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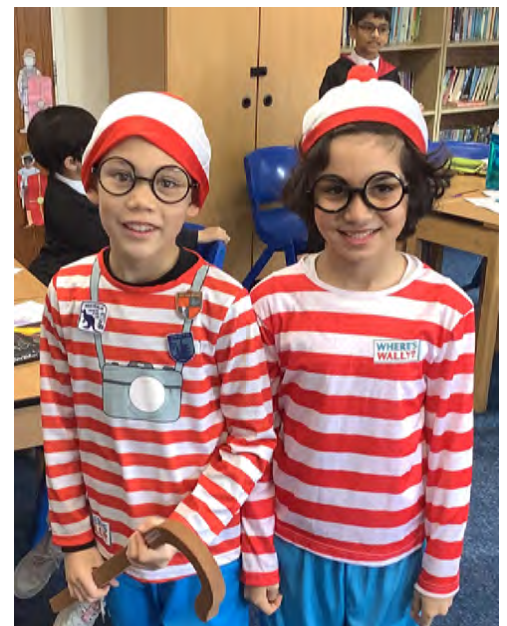


This week we celebrated our love of reading. Boys from Nursery to Year 8 dressed up as their favourite literary characters and enjoyed entertaining and informative presentations and story-telling by celebrated childrens' authors Steve Cole and Shiva Patel. We would like to thank our visitors for helping us create a memorable experience for our boys. To celebrate World Book Day, Ananda in Year 7 led an assembly which introduced us to the White House Library website. What a fantastic innovation! This will further encourage all boys to keep up with their daily reading habits.

Our senior musicians played in an inspiring concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Monday and on Wednesday, musicians from Years 3 to 8 were warmly welcomed by the Emmanuel Church Community Group. Sport has also been thriving. In addition to a large number of football and hockey fixtures, we hosted a very successful U11 cross country meeting yesterday in the spring sunshine.

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We celebrated World Book Day by inviting Steve Cole to come and talk to our boys. Steve is an editor and childrens' author whose sales exceed three million copies. He talked about his life-long passion for writing and his experiences as an author of the Young Bond series, script consultant on Dr Who, his work with astronaut Tim Peake and much more. His energy and enthusiasm captivated our young audiences and it was wonderful to hear the boys' laughter echoing around the Norman Hall. His advice to our young writers was to focus on what they care about and who they are, he said "genuine writing is good writing."





World Book Day cont...



Acclaimed Young Bond author Steve Cole was entertaining and inspirational





World Book Day cont...



We all dressed up as our favourite book characters and the costumes were phenomenal this year. A special thanks to all the families who worked behind the scenes to make the day so special. Teachers and pupils connected as a community to celebrate our wonderful reading culture here at St John's.





Spatial problem solving in Year 6

This week boys in Year 6 tried some different types of maths. They enjoyed spatial problem solving activities, designing and creating patterns using different mathematical shapes and an equation scrabble game.





More things going on around school



Our 2018 Head Boy Zain played at the Merchant Taylors' Hall concert and enjoyed meeting up with our boys, including his brother Rafi, who also played in the concert.



Cato reading on the tube en route to Merchant Taylors' Hall



Thanks to Ananda's creativity and the work of Year 7 and 8 librarians we have launched the White House Library online, a website that connects readers.



More things going on around school



Lawrence House Secretary Roshan initiated a competition to help inspire the boys to work for more House points



Year 1 boys listened carefully to some of the Year 8 boys performing their House Music entries



This week Year 8 tried volleyball as their sport at lunchtime Court Sports Club



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World Book Day activities in the Pre-Prep

It was with great excitement that a collection of Harry Potters, Gruffalos, Stickmen and a multitude of other wonderful books characters arrived at school this morning. The Year 8 boys came to read stories and talk about the characters the boys had come dressed as.

We were lucky enough to have author, Shiva Patel reading her new book, "Stomp, stomp, stomp to London." We loved

hearing about Dippy the Dinosaur's adventures. We were able to identify some very famous sights and tried to guess where Dippy may go next.

During the afternoon the boys took part in different book related activities from making bookmarks to becoming authors themselves. A great day was had by all.



PRE-PREP



Pre-Pre World Book Day cont...





The red motorbike

Mr Vince brought his motorbike up to the top field to demonstrate how it works and what the parts are called. He spoke to us about safety-clothing and we all got to sit on his bike. It was very exciting.





Year 1 have been modelling in 3D

Year 1 boys have been busy practising their 3D construction skills during our 'junk modelling' art lesson. Using the 'Great Fire of London' theme, the Otters and Owls built replicas of famous landmarks such as Whitehall Palace and the old

St Paul's Cathedral. Other ideas included water squirts and water tanks on wheels. The boys planned their ideas and learnt how to construct the basic shape and make it as strong as possible.





Celebrating St David's Day

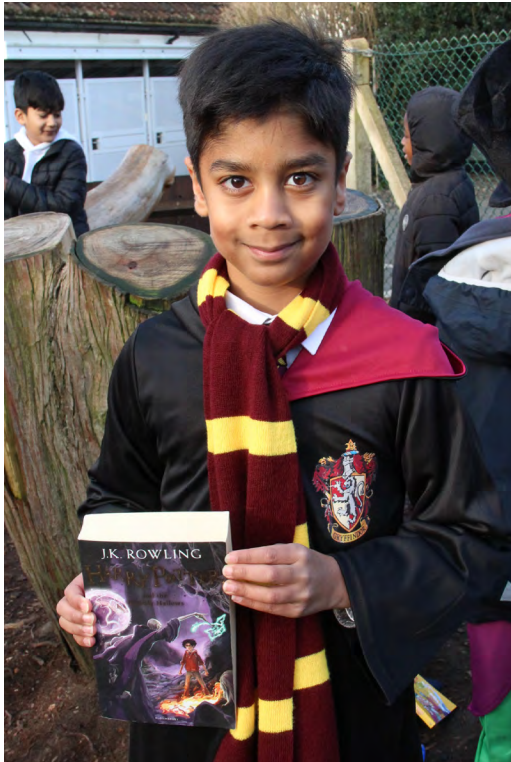
Miss Morgan always makes sure we remember St David's Day each year. The patron saint of Wales, her home country, is celebrated with daffodils and Welsh dragons.





We love reading in the Juniors

The boys in the Juniors thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day. Year 3 had an interactive online lesson with Michael Rosen and in their session with Steve Cole, Year 4 boys learnt about the aliens in his Beast Quest sci-fi adventures. He shared a song about an alien which he wrote when he was in Junior school that entertained and inspired our boys.





Junior World Book Day cont...



MUSIC



Performing at Merchant Taylors' Hall

On Monday the cello ensemble, wind and brass players performed in the annual Merchant Taylors' and St John's Concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The standard of performance was exceptional, the boys enjoyed listening to each other and the audience enjoyed a very varied programme. It was good to meet up with several St John's Old Boys who were singing and playing.



MUSIC



Performing at Merchant Taylors' Hall cont...



MUSIC



Emmanuel Church visit

The Emmanuel church community group was delighted to welcome our musicians on Wednesday. The Year 3 – 8 boys entertained their audience with performances on the guitar, clarinet, piano, euphonium and violin. Then there was time for a chat with the audience and to celebrate a 90th birthday with delicious cup-cakes. Our boys were a credit to the School.





DT&E pictures of the week



Year 3 boys proudly present their shaduf



Year 8 test their catapults to see if they hit the mark.



Our stem hero of the week is Radia Perlman, an American computer engineer who played an important role in assembling the networks and technology which enable the internet. Year 4 investigated the simplest of programming kits for younger children.



Raphael taking great care filing out the details for his bookend.



Year 6 Classics class working on their clay tablets depicting the Labours of Hercules



St John's U11 Invitational Cross-Country

We were delighted to welcome eleven girls' and boys' schools to enjoy our beautiful yet challenging cross-country course yesterday afternoon. Spectators and runners had a glorious afternoon in the spring sunshine and the runners should all be congratulated on their determination and enthusiasm. Many thanks to everyone for coming to our event, see you next year!





St John's Invitational cont...



St Martin's Road Relay U11 & U13 24th February

The U11 and U13 boys competed brilliantly on the day, finishing 5th overall in the U11 and U13 team competitions out of 13 schools, based on overall time, very close to the top three finishers. Sebastian secured the fastest leg time on the day for the Year 5 team with 7min44. Vivek had the fastest leg time for the U13 team with 6.56, this also secured him a medal, as he had the 4th fastest split time on the day out of the U13 boys. Well done.



SPORT



U9 Football tournament Haberdasher's





Krüger Sports Camps



We go again!

Spring is approaching fast and we want to continue to ensure that there are opportunities for our boys to play more, be active and develop valuable social skills.

See our Easter dates and programme below:

TUES, 11th April - INDOOR CRICKET
(Nets, hard ball & soft ball)

WED & THU, 12th & 13th April - FOOTBALL

FRI, 14th April - COURT SPORTS

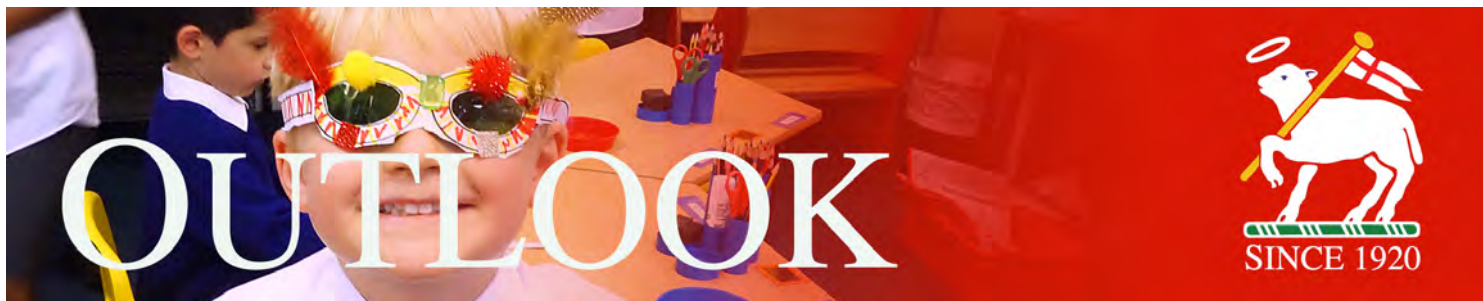
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Important dates and contacts

Monday 6th March: DT&E and Art Open House (Year 6)
(3.50pm-4.30pm)

St John's Association Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th March: U9 Primary Schools Football Festival at St John's (2.15pm)

Wednesday 8th March: Caldicott Invitational Rugby Sevens: U13 VII (1.00pm)

Thursday 9th March: Football v Gayhurst: U8 A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.45pm)

DT&E and Art Open House (Year 6) (3.50-4.30pm)

Friday 10th March: Science Week begins – Connections Year 7 Trip to the Science Museum

Football v UCS: U10A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

Merchant Taylors' School Hockey Tournament: U13A (3.00pm)

Saturday 11th March: Belmont Football Tournament: 1st XI (9.00am)

Caldicott Rugby Tournament: U11A V11(1.00pm)

Sunday 12th March: Rehearsal at MTS for Joint Concert (3.00-5.30pm)

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

Red Nose Day Friday 17th March: This year Comic Relief is raising money for the emergency response to the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Our Head and Deputy Head boys will be leading a special Prep School assembly highlighting the plight of millions of people in both countries and the importance of raising money to help them. We would like the boys to wear something red as this colour features on the flags of both Turkey and Syria. Red noses are available to purchase from Sainsburys. Please make any donations you can to this important cause by visiting our [Just Giving Comic Relief Page](#) Red Nose Day 2023 In addition, boys are invited to bring £1 for wearing mufti, £1 for the tuckshop and £1 if they wish to perform at the mini stand-up comedy event at first break (Prep School only).

Easter Stem Den Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April: more information on page 22

Easter Kruger Camp Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April: more information on page 22

Chamber Music Course at Merchant Taylors' School: 12th to 14th April for String Players Grade 4 and above.

Please see Mr Corin for more information

Mrs Scott's walk for GOSH: At Easter, Mrs Scott is taking part in a 25km sponsored walk for Great Ormond Street Hospital. She has personal experience of the difference they make. If you would like to support her amazing effort, this is the link to her [Just Giving Page](#)

Votes for Schools: This week's question: Do we see enough LGBT+ stories on screen?



Next week's questions: Do supermarkets need to do more to tackle food waste?

House Points: 1st Churchill 92.16, 2nd Oates 87.15, 3rd Lincoln 86.84, 4th Lawrence 86.49

Have a lovely weekend.