

# THE LAMB



St John's School Weekly Newsletter

Issue 267



From the  
Headmaster

I was delighted to welcome a group of Alumni back to St John's this week. They gave a careers talk to Year 8 and answered questions on what St John's was like in the 1970s and what effect the School has had on their lives. The Old Boys were in their element and amazingly seventeen out of the twenty of the 1968-74 cohort are still in regular contact today. They enjoyed chatting to the boys, listening to the Junior Choir and reminiscing in the grounds. The Year 8 boys were excellent hosts. They have also enjoyed pioneering with Mr Vince this week.

Mr Corin took our pianists to Emmanuel Church to entertain the Church Community Group on Wednesday afternoon. He reported that they played really well and chatted to the audience afterwards. Well done boys.

I really was transported back in time when I saw Year 2 setting off for their Victorian morning at Reveley Lodge, all dressed in costume. You can see the photos on page 6.

The sun shone for our U9 Primary Schools Football Festival. We welcomed Grimsdyke and Merchant Taylors' Prep. All the pupils who participated showed excellent sportsmanship.

Finally, I enjoyed meeting families at the D&T Open House, many thanks to Mrs McSween for organising this lovely event.

S. R. A. Vince

## Alumni visit inspires Year 8



On Wednesday, a group of Old Boys came to tell us about their time at school between 1968 and 1975 and how St John's had enabled them to pursue their careers using the passion and talents which they had developed here. We met Group Finance Directors, a school Head of Music, a business man and an Estate Agent. During their careers, one had worked for Lord Lloyd Webber, another had played tennis with champion tennis player, Pat Cash. They also talked about their love of sport which started at St John's and Merchant Taylors'.

One is a qualified pilot in the UK and US and plays in a classic rock and blues band and another is currently circumnavigating the UK with a friend. His most memorable sight was seeing puffins on the Island of Skomer as he had never seen them before. They advised us that it is important in life to be polite and friendly as it will always open doors and it is good to listen 80% of the time and speak 20% of the time. One remembered the advice of his teachers, "find and use what you are good at." Finally, they stressed the importance of always speaking the truth. We were reminded of our school motto. *Albert 8H*





# Alumni visit cont...





# Pioneering in Year 8's post-exam curriculum

**Action stations at St John's!!** The Year 8 post-exam curriculum sees the entire year group getting a taste for 'pioneering'. This activity was formalised by Lord Baden-Powell back in 1906 when he drew up the first edition of 'Scouting for Boys'. Pioneering, in the scouting sense, means using simple but robust equipment to enhance forces and move heavy things. It also covers temporary structures such as rope bridges, aerial runways, huge tripods and big tarp shelters. It's a sharp shock for the lads as their X-box generation has little experience of ropes, shackles and pulleys!





## The Origami Club

Since September last year, Year 5 and Year 6 boys have been making different types of crafts in the Origami Club where they continue to explore folds, the creation of geometrical shapes, designing and the use of artistic skills. For the boys, origami is not just the folding of paper but a whole set of skills - independence, collaboration, focus, creativity, determination and exploration. In fact, patience and precision have been key, whether during the making of cranes or interlocking origami structures. Boys have shown

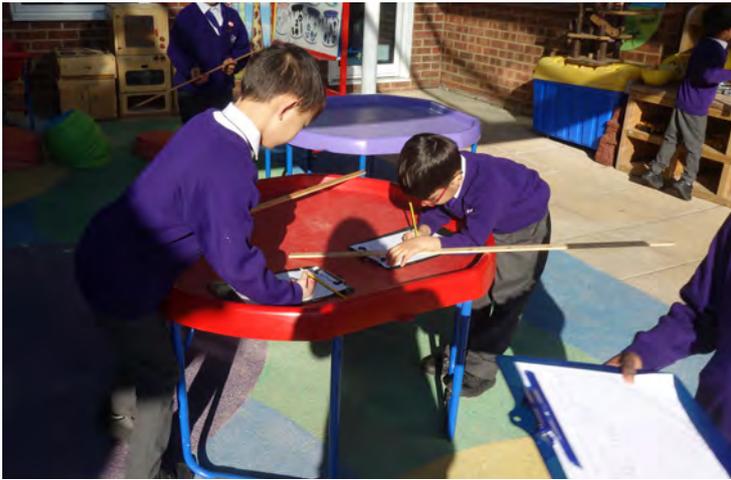
great enthusiasm and enjoyed following instructions from video clips which have enabled them to create a variety of folds - from simple to complex ones. As shown in the photos, the range of crafts they have produced is diverse and pristine. Among the many crafts are dinosaurs, flowers, butterflies, planes, boxes, boats, bats, pop-ups, etc. Currently, some boys are stretching themselves by creating their own crafts but also developing instructions. In the next few weeks, boys will have progressed to making more complex crafts!





# Measuring in Year 1

The Otters and Owls have been busy in Maths lessons this week measuring things around their classrooms and outside using centimetres and metres. They learnt how to use a ruler to measure accurately. Using centimetres, they measured the length, width and height of objects around the classroom, like a paintbrush, scissors, glue stick, torch and dictionary. Using metre sticks, they measured larger objects in the nursery play area, like the sandpit, Wendy House and paint easels.





## Back to the Victorian days

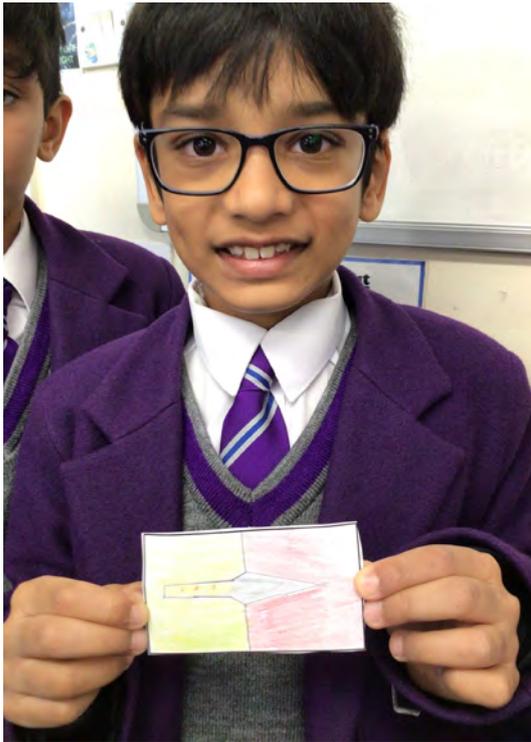
**This week, the Badgers and Eagles fully embraced their Victorians topic and visited the Victorian House, Reveley Lodge in Bushey. The boys came dressed as Victorians and participated in a Victorian school morning. They used the dolly tub and dolly stool to do some washing and finished the morning off with a delicious slice of Victoria sponge cake and a cup of tea. A great morning was had by all.**





# Scholars and Warriors in Ancient Greece

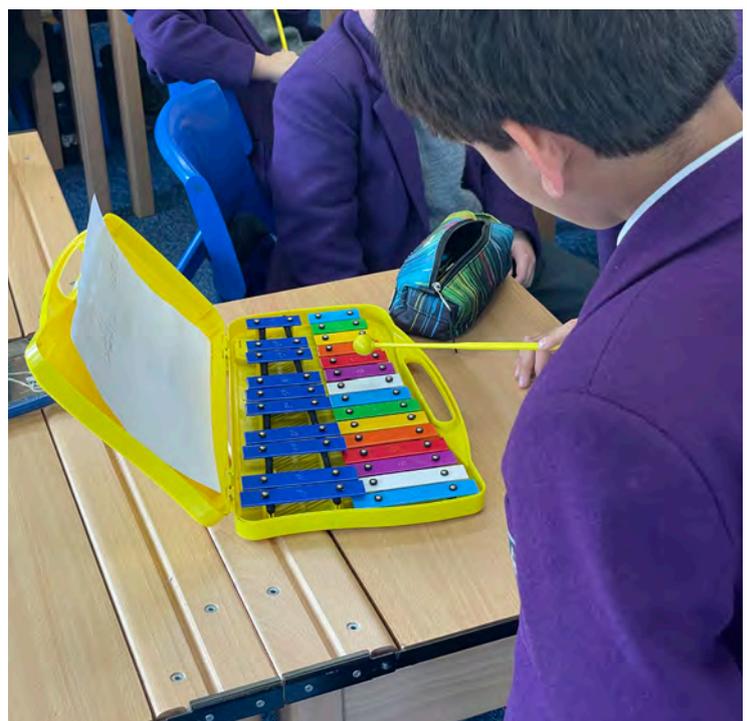
In Year 3, the boys have been learning about Ancient Greece's city states. They decided which state they would have preferred to be a citizen of and designed a flag for it. Some wanted to join the warriors from Sparta whereas others preferred to be scholarly Athenians. Where would you have preferred to live?





# Investigating pitch and the human ear

**Things reached fever** pitch in Year 4 as the boys investigated sounds. Last week everyone took great delight in making ripple and splash by placing tuning forks in water. This week we have been investigating pitch and looking at how the human ear works. A whole class of boys playing the xylophone could easily have turned into an investigation on volume. Fortunately, we will be learning about that next week.





# Never a dull moment in music

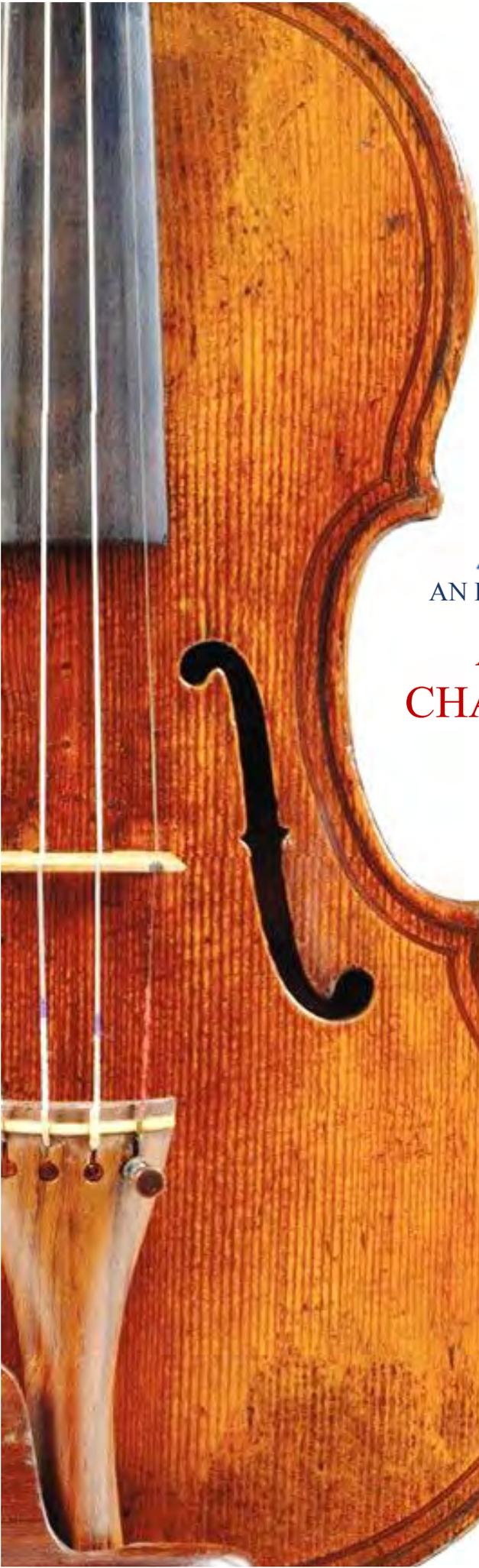
**This week has** been busy again in music. Congratulations again to all boys who performed at Emmanuel Church Northwood. The Church's community group were delighted to welcome the boys and everyone played with confidence. Preliminary rounds for St John's Young Musician of the Year continued in music lessons this week. We have been very impressed with all performances. All boys have acted as supportive members of the audience - we look forward to announcing who will perform in the Final very soon. Our guitar ensemble grows ever stronger, it has been excellent to welcome many new Junior boys through this term. Well done to Liam who was awarded First Place, with Honours in the Year 5 Set Piece Poetry Category of the Watford Festival of Speech and Drama. He also received a Distinction in the Own Choice Year 5 Poetry Category.



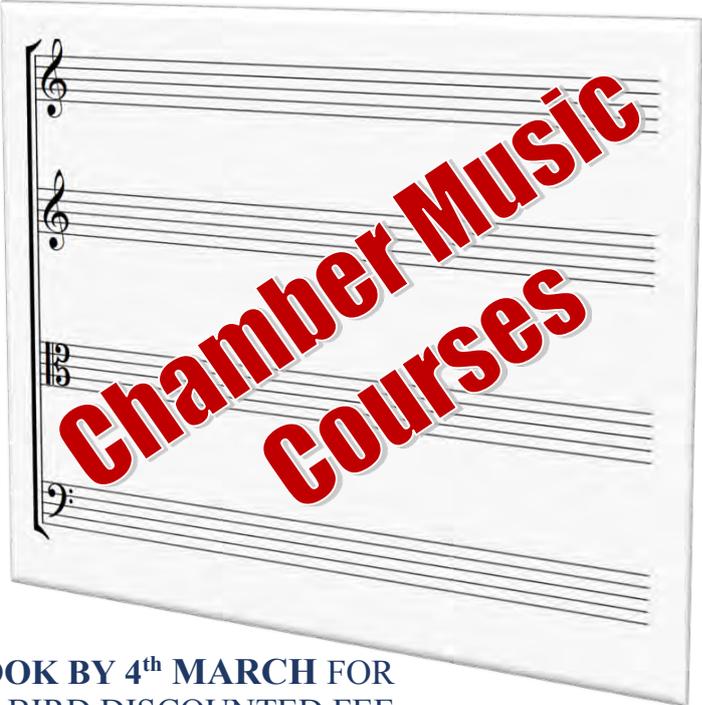


Never a dull moment cont...





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**MERCHANT TAYLORS'  
School**



# This week in the D&T Studio

It was D&T Open House for Year 6 this week. The boys enjoyed sharing their achievements and showing their families around. Elsewhere the Year 6 boys happily completed their book ends.





## This week in the D&T Studio cont...



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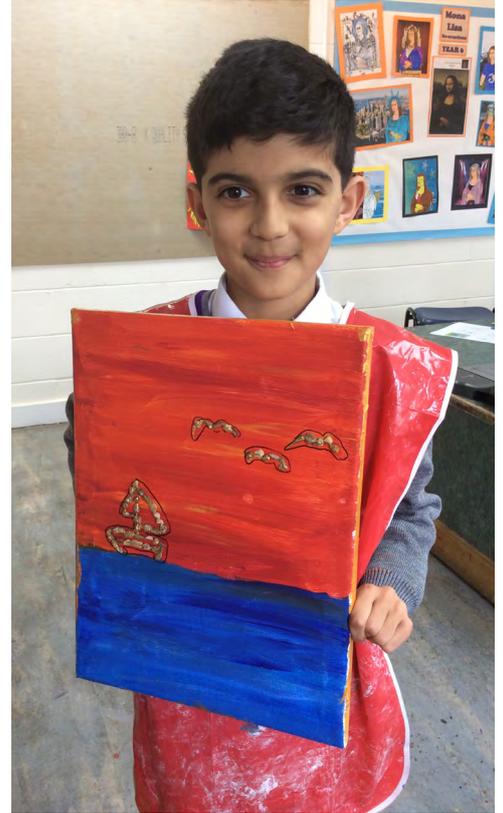
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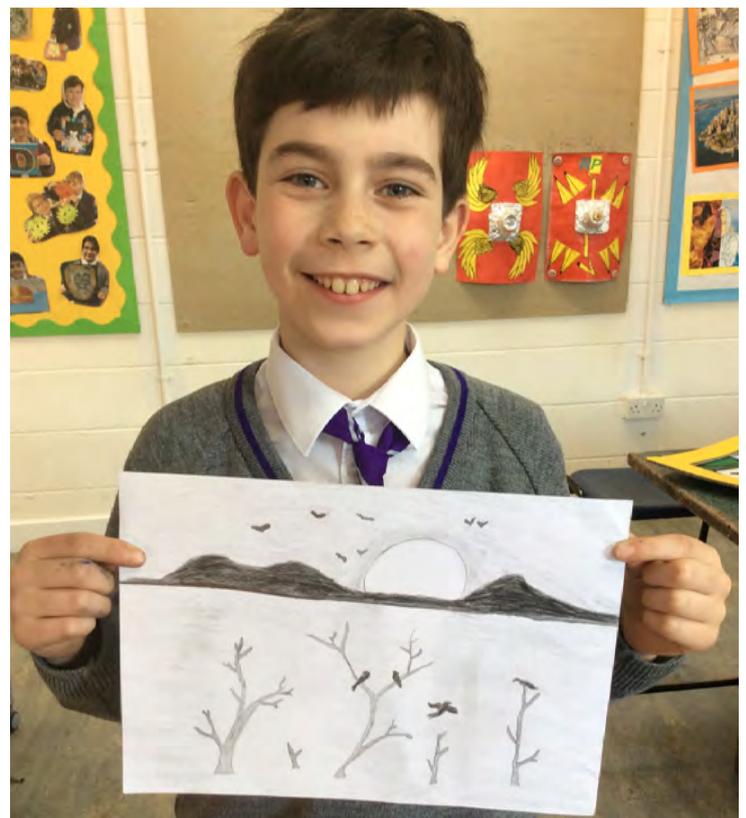


# House Art Competition entries continue...





# House Art Competition cont.....





## Caldicot U13 VII Rugby Festival 9th March



**This was the** first VII rugby festival for the U13s and the calibre of teams on show was impressive. We were in a group with Oratory Prep, Dulwich Prep and Shrewsbury House School playing Oratory Prep first in a tough match. The physicality in tackles and competing for the ball in the ruck was ferocious. However, from a scrum in our own 22 we moved the ball and Thomas ran superbly to score a long range try. At half time things poised, but Oratory Prep came back strongly and managed to score 3 tries to finish the match 15–5.

It was another tight match against Dulwich Prep. We totally dominated the first half with Jacob scoring a good try through several players on his way to the try line. Dulwich Prep then scored two quick tries before Amos bulldozed his way through to score, evening up the score. In the end it was Dulwich who got a chance and scored a try to win the match 15–10.

We started well against Shrewsbury House taking an early lead with Jacob again scoring for us. Blake, Amos and Zac supported and tackled well too. In the second half, Shrewsbury House brought on some strong substitutes and even though we tackled extremely well they scored four tries to finish winners by 20 points to 5.

In the Bowl competition our first match was against the

Downs School. We started superbly and never allowed the opposition to score. Every time we got the ball and attacked, we always looked like we could score a try. Blake ran well and glided through gaps to score two superb tries. Jacob showed his power and speed to grab two more and Amos and Reuben added to St John's tally to win the match 30 points to 0.

The 4th Match was against St John's Beaumont, and we reverted to playing XV rather than VIIIs. The game was scrappy but Blake scored a good long range try. However, two knock ons from free kicks gave possession to the opposition who then scored tries from these errors. We battled hard but St John's Beaumont scored again to win the match 15–5.

In the final match, we played Kings House in another evenly contested match. They always seemed to be ahead on the score sheet and managed to score two quick tries. St John's came back with two good tries from William and Jacob. The St John's side never gave up and battled all the way until the final whistle. We lost the final match 20–10.

Overall, this was a great experience for the St John's U13s VII team and they learnt a huge amount playing against some of the top rugby schools. Congratulations to all the boys who represented the School.



## U11 football vs St Paul's Friday 4th March

### U11A won 1-0

The U11As battled against a tough St Paul's team, taking the ball wide and not trying to force their way through the middle. Throughout the first half St John's were dominant and had four shots cleared off the line. The boys were unable to capitalise and went into half-time level. In the second half it was really important the boys did not get frustrated and they certainly did not, continuing to put pressure on the St Paul's goal. The deadlock was broken in what proved to be the only goal of the game. Daanish played a great ball behind the defence to Freddie who then backheeled it to Leo who scored. A really strong performance that, on another day, had we been more clinical, would have been more than a 1-0 win. Man of the Match: Bailey.



### U11B won 5-2

The whole team played well. Our formation line-up was good and we kept in our positions, especially Marcus, Mehul and Mikey in defence. Our possession was good, maintaining composure and looking for passes to Arjun and Zain in midfield. The opposition had a clear game plan, they played well and kept possession well. Rohan, Mustafa and Khyan linked well in attack to both assist and score on the counter attack with Darsh distributing well as goalkeeper. We won 5-2, which was our first victory of the season. Scorers: Rohan 1, Khyan 2, Mustafa 1, Marcus 1. Man of the Match: Marcus. *Report by Rohan*

### U11C won 6-0

The Colts C team played with determination and high concentration throughout the first half of the match. Our captain, Thomas, showed great authority and leadership in our places and telling us what to do. We were very excited throughout the game, especially after our first goal. With a small team talk though, we played solidly through the second half with less enthusiasm after scoring and being more sportsmanlike. The defence was decent, bouncing the ball back with full effort from everyone. Aiden and Neel scored once and Leo and Vineel scored twice. Overall the score was 6-0 Scorer: Aiden 1, Neel 1, Leo 2, Vineel 2 Our goalkeeper Ali was the man of the match, not missing a save even once. *Report by Harry*



### U11D lost 2-0

The U11D team played well and there was lots of passing and communication though we do need to work at our precision and keeping possession of the ball. Ahmed was very tactical with his position, stayed near the goal and was always ready to score but unfortunately the St Paul's keeper was very good and blocked most of the attempts. The final score was 2-0 and though we put in a lot of effort we lost. The Man of the Match was Ahmed but the entire team worked really well. *Report by Ananda*



## U10 football vs st Paul's 4th March

### U10A lost

This was the team's third competitive match of the term and a home fixture against a strong St Paul's side. The game was played in a great spirit with both attacking at every opportunity. St John's were maybe too keen to commit players forward and left themselves vulnerable to counter attacks. St Paul's had pace and quality, and this enabled them to create overlaps and attack St John's. Their finishing was also clinical, but St John's never gave up and created some excellent chances of their own. Our final touch let us down and their goalkeeper was never really troubled. Overall, an enjoyable match, and on another day the score could have been much closer. All of the team showed great enthusiasm and commitment, but a special mention must go the Liam for his commanding performance in defence.



### U10B lost 6-1

This was a tough game from the start with St Paul's passing and linking extremely well throughout. They passed the ball precisely and we found it hard to keep possession and play our game. They scored two early goals and we had to defend for long periods. We moved the ball to players but linking from the mid-field to the front players proved hard. They and Neer defended well, and Arun had a good stint in goal, but St Paul's kept the pressure up and kept the ball well. In the second half, we played more competitively starting to win those 50/50 balls. We pushed more players up front, and the passes started to cut through. Eventually a good pass met Neer who hit the ball into the net which was such a lift for the team. Although we conceded another goal, we played so much better in the second half. Scorer: Neer 1.

### U10C lost 9-0

One could say, it was a performance to forget for the U10C team. Against a strong St Paul's E team, we struggled to get any foot hold in the game and it was a tough day at the office for the Year 5 boys. The players stuck at it until the very end and it was great to see that they didn't drop their heads. Resilience was shown and they fought throughout the whole game. Dhilan made some great saves in goal and was MOTM. We will continue to improve, the teamwork was impressive. The final score was 9-0 to St Paul's.



### U10D lost

Defending against St Paul's was a little like trying to stop a fire hose with one's bare hands. For much of the match we struggled to get out of our half and our keepers, Cato and Kyal, were kept extremely busy, both making many saves including some impressive blocks. In the second half the resilience of some boys really shone through and openings were made and two corners forced. Sadly we were unable to convert these opportunities into goals on this occasion. Well done to the boys on their efforts.



# St John's Primary School Festival 8th March

We hosted our annual St John's Primary Schools Football Festival with 10 teams taking part. Unfortunately, Hillside and Pinner Wood could not come, however we had 5 teams from St John's, 4 teams from Merchant Taylors' Prep and one team from Grimsdyke. There were two groups of five teams with everyone playing each other. The matches flowed and all the games were evenly matched. Grimsdyke and Merchant Taylors' Prep led the way with good early wins in the A group. St John's A and B teams battled hard but, on the day, just missed out on getting to the finals.



In the Final, Merchant Taylors' Prep got the better start and took an early lead. Grimsdyke never gave up and managed to score 2 goals, but Merchant Taylors' Prep scored another goal to win 4- 2. In group B what was really pleasing was that the games were again very evenly matched, and results could have gone either way with teams having many opportunities to score. However, Merchant Taylors' Prep C and St John's C team made it to the final and what a thrilling match. End to end and both teams had chances to win but a draw was a fair result. With both teams finishing 1 – 1.





# St John's Primary School Festival cont..

## Results

Fixtures 1	SJ1 vs G1	SJ2 vs MTP2	SJ3 vs MTP4	SJ4 vs MTP3
Score	Lost 2 - 0	Drew 0 - 0	Won 2 - 0	Drew 1 - 1
Fixtures 2	SJ1 vs MTP2	SJ2 vs MTP1	SJ3 vs SJ5	MTP3 vs MTP4
Score	Won 1 - 0	Lost 0 - 2	Won 3 - 0	Won 1 - 0
Fixtures 3	SJ2 vs G1	MTP1 vs MTP2	MTP3 vs SJ5	MTP4 vs SJ4
Score	Lost 0 - 2	Drew 0 - 0	Won 3 - 0	Drew 1 - 1
Fixtures 4	SJ1 vs MTP1	MTP2 vs G1	SJ3 vs SJ4	SJ5 vs MTP4
Score	Lost 2 - 3	Lost 1 - 2	Won 3 - 0	Lost 0 - 2
Fixtures 5	SJ1 vs SJ2	G1 vs MTP1	SJ3 vs MTP3	SJ5 vs SJ4
Score	Drew 0 - 0	Lost 2 - 4	Drew 0 - 0	Lost 0 - 1

## Team standings

Team	Points	Goals
STJ1	0 - 3 - 0 - 2	5
STJ2	2 - 0 - 0 - 2	4
MTP1	3 - 2 - 3 - 3	11
MTP2	2 - 0 - 2 - 0	4
G1	3 - 3 - 3 - 0	9
MTP3	2 - 3 - 3 - 2	10
MTP4	0 - 0 - 2 - 3	5
STJ3	3 - 3 - 3 - 2	11
STJ4	2 - 2 - 0 - 3	7
STJ5	0-0-0-0	0



Group A Final - Merchant Taylors' Prep (Team 1) ( 2 ) v Grimsdyke (Team 1) ( 1 )

Group B Final - Merchant Taylors' Prep (Team 3) 1 v St John's School (Team 1) 1

A player from Merchant Taylors' Prep won the award for the most goals scored and a pupil from Grimsdyke won the award for the best player of the Tournament. Finally, well done to all the schools and pupils who took part in this event for the excellent sportsmanship.

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**Time 7.00pm to 9.00pm.**

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# **FAMILY QUIZ**

## **Night**

**SATURDAY 19th MARCH**

**5 - 6 PM**

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# OUTLOOK



## Calendar & important dates Contact details

**Saturday 12th:** Belmont Football

Tournament: POSTPONED

Caldicott Rugby Tournament: U11 A, B VII (1.00pm)

**Monday 14th:** Hockey v UCS: U12A, U13A, (h) (3.00pm)

**Tuesday 15th:** Science Workshop (Years 3, 4 and 5)

Football v The Beacon: U9 A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.30pm)

Junior Drama Extended Rehearsal (4.00pm-6.00pm)

Year 6 Residential Trip Information Meeting ONLINE (4.45pm)

**Wednesday 16th:** Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.15am)

Hockey v St Martin's and MTP: U13 A (h), U13 B (a at MTP) U13 C (a at St Martin's) (2.15pm)

**Thursday 17th:** Year 6 Trip to the National History Museum

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

Year 7 Residential Trip Information Meeting ONLINE (4.45pm)

**Friday 18th:** No swimming

Comic Relief Day

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

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

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

Hockey v The: U10 A, B (h) (2.30pm)

**Saturday 19th March:** St John's Association Family Quiz

**Sunday 20th March:** Chamber Joint Concer Choir rehearsal, MTS (3.00–5.00pm)



*Barnaby plays with Chess Valley Under 7s Rugby and they went to Saracens on Saturday for the Saracens U7 Festival.*

**Updates:** Please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://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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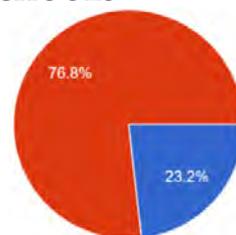
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### VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

This week's question:  
"Should a question be easy to answer?"

- 23.2% Yes
- 76.8% No



Next week's question:  
"Have recent films challenged stereotypes of women and girls?"

## Notices and reminders

**St John's Association Quiz Night this Saturday 19th March 5.00-6.00 pm:** Poster and the booking link on page 24. There are still tickets left – buy soon to avoid disappointment!

**Eco Council:** Dear students, St John's is trying to get a green flag award which includes reducing the amount of single use plastic packaging. The Eco council has decided to do another snack survey for Years 3 to 8 on the 14th to the 18th of March. Eco councillors will be on duty collecting snack data in first breaks. Please do try to bring multi use plastic packaging, if any. Thank you. **Eco Council**

**Astronomy Evening:** Mr Lawrence recommends the West of London Astronomy Observing sessions at Ruislip Lido on the weekend of 11th to 13th March. See page 23.

**Comic Relief Day Friday 18th March:** Please wear

something red instead of school uniform and a red nose which can be purchased from Sainsburys. Our suggested donation for this day is £2. Here is the link to our **Just Giving Comic Relief Page**. Boys are invited to bring £1 for the tuck shop and £1 for the mini stand-up comedy event at first break.

**Junior Drama:** Years 3 and 4 will be performing Roald Dahl's "Revolting Rhymes" on Wednesday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the Norman Hall. Everyone is welcome. Doors will open at 6.45pm. Please e-mail [exam@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:exam@st-johns.org.uk) to let us know how many seats you would like, just to give us an idea of numbers.

**House Points:** Churchill 94.56, Lincoln 93.62, Oates 89.73, Lawrence 86.87

Have a great weekend.