



From the
Headmaster

What a pleasure it was to welcome so many families to Open Morning on Wednesday 29th September. The sun shone and the School and grounds looked fantastic. The Year 7 and 8 boys played their roles immaculately and our Year 6 musicians enjoyed playing their instruments for parents and prospective parents, see page 4.

While thinking about those who may be starting their St John's journey soon, I would also like to share with you my recent meeting with some ex-St John's boys at the Feast of St Barnabas at Merchant Taylors'. Our extended "family" at all the Senior Schools makes us very proud indeed.

Year 4 formed an amazing human timeline this week as they sorted events into chronological order, see page 8. I was delighted to award so many merit badges and courtesy badges to the Pre-Prep in assembly today. Well done boys, keep up the hard work.

The weather was kind to us for our rugby matches this week and it is very exciting to see so many games being played again. Many thanks to all the staff for encouraging the boys and inspiring them in their sport and to all the parents who support the teams.

I hope you all enjoy reading the 2020/21 school magazine. It records a remarkable year in the life of St John's and it is good to reflect on all we achieved, despite lockdowns! Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

S. R. A.

The Feast of St Barnabas at Merchant Taylors' School



It was a great pleasure for me to attend the Feast of St Barnabas at Merchant Taylors' School on Saturday 18th September. The prizes were presented by the Master of the Worshipful Company of the Merchant Taylors, Lady Harding, who was until the end of the summer term our Chair of Governors. The Feast of St Barnabas is a wonderful tradition, the origins of which go back to 1567. The day celebrates the academic achievements of the prize-winners and the School. I was delighted to see so many St John's boys among the prize-winners and Monitors and to listen to Daniel give the Head Monitor's welcome speech. Boys were awarded prizes for a wide range of subjects including Greek, German, English, Maths, Classics, Spanish and an OMT prize.



Beekeeping at St John's

Last week our resident Apiarist, Mr Lawrence, helped by keen trainee beekeeper Darwin in Year 8, harvested the honey from the St John's beehives. There was only one colony of bees that had created sufficient excess honey, but we were able to extract two "boxes" from that hive. The day before, we fitted a special one-way gate that allowed the bees to move out of those boxes but did not allow them to return. So, when we collected the

boxes they were (almost) empty of bees.

We carted the boxes to the Science Labs, where we scraped off the top layer of wax from the comb to reveal the honey underneath. We then used a special machine called an extractor, which had been borrowed from Harrow Beekeepers in Hatch End, to spin the honey from the frames. We then filtered it before putting it into jars.



VOTES FOR SCHOOLS



Votes for Schools climate change and refugees

All boys from Year 3 to 8 are expected to take part in our weekly Votes for Schools topic by voting and making a comment on our Votes for Schools Google Classroom. We hope you are enjoying the topics so far. While we are going to be talking about the question each week in form time, we would also like you to get talking at home with your family and friends too! Results are published here in the Lamb each week. Have a look at the class stream to see what other boys have written.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs McSween. vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk

<https://classroom.google.com/c/Nzg1OTIxOTI4OFpa?cjc=tc15eou> The class code for this is: tc15eou.

Last week's question

Should the UK do more for Afghanistan?



I don't think the UK should do more to help Afghanistan because we have already helped a lot, and we are still in huge debt, so sending money will not help that. More people means more taxes to pay for where they live, and that can make people living in England not very happy. The more we give, the less we have.
James, Year 7

Your thoughts

I think the UK should do more to help Afghanistan because there are many people including children that do not have a home. We should help the girls to study and learn and get a job because they are not allowed to work or go to school in Afghanistan. Aarav Year 3

Be informed.



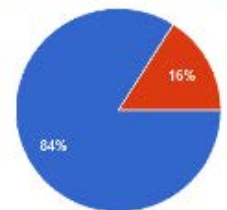
Be curious.



Be heard.



Results



● Yes
● No

For me the main thing is escorting them out of the country. We should also make Russia which is near and big take in refugees so we can take more quicker. I think we should also put spies into the country to work for the Taliban and find out their plans. Dhilan, Year 5

Next week's question

Should more children get free school meals?



Vocab

Food poverty:

Not being able to afford enough healthy food.

Nutrition:

Eating foods that the body needs to stay healthy.

Universal:

Something for everyone.





Our musicians entertain Open Morning visitors

We were delighted to hear a varied range of instruments being performed for prospective parents during Open Morning this week, thank you to all the musicians in 6V and 6L. Instruments on show included the flute, drum kit, piano, violin as well as both the tabla and mridangam drum. The most portable

instrument was the harmonica, which could be packed away really swiftly at the end of the session! Boys enjoyed listening to their peers playing the different instruments and offered constructive and supportive feedback on the performances from their classmates.





Year 2 forest fun

Year 2 had great fun playing in the forest this week. The boys just love getting stuck in. Following on from their International Studies lesson, they created their own Mount Fuji in the sand pit!





International Studies for Robins and Squirrels

Reception is learning about India and Pakistan in their International Studies lessons. This week we looked at pictures of Mount Everest. We also talked about the Ganges, from its origins in the Himalayas, along its course through India and finally to where it meets the sea in Bangladesh. The boys played a game called 'River, Mountain, Sea'. If your son is in Reception maybe he can show you what we did?





Lunchtime fun in the sun for the Pre-Prep

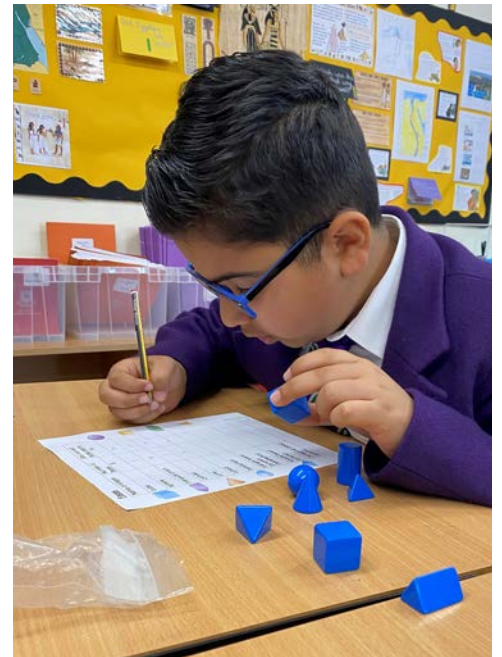




Moving forward in the Juniors

Year 3 have certainly been getting into shape this week. They have been investigating the properties of three-dimensional shapes in their maths lessons. The atmosphere was purposeful and productive with lots of smiling faces as the boys examined the shapes' faces. It is always a pleasure to establish order in the Juniors and Year 4 formed a human timeline as they sorted events into chronological order.

They were not allowed to speak to each other but had to reveal the date they had been given in silence and move into the appropriate space in the line. If you made a noise, you were out. This required both self-control and a good understanding of BC and AD. Much to their teachers delight Year 4 demonstrated both the attributes.





Moving forward continued...



3L support The Forest of Promises

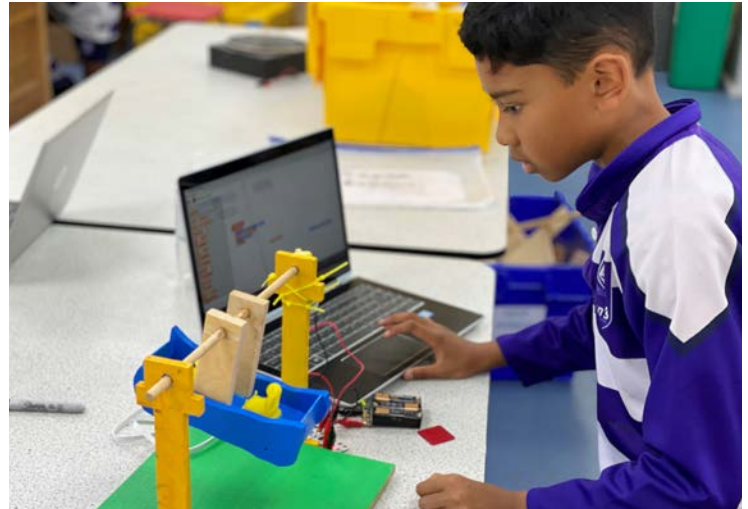
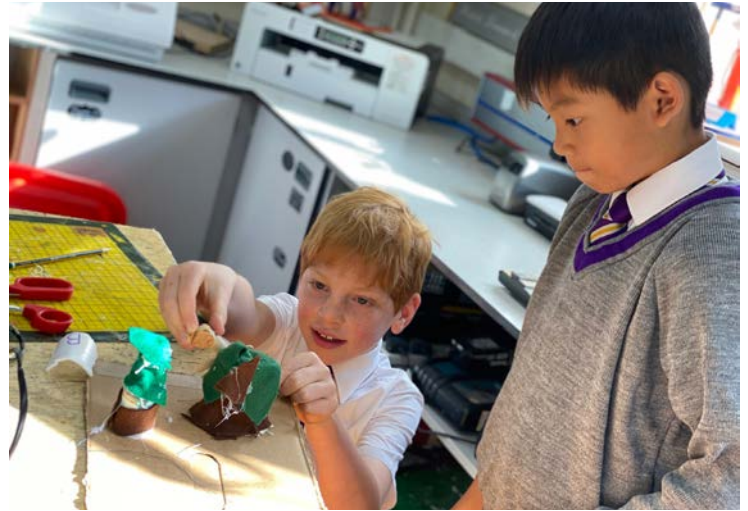
3L have been inspired into action by Zoraver who asked the class to colour in leaves to send to COP26. This initiative, the Forest of Promises, is being organised by the WWF.





We've all been busy in the workshop this week

Year 4 are busy testing out their spooky hydraulic projects, while Year 7 put the finishing touches on their fairground rides.





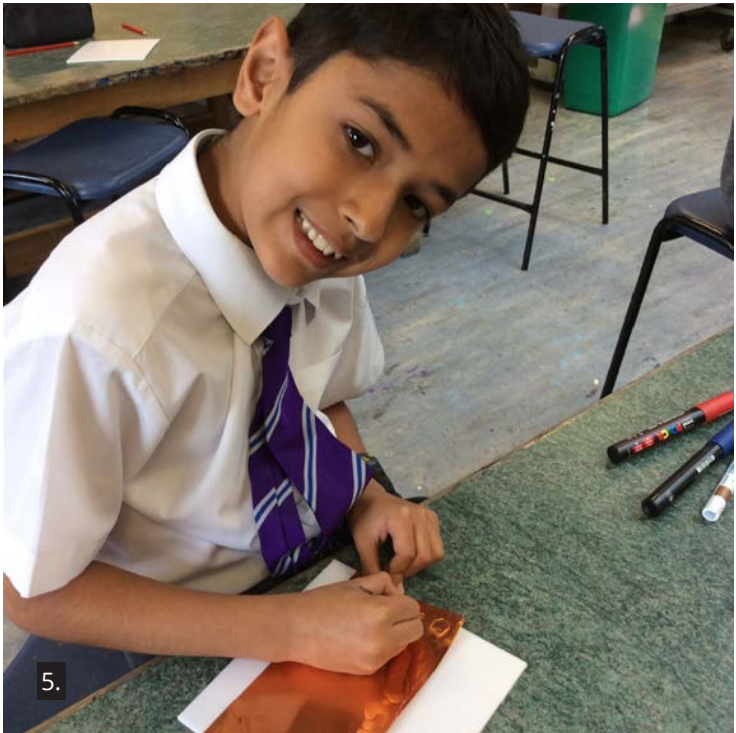
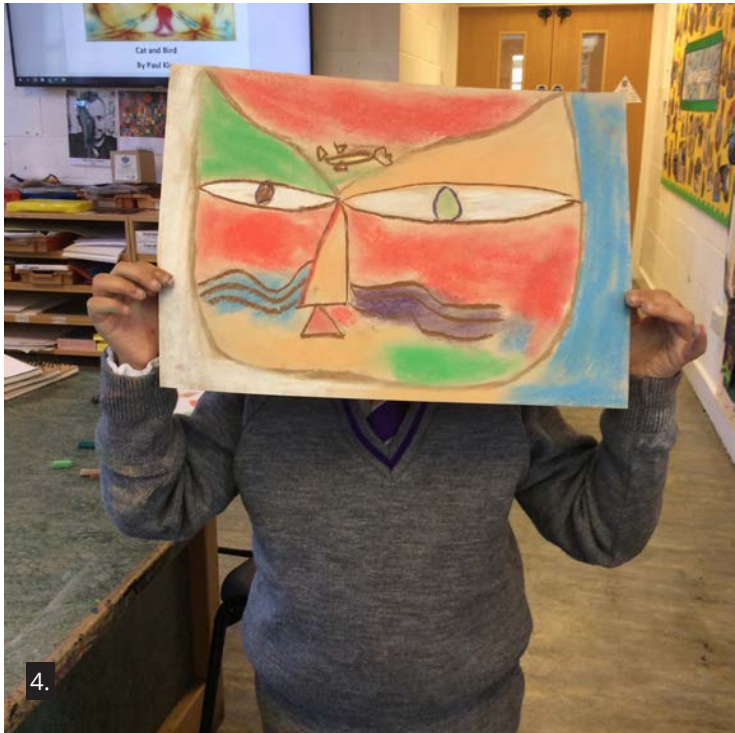
Inspirational ideas in Art

1. Aren in 4H has finished his abstract cityscape painting. 2. Abbas and Caiden in Year 5 have enjoyed drawing on the floor this week! 3. Junior Art Clubbers had fun making woolly ghosts, in preparation for Halloween. 4. Who is this colourful cat? (Aarav in 4H) 6. 5. Year 5 have been learning about Gustav Klimt. Klimt's father was a gold engraver and Laksh in 5C is having a go at engraving a sheet of copper.





More inspirational Art



In May, St John's took part in the Royal Mail stamp design competition. Unfortunately, we did not have any winners. But glad to have taken part in the largest stamp competition – it's a world record! Congratulations to all boys who submitted an entry!

CONGRATULATIONS

St John's School

on achieving the

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title

for the **largest postage stamp design competition** in May 2021.

Your school participated in this competition, where a total of 606,049 entries were received.

Simon Thompson
Chief Executive Officer, Royal Mail



PHOTO 2021 GRAPHY

C O M P E T I T I O N

Entries are now welcome from pupils and staff across the school for the Merchant Taylors' Company Photography Competition. This year's theme is **POWER** and photographs should be accompanied by a title and, if you wish, a short description (of 12 words maximum).

Our school's selected photographs will be exhibited at Merchant Taylors' Hall in the City of London in December and early next year, with cash prizes awarded to the winners and runners-up in each category of Junior (Years 1-8), Senior (Years 9-13) and Staff.

For further information and to submit your entries – by **Friday 15th October 2021** – please contact

Ms Gillen

All entries should be emailed to Ms Gillen by Wednesday 13th October

ggillen@st-johns.org.uk





Rugby against St John's Beaumont

U13A Wednesday 29th September, Lost 40 – 5, try scorer Jacob

We started the match rather slowly and some missed tackles resulted in the opposition scoring some tries. We created some good attacking phases and Jacob powered his way through several tackles but just lacked the necessary support. This was a common theme, and we could have scored several tries with closer support play. Amos played well with his strong running and hard work at the breakdown. We moved the ball well amongst the forwards and backs, but strong defence from St John's Beaumont made it hard to go forward at times. However, Jacob scored a very good try in the left-hand corner. Just too many missed tackles and losing the ball too often stopped our ability to create continuous attacks. Things to work on for the next match. Man of match, Amos.



U12A Wednesday 29th September, 5 - 4, try scorers: Archie 2, Rafi 1, Shane 2

Historically, SJB has always proven to be quite a challenge for us Northwood boys to beat, however this was not the case on Wednesday! Our team started off strong, putting the pressure on our opponents and shocking them with our ability, focus and strength. Two early tries gave us an early lead and great tackling by all our boys, notably Archie and Jimi gave us the advantage. Determined running by Alistair, Satyen and Jimi shone throughout the game and Rafi's courageous try in the second half was one of the highlights of the game. Every team member contributed significantly to our victory, however, like all great teams, we still have a long way to go. A phenomenal team performance boys! Well done. Man of the Match: Jimi for his great tackling and powerful running. Match report by Captain Shane

U12B Wednesday 29th September, 8-8, Tries: Kabir 2, Armaan 3, Abdullah 2, Kian A 1

Our third match of the season was a spectacle to watch. A late comeback from Beaumont gave them the draw despite our huge defensive effort. We started the game well scoring 3 quick tries through strong running from Kian A, Kabir and Abdullah. Beaumont got back into the game to bring the score to 5-2 at the half. With more boys in the team there was the chance to rotate most of the squad after countless runs with ball in hand and numerous bone-crunching tackles from the likes of George L, Krish, Abdullah, Kabir and Kian A. Remika and Roshan were outstanding in the rucks allowing Armaan to run in for his hat trick. Our defensive line was as strong and a draw means U12Bs are undefeated going into October. Men of the match: Kabir, Abdullah & Armaan.





Colts Rugby against Belmont

Colts A, Friday 24th September

A superbly matched fixture in defence and attack. With lessons learned from the Allianz Park festival, we were determined to play a wider game which included more running rugby which we did, scoring some quality tries. When the team had to deal with ruck or maul situations, they were dominant and occasionally managed to turn over possession through counter rucking. Belmont had some big and fast players to contend with. It was good to see the team deal with these situations focusing on sound technique. The Colts A team ran in no less than 7 tries past the Belmont A team. Leo B x 4, Daanish, Alex and Bailey with one each. The positive to take from our attack is that the team could have scored even more tries in the second half. Unforced errors, cost us in this area but overall very well done indeed!



Colts B, Friday 24th September In a very entertaining game, St John's played very well, running hard with the ball making it difficult for Belmont to try and steal the ball. Special mentions to Matthew, Freddie and Otto for their explosive running and quick offloads into space. Defensively we tried extremely hard to keep Belmont out, but with their strong ball carriers it proved difficult, but we didn't give up. Great effort. Try Scorers: Joshua Rohan 2, Matthew 1, Freddie 4, Khyan 2 Man of the Match: Otto



Colts C, Friday 24th September

We were away in the sun at Belmont for the first match of the season. A slow start allowed Belmont to score some early tries until we re-grouped and started to run and pass the ball. Alex scored the first try by running strongly through the Belmont defenders. We were better in the second half with Mehul and Arjun showing good running with the ball. Ayaan, Arjun and Mehul all scored tries. A good second half by the team and big improvements. However, we need to work on tackling and quicker support to the ruck area. Man of Match - Arjun

Colts D, Friday 24th September

In their first match of the season, the U11Ds took part in a high scoring contest. The boys started very quickly, with Ebi scoring from both of our first two possessions. Unfortunately, so did Belmont as we struggled to hold onto them in order to complete our tackles. Throughout the afternoon though, the boys continued to show grit and determination with many boys running hard and breaking the Belmont defensive line. However, in the end, Belmont proved to be too strong for us. Try scorers on the day were Ebi with 5, Araron with 2 and James with 1. Man of the match was James with his strong tackling and hard running in attack.





U10s Rugby against UCS and Belmont

U10As Friday 24th September vs UCS, 5-7

St John's has a stellar team. In the first half we put a lot of pressure on UCS, taking the lead 4-2. In the second half we needed to tackle better and that sadly allowed them to win 7-5. Mr O'Brien made me the man of the match as I scored all 5 tries. Match report by Zachariah

St John's 6-7 Belmont

The match against Belmont was a home match. Despite not winning on this occasion, I was impressed with how our players performed having not played a match together for such a long time. We have some fantastic players and for the next game we should improve our tackling skills. Try scorers were: Zachariah 3, Liam 1, Yuvraj 1, Noah 1. Match report by Noah



U10B v UCS and Belmont

In a first competitive fixture for the U10B boys for nearly two years it was a triangular tournament with UCS and Belmont, meaning that all teams had the chance to play two matches. The boys played to U9 rules, but this did not stop the players from getting fully involved. Both the attacking and defensive sides of the matches were most impressive, and you could see the boys' confidence growing as the afternoon wore on. The UCS team proved to be a very tough opponent, but the second match against Belmont was extremely close with St John's losing out by just one try. Very well done to the try scorers, with both Abbas and Tanay scoring two apiece and Caiden, Aarush and Neer all grabbing one. The whole team should be congratulated for their efforts and for creating these opportunities to score. A great start to the season.

Under 10C Friday 24th September 7 – 8 UCS, 2 – 3 Belmont

We started slowly uphill against a strong running UCS side and conceded 4 quick tries straight through our defence. We managed to pull one back just before the half through strong running from Charlie seeing Theo dot down in the corner. After the half-time break we scored a flurry of tries through Shrey, Saavan and Charlie; however, it wasn't enough and UCS scored in the last play to win the game 8-7. Our focus for the Belmont game, was to increase line speed in defence and put pressure on them. We weathered the first half, with the half time score at 1-0. Tries from Dhilan and James put us level into the final play of the game, but we conceded late for Belmont to take the victory 3-2. Men of the match: Theo M and Shrey, Tries Theo M, Shrey, Saavan, Charlie, Dhilan, James 1.





U10s Rugby against UCS and Belmont cont...

U10D v Belmont and UCS Friday 24th September 2021

An excellent triangular festival with the boys playing well as a team, making passes and good runs, placing the ball nicely to be picked up and setting up tries. Rishi S used his pace to score some good tries and Kyal also looked dangerous. Agastya made some excellent runs and, most importantly, placed the ball well so we were able to give the ball to someone in space. Neil K also made some strong tackles, forcing the ball out of the opposition's hands. Really pleased with all the boys. They all tried hard and enjoyed the opportunity to play.



Middlesex Cricket Success for Ahaan

Ahaan in Year 7 has made it into the Winter Squad of the Under 11 Middlesex County Cricket Team. After playing several matches at Club level and at Hillingdon Borough level over the summer, he went through another rigorous set of matches over five days for the Regional Selection, finally making it successfully into the Winter Squad. Well done for all your hard work Ahaan.



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October Half Term

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OUTLOOK



Pumpkin
Competition

GUY
COMPETITION

Mulled Wine &
Hot Chocolate
Stalls

BONFIRE

ST JOHN'S FIREWORKS NIGHT

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Food served from 5:15pm

Fireworks display starts at 7pm

Ticket includes

Chicken Hotdog (Halal) or Vegan Hotdog
with chips and a drink

ADULT £12

CHILD £10

OUTLOOK



Calendar & notices

Contact details



Photo of the week: St John's old boys and former Headmaster. Avi and Matthew with Mr Kelly. Photo taken at Mill Hill after the 1st team Founders Day match, Mill Hill vs Haberdashers. Avi & Matthew were playing for Haberdashers. They are both playing Under 16 this year but were supporting and playing in the Under 18s team for this annual Founders Day match at Mill Hill school.

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 @stjohnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

Mailings: If you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy direct each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

Photographs: We cannot always be on hand every event with a camera and rely on photographs from parents and supporters. Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

Wednesday 6th October: Aesop's Theatre Company visit Juniors

Wednesday 6th October: Proposed date for Covid Vaccinations for Year 7 (one boy) and Year 8

Friday 8th October: MTS Field Day – no swimming for Year 3

Rugby v St John's Beaumont: U10 A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)
Rugby v Haberdashers: Colts A, B, C, D (a) (2.45pm)

MTS photography competition 2021: The theme this year is Power. See the poster on page 13 The boys have been told about the competition in their Art lesson. (It is not compulsory.) All entries must be emailed to Ms Gillen by Wednesday 13th Oct.

Astronomy Evening: Save the date for St John's popular Astronomy Evening with Mr Lawrence in the Norman Hall 14th October 6.30-8.00pm



An active learning program for children aged between 5 and 13 years through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Our educational, challenging and highly engaging classes give young people of today the knowledge and skills they will use in the future.

Stem Den: Stem Den bookings are open for October and December. We look forward to welcoming children from age 5 to 13 to learn about STEM through a theme-based day at St John's School. [Take a look at the website](http://www.st-johns.org.uk) to see the programme of events. We take childcare vouchers!

Kruger Sport Camps: Booking is now open for October half-term. For more information go to www.krugercamps.co.uk

House Points: 1st Lincoln 10.73 2nd Churchill 10.33, 3rd Lawrence 10.09, 2.13, 4th Oates 9.77