



From the
Headmaster



This week's Lamb captures the St John's approach to learning which is designed both to challenge and inspire boys. There are lovely examples of cross-curricular study, imaginative play and artistic opportunities in lessons.

We focus on science over the coming few weeks. Years 5, 4 and 3 enjoyed experimenting with parachutes in the forest, learning about earthquakes or evaporation. Our Year 7s are at the Science Museum in London today, engaging with opportunities in the middle of London.

A personal highlight for me was the U9s football festival on Tuesday, which managed to dodge the horrible weather this week. A large number of local schools visited, and teams of boys and girls had a wonderful time using our facilities. Thank you to supporting parents, and to our Year 8 referees and sports staff for making the event such a success.

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Memories of Italy by 8B

On Monday, 8B shared stories and photos of their recent trip to Italy with Years 3-8 in assembly. The presentations were colourful and well-presented and we all came away thinking we would like to jump on a plane to Italy!





THIS WEEK

Dropping in on an outside science lesson

Our Year 5 boys are currently studying forces in their science lessons. This class were investigating how parachutes made of different materials and different sizes compare to each other. Rohan's group talked about how it was a fun but challenging experiment and Hari found that it would have been good to use a bin bag rather than a regular parachute!





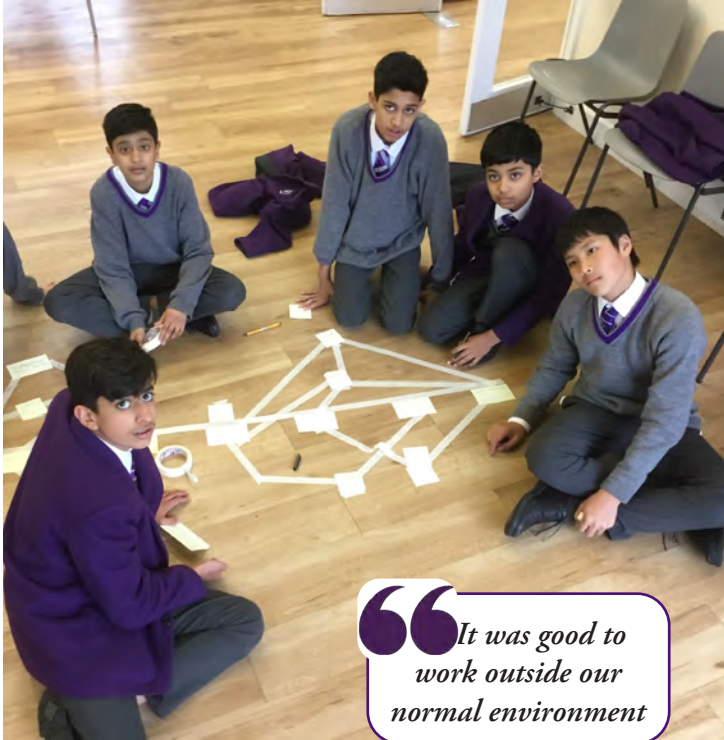
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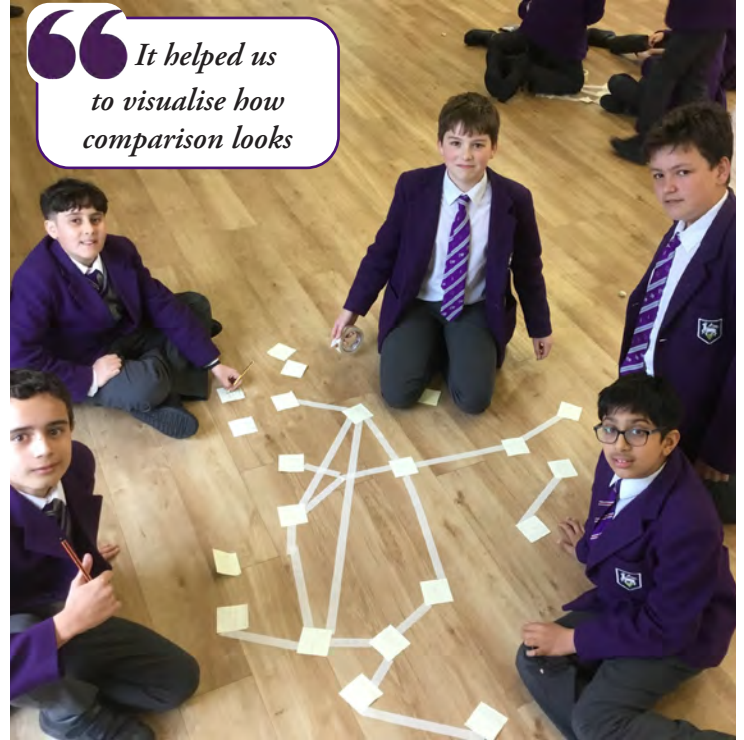
Using connection maps to explore literature

In English, Year 7 had the opportunity to compare and contrast a variety of international short stories through connection maps. Equipped with masking tape and post-it notes and working in groups, they explored a range of

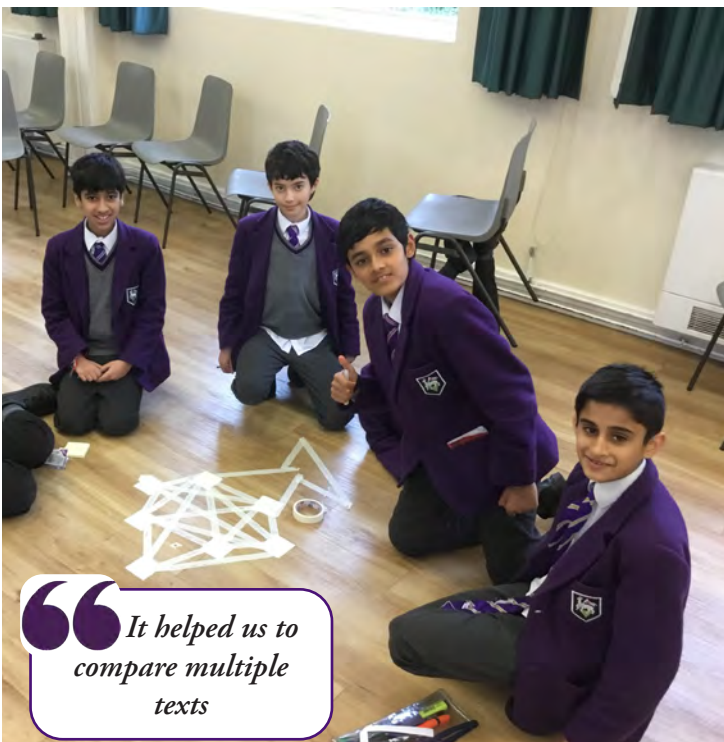
characters, historical eras, settings and themes. As you can see from their quotes, the boys found this activity interesting and educational.



“It was good to work outside our normal environment”



“It helped us to visualise how comparison looks”



“It helped us to compare multiple texts”



“We enjoyed connecting with each other”



THIS WEEK



More things going on around school



Could this be the start of the St John's Ukelele Orchestra?



The U10A team enjoying their football



Business Enterprise - the Year 8 entrepreneurs begin



More things going on around school



Mindful tracing at Art Club



Mrs Long briefing the Lion King actors



Year 5 promoting Red Nose Day with red hats, courtesy of Mr Vince



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Painting buses in the Robins and Squirrels

As **part** of our transport topic the Robins and Squirrels rolled up their sleeves and donned their art aprons to paint pictures of buses. What a great job they did.





Making gloop

The **Badgers** and **Eagles** have really enjoyed getting stuck in this week. The boys made gloop during their science lesson. They loved squeezing it together then letting it run through their fingers. By the end of the lesson, the boys were covered in gloop (so was the floor) which is all part of the fun!





Mrs Scott is raising money for GOSH

This Easter, I am combining my enjoyment of the great outdoors with a chance to raise some funds for a charity close to my heart. Our daughter has been a regular visitor to Great Ormond Street Hospital for the last 7 years. Experiencing first hand, what this amazing hospital offers, is humbling and leaves us grateful.

On 1st April I will be taking part in the Easter 50 Ultra Challenge, walking the 25km loop which heads along the Thames Path to Runnymede then back to Windsor Great Park. I am getting prepared and have been looking for the right footwear with comfort in mind! If you would like to support me in my challenge, please follow the link to my [Just Giving page](#). A HUGE thank you to everyone that has donated so far, I am most grateful.



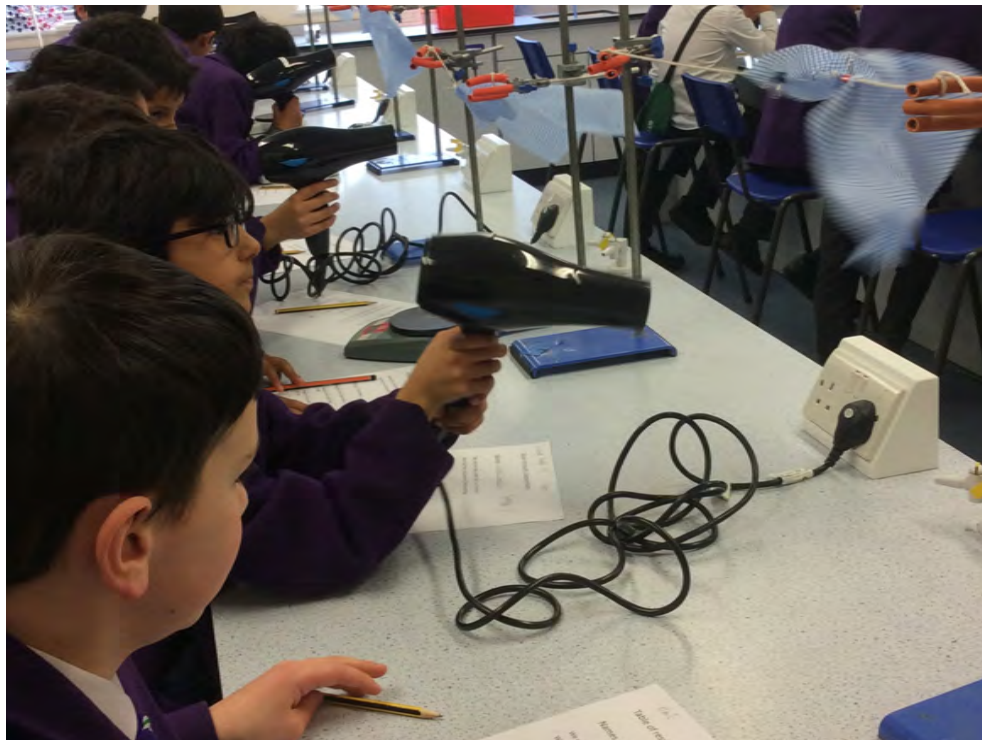
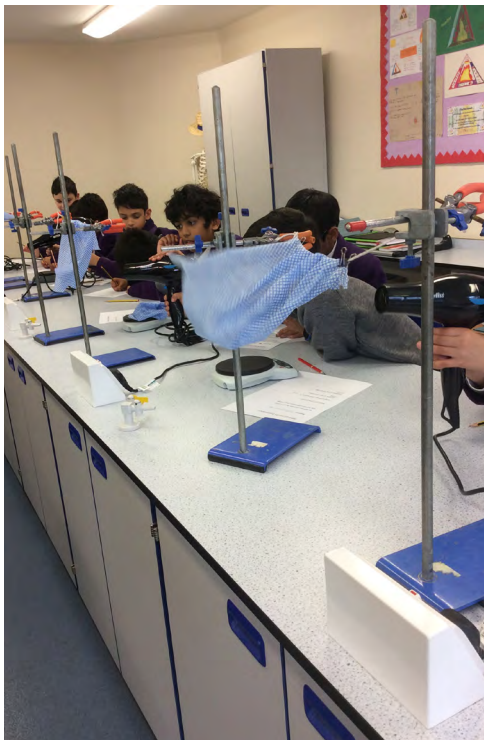
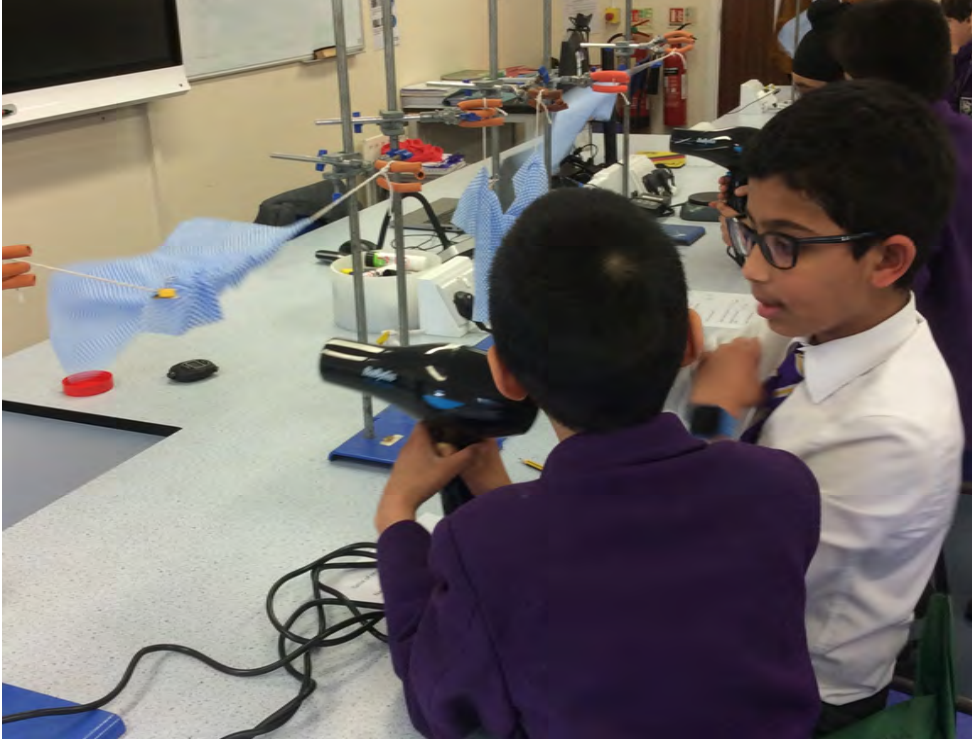
Active bodies, healthy minds





Year 4 visited the science lab this week

Year 4 created even more hot air than usual in science this week to test what happens to water when heat is applied to damp cloths. They weighed the J cloths carefully, calculated the amount of water applied and worked out how much had disappeared into the atmosphere when hot air was used. Miss Little had some expert tips on using the hair dryer which may have given them an edge over 4H as Mr Haley had very little advice to offer.



MUSIC



Nishant meets our Year 3 violinists

Nishant came along to Year 3 Violin Group today to play to the next generation of St John's string players. Our younger boys watched and listened in awe. Mr Corin is so impressed by the musical talent in Year 3.





DT&E pictures of the week



Arjan and Dillan enjoying the laser cutter



Building with boxes while working with hydraulics in Year 4.



Noah and his 'Moving Eyes' programmed project



Great start with your bookend Kyal



Inviting mums and dads into the studio





Bad weather doesn't mean no sport

Several matches may have been called off due to snow this week but the sport carried on regardless. The Centenary Sports Hall really came into its own with indoor hockey, cricket nets practice in preparation for next term and a special wicket keeping development programme designed by Ali in Year 7 for Zachariah in Year 6.





U11 UCS Hockey Tournament

A huge well done to our U11A hockey team who reached the final of the shield competition in the UCS hockey tournament. The boys played impressively clinical hockey and their wins over UCS A and Merchant Taylors' Prep were the highlights of the day. Zachariah, Shrey, Neer, Niam and Rafay played particularly brilliantly and Zachariah's performance in the early games was outstanding. The matches were umpired by international hockey players.



U9 Primary Schools Football Festival

On Tuesday we welcomed Cannon Lane Primary, St Teresa's Primary Harrow, Longfield Primary and Grimsdyke School to St John's. It was fantastic to see the Year 4 footballers, boys and girls, representing their schools so enthusiastically. We were very proud of our Year 8 boys helping with the organisation and refereeing matches. The St John's brothers' supporters club was out in force.





U9 Primary School's Football Festival





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

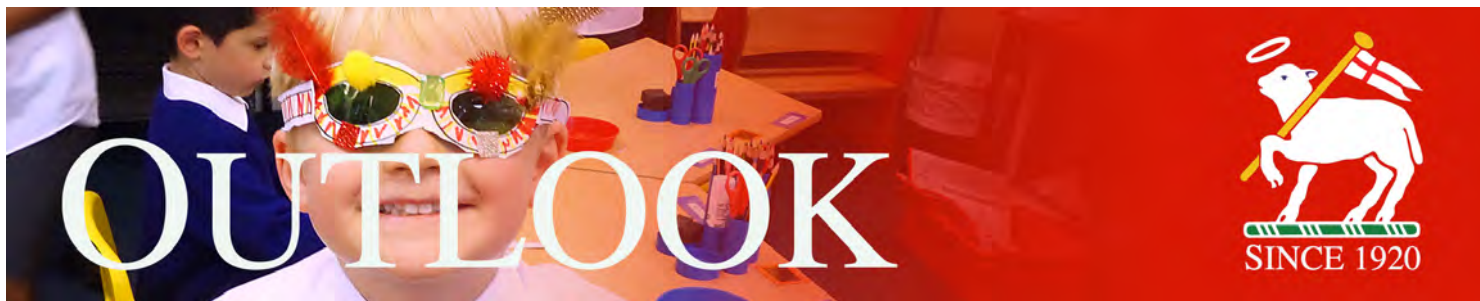
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Important dates and contacts

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

Caldicott Rugby Tournament: U11A (1.00pm)

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

Monday 13th March: Starlight Mobile Planetarium Visit (Years 3-5)

Year 6 Trip to Merchant Taylors' Hall & Docklands Museum
Hockey v UCS: U13 & U12A (h) (3.00pm)

DT&E and Art Open House (4H) (3.50pm-4.30pm)

Tuesday 14th March: Football v The Beacon: U9 A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting (4.10pm)

Year 7 Parents' Meeting (A-L) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Wednesday 15th March: Hockey v St Martin's & MTP: U13 A (h), U13 B, C (a) (2.15pm)

Junior Extended Drama Rehearsal (4.00pm-6.00pm)

Thursday 16th March: Animal Workshops from Science Garden (Pre-Prep)

Football v The Beacon: U8 A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

Year 7 Residential Trip Meeting (4.10pm)

Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day

No swimming at Merchant Taylors'

Merchant Taylors' Orchestral Afternoon & Concert (1.30pm-6.30pm)

Football v Highgate: U11 A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

Football v The Beacon: U10 A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.30pm)

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. 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 18

Easter Kruger Camp Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April: more information on page 18

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 supermarkets need to do more to tackle food waste?



Next week's question: Is it easy to set your boundaries?

House Points: 1st Churchill 95.95, 2nd Lawrence 90.92, 3rd Lincoln 90.88, 4th Oates 90.20

Good luck to all 1st XI at Belmont and U11A at Caldicott this weekend.

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