



Pre-Prep is thankful for the Harvest

Our Pre-Prep choir performed together on stage for the first time this term at their Harvest Festival. They raised the roof and sent the visiting parents away with a smile on their faces and a song in their hearts.



From the Headmaster

Greetings on our final day of what has been a wonderful half term. In assembly on Monday, older boys considered some amazing stories associated with the Civil Rights Movement, as part of Black History Month. In addition to considering slavery, and oppression, we thought about messages of hope and determination inspired by Mrs Obama's family history, and the power of protest against unfairness and inequality at the Olympics, in 1968.

Our Pre-Prep (accompanied by their older brothers) sang and performed

beautifully at our Harvest Festival, as we raised funds and food donations for local charities. Elsewhere, boys have been challenging themselves in competitive Sports fixtures and in the Hunter Jones Poetry competition.

We want all boys to become life-long learners, unafraid of challenge and well-equipped to solve problems. I hope all boys have a good rest, spend time with their families and read some interesting books over the coming days.



THIS WEEK



Pre-Prep is thankful for the Harvest cont...

In our **Harvest** Festival we thought about the different ways in which Harvest is celebrated round the world, we thanked farmers and remembered those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, for the first time a “Band of Brothers” from Years

3 to 6 joined in the Harvest celebration playing samba percussion to accompany a song in which their brothers were performing Makaton actions.





Hunter Jones Poetry competition is a special event

All boys from Years 3 to 8 have been learning poems off by heart and reciting them in class, developing their performance and public speaking skills. A lucky few were chosen to perform in the final competition. Our judges, Dominic Murphy-O'Connor, the Head Monitor at Merchant Taylors' School and a previous Head Boy at

St John's and Archie Stewart, commented on the boys' enthusiasm and clarity of diction and were greatly impressed with the very high standard of all the finalists. Well done to every boy who learnt a poem, congratulations to our winners and thank you to our judges.



JUNIORS

Highly commended: Shayan, 3W Arjun 4H
Runner up: Sebastian 5L 'Villain'
Winner: David 4L 'The Tummy Beasts'

SENIORS

Highly commended: Theo 6V, Ali 7L, Mehul 7J, Kabir 8B
Runner up: Rafi 8B 'The Aurora Borealis' Duguld Moor
Winner: George 8B 'Earthrise poem' Amanda Gorman



Fostering tomorrow's scientists today

Our Year 8 boys, potential scientists of the future, have been using iodine to test a variety of foods for starch.



“A fun maths experience which got us thinking!”

Last Friday, 15 eager mathematicians in Year 7 made their way to MTS to take part in the school's annual Maths Afternoon. It began with a fun maths trail around the school grounds, followed by the main competition in which we had to solve a variety of challenging problems (after stocking up on doughnuts).

Here you can see what some of the boys had to say:

Ayaan: *“A really fun experience which got our brains thinking!”*

Harry O: *“I enjoyed the maths trail where we not only used maths skills, but also general knowledge to estimate.”*

Matthew: *“The second round was very challenging, with a variety of problems to test our brains.”*

Mehul: *“It was a lovely way to socialise with other schools and see what they are capable of.”*





THIS WEEK



More things going on around the School



Our "Band of Brothers" accompanied their Pre-Prep siblings on percussion instruments and enjoyed meeting up for a photo afterwards



This year's Head Boy Nishant with former Head Boy Dominic, now Head Monitor at Merchant Taylors'



The Pre-Prep discussed the Hindu festival of Navaratri. Sheil and Rohan dressed in colourful clothes for a Garba event



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More things going on around the School



Ask you son about the assembly experiment



Meet the Pre-Prep School Council



Year 5 reading club enjoy writing poetry with George R



Senior Choir have been rehearsing

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The Robins and Squirrels have been exploring



We tried jogging on the spot



Exploring the tree house



It's an uphill walk

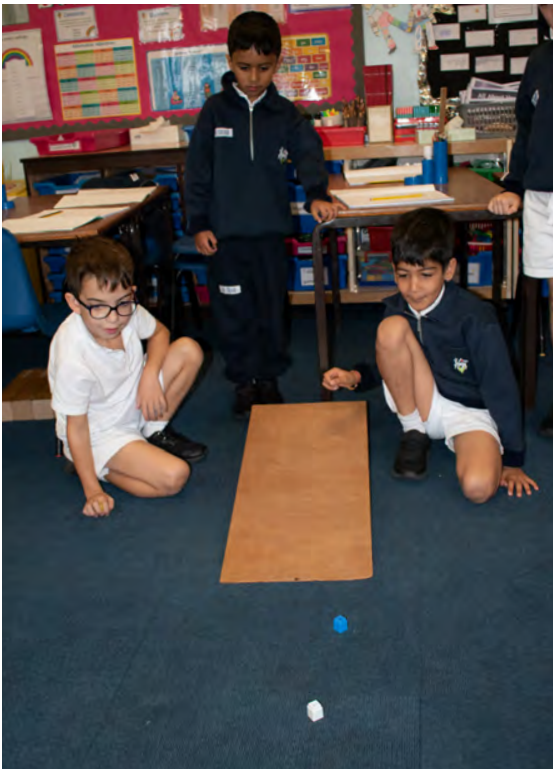


Look what we can do



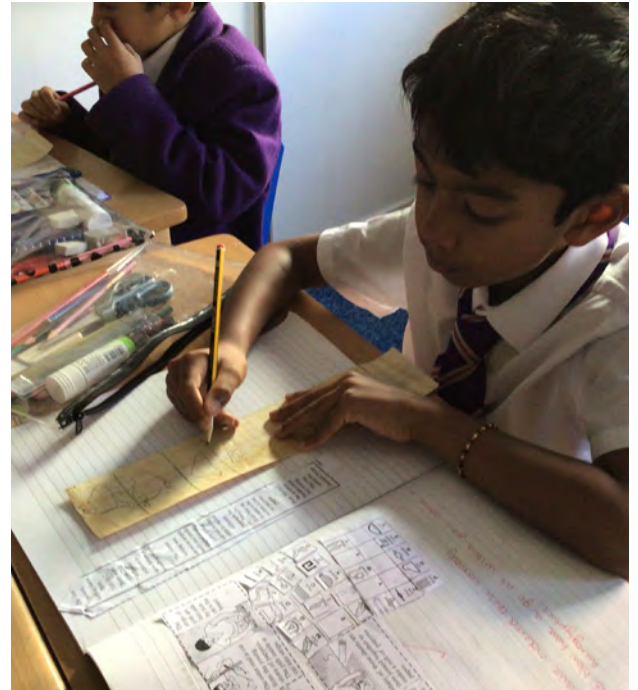
Scientific concepts in Year 2

Year 2 have been investigating friction. They have looked at the effects the height and surface of a ramp has on the speed and distance a car can travel.





Egyptian scribes in Year 3



We've gone cat crazy for the Lord Mayor's art competition in Year 3



MUSIC



Our musicians create a lovely atmosphere at Open Morning

Year 6 are developing their listening skills and peer-assessed each other's performances as part of our Open Morning.



“ That was an excellent performance ”



“ I like the atmosphere they created ”



“ Very fluent with a lovely sound ”



“ The contrast in dynamics was vast ”



Paper, paint and power tools deployed!



Mask making from Josh



A fantastic Manequin from Nathan



Harry & Mehul's board game



Paras and Aditya making cakes from clay



Thomas and Ali's woodworking skills



Senior House Rugby 2022

On Wednesday, 19th October we played the Senior House Rugby competition with Years 7 and 8 combined. The format of the House Rugby was 6 touch turn-over. This format is very successful in including all boys as well as extending development at all levels. The winners were Churchill, with Oates second, Lawrence third and Lincoln fourth. Do enjoy the action-packed photos below!



SPORT





Krüger Sports Camps



www.krugercamps.co.uk



October Sports Camp

Krüger Camp is back after spectacular support and attendance during the summer, thank you! Ready and set for the coming half term, to play and be active with our friends.

As it is getting close to the football season, we thought we would offer more of what the boys (and girls) love so dearly!

For more information go to www.krugercamps.co.uk

Find out more - www@stemden.com

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9PM - 4PM



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Ages 5-13 years!



Lord Mayor's Show Saturday 12th November 2022

A unique occasion in the history of the
Merchant Taylors' Company and a fun day out!

The Lord Mayor's Show is a parade of floats and marching bands, during which Merchant Taylor Alderman Nick Lyons will appear as Lord Mayor for the first time.

You can access a map of the route [here](#).

St John's will be part of the show both as musicians on a float and the beacon bearer who will open the entire parade. All members of the School community are invited to attend so we hope to see you there!

ST JOHN'S FIREWORKS NIGHT THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER



Food served from 5:15pm
Fireworks Display starts at 7pm

Mulled Wine,
Hot Chocolate stalls
&
Crepes

Guy competition

Bonfire

Pumpkin competition

Menu

Vegan Burger

Jumbo Chicken
Hot dog
(Halal)

Tickets:
Child £11
Adult £13

Food served with chips and a drink

Tickets include food and drink

Designed by Mithil Patel (8B)



THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2022

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION CITIES

The Merchant Taylors' Company is inviting all pupils and staff to enter a competition to celebrate the Lord Mayor's Show 2022.

We are looking for the best photographs on the theme of Cities. You can enter in one of three age categories: Junior (Years 1 to 8), Senior (Years 9 to 13) and Staff.

If you win in your category, you will be invited to attend a Winners' Tea at Merchant Taylors' Hall in early 2023.

Please read the important information below and good luck!

- Only one entry per pupil.
- Submit your photograph as an unretouched jpg file, with your name and age category (Junior, Senior or Staff) included in the file name, to the teacher named and by the date shown in the box below.
- The winning photographs will be announced in December.

*Mrs McSween
Tuesday 1st November*



THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2022

ESSAY COMPETITION

FOR 11 TO 15 YEAR OLDS

How can the Lord Mayor's Show theme of "Charities, children and communities" best be reflected in the work of the Merchant Taylors' Company?

The Merchant Taylors' Company is inviting all pupils aged between 11 and 15 to enter a competition to celebrate the Lord Mayor's Show 2022.

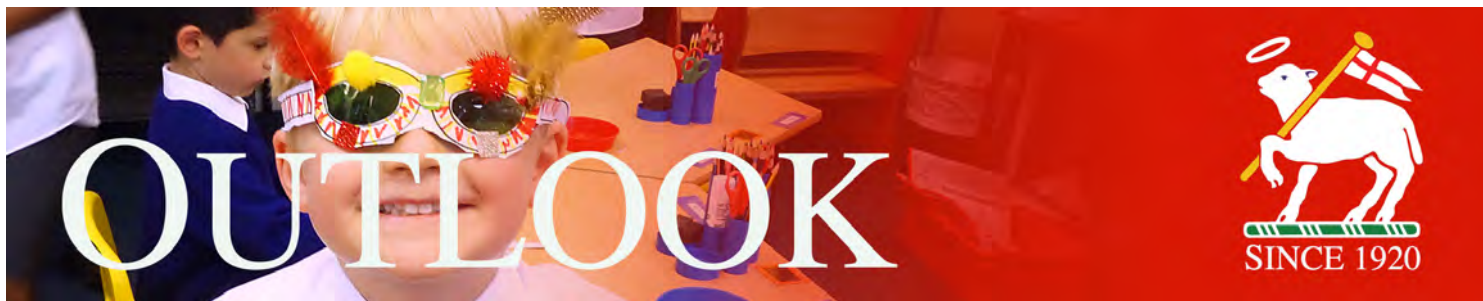
We are looking for the best essay, of up to 500 words, on the subject How can the Lord Mayor's Show theme of "Charities, children and communities" best be reflected in the work of the Merchant Taylors' Company?

If you win, you will be invited to attend a Winners' Tea at Merchant Taylors' Hall in early 2023.

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- Only one entry per pupil.
- Submit your essay as a PDF file, with your name and class at the top and a note of the wordcount at the end, to the teacher named and by the date shown in the box below.
- The winning essay will be announced in December.

*Please submit your essay to Mr Russo by
31st October at the latest
Exam@st-johns.org.uk*



Calendar & important dates

Thursday 20th October to Friday 30th October: Half Term

Monday 31st October: School resumes (8.25am)

Year 6 Mock Examinations

Tuesday 1st November: Reception Reading Meeting (8.00am)

Rugby v Haberdashers': U9A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)

Wednesday 2nd November: School Council

PGL Meeting for Year 2 Parents (3.15pm)

Thursday 3rd November: Rugby v Haberdashers': U8A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.30pm)

St John's Association Firework Evening


Friday 4th November: Rugby v St John's Beaumont: U10A, B, C, D (h) (2.15pm)

Lord Mayor's Mufti Day

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

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.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

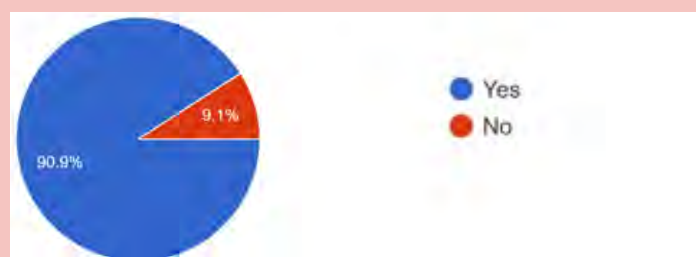
Lord Mayor's Essay Competition: Please see page 18 for details and submit entries to Mr Russo as soon as possible and by 31st October at the latest. Submissions should be emailed to Exams@st-johns.org.uk

Lord Mayor's Photography Competition: Please see page 17 for details of this year's competition. Entries should be submitted to Mrs McSween by 1st November.

Lord Mayor's Show Invitation 12th November 2022: The big day is nearly here. If you would like to attend, please confirm attendance here if you have not already done so. <https://forms.gle/LjjgarXoh7epobAL6>

Not sure what to do this half term? Come to STEM Den! Our educational STEM camp is for children aged between 5 and 13 years and has something for everyone. Held at St John's School, Northwood. Drop off 9am, Pick up 3.30pm til 4pm. Check www.stemden.co.uk and book your place.

Votes for schools: Last week's question: Would you buy second hand clothes to help the environment?



We will publish the next question after Half Term

House Points: 1st Lincoln 33.59, 2nd Churchill 33.24, 3rd Oates 32.02, 4th Lawrence 29.61

Have a super half term break and don't forget that the clocks go back an hour on 30th October. We look forward to seeing you all on 31st October.