



From the
Headmaster

Running for fun & charity

St John's boys were out in force to compete and raise money for a good cause last Sunday. Our school had the second most pupils competing. Report p14.



Last Sunday, St John's boys and parents connected with our local community at Merchant Taylors', raising money for a local hospital charity at the Moor Park Fun Run. During the week, we also welcomed the CEO of City Harvest, Sarah Calcutt, to talk to us about our Harvest Charity. Mrs Savage challenged all boys to collect as much food as possible for this cause. It was also lovely to gather with parents today, for a Macmillan Nurses coffee morning. Thank you to all who donated, enjoyed running the event or eating cake, and came together as a community.

Challenge and inspiration also characterised the boys' learning this week. Year 4 inspected bugs and creepy crawlies around our site. Reception and Year 2 have been painting the Milky Way and creating colourful houses in the style of Paul Klee. Midweek, our Teatime Piano Recital was an inspirational event for boys, parents and staff alike: large numbers of boys work really hard on their music, and we were delighted to hear them perform. Our Eco Council also met to discuss innovative ways of protecting our environment and working towards a more sustainable future. I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Lamb*.

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Our Harvest Charity

This year we are partnering with the charity ‘City Harvest.’ In our assemblies on Monday, CEO of ‘City Harvest’, Sarah Calcutt, spoke about the work that the charity does in London to feed families who would otherwise go hungry with food that would otherwise go to waste. It’s a huge operation and there are vans all over London delivering food. The Wimbledon van is called “Vande Murray.” From now until Friday 13th October there will be a collection point for food donations in the Norman Hall foyer. This [link](#) lists the foods that can be accepted. Thank you for your support.





We are passionate about saving the planet at St John's

On Wednesday, we had our first Eco Council meeting of the year. Delegates from all classes in Years 1 to 8 came to the meeting. Everyone had a chance to speak and some brilliant ideas were presented to the group. Our new Eco Captain Dhruv and Deputy Eco Captain Ali were introduced and spoke to the group. We had a fun time exchanging ideas and planning how St John's School is going to save the planet! *Mr Lawrence*





ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

Friends, fundraising and fireworks

This morning, parents gathered in the Norman Hall for tea, cakes and a catch-up with friends, all in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity. Many thanks to the St John's Association for organising such an enjoyable occasion. Mr Jenkin ran an auction and Fraser celebrated his birthday by buying the wonderful Oreo cake, donated by the Food Love Company. We've raised over £1000 so far and still counting. The Next SJA event is our legendary Fireworks Night on Thursday 2nd November. Tickets are available online or in the car park on Monday and Friday, morning and afternoon, payment by card only. Please bring your family and friends to this enjoyable evening. See advert opposite





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

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Tickets:

Children £11

Adults £13

Food served from 5:15pm

Vegan Burger

Hotdog (Halal)

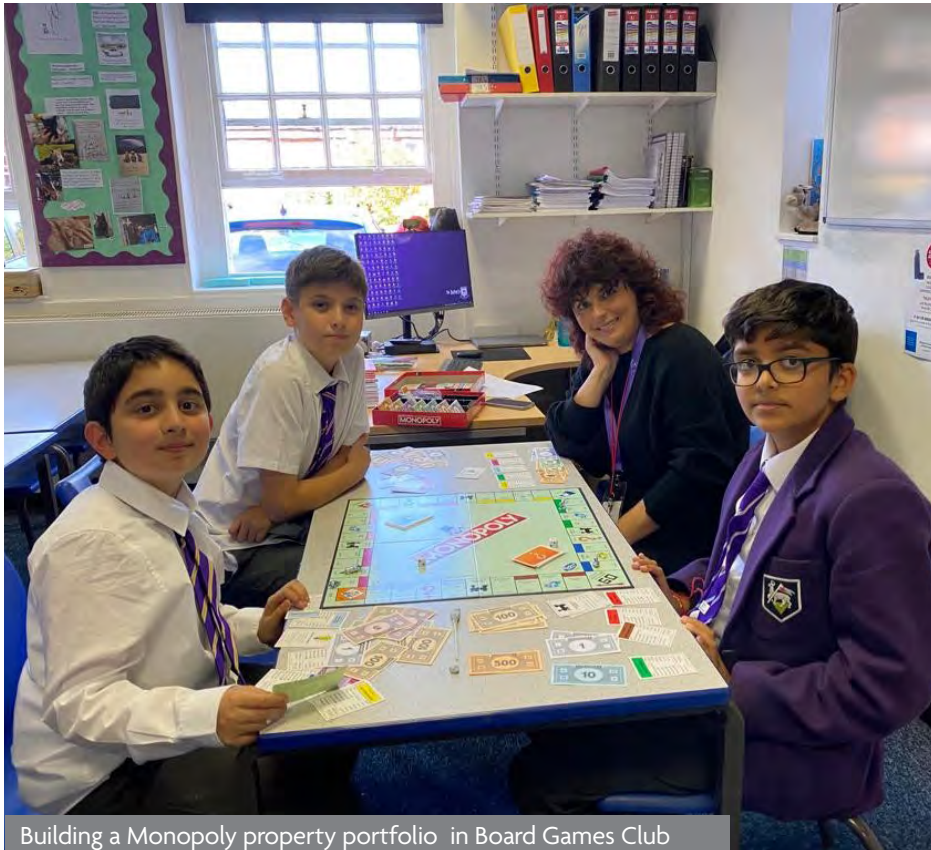
Served with chips & a drink



Learning beekeeping skills with Mr Lawrence

This week the boys in the Bee Club inspected the St John's bee hives. They wore special suits to protect them from the bees and used tools to open the hives. We saw that all three of our hives are healthy and are ready to be prepared for the winter. One of the hives only has a small amount of stored honey, so we will combine it with a stronger hive. The boys really enjoyed being beekeepers but remained calm and sensible so as not to scare the bees.





Building a Monopoly property portfolio in Board Games Club



Khyan played beautifully in assembly



Year 3 enjoying Tamboo Bamboo in Music



Eco Club with Dhruv



Rev Fields' fun and thought provoking assembly



Socratic debating in English



Robins & Squirrels working with bright colours

Reception have been learning about the abstract artist Paul Klee and how he was inspired by colour, and used geometric patterns in his art. The children used block printing to create their own houses in their art lesson.





Reaching for the stars in Year 2

Badgers and Eagles have been fascinated with their Space topic. They have created The Milky Way using sparkly, metallic paints and thoroughly enjoyed adding the stars!





Year 4 are fascinated by bugs!

This week Year 4 have been focusing on invertebrates in Science. The boys very bravely inspected the array of insects and tackled the lesson with real enthusiasm.





Our pianists gave us a teatime treat this week

Our Teatime Piano Recital on Tuesday was a wonderful occasion for our pianists, their families and the teachers who attended. It is not easy to step up and perform on your own, but we are so pleased that twenty-two of our boys were brave enough to play for us in the Norman Hall. The programme was very varied, and the performances were all characterful and beautifully played. Well done boys,





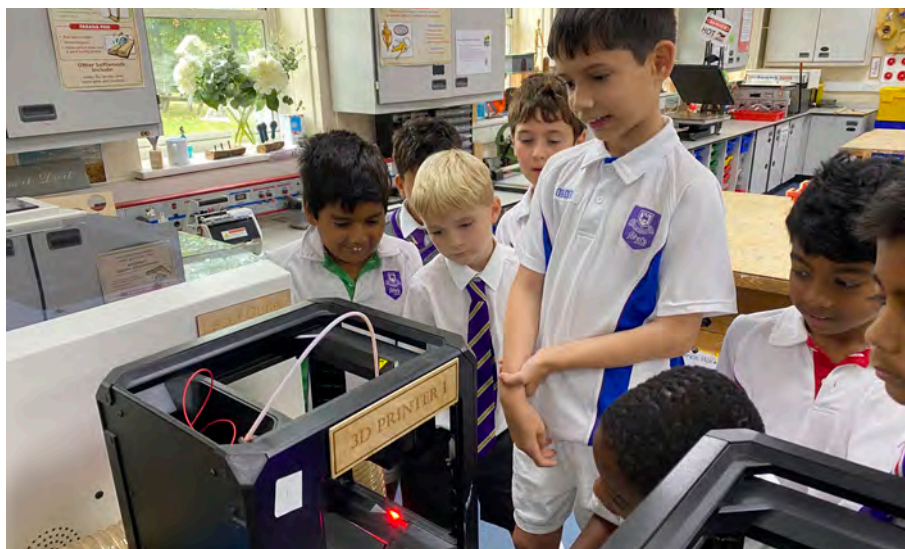
Using a range of techniques in the Art Room

Look at these colourful kaleidoscopes created by the boys in Year 3. Year 4 have been using water colours this week to paint their cityscape pictures, they have been learning about tinting and shading. Year 7 boys are starting to add colour to their mixed media self-portraits. Our Portfolio Art Clubbers have been practising their still life drawing skills.





A busy week in the DT&E studio





Moor Park Fun Run

St John's boys enjoyed considerable success at this year's Moor Park Fun Run. In the U7 race Dylan came in 2nd and Kian 3rd. We also achieved 2nd place, David and 3rd place, Reuben in the U10 race. In the U15, last year's Deputy Head Boy, Rafi, came 3rd and this year's Deputy Head boy, Khyan, came 9th. Mr Kruger, Mr Smith and Mr Spackman all ran the 10K. Well done to all those who took part. The event raised over £56,000 for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.





U13 A and B v St John's Beaumont

The U13As could take many positives away with them from their second fixture of the season. They produced moments of brilliance to score 4 tries through, Mehul, Leo (2) & Khyan. We battled all the way to the end of the game and when our confidence was up, we were an exciting team. After a tight game last week, the U13B team showed much improvement in defensive alignment and had a competitive fixture against St John's Beaumont. Great running & tackling all around.





Under 12 v St John's Beaumont and The Beacon

A brilliant match and first win of the season for the U12A team in their fixture against The Beacon U12 B team. They won 10-0 with tries scored by Max and Arnav. The boys were happy and proud to see their hard work and new learning pay off in their improved physicality and tackling. Towards the end of the U12B game against St John's Beaumont, we managed to keep possession, rucked effectively and passed well. We were rewarded with a well worked try scored by Kyal. Well done boys!





ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 4th October, 2023 from 9.15 a.m



Register for our Open Morning at www.st-johns.org.uk or scan the code below

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Important dates and contacts

Wednesday 4th October: Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.15am)

Rugby v Thorpe House: U13A, B (h) (2.30pm)

Rugby v Belmont: U12A, B (a) (2.30pm)

Second Hand Uniform Sale (3.15pm-4.15pm)

Friday 6th October: National Poetry Day

No swimming (MTS Field Day)

Rugby v Belmont: U10A, B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)

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Notices and reminders

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thank you for your generous donations, we've raised just over £1000. It's not too late to [donate](#).

Open Morning 4th October: We look forward to seeing you. Please [register here](#) or use the code on page 17.

Second Hand Uniform volunteers. We are in urgent need of two parent volunteers to run the second hand uniform shop. There are 4/5 sales per academic year and the School benefits from the proceeds. Please contact Mrs Savage at jsavage@st-johns.org.uk for more information or if you are able to help.

Second Hand Uniform Sale 4th October (3.15pm-4.15pm): Please put the date in your diaries and bring any unwanted uniform to the office in advance of this date.

Harvest Collection: This year we are partnering with charity 'City Harvest' which helps London's most vulnerable people receive the food they need. From now until Friday 13th October the collection point for food

donations is in the Norman Hall foyer. You'll find a list of foods which can be accepted [here](#) Thank you for your support.

Jeans for Genes: Thank you for your donations, we raised over £350.

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.

Votes for Schools: This week's questions: "Should artefacts be returned to where they were taken from?" 77.8% said yes. Next week's question: Years 3-6: "Do warnings always help us?" Years 7&8: "Should UK supermarkets warn us about shrinkflation?"

House Points: 1st Oates 12.30, 2nd Lawrence 11.91, 3rd Lincoln 11.42, 4th Churchill 11.16

Have a great weekend.