



From the
Headmaster

An amazing Arts Evening



St John's Arts Evening was a stunning success, showcasing the musical and creative talent and commitment of our boys. A packed house of parents enjoyed a wonderful variety of musical performances from boys in Years 3 to 8. The quality of music making was exceptional. The audience also enjoyed poetry recitations from our Hunter Jones winners and runners up.

Before the concert, parents and Governors has a chance to look at some of the stunning Art and Design Technology and Engineering work that the boys have been creating.

Earlier in the week on Monday, some of our Year 7 and 8 boys were fortunate enough to go on a trip to the Govan Dockyard in Glasgow to visit the new warship HMS Glasgow. Meanwhile, back in Northwood at our Autumn Astronomy Evening, Mr Lawrence was busy inspiring boys and their families to look at the night skies.

We've enjoyed another great week of rugby, and we wish our Under 9 boys all the best in their Festival at Haberdashers' tomorrow.

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Arts Evening was spectacular!

We enjoyed a wonderful variety of performances from our Hunter Jones winners, guitar groups, choirs, not one, but two orchestras, table players, wind, brass and string ensembles to name but a few. Thank you for an inspiring evening, boys!





Arts Evening cont...





DT&E trip to HMS Glasgow

On Monday, a small group of Year 7 and 8 boys were lucky enough to visit the Govan dockyard in Glasgow where the HMS Glasgow, HMS Cardiff and HMS Belfast are being built. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, made possible by the Merchant Taylors' Company. After a particularly early meet at LHR T5 we eventually arrived at Govan to be greeted by Commander Burgess and Executive Warrant Officer Sullivan who were our guides for the day. Hamza in 7D wrote....“Witnessing the construction of the

ships was an awe-inspiring experience. I was struck by the sheer size of HMS Cardiff, it was enormous. Both the sheer magnitude of the project and the precision involved in its execution were truly remarkable.” Particular congratulations go to Thomas M who was presented with a picture of HMS Glasgow by Commander Burgess in recognition of his excellent letter of application to attend the trip. Sincere thanks go to the Merchant Taylors' Company for setting up this incredible opportunity.





City Harvest Christmas Tin Collection

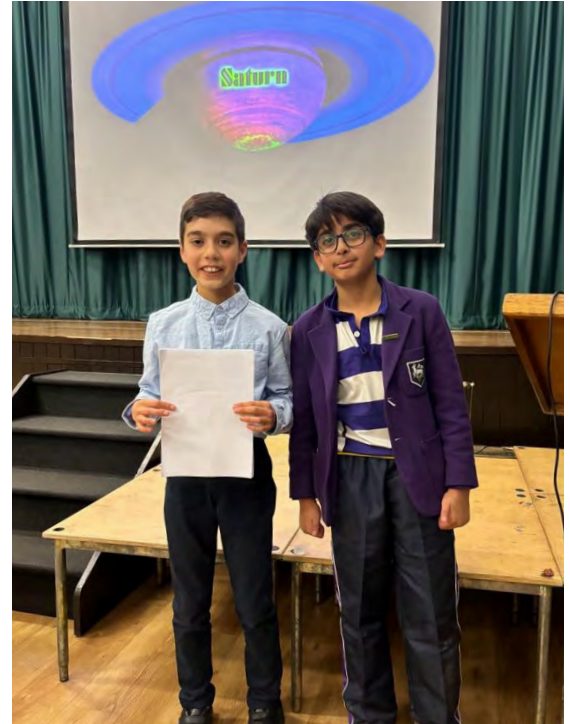
We have been thinking of others in the lead-up to Christmas and have had a House competition to collect tins of food for City Harvest. Churchill collected custard and rice pudding; Lawrence peas and carrots; Lincoln potatoes and Oates fruit. The Pre-Prep donated lots of chocolate treats and Lawrence had a huge boost in the form of a pallet of tins from Waitrose, Thank you for all your donations.





Autumnal Astronomy Evening

We had a good turnout for our Autumnal Astronomy evening, despite the cloudy skies. The parents and boys enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Rishi and Yuvraj in Year 7. They told us about the many different types of exotic celestial objects that exist in our amazing universe, from Black Holes to Neutron stars, a spoonful of which would weigh a ton! Our visitor, Mr Coulter, from WOLAS (West of London Astronomical Society) talked about events and meetings that happen locally and encouraged boys and parents to get involved in learning more about Astronomy.





Churchill Assembly on Winston Churchill

On Monday morning, Mehul, Ali, Hrishi and Harry from Churchill House presented an assembly on Sir Winston Churchill. They began the presentation by summarising his life and times, and finished off by focusing on one of his best-known qualities, which was to never give up. The school was then shown a powerful clip to illustrate this quality. It was from the 1992 Olympic Games when Derek Redmond, who was running for GB in the 400m final, tore his hamstring. Rather than give up, he limped to the finish line, helped by his father for the last 100m.



Christmas Card Competition winners

Several boys entered the competition to design a Christmas card for our local MP, the Right Honourable David Simmonds earlier this month. We are delighted that the winner and runner-up of the competition are both St John's boys. The winner was Aarav and the runner-up was Ronnie, both in 5C. Well done boys, your designs will be printed on cards and sent to local stakeholders, including schools and healthcare providers wishing them a Merry Christmas from their Member of Parliament.



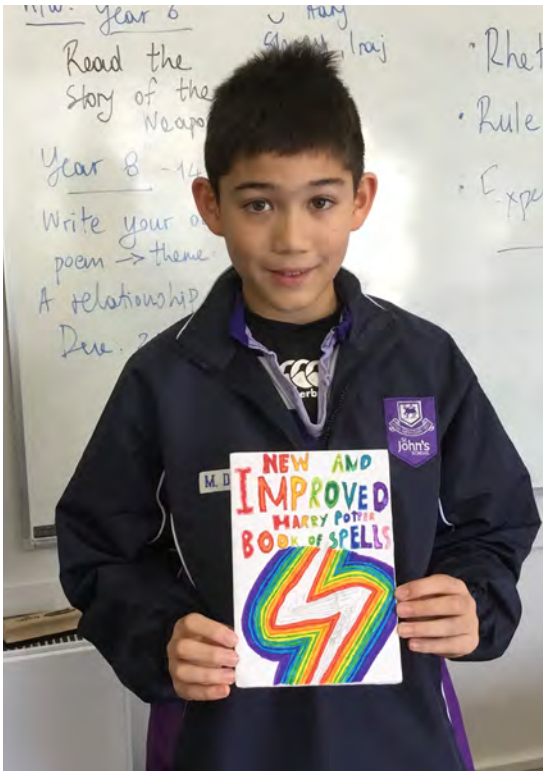
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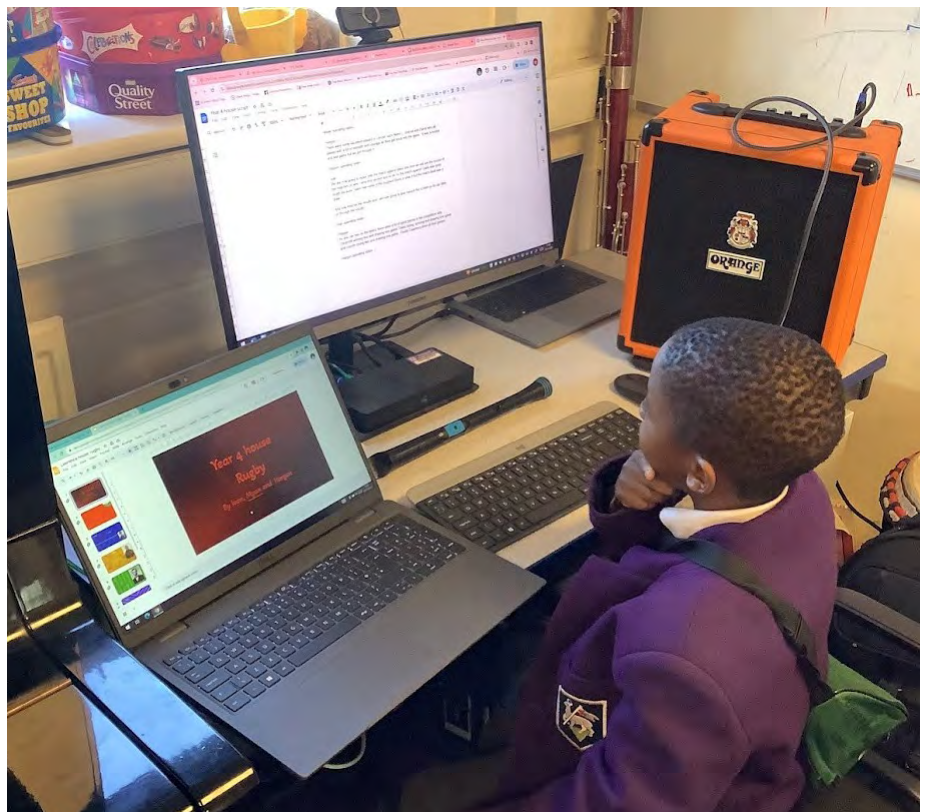

Oliver has been helping out feeding the fish and turtles in the Science Lab. If you are interested in keeping fish, please contact Mr Lawrence for more advice.



Aary in Year 7 collected money from friends and family and bought tins of fruit for City Harvest



Max loved reading Harry Potter over the summer and created a Harry Potter book of magic spells

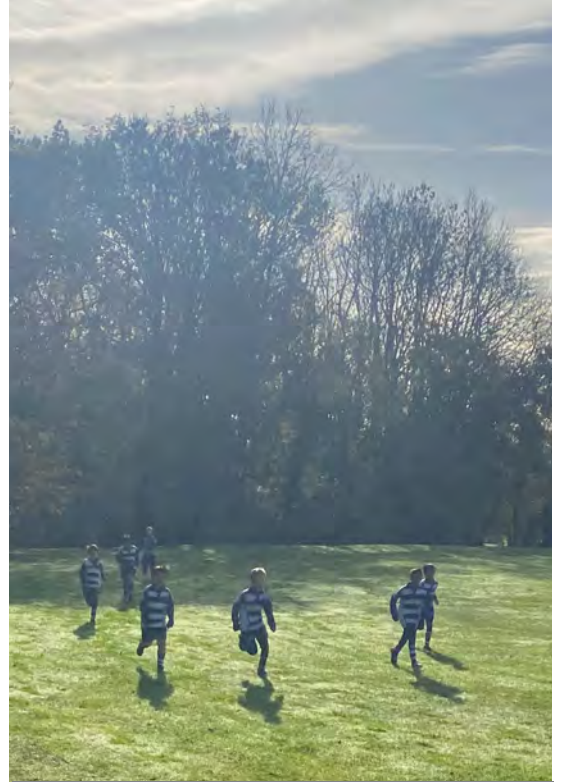


Ivan working on a report of Year 4 House Rugby for Lawrence House Assembly

AROUND SCHOOL



Boys in Year 1 laughed, joined in with the story and learnt about rhyme and African wild animals, whilst enjoying Julia Donaldson's 'The Ugly Five'



Encouraging and cheering for each other in Year 3 Cross Country



Year 3 were excited to build a pyramid as part of their work on Ancient Egypt

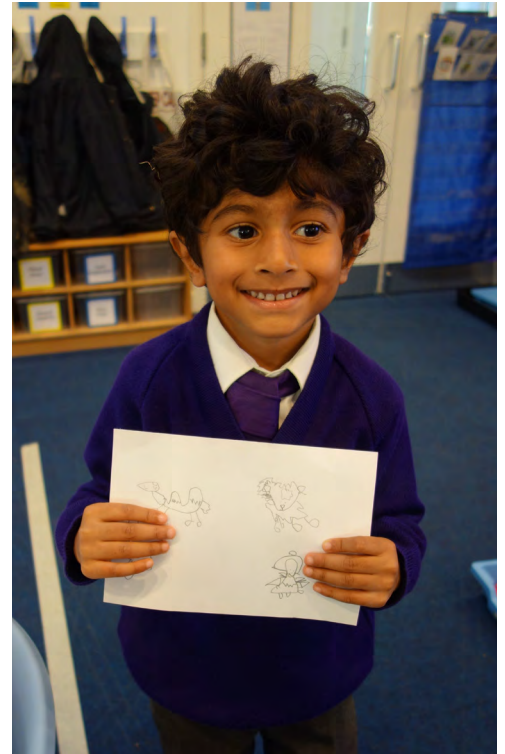


The sun sets on the rugby season for the Colts A



Reception worked hard in their drawing lessons

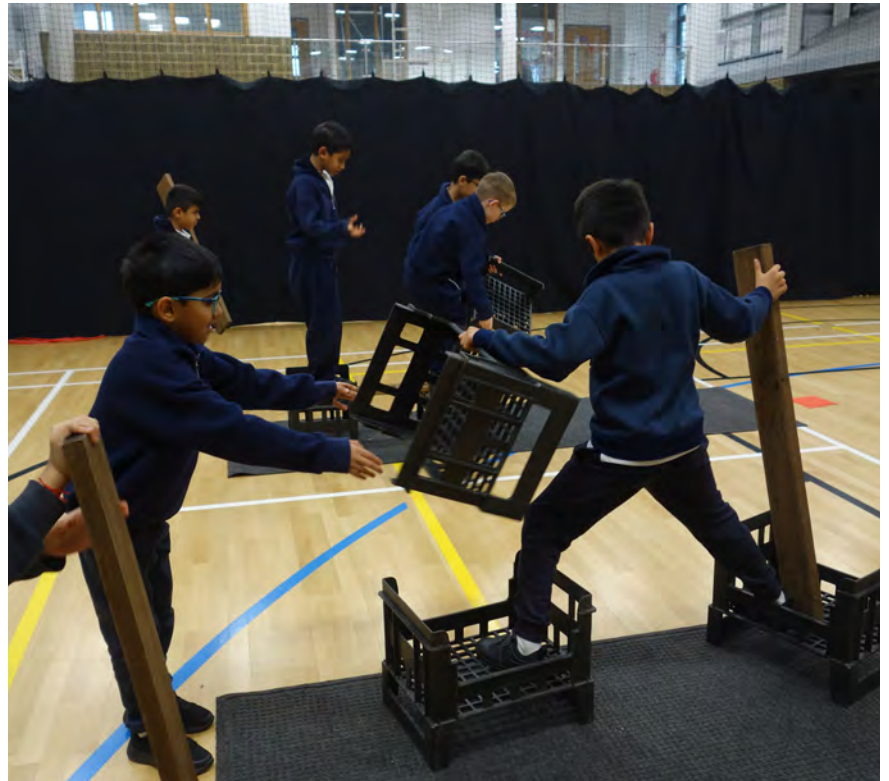
The Robins and Squirrels have been busy practising and perfecting their drawing skills this week. The boys observed the shape and details of characters in our Christmas Play. Some used 'step by step' instructions to create pencil outlines, and others were inspired by pictures.





Year 2 have been learning to work in teams in P.E.

Eagles and Badgers have been developing communication and reflection skills through team games in P.E.





Preparing presentations in Computing

During Computing lessons, Year 3 have been working in small groups to create a presentation on a topic of their choice. Our focus has been on sharing files in Google Drive, cutting and pasting images from the internet and changing the font style and colour. This week they presented to their groups, and they were fantastic!





Teamwork in Year 4 gymnastics

The Year 4s have been working on gymnastics sequences this half of term and have made tremendous progress with their individual skills. They have worked marvellously as a team to create group balances that require trust, steadfastness and flair!



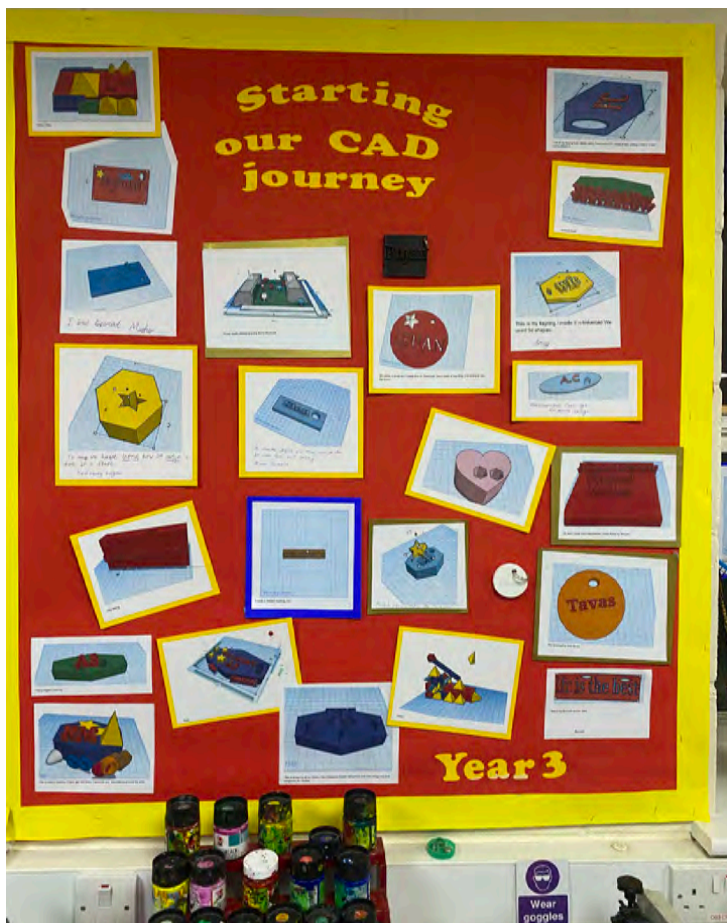
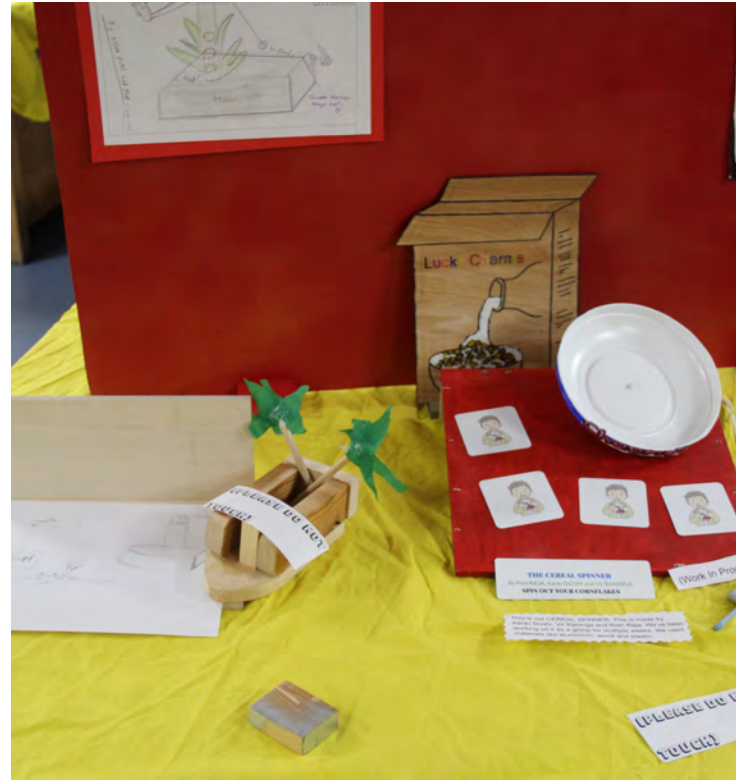
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Year 4 performed for The Lambs this week

Mr Corin invited the Lambs to watch Year 4 rehearsing their Christmas song, complete with Bamboo Tamboo. The Lambs loved it!







Under 8 Tag Rugby Festival at Gayhurst

Some super rugby played on Thursday. Boys ran their socks off and scored some great tries. They loved the muddy conditions and the match teas even more!





U10 v UCS & St Benedict's 17th November

The Under 10s were hosted away at St Benedict's, where we played a very high standard set of matches against UCS and St Benny's in triangulars. We had to adapt rapidly to the quick thinking and hard pressing of both oppositions and whilst we didn't come away victorious in every match, we learnt the standard that needs to be maintained to compete against probably some of the best Prep school rugby that you will see in the country. Excellent resilience shown all-round!





Under 11 v St Benedict's

While the U10 teams were away at St Benedict's, the Under 11s hosted St Benedict's at home. Again, the standard of rugby was extremely high, and it was an excellent learning opportunity for the boys. Big credit must go to all the U11s for experimenting with new learning and development against challenging opposition on the day. It was lovely to see the boys chatting away with the opposition at the match tea after having given 100% effort on the pitch.





Under 11 v St Benedict's cont...





Year 4 House Rugby

The boys in year 4 played a fantastic level of rugby across the board in their House matches this week. It was great to see the boys enjoying competing in the correct spirit of the game. Lots of tries and tackles with all boys finishing muddy and smiling.





Year 4 House Rugby cont...





Important dates & contacts

Saturday 25th November: Haberdashers' U9 Rugby Festival: (9.00am – 12.30pm)

Monday 27th November: Place2Be Presentation in Assembly

Tuesday 28th November: Rugby Quadrangular vs Caldicott: Under 9A, B, C, D (a) (1.30pm)

Ski Trip Information Evening (6.00pm)

Wednesday 29th November: Years 7 & 8 House Rugby

Thursday 30th November: Year 3 House Rugby

Year 8 Parents' Meeting (A-K) (6.00pm)

Friday 1st December: Years 5 & 6 House Rugby

Saturday 2nd December: Merchant Taylors' Qualifying Examinations for Year 6

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

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Notices and reminders

Christmas collection for City Harvest: Thank you to everyone who gave so generously – you have made someone's Christmas.

Arts Evening last night: Congratulations to all the boys, musicians, Hunter Jones winners, artists and DT&E creators for your amazing work last night. You may have missed our buckets for donations to Save the Children at the end of the evening. Here is the QR code if you would like to donate:



Ski Trip Information Evening: This is on the 28th of November, at 6pm in the Norman Hall. This meeting is to prepare the boys and parents for the Ski trip in February. There will be advice on what to bring and what to expect on the trip itself, where we are staying and what the resort will be like. There will be a ski garment hire company

attending as well as our tour operator. It will also be an opportunity for the boys and parents to meet the staff team helping on the trip, as well as the other boys with whom they are travelling.

SJA Christmas Party Saturday 9th December: Please note that this event has been cancelled.

Carol Service at Emmanuel Church: Monday 11th December at 6.30pm. This is a compulsory event for boys in Years 3-8 unless written permission to be absent is sought from the Headmaster. We look forward to seeing you there.

St John's Association AGM: This takes place on 4th December at 7.00pm in the Norman Hall. All are welcome.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: Should opinions be shared as part of news reporting? 65% said yes

Next week's question: "Is more help needed for people who are homeless?"

House Points: 1st Lawrence 46.43, 2nd Churchill 45.90, 3rd Oates 44.72, 4th Lincoln 44.07

Have a great weekend.