



From the
Headmaster

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day



Our annual Activity Week is always a memorable time where new skills and life experiences flourish. Boys have been rock climbing, surfing or coasteering; others have tried eating snails, developed their language skills in French markets and visited Mont Saint Michel in Normandy. Well done to all the teachers who make this week a calendar highlight.

At School, we gathered to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, reflecting with gratitude on the (relative) peace we enjoy today, and enjoying a special celebratory picnic together. Continuing the outdoor theme, excitement is mounting in Nursery as the boys wait for their caterpillars to emerge as butterflies. Year 1 have been creating clay nature sculptures based on objects they found in our grounds. Older boys were challenged by a special day of team puzzle activities.

Last Friday, senior orchestral musicians experienced a special afternoon of music making at MTS. There will be another opportunity to enjoy the boys' music making at our Summer Concert next Thursday. Competitive cricket has begun, with fixtures commencing this afternoon. I look forward to umpiring in some of them today, and seeing you at the musical concert next week!

T Jenkin



Remembering and celebrating VE Day 80

We came together as a School community to remember those who gave their lives so that we can enjoy the lives we lead today. In a special assembly, Mr Jenkin told us about the hardships of growing up in wartime Britain and the huge celebrations that took place on VE Day. We marked the two minute silence at 12.00, dressed in red, white and blue, and then enjoyed a picnic together and extra playtime.





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Years 6 & 7 practised their French this week

The sun shone in Normandy while the boys enjoyed a fun filled week at the Château, practising their French whilst completing various sports and activities. On Tuesday, we visited a local market to buy fresh ingredients for our picnic and afterwards we visited the ramparts of Mont St. Michel. Other key highlights have included archery and making homemade bread for our dinner. Lots of boys were eager to also try a French delicacy at dinner - les escargots!





Years 6 & 7 made bread and ate snails





Year 8 surfed and climbed in Wales

A super week was had by all in St David's this week as we enjoyed the outdoor activities, each other's company and wonderful Welsh countryside. Diolch yn fawr!





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Commemorating VE Day



These sporty brothers won player of the season awards at Eastcote cricket club.



Our competitive cricket season began today. Our spectators enjoyed a glorious Friday afternoon of sunshine and Under 10 cricket v Belmont.



Curly Caterpillars!

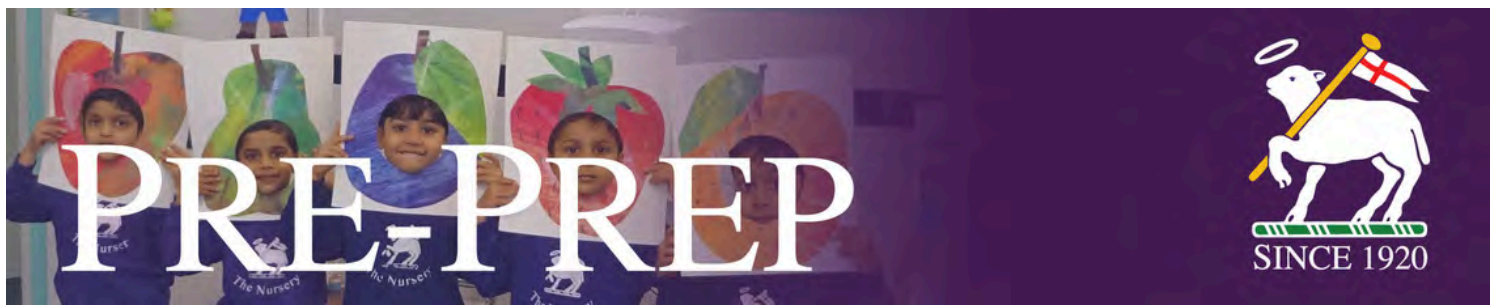
Lambs and Cygnets have been enjoying watching their caterpillars grow from tiny butterfly larvae to chrysalides. We have seen the caterpillars munching and growing, crawling up to the top of the pots, and hanging upside down like a 'j', ready for the next stage in their amazing journey. Boys have enjoyed observing and commenting on what they can see, learning about a butterfly life cycle and 'change'. We have made some beautiful butterflies too, thinking about colour, shape and symmetry. We cannot wait for our butterflies to emerge!





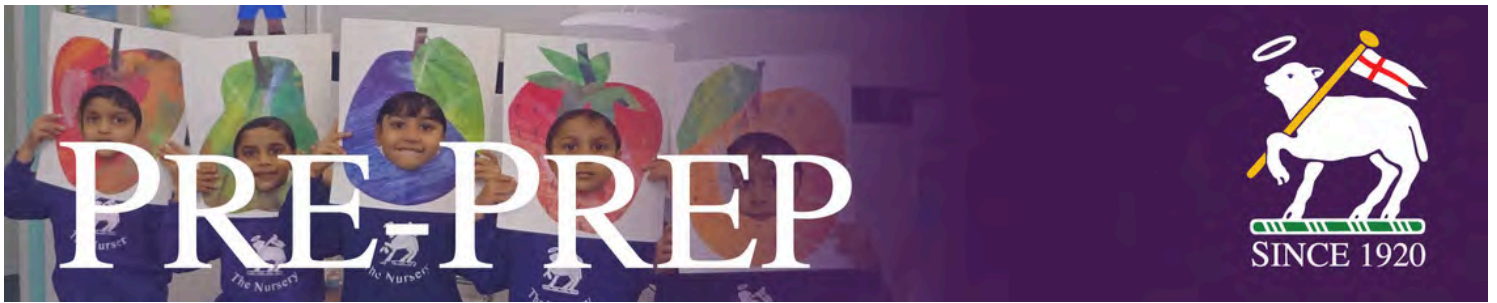
WAT-ER load of fun on a hot day!





The Robins baked rock cakes for VE Day





Sculpture inspired by nature

Otters and Owls collected natural objects of interest from the forest area. Using clay and tools, the boys made mini models of their objects. They needed to look closely, make the shape of their object and add detail such as texture. Now the clay needs time to dry.





Teamwork makes the dream work for Year 2!





Orienteering and canoeing at Whitemoor Lakes

Year 4 had an excellent time at Whitemoor Lakes, the boys were full of excitement as we left St John's on Wednesday morning. We've enjoyed lots of fun-filled activities including zipline, abseiling, orienteering and canoeing. We also managed to fit in a little bit of sleep along the way.





We enjoyed the puzzle challenges

On Wednesday, boys enjoyed a visit from the Happy Puzzle Company. Their problem-solving and teamwork skills were put to the test as they worked hard to solve a variety of tricky puzzles and games. Great work boys!





Preparatory Schools' Concert at MTS

Last Friday afternoon our musicians had the opportunity to attend the Preparatory Schools' Orchestral Afternoon at Merchant Taylors' School. The boys rehearsed and performed in string, woodwind and brass groups and all came together to perform "A Hard Day's Night", which was conducted by Mr Couldridge, Head of Music at MTS. It was an inspiring experience for all.






Colourful challenges in the Art room

Year 3 had fun participating in a concentric circle competition. Year 4 enjoyed creating zentangle flower drawings, while Year 5 have been learning a traditional Mexican weaving technique to make the 'Eye of God'.





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