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St John's Science Week

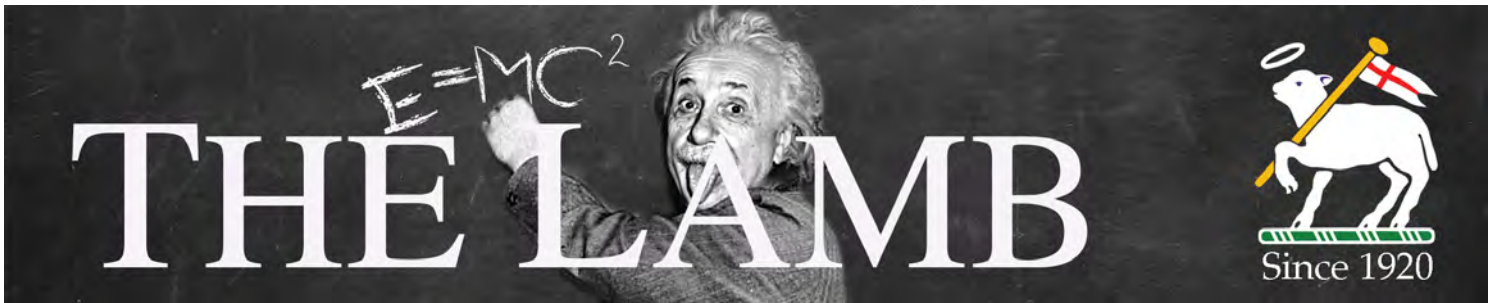
Welcome to the 300th edition of The Lamb, which has celebrated life at St John's since 2013. Many of our Year 8 boys were in the Lambs that year!

Our theme throughout Science Week has been 'Connection', one of the key values for us at St John's. Older boys enjoyed student-led assemblies on famous scientists (and Red Nose Day!) trips into London to visit museums, and other chances to experiment and learn about the world around us. Our Juniors loved the visiting Planetarium and learning about Geology, amongst other things. Our Pre-Prep boys experienced new challenges in animal workshops.

Our sportsmen also excelled this week, particularly in Hockey. Our U13As have recently won not one, but two tournaments against other schools, and finished the season unbeaten. It has been lovely to greet so many parents on the touchlines, supporting their sons' sporting development. Basketball, fencing, rugby VIIIs, football, chess and other co-curricular activities have also thrived. What a week!

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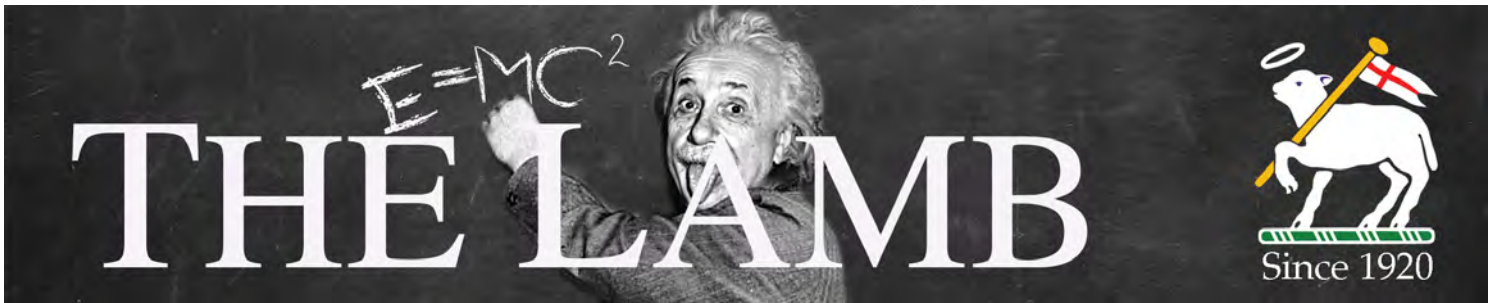




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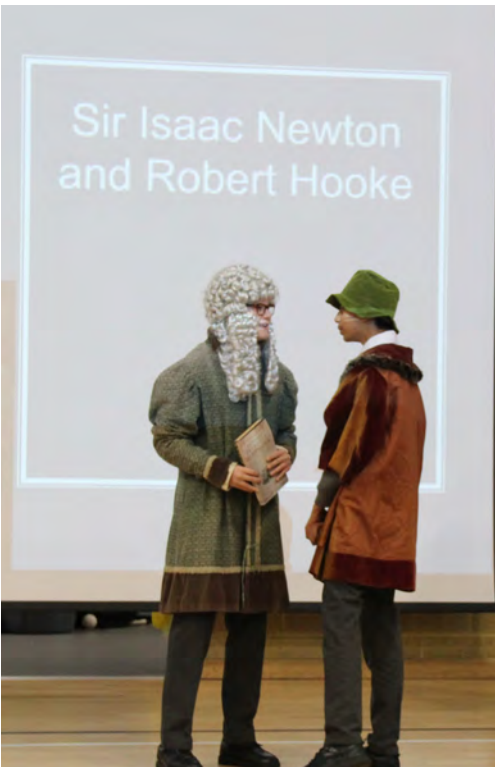
This year at St John's we have science fortnight! It began last Friday when Year 7 visited the Science Museum. The boys were able to get to grips with a huge range of scientific experiments in the Wonderlab. They also enjoyed exploring the fantastic exhibits in the museum, which ranged from a 3D model of Stephenson's Rocket to moon rock from the Apollo missions.





8M bring science to life in their assembly

8M celebrated Science Week with a fun and dramatic assembly looking at the connections between scientists from Hooke to Crick and Watson, who were involved in the development of Cell Theory. The Prep School really enjoyed the assembly. The Headmaster was surprised that there were so many punch-ups in the scientific community!





Recreating a court trial in English

As part of their study of *Holes* by Louis Sachar, Year 6 students recreated a court trial, in which boys had to examine the case of the shoe-stealing incident. Exploring issues around governmental justice systems, impartiality, misfortune and social background, the boys used persuasion,

formal tone, and details from the text to come up with their own verdict on whether Stanley Yelnats was innocent or guilty. All “the witnesses” first had to “swear to the Hol-es-y book to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth!”



All rise



Order in the court



The whole truth and nothing but the truth



And the verdict is...



Year 6 trip to Merchant Taylors' Hall and Docklands

On Monday Year 6 travelled via tube to Threadneedle Street in London for a visit to the Merchant Taylors' Hall. The boys were given a highly interesting tour, focusing on the rich history of the site and the company's changing role over time. The boys and staff were treated to some refreshments before they journeyed on via the Docklands Light Rail to

the London Museum of Docklands to further enhance their knowledge of the importance of the River Thames to London's trade and development over time, as well as briefly dropping into London's only floating church, St Peter's Barge before catching the tube from Canary Wharf back to Northwood.





Red Nose Day raising money for Turkey and Syria

Our Head and Deputy Head boys led a special Prep School assembly this morning highlighting the plight of millions of bereaved and displaced people in Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake and the importance of raising money to help them. The boys wore something red today as this colour features on the flags of both Turkey and Syria. 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 a great success!



THIS WEEK





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Mapping the School in the Lambs

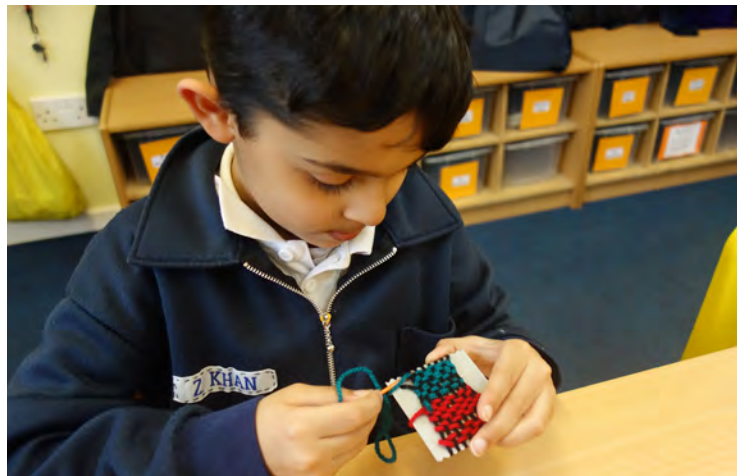
The Lambs went on a journey around the school using a map, it was great fun !





Year 1 Fire of London virtual workshop

John Wilkins appeared on our screen and told us about his experience of the Great Fire of London. As the owner of a tavern, he had met Samuel Pepys and knew all about the events of September 1666. The Otters and Owls beavered away at a variety of tasks to help the poor people who had been made homeless by the fire. From weaving cloth to making candle holders every boy persevered with some new and unusual jobs. How wonderful it was to hear the excited question “Are we doing History today?”





THE LAMB



Science Week in the Pre-Prep

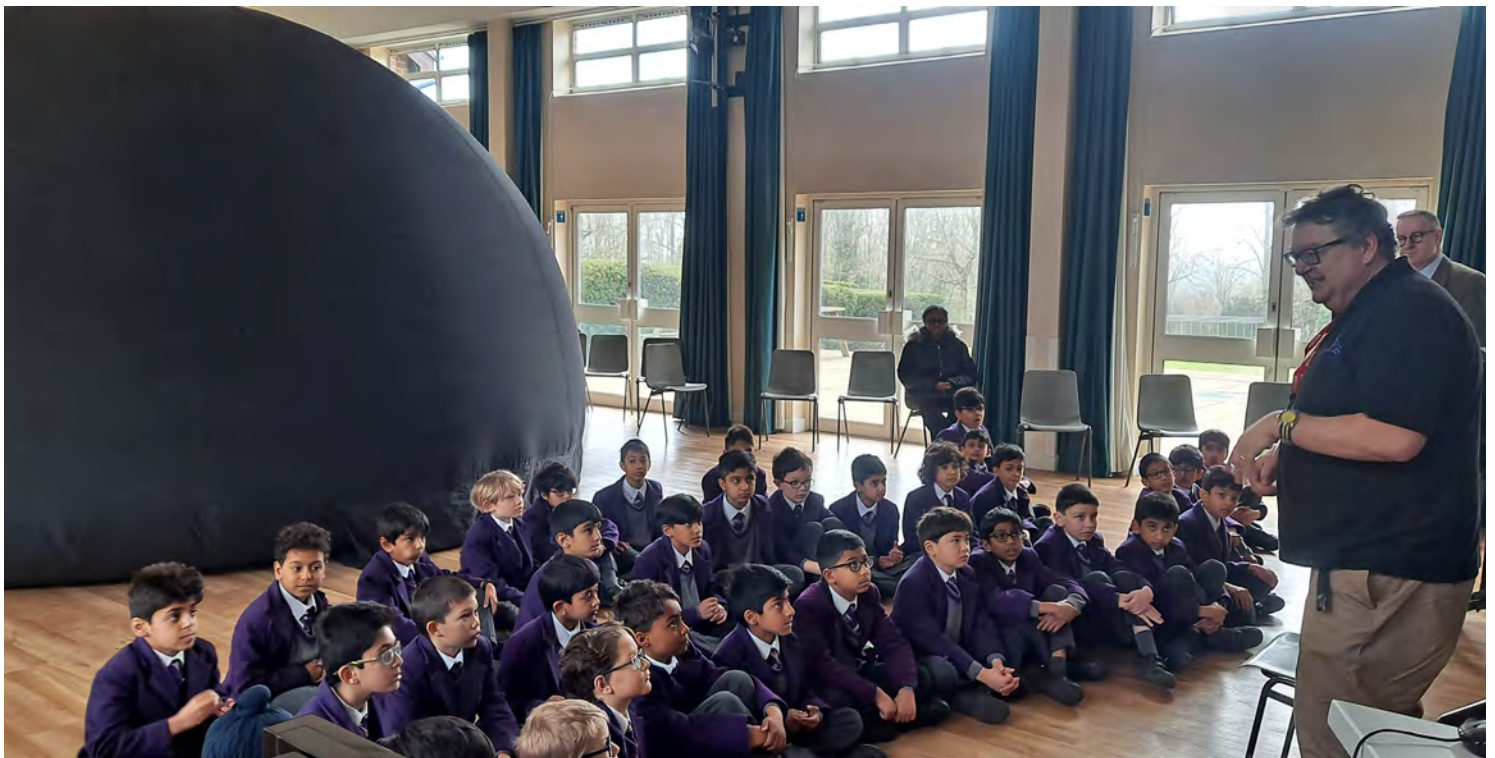
As part of Science Week, the Pre-Prep were lucky enough to have a visiting biologist come and speak about deforestation and the destruction of animal habitats. During the morning there was an opportunity to handle various snakes and chameleons. We all loved the baby reptiles which were particularly cute.





Gazing at the stars in the Juniors

On Monday, the Juniors had a visit from Starlight planetarium. Astronomer Dr Mark Gallaway treated the classes to a “Space Odyssey” in his mobile planetarium, where the night sky and many other celestial objects were projected onto the inside of the dome. The boys were amazed and asked lots of really great questions.





Year 3 have been studying Geology

Year 3 have been learning all about Geology, so they were very excited to have a real Earth Scientist, Dr Anjana Khatwa, speak to them all about her love of rocks. We also welcomed Dhruv from Year 7 who kindly brought in his fossil collection to share with the boys. He spoke very clearly and explained to them exactly how fossils were made. The boys were fascinated to see real Amonites, Ichthyosaur vertebrae and Crinoids.





St John's short film festival inches a step closer!

Just like real films, the 2 min 'shorts' that our boys are creating have been a long journey. Thankfully, after the drudge and angst of storyboard work and endless edits, the directors are now actually 'in production', shooting the scenes that will make their movie. We're all looking forward to editing soon.





DT&E pictures of the week



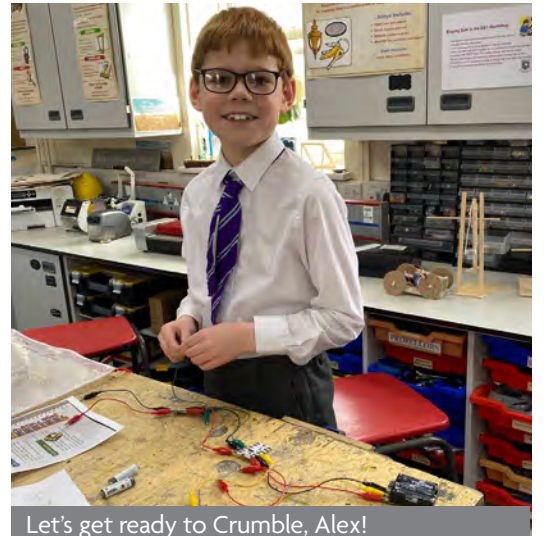
Aubrey likes to smooth it, smooth it!



Yash shows his completed design to 5M



Year 5 taking care on the scroll saws



Let's get ready to Crumble, Alex!



Luca using the Bandfacer. Great work!



Aarav's final testing of his moving eyes project



Hockey success on the astro pitch

It's been a great week for our senior hockey teams. Congratulations to our U13A hockey team who won the MTS Strikers Cup Tournament last weekend against Merchant Taylors' and Merchant Taylors' Prep. There was action all over the Astro with Rafi managing to drill a winner against the backboard with five minutes to spare and Jimi making some heroic saves. Well done boys! On Monday, our U13A team continued their winning streak with a 7-1 victory against UCS which they followed up with another win against St Martin's on Wednesday. The U12s lost against UCS on Monday but there were plenty of positives for the players to take forward and they showed resilience which was good to see.



SPORT



U11A Rugby VII Tournament at Caldicott

The U11A team played matches against St John's Beaumont, Wetherby, Caldicott, Moulford, Heath Mount and Spratton Hall. They were tough matches, but the improvement in physicality, tackling and our attacking play was clear to see. The boys showed a greater desire to keep and win the ball back, and it was evident that their decision making has come a long way to facilitate this. Well done boys.





Success for our fencers

We have been fencing for a year at St John's and this exciting new sport is going from strength to strength. Last weekend our Year 3-5 Fencing team took part in our first ever fencing competition. More than sixty fencers from over twenty schools competed and we are very proud of our team who came second out of eighteen schools. Well done Raphael (Year 3), Rien (Year 4), Oliver, Hugo, Nathan and Khyan (Year 5).





Krüger Sports Camps



We go again!

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

See our Easter dates and programme below:

TUES, 11th April - INDOOR CRICKET
(Nets, hard ball & soft ball)

WED & THU, 12th & 13th April - FOOTBALL

FRI, 14th April - COURT SPORTS

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Important dates and contacts

Monday 20th March: Badgers visit to Reveley Lodge
 Biodiversity Trip to Kew Gardens (Year 8)
 DT&E and Art Open House (4L) (3.50pm-4.30pm)
 Joint Merchant Taylors', St Helen's & St John's Concert at MTS (7.00pm)

Tuesday 21st March: Junior Drama Dress Rehearsal (9.15am)
 Football v Gayhurst: U9 A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)
 Year 8 Residential Trip Meeting (4.10pm)
 Year 7 Parents' Meeting (M-V) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Wednesday 22nd March: School Council
 Year 6 Trip to the Natural History Museum
 Football v Caldicott: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th X1 (a) (2.15pm)
 DT&E and Art Open House (5C) (3.50pm-4.30pm)
 Junior Drama Production (7.00pm)

Thursday 23rd March: Eagles visit to Reveley Lodge
 Rosslyn Park Sevens Tournament: U13 A V11 (a) (9.00am)

Eco-Council (1.20pm)
 DT&E and Art Open House (5L) (3.50pm-4.30pm)

Friday 24th March: House Meetings
 Year 5 and 6 House Football (2.00pm)
 Pre-Prep Open House: Reception & Year 1 (2.20pm)
 Pre-Prep Open House: Year 2 (2.40pm)
 DT&E and Art Open House (5M) (3.50pm-4.30pm)

Saturday 25th March: Lower School Annual Litter Pick

Monday 27th March: Year 7 and 8 House Football (3.00pm)
 RSE Consultations (Years 3-4) (4.45pm-5.15pm)

Tuesday 28th March: House Music Festival (2.00pm)
 RSE Consultations (Years 5-6) (4.45pm-5.15pm)

Wednesday 29th March: ABRSM Examinations at St John's
 HPV Immunisations for Year 8

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

Thursday 30th March: End of Term

Notices and reminders

Red Nose Day Friday 17th March: It is not too late to donate, please make any donations you can to this important cause by visiting our [Just Giving Comic Relief Page Red Nose Day 2023](#)

Junior Drama Production Wednesday 22nd March at 7.00pm: Our wonderful drama team have worked hard on another splendid production. We will transport you back in time to 1192 as Years 3 and 4 present Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. Be prepared for a special guest appearance from Richard the Lionheart!

Votes for Schools: This week's questions: KS2 "Is it easy to set your boundaries?"



KS3 "Are young people comfortable to call out misogynistic behaviour?"



Next week's questions: KS 2 - Should we learn more about what young carers do? (7-11)

KS3 - Would more awareness help improve support for young carers?

Mrs Scott's walk for GOSH: To support Mrs Scott's amazing effort, please go her [Just Giving Page](#)

House Points: 1st Churchill 100.60, 2nd Lawrence 95.10, 3rd Lincoln 95.00, 4th Oates 94.33

The next edition of The Lamb will be an end of term bumper edition on 30th March.

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

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