



From the  
Headmaster

## A joyous Harvest Festival

**Harvest Festival** was a wonderful occasion this morning. Reception to Year 2 sang their hearts out and the Year 2 narrators spoke with confidence and clarity. Pre-Prep's favourite Harvest song was "You can pick a little bean." They ran on the spot for Runner Beans, stomped in time for Broad Beans, marched for French Beans (and included a quick Ooh, la, la), cooled their mouths off for Chilli Beans and the Baked Beans were "Yummy, yummy in my tummy!"

**Autumnal greetings** on our final day of what has been a fantastic half term. In assembly on Monday, older boys considered some inspirational characters, and also some historical tragedies as we recognised Black History Month. Our annual Hunter Jones poetry recital competition took place, with an exceptional group of finalists judged by a team from Merchant Taylors'. Boys have been challenging themselves in rugby matches at Habs and St Benedict's, the latter in very tricky conditions. Prep boys also performed very strongly in the MTS Maths Challenge, and our Year 3 enjoyed learning about the sense of taste.

Pre-Prep children sang and performed beautifully in front of parents at our Harvest Festival, as we raised funds and food donations for City Harvest. Ensembles, choirs and orchestras continue to work hard. Elsewhere, younger learners in different years have been learning about Bollywood dancing, about money, and measuring. We want all boys to become life-long learners, unafraid of challenge and well-equipped to solve problems. I hope all boys have a good rest, spend time with their families and read some interesting books over the coming days.

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A joyous Harvest Festival cont..







## City Harvest collection

After the Harvest Festival, Year 8 boys helped to pack all our donations onto the City Harvest van, ready for distribution around London. Thank you everyone for your contributions.





# Hunter Jones Poetry Recital Competition

**On Monday, our** Junior and Senior finalists performed on stage in front of the whole school and our panel of judges, three A Level English students from Merchant Taylors', and Mr Dale. The panel said that it had been hard to choose the winners as all the boys were well prepared and expressed every single word of their poem clearly and confidently. Congratulations to all the finalists, who contributed to such a memorable morning. Our winner, Hari, was the first Year 6 boy in the history of Hunter Jones to receive the Seniors Prize. Ifan, in Year 5, was the Junior winner. Well done to all our boys in Years 3 to 8 for memorising and reciting poems in the competition this year and thank you parents, for your support.





# Year 7 had fun at Merchant Taylors' Maths afternoon

**On Friday 6th** October, ten boys from Year 7 attended a Prep schools' Maths afternoon at Merchant Taylors' School. The afternoon consisted of two rounds of challenges: the first challenge was a Maths Trail that took us around the school as we solved Maths problems. This part of the day was a great team building event where we could connect with our peers through our love of Maths. The second part of the afternoon was a competition between the Prep schools. I was proud to represent St John's and pleased we were placed 3rd in the final competition. It was a wonderful afternoon of Maths. *Aary 7D*





St John's smiles from the Head Boys team to welcome our Governors



Ebi in 8K recited the poem "Africa" in Mr Jenkin's assembly considering Black History



Ieuan collected food donations from his neighbours for City Harvest

# AROUND SCHOOL



Noah in 7N has been awarded his black belt in karate, a great achievement



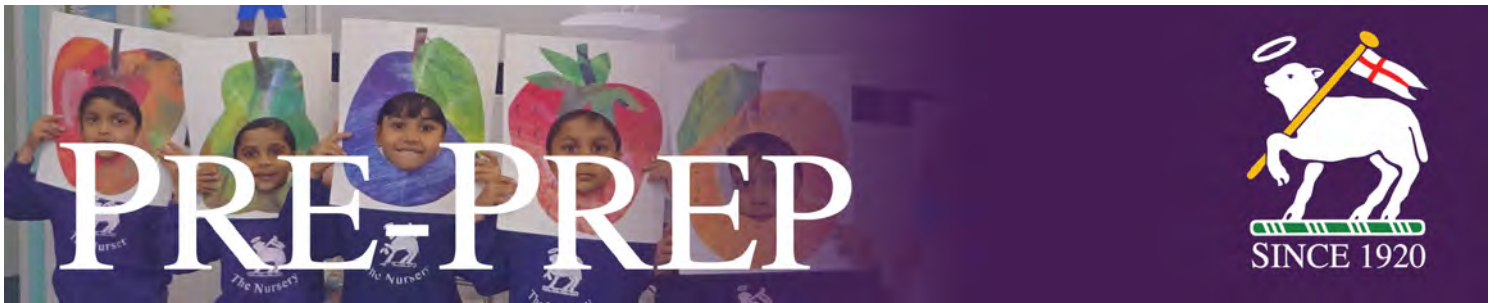
Aary in 7D was awarded with the first Bronze House Points certificate this year



"Play, Play, rest, rest" there was a lot of careful counting to do in orchestra this week.







# Harvest-inspired fun in the Lambs

**The Lambs have** been learning about different vegetables and how they are harvested from the land. Sensory trays included different beans and lentils to feel and pour. Using fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination to hammer golf tees into pumpkins and squashes was a big hit (!), along with weaving elastic bands around the golf tees. Boys enjoyed examining and describing various vegetables, as well as using them to paint beautiful pictures.





# Learning Bollywood dance moves in Reception

To end our topic on India and Pakistan, Reception enjoyed some poppadoms with yogurt and cucumber dip, followed by fresh mango. Afterwards we learned some Bollywood dance moves. Mrs Moran joined in, wearing some very sparkly, traditional Indian clothes.

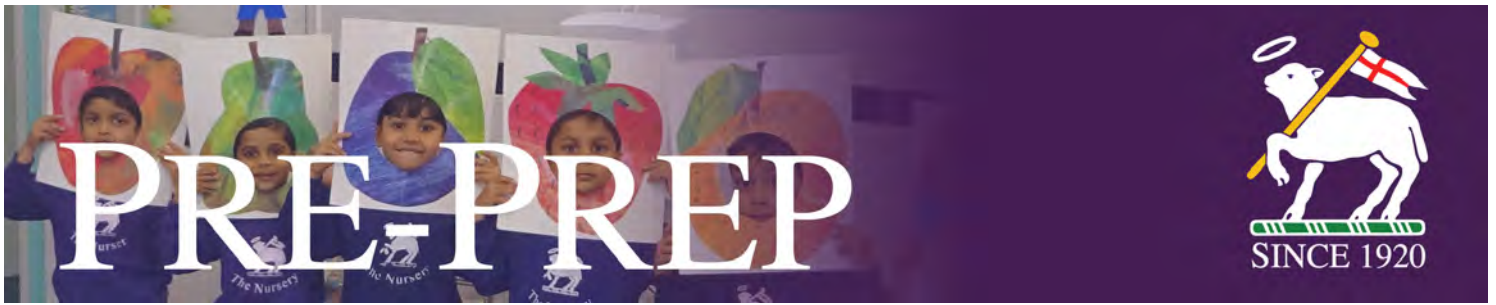




# Money, money, money in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about money this week. The boys have been working very hard trying to recognise the coins.





# Year 2 have got the measure of measuring

Year 2 went out in the sunshine with their measuring sticks to learn how to record length in centimetres and metres.





## All about senses in Year 3 science

**Year 3 have been** learning about senses. This week, the boys put their sense of taste to the test. There was a mixed reaction from all the boys when they tasted the bitter, salty, sweet and sour foods. The sweet was the clear favourite!





## Brass Ensemble

**Meet the Year 5 to 8 boys** in our Brass Ensemble this year. They are coached by Mr Gathercole and Mrs Massey. They have only been playing together for five weeks and they already sound amazing. A particular well done to the boys on lower brass, Hari and Keshav.





# In the Art studio this week

**Year 3** have been learning about the African American artist, Alma Thomas. They have been creating patterns with oil pastel and paint. **Year 4** have been blending chalk to create 'Cat and Bird' pictures; can you guess who is behind the picture? The **Year 6** 3D animal portraits are nearly complete. **Year 5** have been learning about tinting and shading and Art clubbers have enjoyed creating Tim Burton self-portraits.





In the Art studio this week cont...







## The Colts played with flare vs Haberdashers'

All teams acquitted themselves admirably against Habs last week. The Colts A team played brilliantly in their win, scoring no less than 9 tries in a thrilling match. The boys enjoyed showing off some new skills, and with great flare especially team play. With many parents coming down to support, on a lovely sunny day, there was a feast for the eyes, with numerous tries for the Colts B, C & Ds. All boys showed off their improved tackling and game understanding. With continued focus and teamwork, we will improve even further. It was a lovely occasion. Well done boys.







# St John's Under 10s v Belmont

**Year 5 played** well and enjoyed their fixtures against Belmont last Friday. They scored tries and played with respect, discipline and sportsmanship. The U10 As had moments of excellent rugby. Well done to all boys for their continued effort within the game. The C team did lots of brave tackling and there was some great running from the team as a whole. Well done Year 5!





# ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

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## St John's Fireworks Night 2nd November 2023

Food served from 5.15pm, display starts at 7pm



**Pumpkin competition**

**Guy competition**

**Hot chocolate**

**Mulled wine**

**Crepes**

**Bonfire**

**CLICK FOR**

**Tickets:**

**Children £11**

**Adults £13**

**Food served from 5:15pm**

**Vegan Burger**

**Hotdog (Halal)**

**Served with chips & a drink**



## Important dates and contacts

**Monday 30th October:** Term Resumes (8.25am)

3+ Assessments (Nursery closed)

Year 6 Mock Examinations

**Tuesday 31st October:** 3+ Assessments (Nursery closed)

Rugby v Haberdashers': U9A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

**Wednesday 1st November:** Reception Reading Meeting (8.00am)

School Council

Rugby v Davenies: U13 A, B (a) (2.15pm)

PGL Meeting for Year 2 Parents (3.15pm)

**Thursday 2nd November:** SJA Fireworks Night

Rugby v Haberdashers': U8A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

**Friday 3rd November:** Rugby v St John's Beaumont: U10A, B, C, D (h) (2.15pm)

Rugby v UCS: U11A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

**Saturday 4th November:** Belmont Rugby Festival: U13A, U11A (9.15am)

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## Notices and reminders

**City Harvest Collection:** Thank you for all the food donations. It is not too late to support this important charity. Use this [Just Giving Link](#) to give your support.

**St John's Association Fireworks Night Thursday 2nd November:** [Tickets are available online](#) or in the car park on Monday and Friday, morning and afternoon at drop off/pick-up, payment by card only. Please bring your family and friends to this enjoyable evening. Don't forget about the Guy and pumpkin competitions – a great half term project for the family.

**Half Term Art:** Why not enter the competition to design a Christmas card for our local MP? Complete your entry at home and hand to Ms Gillen at school by Thursday 2nd November. See the Weekly Bulletin for more information.

**Royal British Legion:** Once again, we will be selling poppies and other memorabilia at school after half term in preparation for Remembrance Day on 11th November. Please bring in a donation and wear your poppy with pride.

**Votes for Schools:** This week's question: "Are Black British women's stories told in our history?" 42.2% said yes

Question for after half term: "Should the UK open new oil fields?"

**House Points:** 1st Oates 23.49, 2nd Churchill 22.94, 3rd Lawrence 22.90, 4th Lincoln 22.37

Have a great half term break.