



From the
Headmaster

This week was Walk to School Week

This week we proudly welcomed many visitors to St John's. The sun shone for Open Morning on Wednesday where our Year 7 and 8 boys served as wonderful ambassadors for the School, leading prospective parents on tours around the site. We also welcomed a team of ISI Inspectors, who have been completing both a Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection. Thank you to all parents who completed the survey. Although we await formal outcomes, we were delighted by the impression our boys created.

Despite all the new faces on site, we have continued with business as usual. It was wonderful to see so many families taking part in the annual Walk to School initiative. Boys walked with their families, with friends, cycled and even scooted. Congratulations to all the boys who earned Strider badges which contributes to our status as a Green Flag Eco School. Boys continue to enjoy their cricket and athletics and it is wonderful to see our parents supporting these events. We wish our golfers all the best at the Stowe Putter this weekend and look forward to the St John's Association quiz tomorrow evening.

T Jenkin





The Eco Council in action

Boys in the Eco Council prepared an assembly for Walk to School Week encouraging everyone to abandon their cars.



A visitation of bees

Continuing the Eco theme, St John's was able to witness one of the most awesome sights that nature has to offer. A swarm of bees! The bees appeared in a large dark cloud that descended from the sky between the Norman Hall and the dining hall. The bees, in their thousands, filled the sky and made a scary noise. Whilst very intimidating for all of those present, it was safe, as bees do not sting whilst they are swarming. A swarm of bees is actually a group of bees guiding a queen away from the hive to find a new place to live. This usually happens when a new queen bee develops in the hive and then the old queen will have to leave or die! The old queen flees the hive and will be protected in the centre of

the swarm of bees as they look for a new place to live. Whilst on their journey they will land on temporary sites, one of which was a rosebush outside the dining hall. The bees carry a stomach full of honey to keep them well fed on their quest and are unable to sting.

Members of Harrow beekeeping club came quickly and collected the swarm, whilst it was settled on the rosebush. You can see a very exciting video of the operation below. They took the bees and put them in a new hive which has been added to our own school apiary, which is likely to have been where they originated from. Hopefully, with a new hive they should be content to stay put. *Mr Lawrence*



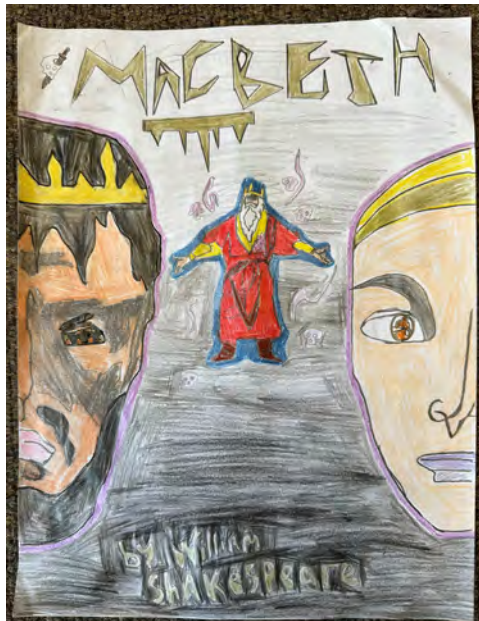


Thrill seekers in the Anything Goes Club

The boys enjoyed relaxing in the spring sunshine in Oxhey Park after school on Wednesday. They would like to thank Mrs McSween and Mrs Stevens for taking them.



Year 6 have captured the mood of Macbeth





Puzzling teamwork challenges

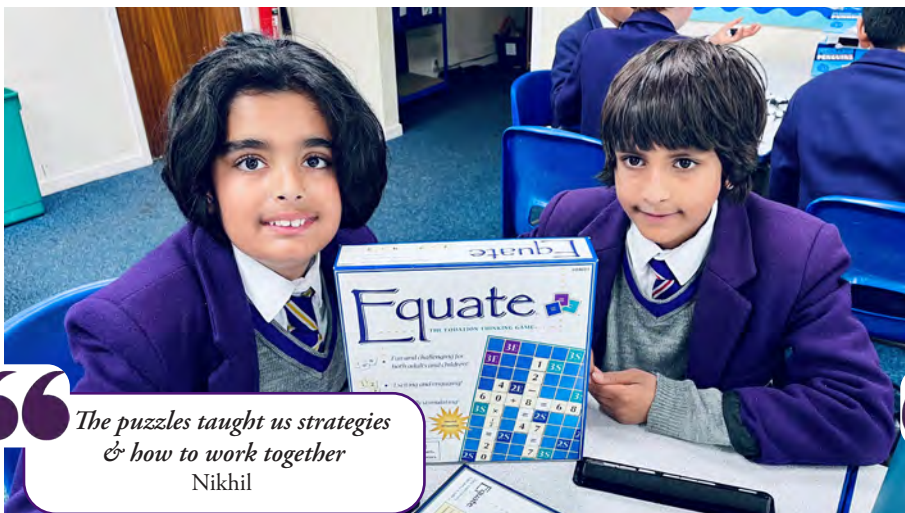
Boys in Years 3-5 had a visit from the Happy Puzzle Company last Thursday. Their problem-solving skills were put to the test as they worked in teams to solve a variety of tricky puzzles. Here are what some of the Year 5s thought about it.



The handcuff challenge scrambled my brain. It was hard to find the solution but I felt proud when I solved it!
Hugo



Teamwork & listening to other people were important when tackling the 'Perilous Penguins'
Lucas



The puzzles taught us strategies & how to work together
Nikhil

It was an amazing experience which everyone really enjoyed
Jay



More things going on around school



Putting out the flags to welcome families to Open Morning



Nishant receives his Platinum Award from Mr Jenkin



The summer term is the time to watch cricket: come on St John's



More things going on around school



Rahul announces this week's book review winners



Mr Doughty preparing the outfield



Anyone for tennis? Only a few weeks until Wimbledon



ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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Quiz

Night
is back



Assemble your team
Prove you can beat the teachers
£250 per table including dinner.
Beverages can be purchased
in advance

20/05/2023

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW

**TO REGISTER
SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE SJA**



Planting and growing in the Pre-Prep

The Lambs planted beans in greenhouses and when they started to grow, we planted them in pots to grow up to the giant's castle! Elsewhere we played with our flower shop and watered our flowers while the Otters learned about different plants on their nature walk.





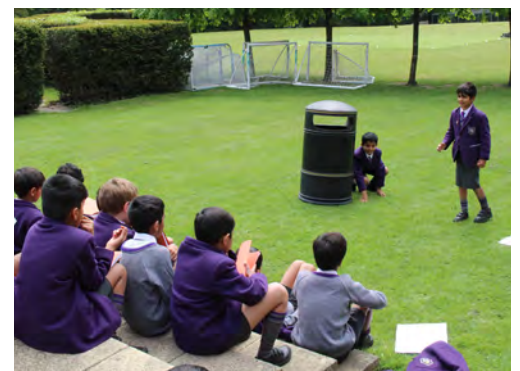
Planting and growing in the Pre-Prep





Year 3 have been studying Michael Morpurgo

Inspired by the poem "Down behind the Dustbin" by Michael Morpurgo, Year 3 wrote their own rhyming poems, rehearsed and performed them to the class.





Olympic sporting heroics

As part of their topic on Ancient Greece, Year 3 had the opportunity to compete in Greek Olympics this week. Pupils took part in running, long jump, javelin and discus throwing. Winners were not awarded medals, but laurel wreaths instead. The boys enjoyed the afternoon and the sun shone brightly.





Cricket 1st XI v St Martin's

We had looked forward to this fixture as we expected it to be fun and competitive and we were not disappointed with both schools showcasing some quality bowling and batting. St John's narrowly lost by 8 runs and the opportunities were certainly there to swing it in our favour. We take our feedback and look forward to MTP next week. Congratulations to Ali, 27 off 25 and Khyan L, 22 of 25.





U9 Cricket v St Martin's

Year 4 opened their cricketing campaign for the term against St Martin's. It is always a lovely occasion with a lot of excitement when the whole year group is involved in fixtures. The A & B teams had some tough fixtures at home where the Cs and Ds had very level par playing experiences in their matches. Clear targets set for learning and development going forward which is what it is all about. The boys are super excited for the next match!





1st XI Cricket Festival at Belmont

We played The Hall, Belmont and MTP last Saturday and the boys did extremely well after an exciting, but tiring week of activities and trips. We narrowly lost the first match against The Hall, beat Belmont in the second match and lost to MTP in the final. We are looking forward to a return fixture against MTP soon.





Athletics match v MTS

We opened our athletics season with a match for Years 4 to 8. Overall, we came fifth out of the seven schools competing. There were some individual highlights, Niam in Year 4 came 1st in the high jump, Rafi in Year 8 came 1st in the 1500 metres and Remika, also Year 8, was 1st in the javelin. Well done boys.





Athletics match v MTS



St John's Association

SUMMER FUN DAY

Sunday 25 June 2023

11am - 3pm

£2 entry
(on the door)

BBQ

**ICE
CREAMS &
CREPES**

**CRAZY
GOLE**

**TEA CUP
RIDE**

PRIZES

**BOUNCY
CASTLE**

PIMMS

RAFFLE

**RACE CAR
BUNGEE**

**ACTIVITY
RUN**

**LAST ONE
STANDING**

MEGASLIDE





Important dates and contacts

Saturday 20th May: St John's Association Quiz (19.00)

Sunday 21st May: The Stowe Putter

Monday 22nd May: Year 8 Drugs talk (9.15am)

Musicians visit to Hillside Infant School (1.00pm)

Year 5 Parents' Meeting (6.00pm-8.00pm) (L-W) (online)

Drugs Talk for Year 8 Parents (6.30pm-8.30pm) (Norman Hall)

Tuesday 23rd May: Quiz Club Maths Challenge (2.00pm)

Cricket v Merchant Taylors' Prep: U9 A, B (h) C, D (a) (2.15pm)

Year 4 Parents' Evening (4.30pm - 6.30pm) (online)

Pre-Prep & Nursery Parents' Evening (6.00pm – 8.00pm)

Wednesday 24th May: School Council

Year 3 Trip to Legoland

Cricket v Merchant Taylors' Prep; 1st, 3rd XI (h) 2nd, 4th XI (a) (2.15pm)

Thursday 25th May: Year 3 House Cricket (2.00pm)

Musicians visit to Hatch End Care Home (2.00pm)

Pre-Prep and Nursery Parents' Evening (3.30 – 5.30pm)

Year 4 Parents' Evening (6.00 – 8.00pm) (on-line)

Friday 26th May: Sports Photographs

Year 8 Business Enterprise Sale (12.00pm)

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June: Half Term



Armaan 8M and Aikam 4L walking to school with Enzo!

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 [@stjnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjnorthwood) and our sports department [@StJohnsNwSport](https://twitter.com/StJohnsNwSport)

Mailings: To be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor with your contact details.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb.

Notices and reminders

Year 8 Business Enterprise Sale: Year 8 have been very busy making products to sell to other Year groups. Look out for details of their sale next week!

SJA Quiz Supper tomorrow, 20th May (6.30pm): There are still a few seats available. Please speak to a member of the SJA or book via: stjohnsassociationportal.square.site

Our bluetit family in the nesting box: The eggs have now hatched and the parents are being very attentive. You can watch the live feed [here](#)

Votes for Schools: This week's questions: Is it ok to ban a book? KS3 54.5% said yes

Should adults choose which books you read? KS2 84.8% said no

Next week's question: Should we learn about the Windrush Generation at School?

Enjoy the weekend