

St John's School Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headmaster

The School has been bursting with enthusiasm, colour and energy this week, with the sound of African rhythms resonating all around. Months of hard work came together for The Lion King, a wonderful production of remarkable quality. We are extremely proud of the cast, crew and our very dedicated directors, Mrs Long and Mr Corin. The inspirational performances will live long in the memory!

In other news, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting STEM project sponsored by the Merchant Taylor's Company, "a combination of engineering and fun", as one boy said. The Pre-Prep boys enjoyed a super Sports Day on Monday and our Juniors showed great ingenuity in solving the challenges of the Wilcox Plate. I would like to thank the SJA for organising our fabulous BBQ last Friday and thank them in advance for organising our Fun Day on Sunday. Further helpers on the day (and indeed for for the future) are always welcome. The weather is set fair and I look forward to seeing you all!

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The Lion King: performed with pride





Lion King raised the roof and brought the house down

From the day we announced this show, Mr Corin and I were certain of one thing; that it promised to be a show-stopping spectacular and we were not wrong! The entire cast and crew are extraordinarily advanced in terms of their ability, professionalism and exhilarating energy. Our Lion King Jr journey has been a highly rewarding experience and the songs will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We will fondly remember this epic performance and will look out for these future stars in the West End! *Mr Corin and Mrs Long*













The Lion King cont...











Year 8 are planning to escape the rat race

Year 8 have been learning about investing, financial planning and fiscal responsibility by playing the game CashFlow. Developed by an entrepreneur, CashFlow is a chance to explore different financial strategies and the winner is the first to escape the rat race.



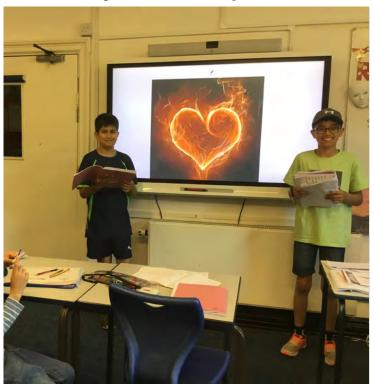


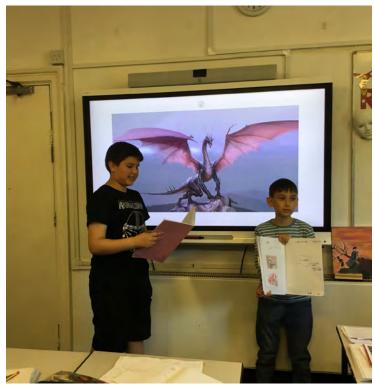


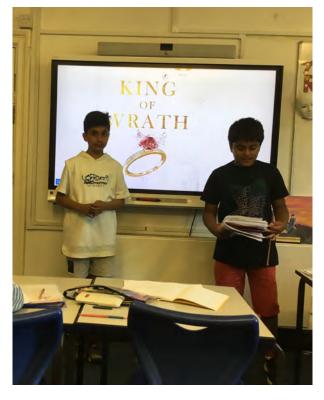


Ballad writing in Year 6 English

As part of their Narrative Poetry unit, boys in Year 6 studied famous ballads, such as 'The Lady of Shalott' by Lord, Alfred Tennyson and 'Lord Lovelace' by Charles Causley and wrote their own ballads. Some boys were daring enough to follow the tradition and sing their ballad to their peers.





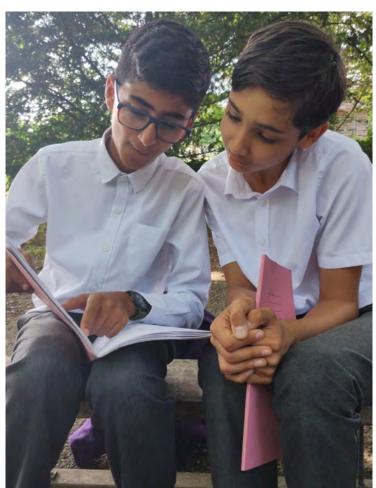






Sharing stories in outside English lessons

As part of the 'Famous Autobiographies' unit, boys in Year 7 shared their own entertaining life stories. One class sat in the shade of the great oak tree and enjoyed some fresh fruit while listening.











House Chess Tournament

On Monday we held the first rounds of the House Chess Tournament. The top players each year were selected by their House. Some were selected by play-off leading up to the proper competition. The winner will be the House with the most points after a round robin in each year group. The finals will be played next week.













More things going on around school





Nishant has had full oversight over the Lion King as stage manager, understudy and prompt. This challenging role has seen him guide many actors and stage assistants to success.









Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon

On Monday afternoon, the sun shone, the audience cheered and the boys all tried their best, making it a wonderful day for everyone. The races were close, with positions changing right up to the finishing line. The Year 2 relay is always an exciting conclusion to the event and this year Eagles were the winners. The boys went home with rosettes fluttering, rosy cheeks, sweaty heads and smiles on their faces. Well done everyone.











Bee-keeping with Mr Lawrence

This week, the Robins and Squirrels met Mr Lawrence down at the St John's bee hives. He told them all about how the Queen bee lays her eggs and how the pollen that the worker bees collect helps to feed them. The boys enjoyed seeing inside the hive, watching the bees on one of the many frames. Looks like there will be a bumper honey harvest this year.















The annual Wilcox Plate challenge in the Juniors

The boys in the Juniors enjoyed the challenges of the Wilcox Plate. They worked cooperatively, made secret codes and designed a coat of arms. The Year 4 boys used their secret codes to message each other on the cricket pitch and a great time was had by all.













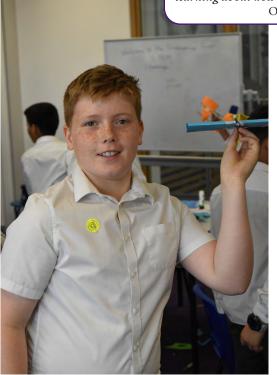


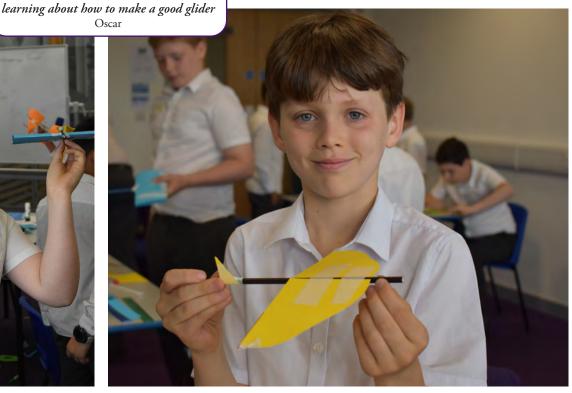
Glimmering Gliders! STEM Challenge

Yesterday Year 6 worked with the Smallpeice Trust on an exciting STEM project sponsored by the Merchant Taylor's Company. The boys worked in teams to design, test and modify gliders, learning all about the scientific principles behind what makes them fly really well.











Glimmering Gliders cont..





1st X1 v Orley Farm

On Wednesday, we played our last game of the season. We would like to thank all the teams we have played and all staff for their support and encouragement during what has been a fantastic season of cricket. *Kian J, Captain 1st X1*















U8 v St Martin's

The U8 boys were lucky to have a lovely sunny afternoon for their first competitive cricket game. They played St Martin's, home and away and the format was soft ball pairs cricket, with each pair facing two overs and being able to hit off the tee if a wide or no ball is called. A great start for the boys.











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Sunday 25 June 2023 Ilam-3pm

BBQ

£2 entry (on the door)

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LAST ONE STANDING MEGASLIDE



Important dates and contacts

Sunday 25th June: St John's Association Summer Fun Day 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Tuesday 27th June: Junior Speech Day and Sports Morning (9.30am)

Wednesday 28th June: ABRSM examinations

St John's Putter Golf Competition: Years 6 – 8 (3.30pm)

Thursday 29th June: ABRSM examinations

Year 2 Surprise Trip

Cricket v Haberdashers': U8, A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.15pm)

Friday 30th June: Last swim at Merchant Taylors'

Clubs and Activities end

Years 5 & 6 House Cricket (1.30pm)

Saturday 1st July: Senior Prize-Giving (11.00am)

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

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Lighting, staging, costumes, make-up and music combined with the on-stage talent to make The Lion King a show to remember

Notices and reminders

St John's Association Summer Fun Day: Sunday 25th June 11.00am – 3.00pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Senior Production of The Lion King: We hope you all enjoyed the amazing performance. If so, you might like to make a donation via the **Just Giving Link to Place2Be**.

Charity Day last Friday: It is not too late to donate via the **Just Giving Link to Place2Be** The amount is at your discretion.

Senior Prize-Giving Saturday 1st July: A reminder that this is a compulsory event for all boys in Years 5-8. Proceedings start at 11.00am and all boys should be seated by 10.40am.

Votes for Schools: This week's question: KS2 and KS3 "Do you care about our waterways and seas being clean?"

100% said yes

Next week's questions:

KS2 - Does the UK make refugees feel welcome?

KS3 - Has the Ukraine war changed our perception of refugees?

House Points: 1st Churchill 140.48, 2nd Lawrence 136.06 3rd Lincoln 134.07, 4th, Oates 130.66

See you at Fun Day!