



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to the 237th edition of The Lamb. There is now light at the end of the tunnel and I am delighted that school will be re-opening again to all pupils on Monday 8th March.

This week has been another busy one online. The boys in 5M presented an assembly about their favourite countries and we all thought about how lucky we shall be to be able to travel again when the Government allows us to do so. This morning Ansh, Zac, Hamza and Sahib followed up by demonstrating their passion for their favourite sport. This included an update on the current test match!

Congratulations to all the Year 5, 6 and 7 boys who reached the next level of House Points and I look forward to handing them their certificates.

The Pre-Prep boys were really busy over half term with Miss Morgan's challenges. You can see their photographs on pages 7-11.

I would like to draw your attention to page 23 which gives you details of the St John's Association Family Quiz on 6th March whilst Year 7, Year 8 and their parents are invited to join Austin Vince for an evening of Film Adventure on 10th March.

I look forward to hearing how everyone has celebrated World Book Day next Thursday.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Gold, Silver & Bronze Awards

We are very proud of all the boys who have won awards recently and there was much applause in the Year 5 and 6 and Year 7 assemblies this week when the Headmaster read out all the names. Mr Robinson had great pleasure in announcing the first gold award this academic year, which was awarded to Bailey in 5W-S. Silver and bronze awards were announced for the boys below in assemblies both this week and before half-term. Many congratulations for all your hard work and maintaining your levels of achievement despite all the challenges of your new routines.



- 12th Feb Silver Awards:**
 Hugo Perdios 3W 1st in Y3
 Ananda Doig 5WS
 Ali Haji 5WS
 Darsh Khurjekar 5WS
 Bailey McSween 5WS
 Arjun Patel 5WS
 Mustafa Rashid 5WS
 Keshav Shah 5WS
 Leo Blau 5WS
 Thomas Curzon 5WS
 Harry Order 5WS
 Neel Sengupta 5WS
 Frederic Levy 5WS
 Alexander Suzic 5WS
 Vivek Chopra 5WS
 Rohan Derodra 5C
 Aaron Doshi 5C
 Owen Shannon 5C
 Aubrey Smith 5C
 Otto Wasserstein 5C
 Arti Dixon 5M
 Alexander Wyand-Mara 5M
 Nishant Sumon 6M 1st in Y6

- 26th Feb Silver Awards:**
 Thomas Mankin 5C
 Kayhan Vakani 5C
 Ayaan Batra 5C
 Aiden Hussein 5C
 Mehul Manek 5C
 Daanish Quraishi 5C
 Marcus Rockcliffe 5C
 Joshua Heung 5M
 Rian Majevadia 5M
 Kabir Kumar 6A
 Kian Dave 6A
 George Gower 6A
 Jimi Olusoga 6A
 Kian Patel 6A
 Krish Shah 6A

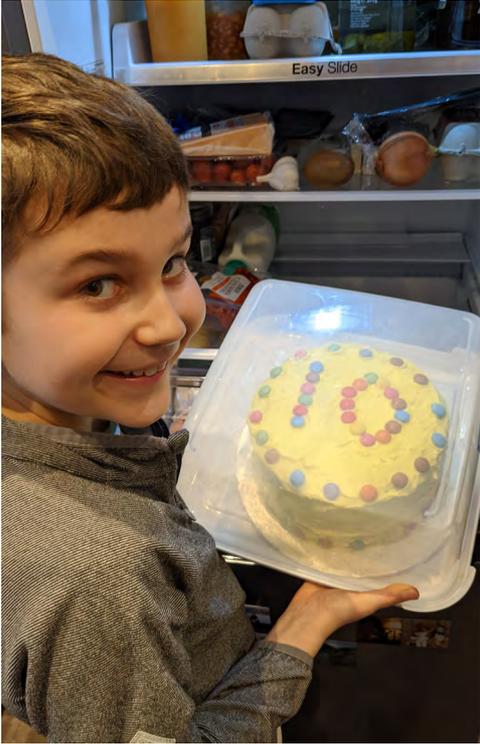
- 12th Feb Bronze Awards:**
 Hrishi Cacani 5M
 Dries Parmar 5M
 Zain Rahim 5M
 Vineel Vedulta-Keys 5M
 Ahmed Mohamed 5WS
 Rahul Patel 6M

- Satyen Radia 6M
 Rehaan Sabir 6M
 Mithil Patel 6M
 Shane Morrow 6M
 George Radburn 6M
 Armaan Gill 6A
 Adam Mohamed 6A
- 26th Feb Bronze Awards:**
 Kian Adhami 6M
 Jamie Damani 6M
 Remika Hewage 6M
 Rafi Ahmed 6V
 Emerson Clifford 6V
 Ahaan Rao 6V
 Aarav Tandon 6V
 Roshan Tailor 6V
 Ansh Agarwal 7H
 Darwin Armstrong-Farr 7H
 Leo Bassett 7H
 Thomas Jessop 7H
 Yash Patel 7H
 William Pixton 7H
 Vihaan Vekaria 7H



Happy Birthday boys

Our birthday boys this week are Thomas, Adam, Aiden, Hugh and Ayan. We hope you had a really lovely day and enjoyed all that cake!





Pancake Day at St John's

Many St John's boys were busy making and tossing pancakes at half term. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent for Christians, a forty day period of contemplation and abstinence in the lead-up to Easter. The tradition is that on Shrove Tuesday, all the rich food is used up before the Lenten fast – hence the making of pancakes.





A new robot on the surface of Mars

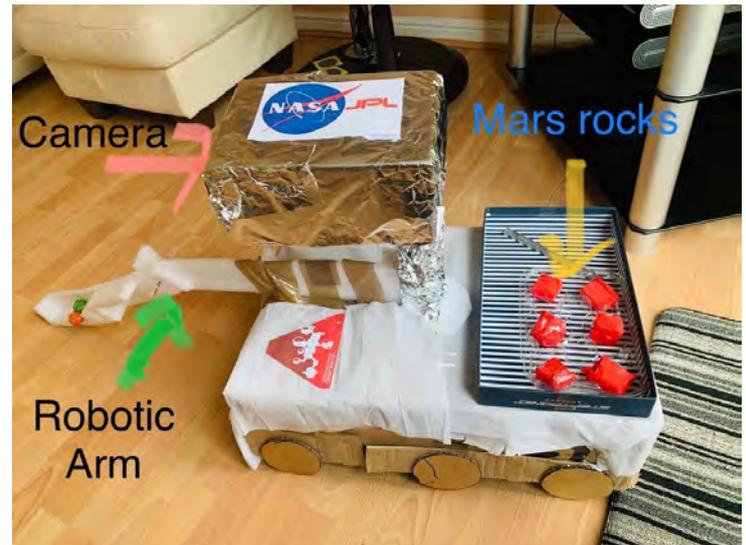
The American space agency has successfully landed its Perseverance rover in a deep crater near the planet's equator called Jezero. Engineers at Nasa's mission control in California erupted with joy when the confirmation of touchdown came through. Perseverance was launched on 30 July 2020 from Cape Canaveral, Florida and it touched down on the Martian surface at 20:55 GMT on Thursday 18 February 2021. Perseverance is 3 metres long, 2.7 metres wide, 2.2 metres high and weighs 1,025kg.

The six-wheeled vehicle will now spend at least the next two years drilling into the local rocks, looking for evidence of past life. Jezero is thought to have held a giant lake billions of years ago, and where there has been water, there is the possibility

there might also have been life. The rover will collect samples of rock and soil, encase them in tubes, and leave them on the planet's surface to be collected by a "fetch" rover which will return them to Earth possibly in 2031. Perseverance will also study the Red Planet's geology and test how astronauts on future Mars missions could produce oxygen from CO₂ in the atmosphere. This oxygen could be used for breathing and rocket propellant. In addition, a drone-like helicopter will be deployed to demonstrate the first powered flight on Mars.

You can watch the landing here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-56158928>

Niam in the Owls and Aarav in the Badgers have been inspired by the landing.



This is the first high-resolution, colour image to be sent back by the Perseverance Mars rover after its landing on Feb. 18.

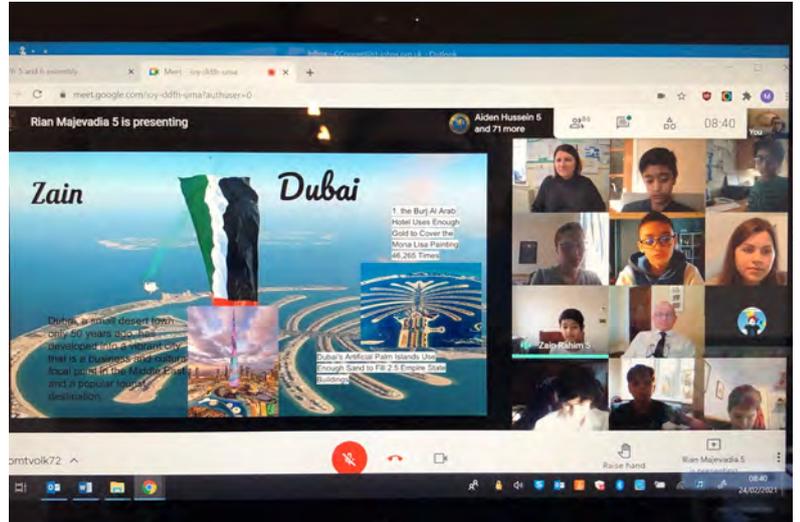




5M Presentation about the world

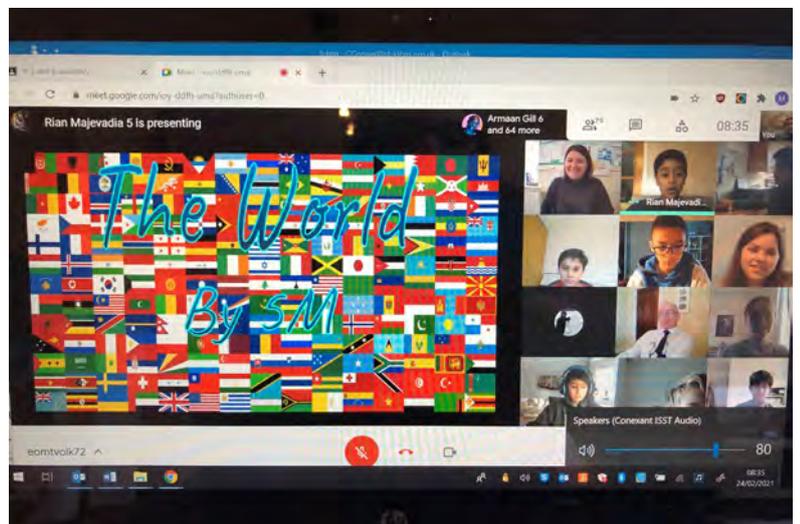
In Assembly this week, the boys in 5M treated us to a presentation about countries which they have visited and with which they have family connections. Rian introduced the Assembly and linked the presentations. All the boys spoke very clearly and shared some wonderful facts with us, using colourful slides which they had each put together. We learnt about India, Denmark, Nigeria, South Africa, Dubai, Tanzania, China, Albania, Spain, Canada, Germany, Italy and New Zealand.

Mrs Marsden watched the rehearsals, but is very proud that the boys did all their own preparation and research for this assembly. Mr Robinson congratulated the boys on being so observant when they are travelling and encouraged them to appreciate all the opportunities they have to see the world. Well done 5M!



Fun facts from 5M's assembly

- The game Snakes and Ladders originated in India
- The word Lego is made up of the Danish phrase "leg godt" which means "play well"
- There are over 300 languages spoken in Nigeria
- The Kruger National Park in South Africa is bigger than Belgium
- As recently as fifty years ago Dubai was just a small desert town
- Tasmania has the highest mountain in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro
- China holds the record for the most skyscrapers in one city
- Albania's beaches are beautiful
- Unless you're in Valencia in Spain, don't order the famous yellow paella
- Canada is the home of Maple syrup
- Sixty-five percent of the motorways in Germany have no speed limit
- Three of Europe's active volcanos are in Italy
- There are six sheep to every person in New Zealand

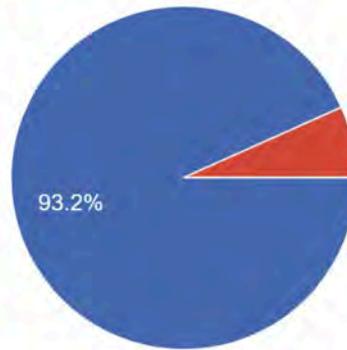




VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Results of last week's poll are...

Is cyber security important to you?



- No
- Yes



One of our favourite treats...chocolate, but at what cost?

This week we talked about fair trade and whether we are prepared to pay more.

(Juniors get to vote on this topic in their next lesson.)

Our question of the week has been:

Would you pay more for chocolate?

The people who are making the food are working a lot harder than the people selling the food (retailers). The people who are selling get paid a lot more than the people who are making when making actually takes a lot of work. We should pay more to the farmers. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have chocolate in the first place.
Hamza, Year 7

Yes, because the small difference it will make to me could have a big good impact on the life of a farmer. To not pay a small amount of money more just because we want cheaper chocolate is selfish because it implies that us saving a few pounds or even pennies more is more important than the livelihood of the farmers.

George, Year 6

Word of the Week...

Fair trade - It's likely we've all seen the **Fairtrade Foundation's symbol**. We are used to seeing it on **food items** but did you know it can also be used for items such as **clothing, flowers** and even **gold**?



And next week's question...

Does lockdown make the Internet more dangerous?





PRE-PREP



Miss Morgan's half term challenges

Miss Morgan's challenges have kept boys and parents busy and entertained during the lockdowns in the past year. Her weekly video message has inspired the boys to do their best, try hard and as she says, "Be good, Take care, Stay Safe." She has now reached week seven of lockdown three! For half term, she set the boys ten challenges and she has really enjoyed looking at all the photos you all sent in.



PRE-PREP



Miss Morgan's half term challenges continued





Reception's sports car designs

The Reception boys have been busy designing sports cars. They look very colourful.



Homemade musical instruments

No guitar or drums? No problem - just make your own as these boys have shown.



PRE-PREP



Signs of Spring

The boys found some lovely signs of Spring on their walks, yellow and purple crocuses, snowdrops, daffodils and iris. A couple of boys were up early enough to capture the beautiful sunrise. We have some budding photographers here.



PRE-PREP



The painted pebble challenge

This week's challenge combined indoor and outdoor activities. Miss Morgan asked the boys to go into their gardens and find a pebble no bigger than their fists. She asked them to decorate their pebble however they wanted to and then on one of their walks this week, to lay the pebble beside the path for other people to notice on their walks. Hopefully they will make people smile.



PRE-PREP



Kandinsky art in Year 1

Otters and Owls have been learning about the famous artist Wassily Kandinsky and these are some of the facts that we talked about:

Kandinsky was a Russian painter. He was born on 16th December 1866 in Moscow. When he was a child he loved drawing, writing poems and playing the piano and the cello. When Kandinsky was 30, he went to an art school in Germany. He was very interested in using geometric shapes and lines in his paintings. He used colour to show his feelings, rather than to make objects look real. He is famous for abstract art. This means that the picture is more like a pattern than a proper object or scene.

On the right is one of the images that the boys were inspired by.



Kandinsky art in Year 1



PRE-PREP



Victorians in Year 2

This week, the Badgers and Eagles have been learning about Victorian schooling. The boys were encouraged to dress up as Victorian children for the day. They very much enjoyed the activities and pretending they were in a Victorian lesson. They have also been making their own Victorian toys in their Art lesson. They made rocking horses and “cup and ball” games.



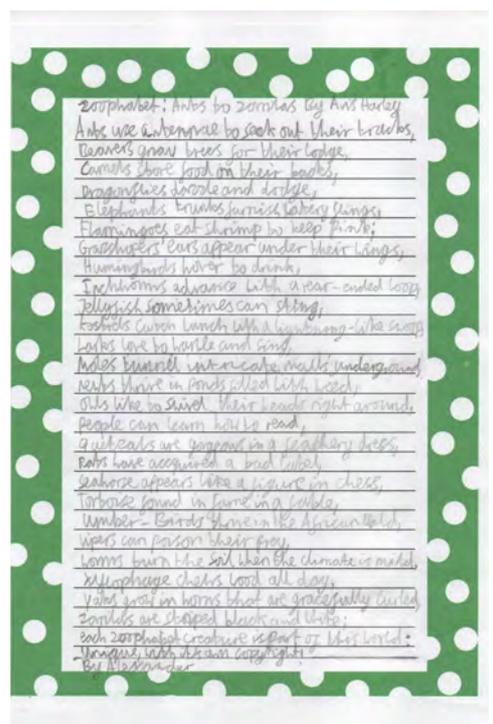
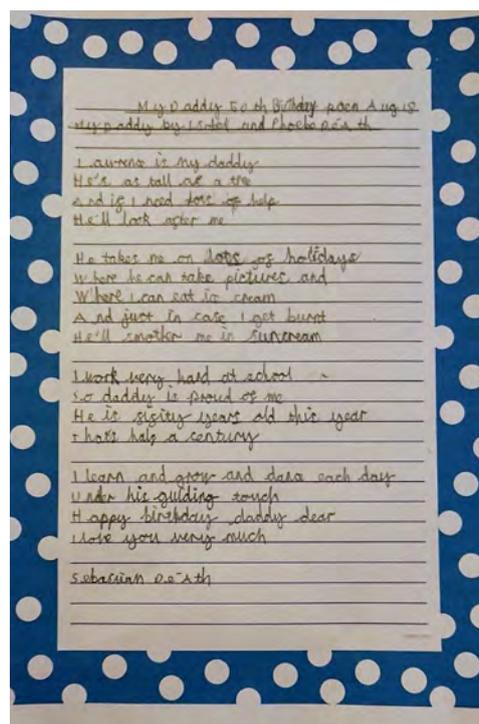
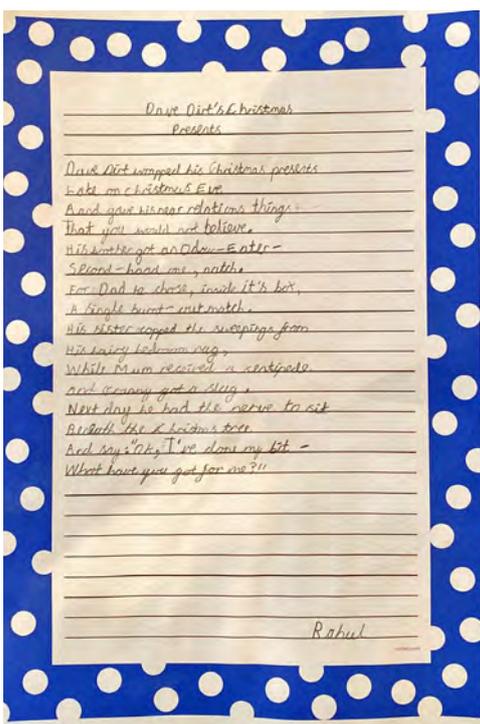
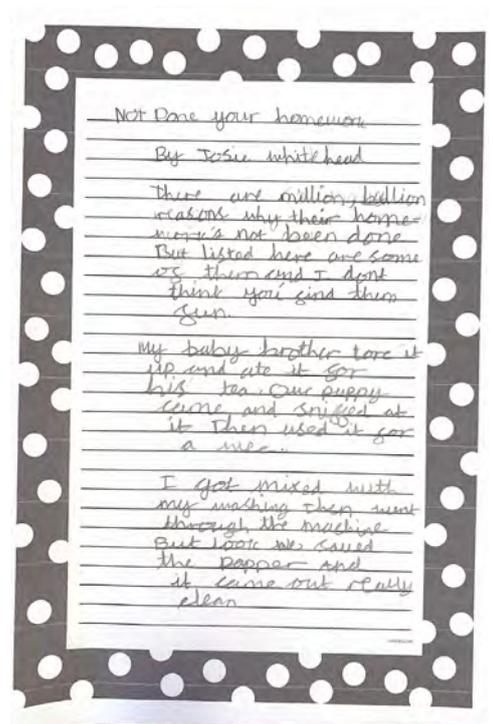
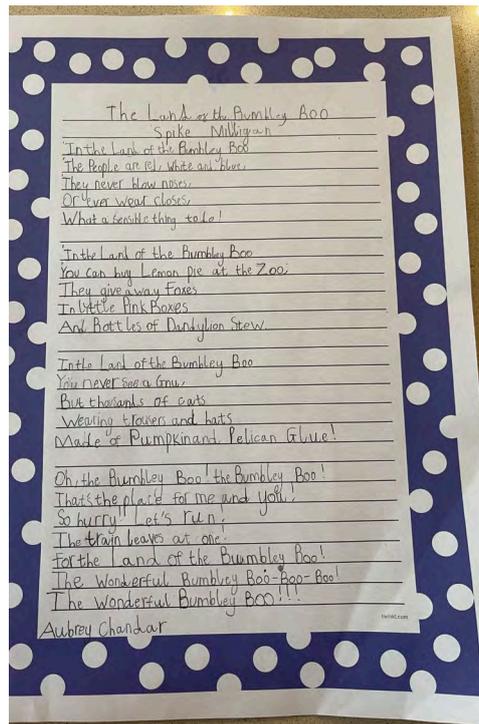
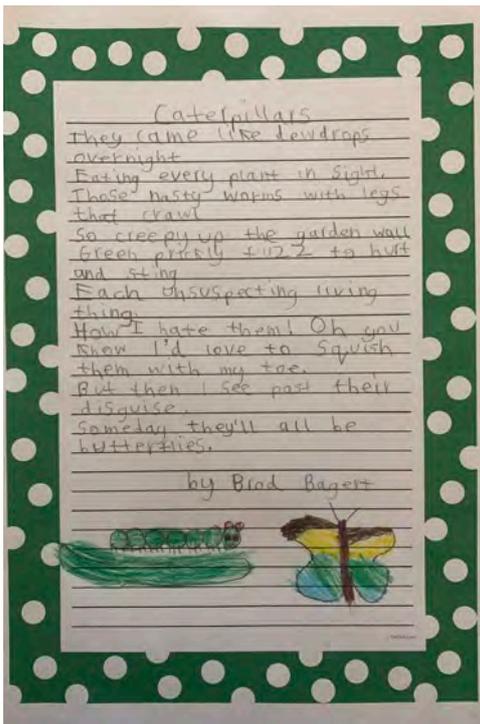
Victorians in Year 2 continued





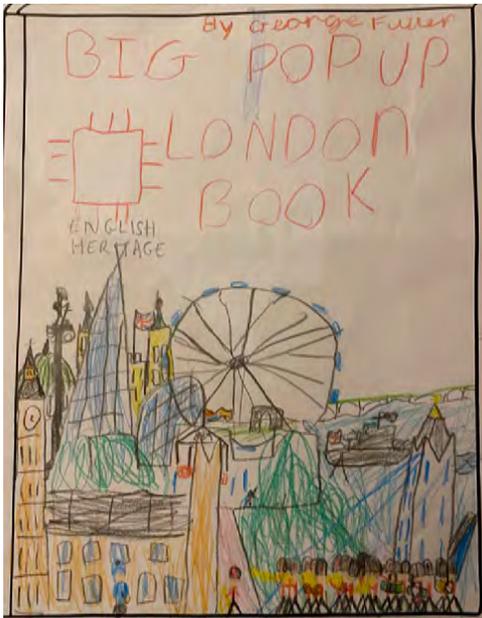
Lots of lovely creative work in the Juniors

Year 3 have been sharing their favourite poems and have written them out using their best handwriting. They also designed book covers for stories that inspire them. In RE they learnt about the Parable of the Lost Sheep, look at these lovely lost sheep. Meanwhile, in DT the boys have been making bird feeders from re-cycled materials. The designs look very ingenious.





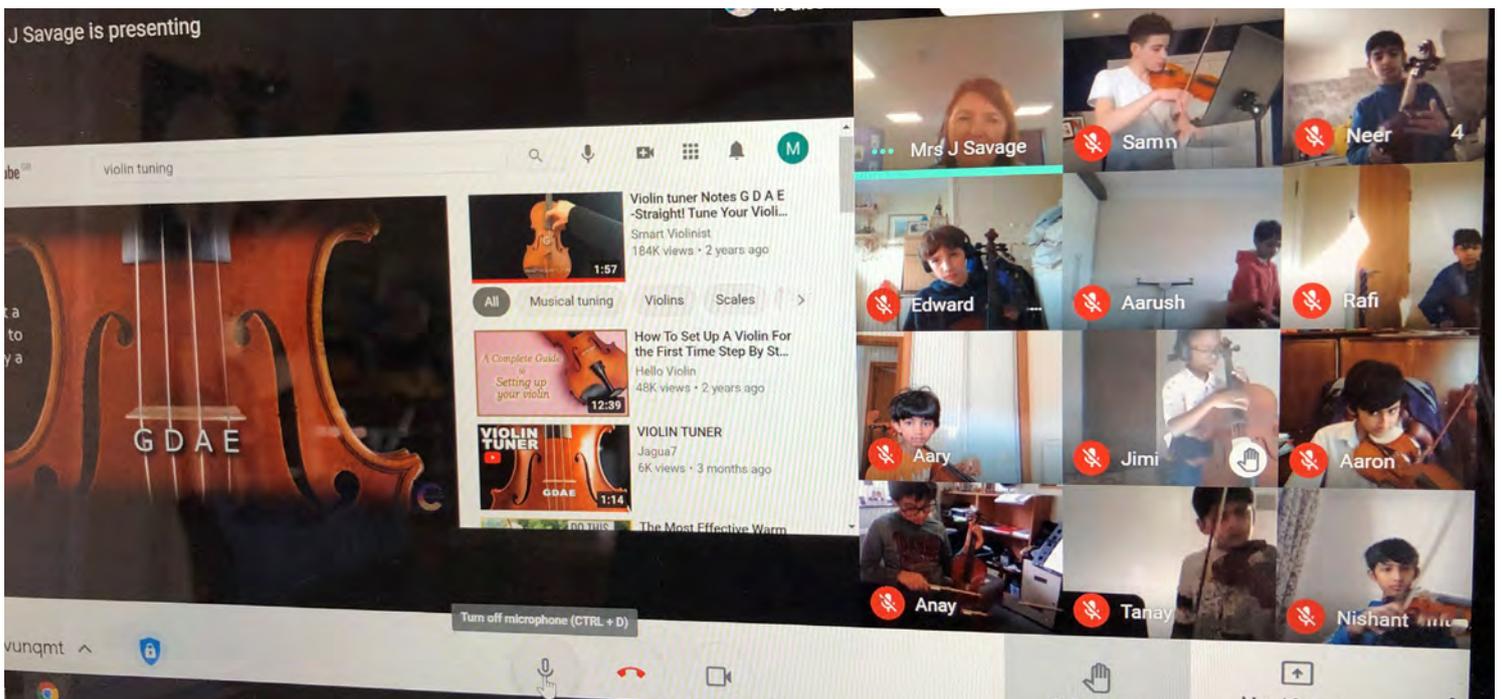
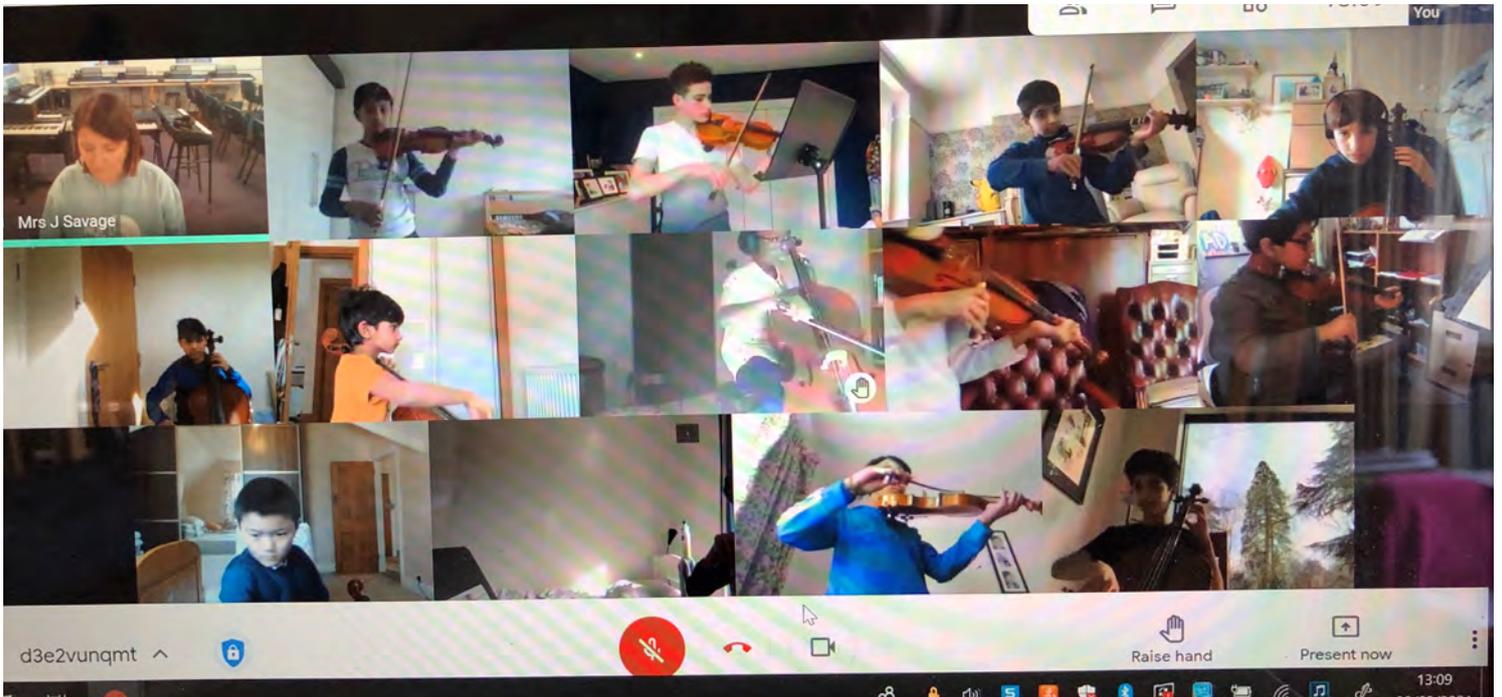
Creative work in the Juniors continued





String Group

Our String Group met for the first time in 2021 on Tuesday lunchtime. We welcomed quite a few new players to the group, which is fantastic. Our first task was to try to make sure the instruments were in tune. This is a real challenge for our string players while they are playing remotely. Mrs Savage showed the boys a really good interactive Youtube video in which you can “play” each string as many times as you need to while you are tuning your instrument. Type in “Violin tuner: Easy to use.” There is one for violin, viola and cello.





Art for Happiness

The theme for our House Art competition this year is Happiness. Here are some of the amazing pieces that have been submitted, so far. The results will be revealed as soon as all entries are in....watch this space and good luck! 1. Hugo, Year 3, 2. Milan Year 4, 3. Sebastian, Year 3, 4. Arjun Year 5.



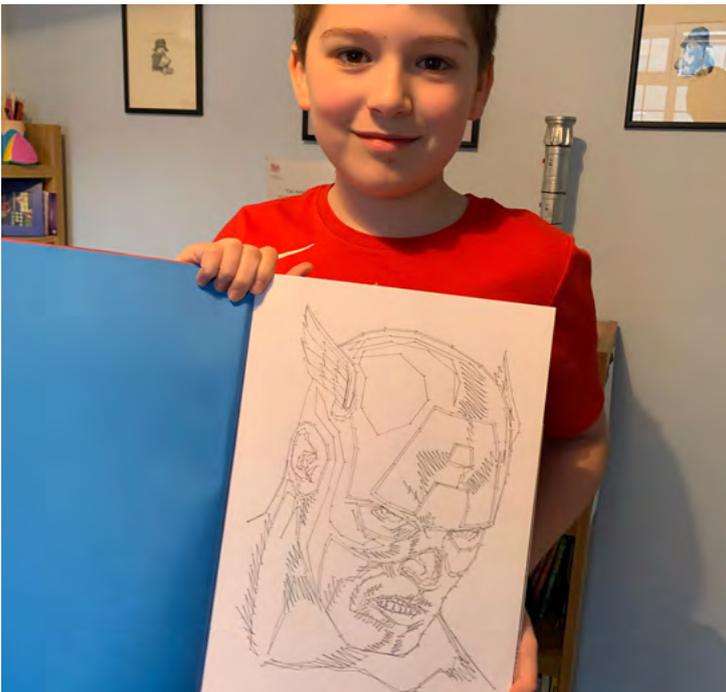


Happiness continued

5. Ishaan Year 7, 6. Benyamin Year 7



Enjoy your building experience



Matthew's dot to dot

Matthew in 5M has made a 1000 dot to dot avengers puzzle! It took him two weeks to finish.





P.E. at home: time to get active

We are really looking forward to being back at school very soon and in the not too distant future being able to continue with our team sports. In the meantime, well done boys for keeping fit, practising your skills and enjoying the great outdoors.



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Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 1st March: St John's Association Meeting (19.30 – 20.30)

Tuesday 2nd March: Year 5 Parents' Meeting (O-W) (5.30pm – 8.00pm)

Thursday 4th March: World Book Day

Photo of the week (right) George in 3W and his sister Annabel with their gorgeous new nine-week-old Cockapoo puppy called Lila.



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.



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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

World Book Day 4th March: All classes will have the afternoon off to read and enjoy book related activities. (Please see the letter from Mrs Rizava for details.) There will be a competition for Years 5 to 8, the results of which will be announced in The Lamb next week. The Pre-Prep will have received activities via their weekly timetable. Don't forget to send any book related pictures to Miss Morgan.

Saturday 6th March Virtual Family Quiz: St John's Association challenges you to the Family Quiz 5.00pm – 6.00pm. See advert on p23

Wednesday 10th March Film Night: A night of adventure films for Year 7 and 8 boys and parents, presented by Mr Vince.

Hearing from you in lock-down: Please continue to send any photos or articles to LambEditor@st-johns.org.uk

Sport and P.E.: Mr Kruger would like to remind you to send him photos of your daily exercise and sporting activities.

Cameras and Microphones: Your camera and microphone should be on for the duration of any Google Meet lesson. This ensures that learning is more effective for the whole class.

Music groups lunchtime timetable

Lunchtime Choirs: Year 4 Tuesday at 1.30pm, Year 5 Wednesday at 1.30pm and Year 6 Thursday at 1.30pm.

String Group: Tuesday lunchtime at 1.00pm

Brass Band: Wednesday lunchtime at 1.00pm.

Wind Group: Thursday lunchtime at 1.00pm.

Viola Group: Mrs Boyle's viola group meets on Fridays 12.40pm – 1.00pm

House Music Festival: This will run next term (albeit in a different format) so make sure you are practising hard. All entries receive a House Point!

Votes for schools: This week's question is about the internet. See page 5 for details

House Points: Lincoln 73.81, Lawrence 72.53, Churchill 70.76, Oates 69.18

Enjoy some early spring weather this weekend.