



From the
Headmaster

Making friends across the School

We have had a wonderful day making friends across the year groups in our peer mentoring sessions and during our charity walk.



November has arrived, bringing a strange mix of horrific weather and glorious autumnal sunshine. We welcomed in Chaplain James Fields to celebrate Divali and considered the powerful symbolism of light and hope embodied in this festival.

Our own celebration of light took place on Thursday evening as the St John's Association welcomed nearly 800 guests onto our site for the annual firework show. It was lovely to welcome back many old boys, and local residents for what was a wonderful night.

Elsewhere, our youngest years have been thinking about the Three Little Pigs, our Juniors have been exploring face painting and our Under 9s played their first rugby matches, scoring plenty of tries and enjoying the camaraderie and teamwork. The whole School took part in a charitable walk on Friday, as we looked forward to the Lord Mayor's show in just over a week, and learnt of the important charitable work that is being done through the Company.

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Our new peer mentoring sessions have been very successful in encouraging supportive interaction between the year groups. This week 3W met 7L, 3S met 7J, 4L met 8M and 4H met 8B. It is wonderful to observe new friendships being established.





Making friends across the School continued...





Lord Mayor's Mufti Day

We walked and talked as part of our fund-raising activities for the Merchant Taylors' Foundation. We also welcomed Mr Ben Wiseman from the Merchant Taylors' Company who spoke to us online about how the money we raised will help young people in difficult circumstances.





St John's Association Firework Evening

On a damp and dark November evening, the St John's community were out to enjoy a roaring bonfire and the bright lights of our spectacular firework display. Many thanks to the St John's Association for organising a really enjoyable event.



George in 8B took this spectacular fireworks picture





St John's Association Firework Evening cont...





More things going on around the School



St John's and Merchant Taylors' Prep musicians collaborating for the Lord Mayor's Show



Our School Council met this week



The Council members shared some great ideas



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Chaplain James Fields was a visiting speaker and gave an inspiring talk at this week's assembly



Our Governors visited this week and engaged with our senior boys



Learning by playing (and dressing up)

The Lambs listened to the story of The Three Little Pigs and had great fun getting into character and acting it out.





The Pre-Prep talked about Dick Whittington





Learning about the sense of smell in Year 1

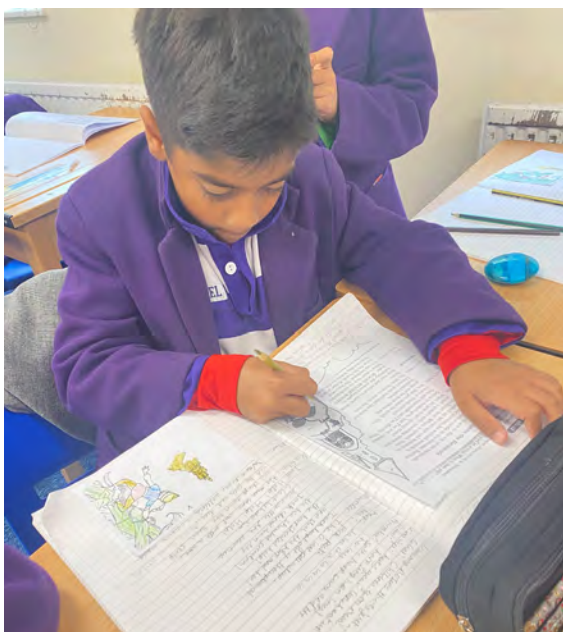
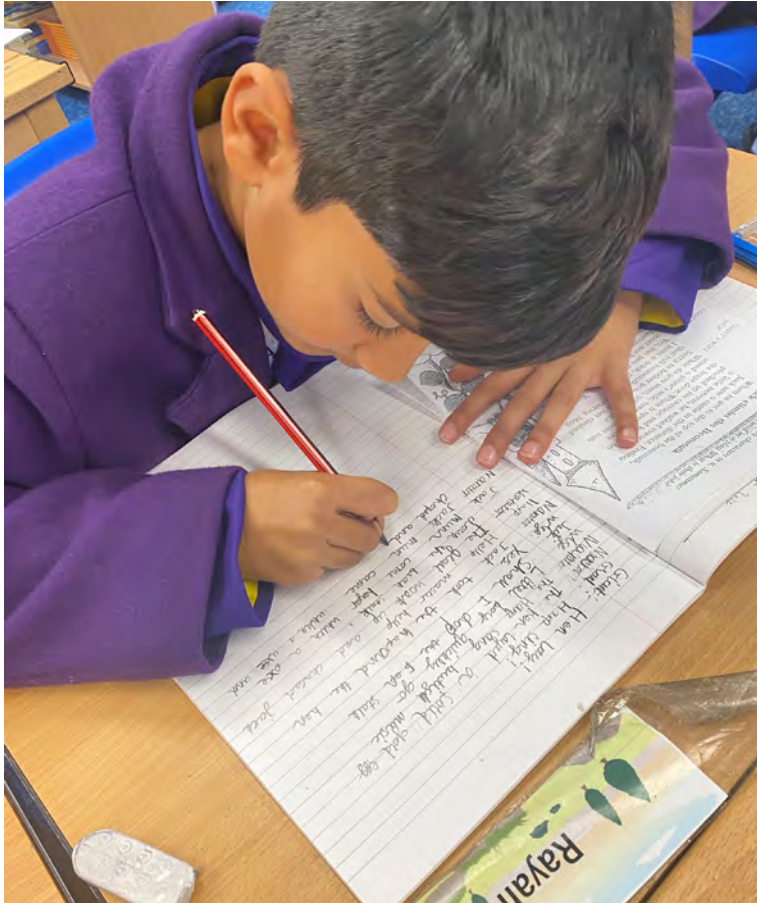
With a 'sniff sniff' here and a 'sniff sniff' there, the boys enjoyed being detectives and tried to identify ten different scents in our smelling experiment.





First play scripts in Year 3

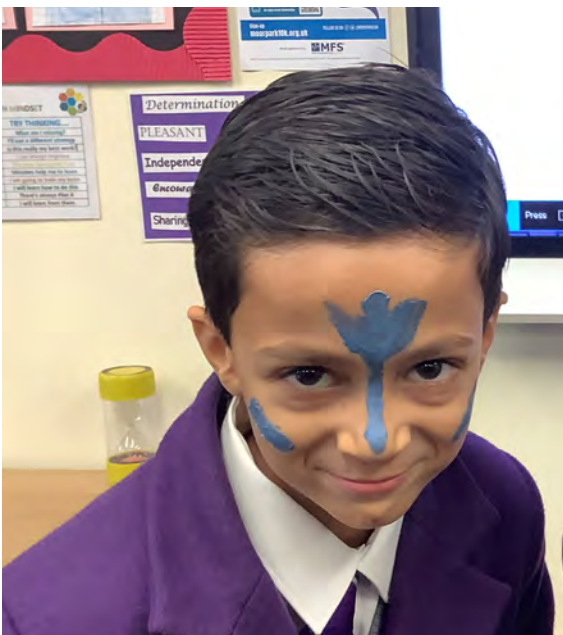
Year 3 have been learning about play scripts. We read and acted out a scene from Jack and the Beanstalk, then had a go at writing the next part ourselves.





Ferocious Celts in Year 4

Year 4 aren't feeling blue this week despite the clocks going back and the dark nights arriving. They have, however, been learning about what the Celts looked like and several victims agreed to have their faces decorated in the style of the Celts. Miss Little's make up skills surpass Mr Haley's, so she was responsible for the face paint and Mr Haley took the photos.





Years 5, 6 and 8 hard work in the DT&E studio



Above: Year 5 have loved working on their programmed shop window displays. They are nearly ready to show you at Arts Evening on 24th November. Below and opposite: Year 6 fabric mask making.





Hard at work in the DT&E studio cont...



Below: Mrs McSween has no peace from these DTE Scholars!





This week our U9s played against Haberdashers'

On a beautiful autumnal afternoon, our Under 9 teams played their first home fixture against Haberdashers'. All the matches were evenly contested. The learning and development was clear to see and lots of tries were scored by all the teams. Well done boys.





U9s against Haberdashers' cont...



Are You Parenting A Child Aged 10-15?

**The Number of Young People Suffering
With Their Mental Health is Rising**

Our approach is PREVENTATIVE.

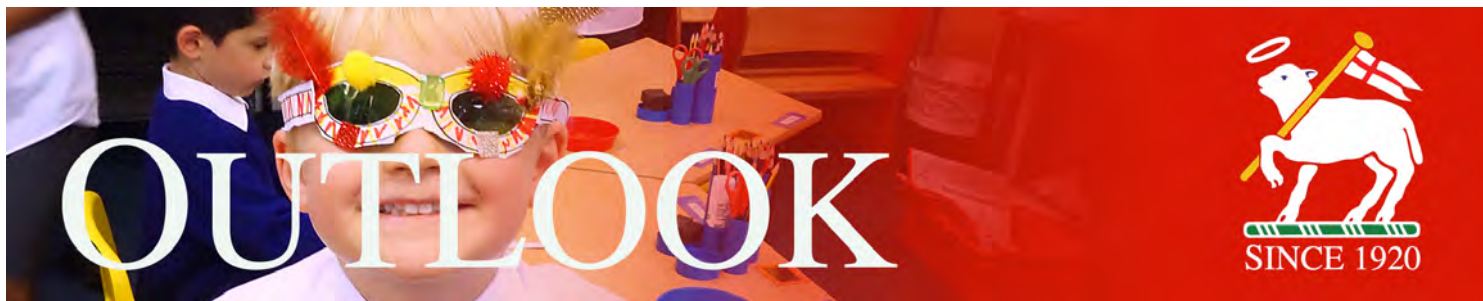
Would **you** like to know
how to positively support
your child's self-esteem
and development
to help them thrive?

Join our workshop:

Saturday 12th November, 10-11.30
in Pinner.

For more details and to book your place:
click [HERE](#)

Led by experienced Psychotherapists:
Robyn Saffer (BACP/BPC) and
Laura Herman (BACP/UKCP)



Calendar & important dates

Saturday 5th November: Belmont Rugby Festival: U13A and Colts A (9.15am –1.00pm)

Monday 7th November: Switch-Off Fortnight Begins

Tuesday 8th November: Annual Travel Survey

Wednesday 9th November: Year 8 Mock Examinations

Rugby v Shiplake College: U13A, B (a), U12A, B (h) (2.15pm)

Thursday 10th November: 7+ Assessments

Year 8 Mock Examinations

Eco Council Meeting

Rugby v UCS: U8A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)

Year 6 Parents' Evening (A-L) (6.00pm)

St John's Association AGM (7.00pm) Norman Hall

Friday 11th November: Year 8 Mock Examinations

Rugby v St Paul's: Colts A, B, C, D (h) (2.15pm)

U11, U10 & U9 Barbarians at Merchant Taylors' School (5.00pm)

Saturday 12th November: Lord Mayor's Show

Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Service, Northwood

Contact details

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 @stjnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

Mailings: If you would like to be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

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Notices and reminders

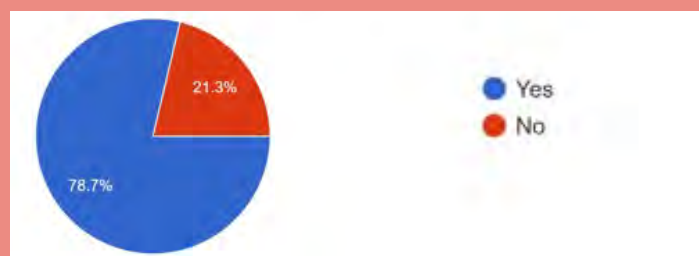
Annual Travel Survey 8th November: An independent company will be recording the volume of cars using our car park and immediate area.

Remembrance Day 11th November: We mark Remembrance Day as a whole school with two minutes silence at 11.00 and our trumpeters playing The Last Post. Prefects will be selling poppies and small gifts at morning break and lunchtime during this week and next week in the playground. If you would like your son to purchase one of the items, please ensure that he has some money for the Royal Legion Collection boxes. Thank you for your continued support of our charitable efforts.

Lord Mayor's Show 12th November: We hope that those of you who have signed up will enjoy this very special occasion. If you and your son are not attending on the day, you might be interested to watch the Parade live on BBC 1. The procession departs at 11.00am from Mansion House.

Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Northwood 13th November: Our Head and Deputy Head Boys will be laying a wreath on behalf of our school. The service begins at 10.45 if you would like to attend.

Votes for schools: "Should we stop paying for the BBC?"



Next week's question: Are actions more important than words?

House Points: 1st Lincoln 37.02, 2nd Churchill 36.91, 3rd Oates 35.39, 4th Lawrence 32.45

Good luck to the U13 and Colts teams playing in the Belmont Rugby Festival on Saturday. Have a lovely weekend.