

Making the most of the great outdoors



From the
Headmaster

Spring is in the air at St John's. The bluebells are out, and the grounds are bursting into life. The boys have been experiencing an extraordinary range of learning opportunities in our wonderful outdoor environment. Year

5 have enjoyed Adventure Camps, connecting with Year 7 and 8 boys to experience a "micro-adventure." Years 6 to 8 have been challenged by Mr Vince to learn outdoor survival skills. They have worked in teams to create tarps, start fires and forage in our forest. Boys from Years 1 to 8 have enjoyed helping to plant the Well-Being Garden to prepare for the opening next week.

Congratulations to all our House Art winners who created inspirational pieces on the theme of recycled art. Outside School, boys visited Merchant

Taylor's School today for the Year 5 Science Challenge and the Prep Schools' Orchestral Afternoon.

We are all very excited to welcome the beginning of the cricket season. Congratulations to our new captain Rian and all our senior cricketers, who produced outstanding all-round performances in our first matches of the season against York House with our 1st, 2nd and 4th teams winning well.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 15th May, 2024 from 9.15 a.m.



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Year 5 Adventure Camps

Year 5 showed resilience, perseverance and enthusiasm in their micro adventure sessions. All the boys loved the bike ride, the food around the campfire and all were superstars in the very cold night-time temperatures. Year 7 & 8 boys who supported the event were none less than amazing. What an experience!



"It's the best experience I have ever had in my life!" Ayaan M



"It was quite cold at night, but I loved the hot chocolate in the morning." Dhruv



"It was a lot of fun and I learnt a lot of tips for camping." Ifan



Year 5 Adventure Camps



"The biking was fun!." Harry



"It was freezing but it was fantastic!." Aaran G





Mr Vince has been teaching life skills

For the past two weeks our forest area has been a hive of activity as our Year 6 to 8 boys have had the chance to learn outdoor survival skills with Mr Vince. They've learnt how to erect a two-man tarp, how to make a fire, how to forage and how to send a message in morse code.





Route 66 Menu

We took an American road trip at lunchtime yesterday with our Route 66 inspired menu. Among the flavours the boys enjoyed were Southern celeriac salad, Florida rainbow salad, barbeque flavours, crispy onions and cowboy beans.





Summer term clubs and activities



The mountain biking club loved making the most of our beautiful grounds in the spring sunshine. The boys held a time trial and had a great time lugging down the hill!

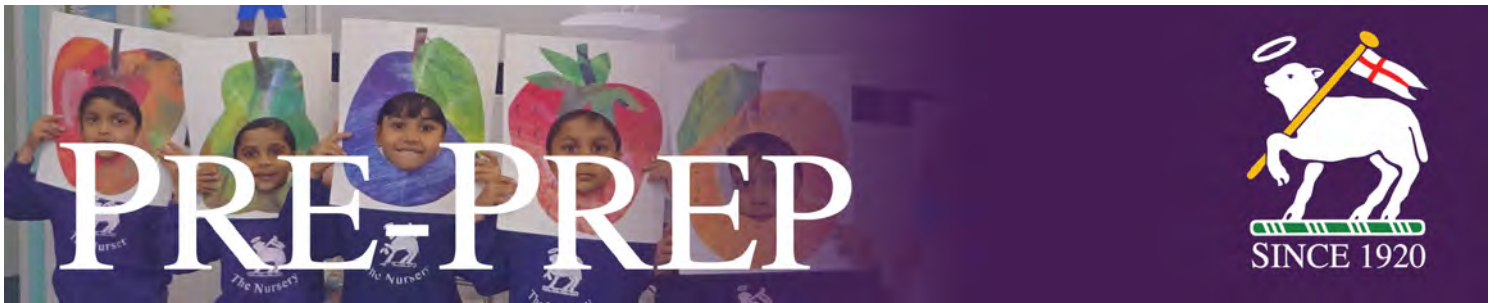


Year 8 boys enjoying model making as part of their Extended Curriculum programme



Mrs Savani has been teaching our new Cooking Club about kitchen hygiene and how to follow recipe





The Lambs are learning about butterflies

We are very excited to have our own live caterpillars in the classroom. We can't wait to watch them change into butterflies! We have been busy creating butterfly art and making long, fingerprint caterpillars, thinking about numbers and counting. This week we have also de-weeded our planting box, ready to plant a variety of plants. We are looking forward to taking care of them and watching them grow too. Playing with the mud was great fun!





Wellbeing Garden

Year 1 had a wonderful time gardening with Year 8 in our amazing new Wellbeing Garden this week. Rian, Khyan and Ayaan helped the Owls dig holes, take the plants gently out of the pots and plant them safely in the ground. We are looking forward to the opening of the garden next week.





Year 3 used drama to empathise with characters

This week, Year 3 have been freeze framing scenes from their book “*Jemmy Button*.” There were some fabulous poses that helped the boys to put themselves in Jemmy’s shoes!



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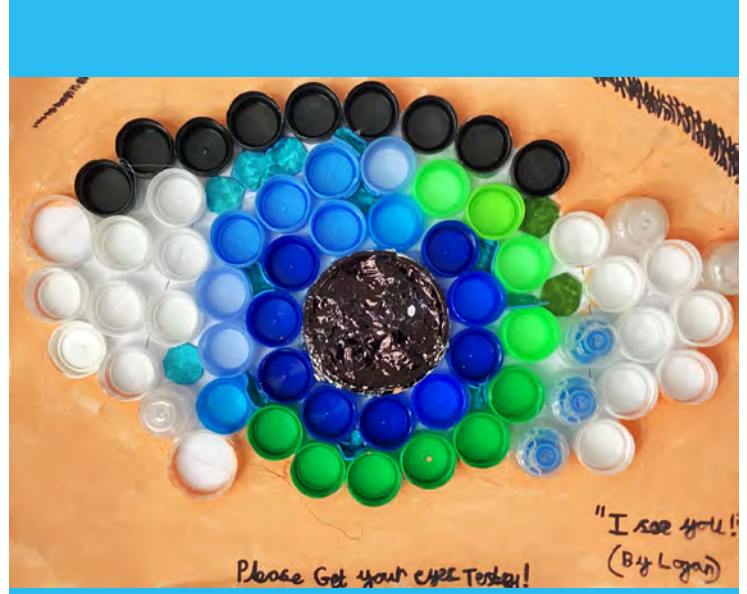


House Art Competition Winners 2024

6A helped Ms Gillen announce the results of our annual House Art competition in assembly this week. The theme this year was recycled art. Our judges, Ms Gillen, Mrs Kalirai and Mr Vince thought that the variety and quality of work was amazing. Congratulations to all our winners. Our winning house was Lincoln. Lawrence came in second place followed by Oates and then Churchill. We couldn't resist sharing them with you.



3P Harry



3B Logan



4W Mathavan



4O Rory

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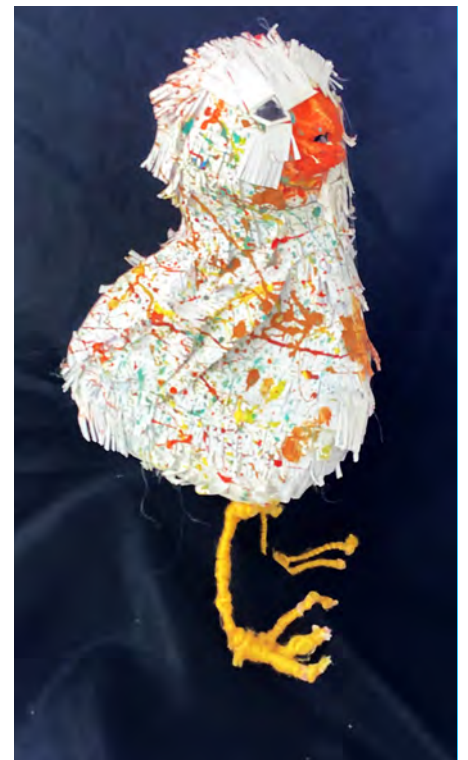
5E Eshaan



5C Lucas



5P Roman

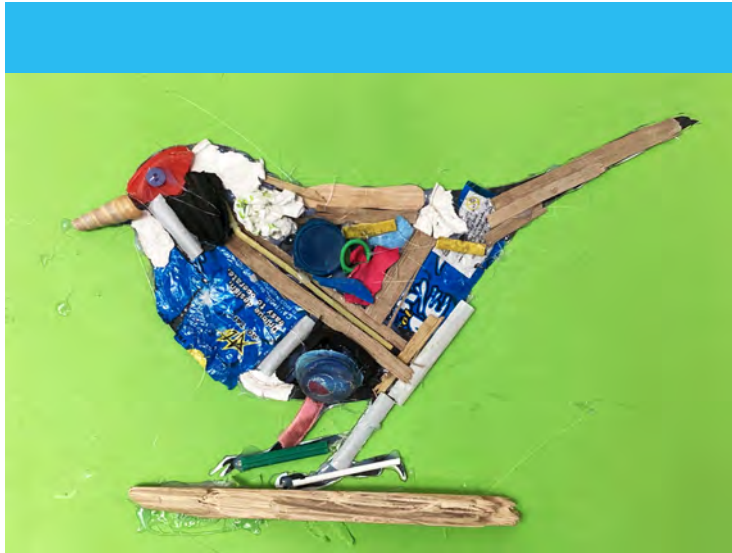


6A Dhruv



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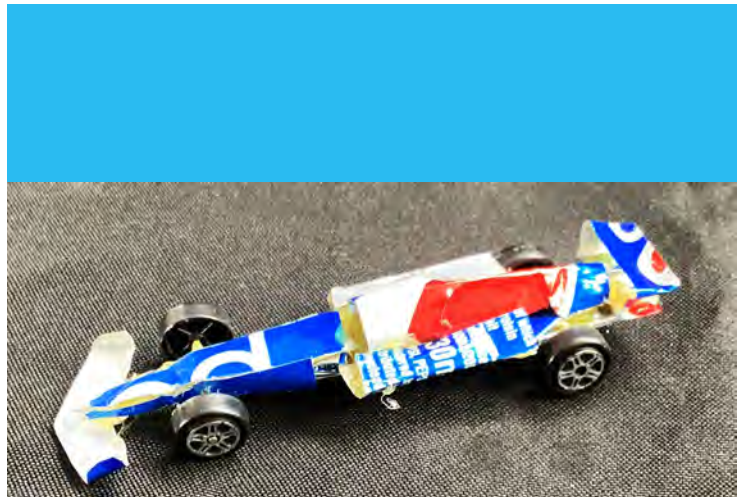
6S Teddy



6D Hugo



Year 7 Maximilian



Year 8 Ayaan



ART



A busy start to the term in the Art Room

Year Five have been busy creating Minecraft models. Year Three have been completing their textured bunny pictures and some Year Eight boys have finished varnishing their mosaic tables and coasters. Year Eight have also been learning about lino printing. What a busy start to the term.





The thrill of learning a musical instrument

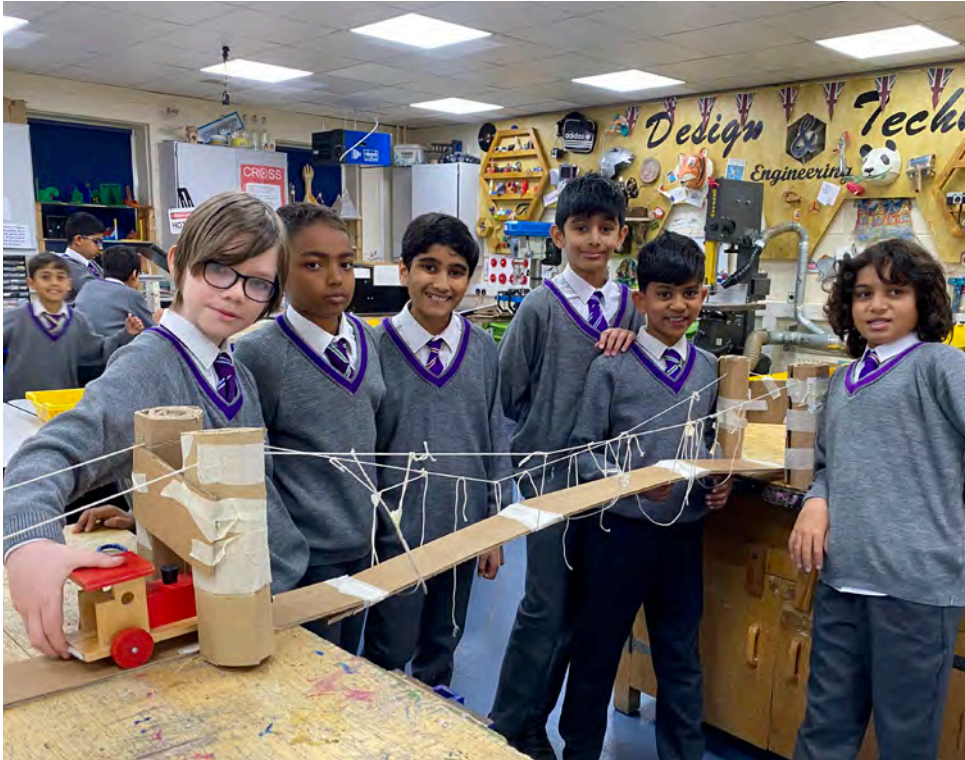
We are delighted that we now have a trio of bassoonists at St John's. The bassoon is a wonderful yet rare instrument to learn - if you are interested in learning, do get in touch. Rory and Reuben have been practising music from their drum lessons together. Year 2 boys have made an excellent start on their recorders and are enjoying the experience of beginning to learn a musical instrument!





Testing our creations

At the end of term, we put our innovations to the test. Year 5 persevered through the challenges to create their Suspension Bridges. 'This was a fun activity with lots of challenges, but we overcame each and every one' Ifan 'We faced a few setbacks like when the towers didn't align but we found a solution' Aaran G





1st XI Cricket vs York House





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3rd XI Cricket vs York House

The Under 13 3rd XI team after their narrow defeat to York House on Wednesday 24th April. The boys really enjoyed their first match of the season, despite the wintry weather. Highlights were Thomas's massive six, his sharp catch as wicket keeper, and Shrey's fabulous catch at mid-on.



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Important dates & contacts

Monday 29th April: Rehearsals for Summer Concert (all day)

Tuesday 30th April: Summer Concert (Norman Hall) (6.30pm)

Wednesday 1st May: Visit of the Court of the Merchant Taylors' Company
Official Opening of the Wellbeing Garden

Years 2 to 4 Data Talk for Parents (Online) (5.00pm)

Thursday 2nd May: Athletics Match: Years 4 - 8 at Merchant Taylors' School (4.00pm – 6.00pm)

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Notices and reminders

Summer Concert Tuesday 30th April, 6.30pm: Please come back to school no earlier than 6pm with your instrument and music. Wear smart school uniform.

Open Morning Wednesday 15th May 9.15am: A chance to see the School in action and hear the Headmaster speak. Please tell your friends and families. We look forward to welcoming you.

Secure bike parking at St John's: Some boys (and staff) travel to and from school by bike. If you are considering using this healthy and green mode of transport, we

would like to remind you that there is a secure cycle shed next to the pedestrian crossing near the science block changing rooms. Please see Mr Lawrence for further details.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: Would you prefer to use an Under 16s phone? 59.6% said no.

Next week's question: Do you know how to spot an online scam?

Have a super weekend.