

St John's School Weekly Newsletter

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Year 8 bring their Business Enterprise ideas to market













At lunchtime today the Prep School and Year 8 parents enjoyed the Business Enterprise sale. Our entrepreneurs have been creating products to sell

to other year groups to raise money for Place2Be. They marketed their innovative products in assemblies and the event today was a huge success.

Congratulations to all our Year 7 and 8 mathematicians who took part in the recent UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. You can read more about their success on page 3.

Our musicians have been out and about in the local community this week, presenting an assembly to a delighted audience at Hillside Infants School and entertaining residents in

a local care home. These are special experiences for boys and audiences alike.

The weather was kind this week and we have enjoyed a cracking victory on our 1st X1 square. Our Year 3 also had a wonderful trip to Legoland which the boys loved. Finally, I would like to thank the St John's Association for a very successful Quiz Night last Saturday and to wish you all a restful half term.



Business Enterprise cont...















Passionate and polite debating

Our debating society impressed Mrs Rizava with their arguments for and against the motion: Rural areas are better for childrens' development than urban areas. Great fluency, convincing tone and validity of arguments. Rural areas were found more favourable on this occasion.



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge Gold winners

Well done to all of our Year 7 and 8 boys who took part in the recent UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Of the 57 boys who took part, 42 won certificates, including 15 Gold awards. Special congratulations to Ayaan who got the best score in Year 7, and Archie with the best score in the School. As a result of these fantastic results, 7 boys have qualified for the Kangaroo bonus round, consisting of the top 10,000 scores, and 1 has qualified for the Olympiad bonus round for the top 1,200 scores in the country. *Mr Bleakley*

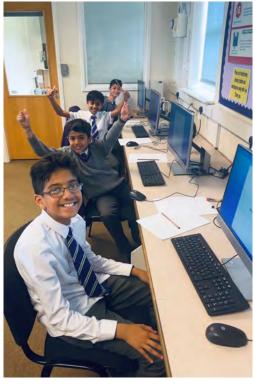




Year 6 3rd in National Maths Quiz Club challenge

Eight Year 6 boys took part in an online heat for this year's National Maths Quiz Club competition this week. We had two teams of four, competing against 91 other schools across England. We placed 3rd and 25th overall, with Aary P ranking 5th out of 335 individuals. Niam, Aary, Agastya and Yuvraj have definitely made it through to the next round, but we have an anxious wait to see if Kyal, Zach, Laksh and Milan will be joining them! *Mrs Bourne*







A good time was had by all at the SJA Quiz Night

The SJA Quiz Night was a huge success with a nail biting finish. After the scores were counted the Year 2 team were declared the winners with the Staff team coming second by just one point! Many thanks to former members of staff Mr Knight and Mr Taylor for helping to host the Quiz. See you all at Charity Day. *SJA*





More things going on around school









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The Pre-Prep had fun creating dens

The Pre-Prep boys have been enjoying outdoor challenges in our new staff supervised den building and loose play area.



















The Pre-Prep had fun creating dens cont...









Look at these beautiful dream catchers

This week the Badgers and Eagles have become masters of weaving. They used wool to weave their own dream catchers. We think they're amazing!















A secret Art project in Reception

In Reception we are using air dry clay to make a secret art project. The boys used their fingers to first squeeze the clay into a ball and then roll it into a long snake. Once the clay has dried, they will be decorating it.









Den building in the Juniors













Year 4 making Gamelan compositions

On the sunniest day of the year so far, Year 4 enjoyed working with the outdoor instruments. The boys collaborated in small groups to devise some lovely musical ideas which they will develop after the half term break.















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It's all going on in the DT&E lab
Our STEM hero of the week was Louis Braille. We have been exploring his story and where Braille can be found today. Have you ever tried deciphering the Braille alphabet?











Learning the principles of camouflage

Year 5 have been proving that it's not ALL done on computers nowadays! They learned that the basic principles of camouflage are all about shape, shine, shadow, silhouette and movement. They reclaimed and recycled by painting some old cream-coloured rags brown and green. These remnants, combined with some hessian and black vinyl made for an abundance of 'scrim' and verily, the boys had all they could weave. Some

red-brown hessian was supplied by Mr Vince to simulate the autumnal colours of the mighty Copper Beech in the fall. Naturally, the nets came from the cricket nets (old stock) and after an amazing five hours of weaving, each net was ready. The hemp rope borders were threaded by Yuva and Oliver. Well done lads!

Mr Vince











Hakuna Matata is our motto on this summer's musical

With only four weeks to go before our production of The Lion King opens in the Norman Hall, preparations are now in full-swing. Singers, actors, musicians, teachnicians, teachers, Art and DT specialists all working together to prepare a treat for you.











Out and about in the local community

On Monday our percussion group, violin, cello and euphonium soloists presented an assembly to the children at Hillside Infant School. The session was enjoyed by both the audience and the performers. Then on Thursday musicians from Years 6 to 8 visited Haven Residential Home. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the concert and chatting to the boys afterwards.











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A flawless performance from St John's as we played our first fixture of the season on the main square with the beautiful White House in the background. We won by 8 wickets and this was a true team effort where all the boys bowled in the first 10 overs, providing beautiful, varied bowling between our spinners, seamers and pace bowlers. Standout performances from Rian M 4 for 2. Kabir 51 off 45 and Khyan 29 off 45. A fantastic partnership of 91 runs off 14 overs. Very well done indeed,











A good week for the Colts and U9

The fabulous Colts B cricket team, having just beaten St Martin's by one run.



The U9s put on a great show at home against MTP, winning by 21 runs with stand out batters the Shah brothers.











Year 3 House Cricket

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting and all-inclusive House cricket competition where the focus was on skill development in three separate stations: fielding (throwing and catching), batting and bowling. The boys had great fun refining these techniques which will aid them in their first cricket fixtures, coming up soon after half term. Results: 1st Lawrence 154, 2nd Churchill 136, 3rd Lincoln 120, 4th Oates 108











Athletics Match at York House

Eight Year 3 and eight Year 4 boys had an exciting afternoon on the 18th of May at the York House Athletics Meeting. This was a local schools match for boys and girls from schools such as York House, St Martin's, MTP and Edge Grove. The main events were the 80m, 70m Hurdles, 200m, 600m, relay, long jump, high jump, plastic javelin, and the cricket ball throw. We had some fantastic results. Jaden in Year 3 equalled the school high jump record (1m06) He also won the 200m. David came first in the long jump and Niam in the high jump for Year 4.











Stowe Putter 2023

A fantastic day out at the beautiful Stowe School in Buckinghamshire with three of our golfers, captain George L, Kabir Year 8 and James L Year 6. The boys did themselves and the School proud by finishing 2nd in the team competition with 80 points. George & Kabir finished joint 4th out of 34 golfers. Both boys also play for Hertfordshire

county. James finished 4th out of the 12 golfers in the U11 Junior Jigger Competition with 23 points. Very well done indeed boys. As a school, we very much look forward to our internal St John's Putter competition which has been postponed to Wednesday, 28th June. *Mr Krüger & Mr Smith*









St John's Association

SUMMER FUNDAY

Sunday 25 June 2023 11am - 3pm

£2 entry

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CRAZY

BOUNCY CASTLE

> CTIVITY RUN

TEA GUP RIDE

PRIZES

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LAST ONE STANDING MEGASLIDE





Important dates and contacts

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June: Half Term

Monday 5th June: School Resumes (8.25am)

Badminton v Edge Grove: U13 (h) (3.30pm)

St John's Association Meeting (7.30pm)

Tuesday 6th June: Years 6 - 8 Summer Examinations

Cricket v Davenies: U9 A, B (h) (2.15pm)

Second Hand Uniform Sale (3.15pm - 4.15pm)

Tennis v St Martin's U13 & U11 (h) (4.15pm)

Year 3 Parents' Meeting (6.00 – 8.00pm) (online)

Wednesday 7th June: Years 6 – 8 Summer Examinations

Cricket v Orley Farm: 1st 3rd XI (a) 2nd, 4th, 5th XI (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 8th June: Years 6 - 8 Summer Examinations

Extended Senior Drama Rehearsal (4.00pm – 6.00pm)

Year 3 Parents' Evening (4.30pm – 6.30pm) (online)

Friday 9th June: Years 6 – 8 Summer Examinations

Year 5 Cricket Lamb Trophy at Merchant Taylors' (9.00am – 3.15pm)

Otters visit to Wenzel's Bakery

Cricket v St Benedict's: Colts A, C (h) Colts B, D (a) (2.15pm)

Year 7 Night Under Canvas

Saturday 10th June: U13 A 6 a-side Cricket Tournament at York

House (10.00am - 3.30pm)

Colts A 11 a-side Cricket Tournament at Orley Farm (10.00am – 3.30pm)



It was good to see some parents at the Business Enterprise sale

Updates: Please continue to visit **www.st-johns.org.uk** for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

You can also follow us on twitter @stjsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

Mailings: To be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor with your contact details.

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

Notices and reminders

Parenting Teens workshop in Pinner: Saturday 24th June 10.00am - 12.00am. A workshop for parents of children aged 10-15, (Years 6-8) led by experienced Psychotherapists. For more information see here

Second Hand Uniform Sale: Tuesday 6th June in the library (3.15 - 4.15)

Votes for Schools: This week's question: Should we learn about the Windrush Generation at School? 92.3% said yes

Questions for after half term:

KS2 Can you recognise when someone has extreme views? KS3 Are extreme right-wing views persuasive to young people?

House points: 1st Churchill 126.98, 2nd Lawrence 121.29, 3rd Lincoln 120.52, 4th Oates 118.09

Enjoy the half term break