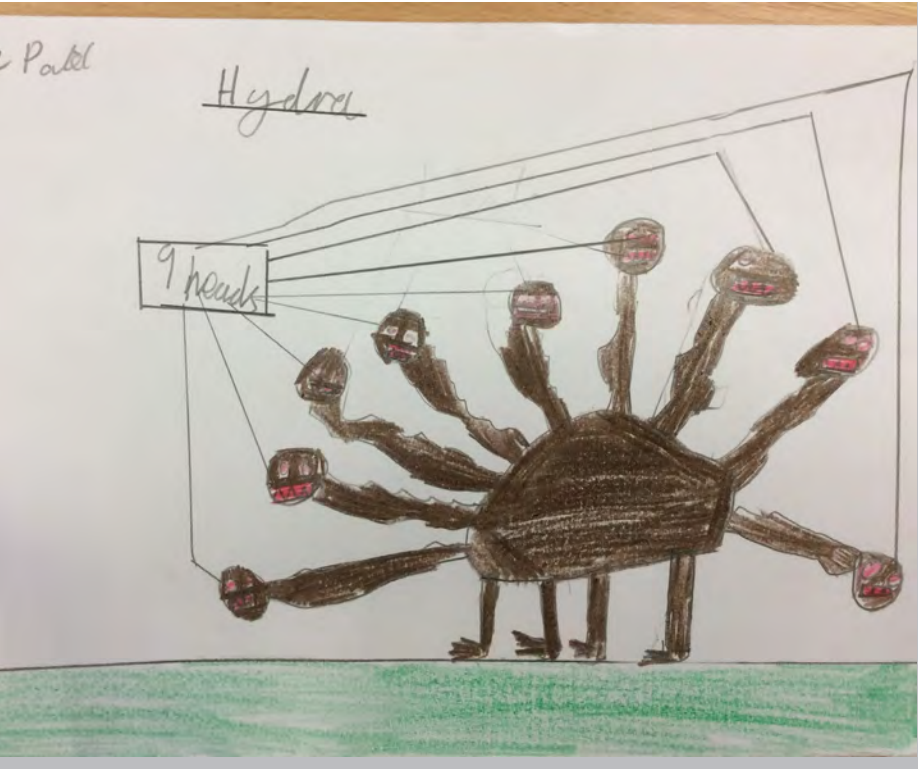
length, width and height of objects around the classroom, like a paintbrush, scissors, glue stick and shoe box. Using metre sticks, they measured larger objects in the nursery play area, like the sandpit, wigwam and tricycles.





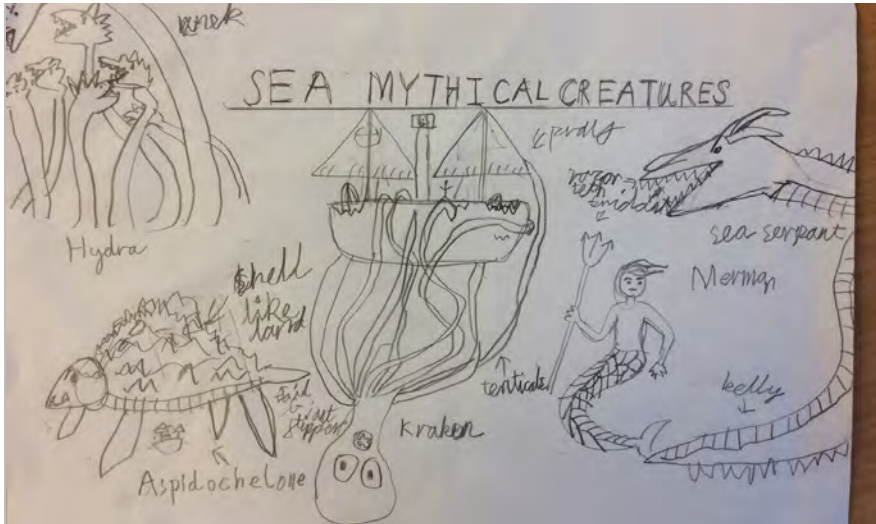
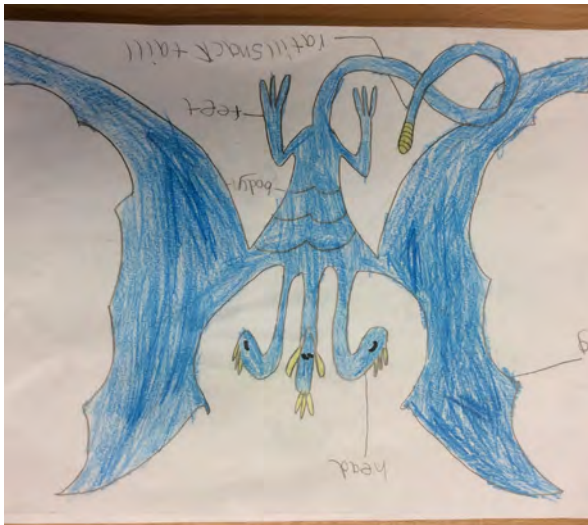
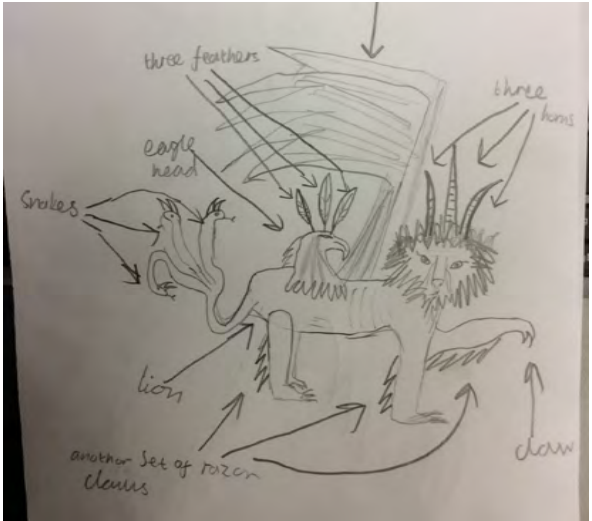
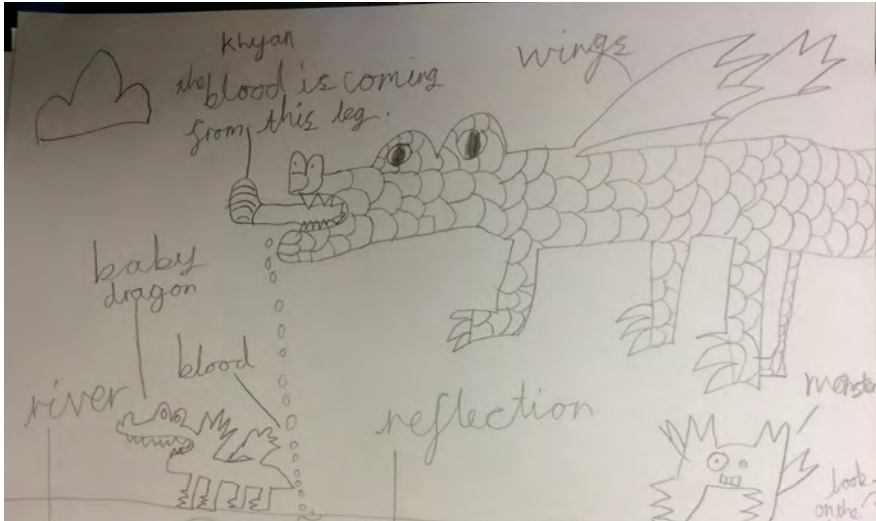
Mythical creatures in Year 3

Year 3 had to draw and label mythical creatures this week for homework. There are some excellent illustrations here.





More mythical creatures





Golden time in Year 4

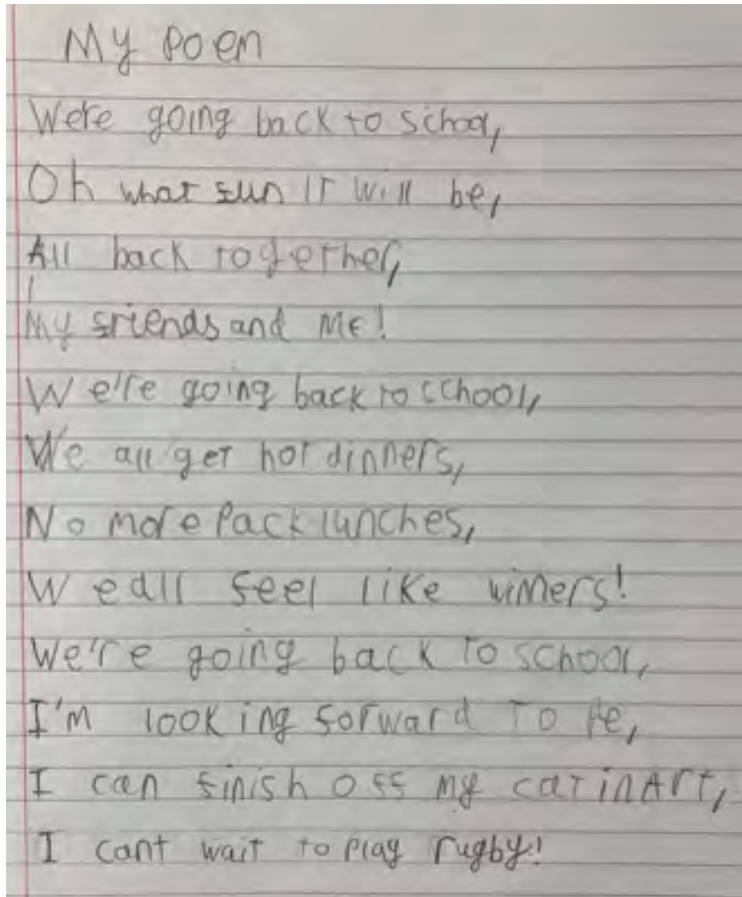
Year 4 used their golden time to explore the new treehouse in the sunshine





Year 3's rhyming poems

During lockdown the Year 3 boys were asked to write their own rhyming poems. There are some lovely examples here:



Going back to school

We're going back to school,
Oh what fun it will be,
All back together,
My friends and me!
We're going back to school,
We all get hot dinners,
No more pack lunches,
We all feel like winners!
We're going back to school
I'm looking forward to PE,
I can finish off my cat in Art,
I can't wait to play rugby!

by Eliot 3H

Football by Dev 3W

Football is fun,
I love to take the ball and run.
I support United,
Watching them gets me excited.
When they score,
I jump up and roar.
I am a Ruislip ranger,
My team can cause danger.
When we get the ball to our feet,
The other team shall shriek.
I can't wait to step back on the pitch,
My feet are starting to twitch.
I have bought new boots,
I can't wait to get to grass- roots
Covid go away,
So we can all play!

Chocolate cake by Aarav 3H

Chocolate cake! Oh chocolate cake,
I wish you were a little easier to bake,
You taste so sweet,
You're my favourite treat.
I like you the most when you're covered in delicious icing,
I can't wait to do the slicing,
Chocolate cake you make me smile,
You make me want to run a mile.
You're sticky and brown,
When I eat you I would never frown,
You make me so happy,
And change my mood if ever I'm snappy.
I'd eat you on every birthday,
And I'll always do it in a very happy way,
I can never have too much of you,
Believe me chocolate cake this is true.

My Birthday Disaster by Rahul 3H

My birthday was a disaster,
I wish it went a lot faster.
My dog was so unwell,
It created a disgusting smell!
My brother ate my cake,
Which smelt like rotten steak.
He got really mad,
He blamed my truthful dad!
All my presents got lost,
In the sea they got tossed.
They floated around on the sea,
I hope they come back to me.

Biscuit pudding by Om 3H

Oh Biscuit pudding you're so delicious and sweet,
When will you come and be my luscious treat.
Layers and layers of rich sugary cream,
Whenever I eat you I get a sweet dream.
Oh Biscuit pudding how can you be so yummy,
Smooth ripples of chocolate gliding into my tummy,
Layers and layers of submerged biscuit,
I almost forgot about playing cricket!



Year 3 are delighted to be back in the DT studio

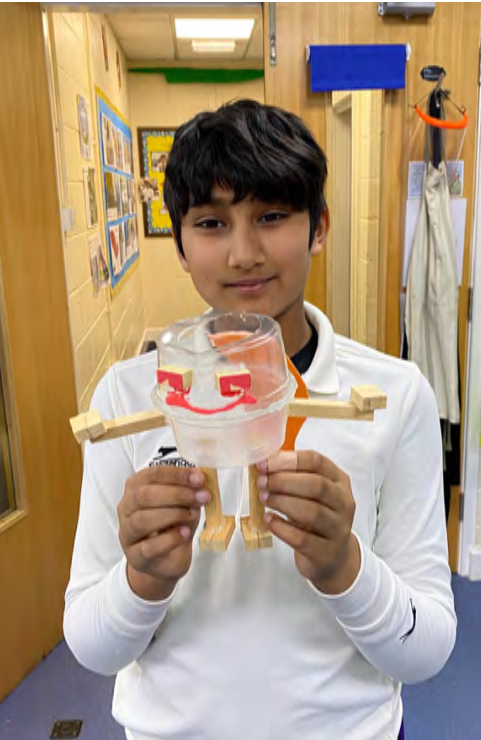
Year 3 have enjoyed their first lessons back in the workshop. We were delighted to receive a letter from a famous egg character who would like a new car for his race. Humpty hopes the cars will be ready in the next few weeks. Let's hope Year 3 are up to the job. We'll make sure to keep you posted.





Year 6 have been designing innovative packaging

While working online, Year 6 have been designing packaging to encourage children to bring fruit to school. Now back in the workshop they have been able to realise their designs and test them out. They had to think carefully about who they were designing for as well as how to get the fruit out without it spilling of its own accord.

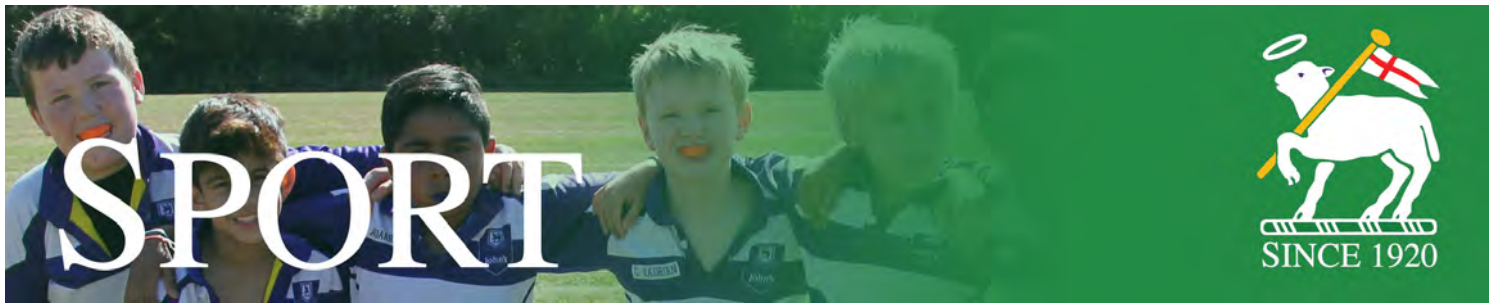




Nice to see all the boys back in the Art studio

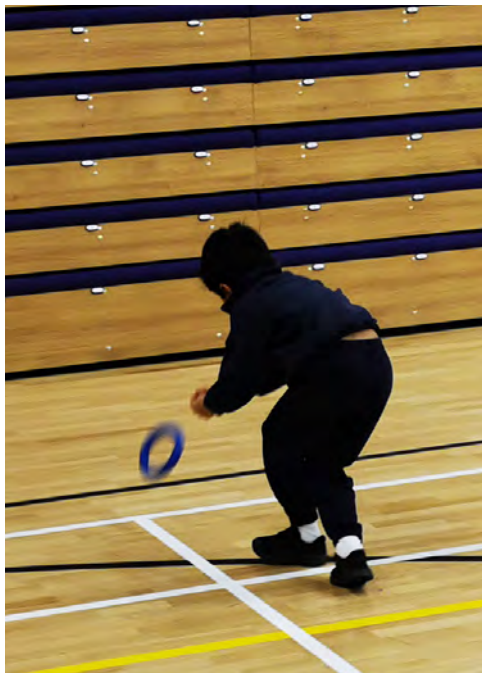
1. Ishaan, Zain and Hrishi have been doodling intricate flowers. 2. Archie and George are finishing off their Monet paintings. 3. Adam with his finished Monet painting. 5. Armaan has used beautiful shades of red in his painting. 6. Daniel has finished his Impressionist painting.





It's good to be back in school

It was wonderful to see all the pupils and staff back in school and getting into the usual routine. The energy and enthusiasm from all the pupils was a joy to see and everyone was excited to get back to enjoying P.E. and Games lessons with their friends. We have started introducing cricket into the Games programme alongside football which will continue to the end of this term. We have also just started an indoor football league with Year 5 and 6 taking part in these matches every first break in the Sports Hall. This has been a great success and hopefully we can involve other year groups later on in the year. As we near the end of the first week back at school, I would like to say well done to all the pupils for all their efforts in the P.E., Games and after School Sports Clubs.





Getting outside





OUTLOOK



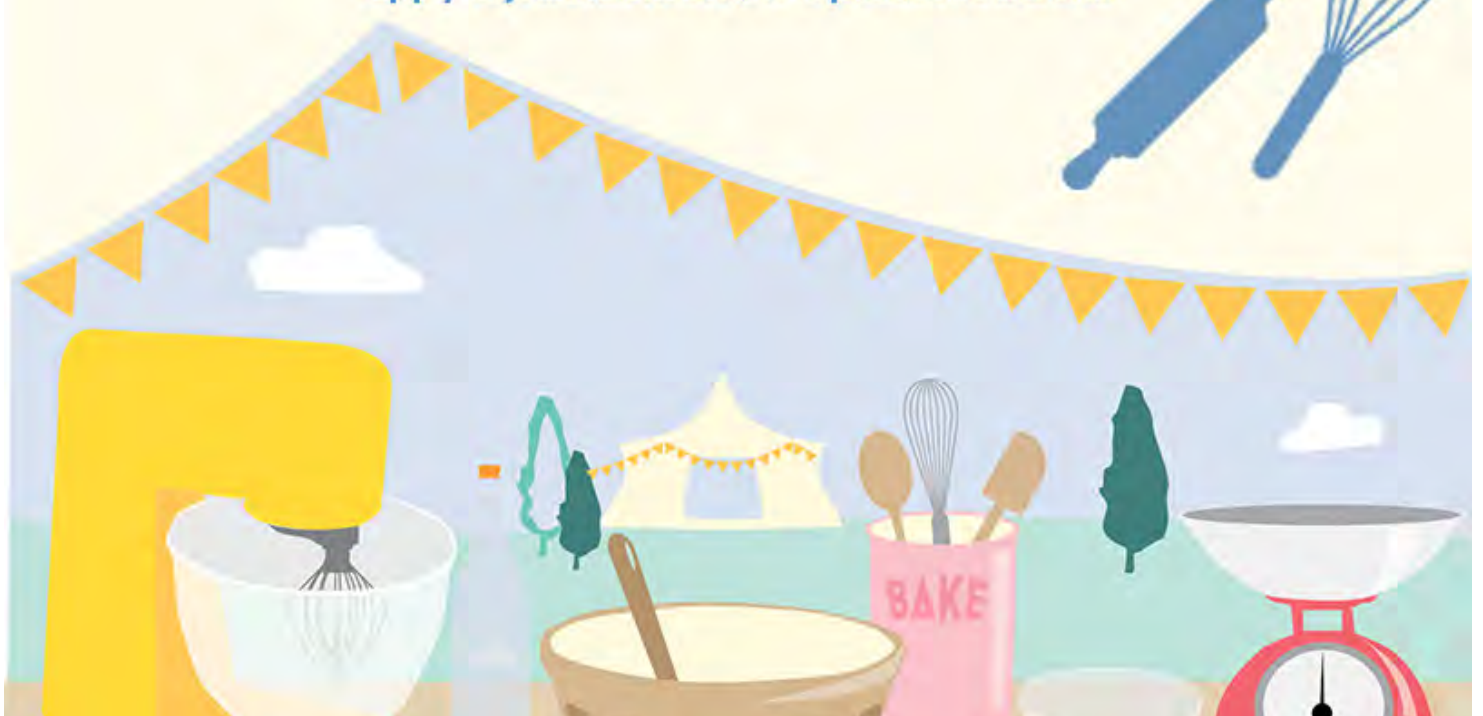
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Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 15th March to Friday 17th March St John's Eco week

**Wednesday 17th March
School Council**

**Friday 19th March
Red Nose Day for Comic Relief**

Photo of the week (right) Mihir's birthday fell on the divide between home school and back to school so he the last birthday boy to feature in The Lamb. We hope you had a lovely day Mihir.



Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.



You can also follow us on twitter @stjohnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

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Photographs: We cannot always be on hand every event with a camera and rely on photographs from parents and supporters. Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

Monday 15th to Friday 19th March: St John's Eco week. We have a number of very exciting opportunities available to the boys, including quizzes, virtual safaris and nature walks. We would love you to support our environmental efforts by walking or cycling to school with your son, by avoiding idling in the car park if driving is necessary and by using recyclable or reusable packaging for snacks.

Friday 19th March: Red Nose Day. The boys will be wearing mufti. Please purchase red noses from a supermarket prior to the day as we shall not be selling them a school. The SJA are kindly donating tuck and there is no need to bring any cash on the day. Please encourage your sons to donate with you via the JustGiving Link.

Secure bike parking at St John's: Some boys (and staff) travel to and from school by bike. If you are considering using this healthy and green mode of transport we would like to remind you that there is a secure cycle shed next to the pedestrian crossing near the science block changing rooms. Please see Mr Lawrence for further details.

STEM DEN opens its doors again over the Easter holidays for parents who are back to work, needing medical care or attend education. To see the line up of topics for the week, to

find more details or to place your booking please refer to the website. www.stemden.co.uk

New music groups in the Norman Hall next week:

Year 8 String Trio: Monday 15th March 12.45pm with Mrs Cooper

Year 6 Cello Trio: Wednesday 17th March 12.45pm with Miss Bullock

Years 5 & 6 Guitar Group: Tuesday 16th March 8.15 am with Mrs Johnson

House Music Festival. AAs we originally contacted you in December, we realise that some boys may wish to change their repertoire or up-date their grade, if so, please complete the form and return by the closing date, 5pm on Friday 19th March. Rounds will begin in the week of 26th April, so make sure you are practising hard. It is not too late to enter if you have not already done so. All entries receive a House Point.

[House Music entry form.](#)

Votes for schools: see page 9

House Points: Lincoln 82.44, Lawrence 81.2, Churchill 79.29, Oates 77.18

Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday!.