



From the Headmaster

Year 7 Battle of Hastings

In their **History** lessons, Year 7 have been learning about the Battle of Hastings as part of their studies of the Norman Conquest. Yesterday the whole year group re-enacted the battle on the Oak Field.



An early medieval fight broke out amongst Year 7s this week. Horses were slain. Shields were broken. A leader was struck by an arrow to the eye. See inside for more on the wonderful Battle of Hastings re-enactment. Earlier in the week, boys led an assembly celebrating the multi-lingual backgrounds which make our School the rich and diverse place it is, and which connect us to the wider world.

Reading skills are central to our development of skills and knowledge, from our youngest learners to our elite Year 8s. I was delighted to celebrate our Librarian team, who will continue to inspire others to build reading habits into everyday routines. On the drama front, Year 5 brought Street Child to life, stretching their creative skills and honing their empathy.

Our Lambs loved playing on our outdoor musical instruments in the sunshine, whilst our Under 13As battled to a strong victory over Thorpe House at rugby. There were a large number of fixtures today, too! I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Lamb*.

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Battle of Hastings cont..

Over the past week or so the Year 7 boys have prepared an amazing array of handcrafted Saxon era shields, using cardboard, tin foil and other materials. There were some truly impressive constructions and designs. These were then used for the re-enactment. Thanks must go to their parents for their input and support and the St John's staff who provided the hobby horses for the Norman cavalry.



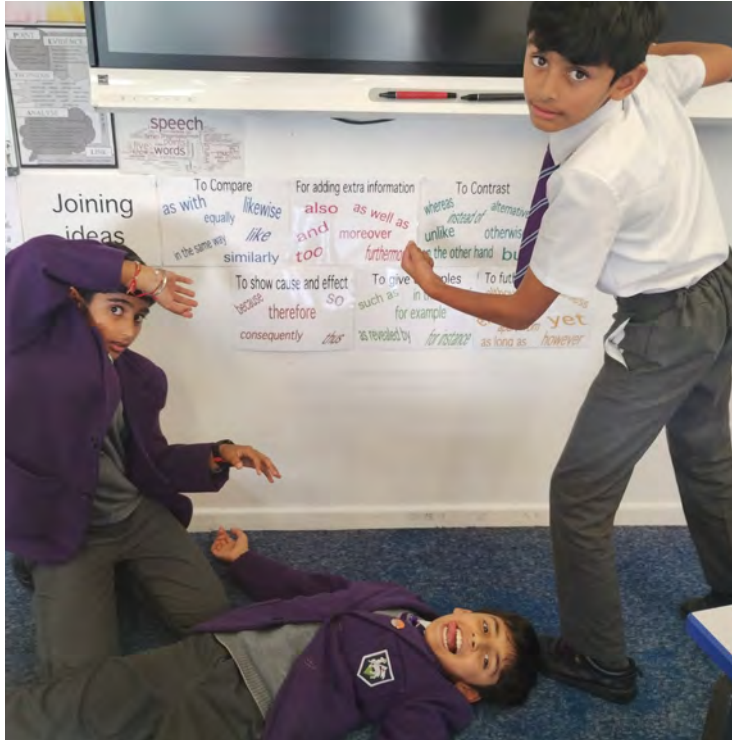
THIS WEEK





Year 5 dramatised scenes from 'Street Child'

Year 5 have been studying 'Street Child' which is based on the true story of an orphan, whose troubles inspired Doctor Barnardo to establish homes for children. The boys have been improvising, using collaborative drama, to explore threatening behaviour from the villain Mr Spink. They discussed ways that this character exploits his power, his motivation and his priorities, then they conveyed this through 'freeze-frames', capturing action and emotion.





Open Morning was a great success

We were delighted to welcome so many families on Wednesday. Our senior boys were excellent ambassadors for the School. Many thanks also to the members of the St John's Association who were on hand to offer a warm St John's welcome.



European Day of Languages

We enjoy a welcoming, multicultural and diverse community at St John's. The 7 Newton boys interviewed staff and students and discovered that we speak over 25 different languages including Africaans, Arabic, Armenian, British Sign Language, Cantonese, Danish, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Igbo, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Mandarin, Pidgin, Romanian, Somali, Spanish and Swahili. Many thanks to Miss Shields and her class for a fascinating assembly.





Pre-Prep Eco Council members



Any is our Head Librarian



Presenting our new Librarians

AROUND SCHOOL



Pre-Prep PE in the Centenary Sports Hall



Year 6 enjoyed exploring music technology



Skills training in rugby



Mr Dale coaching our Junior Cellos



Making music in the forest

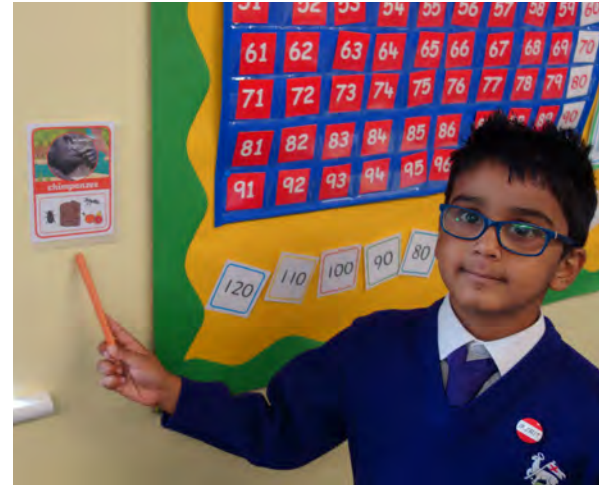
The Lambs enjoyed a music lesson in the autumn sunshine this week. They played the instruments in the forest, listening carefully to all the different sounds.





Year 1 story time with Mr Jenkin

This week the Otters and Owls have been looking for information about animal diets and sorting animals into groups of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They have enjoyed their weekly story time with Mr Jenkin. This week's story was Stone Soup. Perhaps the boys can tell you the story if you don't already know it. In Art, using white pencils on black paper gave the boys the opportunity to create some detailed skeleton pictures.





Plant classification in Year 4

This week Year 4 have been looking at plant classification. The boys enjoyed going on a hunt around the school grounds for different types of leaves.





Lots of music making going on this week

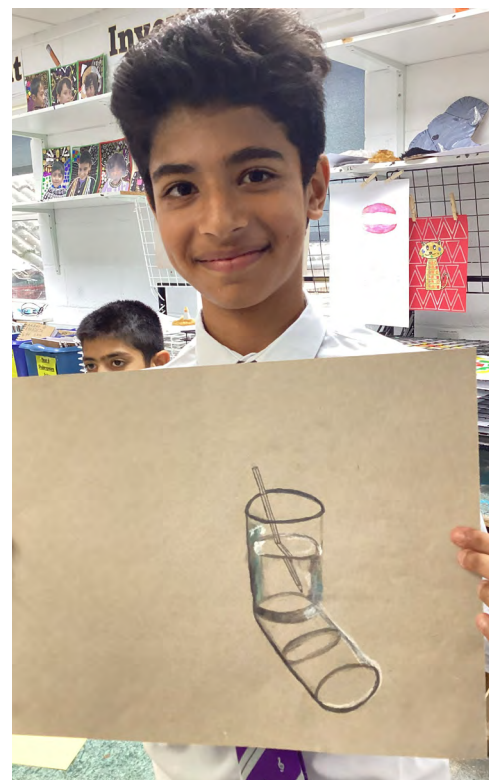
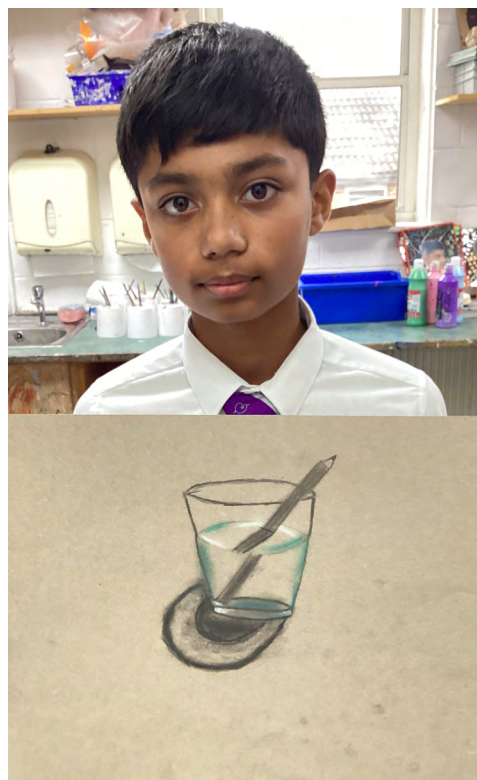
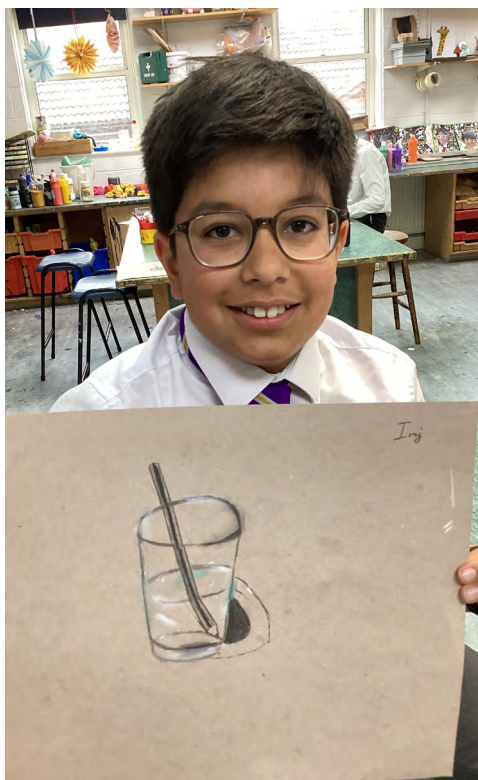
There are always lots of opportunities for St John's pupils to make music and this week was no exception. Year 6 boys entertained visitors to the music room on Open Morning and Noah played before his class assembly.





In the Art studio this week

Year 8 have been working hard on their Wayne Thiebaud food drawings. Portfolio art clubbers have finished their 'glass of water' studies, well done boys!





U13 Rugby v Thorpe House

The U13As got back to winning ways with a victory over Thorpe House. In the second half our rucks were good and we saw some much-needed aggression in our tackling. With some clever support play, we scored some lovely tries. Star man was Khyan who score a hat trick, including a timely interception try. After a slow start, the U13Bs started to develop more structure to form their defence and attack resulting in a much better second half performance with boys stepping up physically to challenge the opposition.







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



Important dates and contacts

Monday 9th October: Hunter Jones Poetry Recitation (10.00am)

Tuesday 10th October: Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (3.30pm-5.30pm)

Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meeting (4.00pm-6.00pm)

Thursday 12th October: Pre-Prep, Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meeting (6.00-8.00pm)

Friday 13th October: Pre-Prep Harvest Festival in the Norman Hall (9.30am)

Rugby v St Benedict's: U10 A, B, C (h) (2.15pm)

Rugby v St Benedict's: U11, A, B, C (a) (2.15pm)

Monday 16th October to Friday 27th October Half Term

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

Harvest Collection: This year we are partnering with charity 'City Harvest' which helps London's most vulnerable people receive the food they need. 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.

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.

Moor Park Run for Mount Vernon: We raised an amazing £1,040.37 on our JustGiving page, which contributed to the total raised of over £60,000. Thank you everyone.

Votes for Schools: This week's question: "Should UK supermarkets warn us about shrinkflation?" 88.9% said yes
Next week's question: "Are Black British women's stories told in our history?"

House Points: 1st Oates 16.28, 2nd Lawrence 16.00, 3rd Lincoln 15.42, 4th Churchill 15.29

Have a great weekend.