



An excellent inspection report for St John's

I am delighted finally to be able to tell you that the results of our recent inspection are now publicly available. At the end of the Independent Schools Inspectorate visit we were given some very positive informal feedback. This has now been written up as a report which I can share with you.

You will receive the full report by email today but I would like to summarise the headlines for you here.

Overall St John's was rated "excellent" which is the highest rating possible. The

inspectors commented on academic and other achievements, pupil personal development, safeguarding, well-being and the quality of teaching. I am delighted to say that in all areas St John's was described as excellent.

You will have plenty of time to study the report but I would like to highlight a few of my favourite quotes:

"Academic and other successes are significant and celebrated at every opportunity."

"Pupils are "highly articulate" with "high levels of self-esteem and confidence."

"Pupils enjoy learning" they are "enthusiastic and engage well in lessons."

"There is a harmonious atmosphere as children are kind to one another."

As Headmaster it is such a delight to hear our boys and their achievements described in these ways. It is also hugely gratifying to hear the quality and commitment of our teachers recognised and singled out for special praise.

With all the media attention on inspection at the moment you will be keenly aware of the pressure that the regime puts on both administrative and teaching staff. I would like to congratulate and thank the team at St John's for their hard work and dedication. An excellent inspection report is the result of their efforts and richly deserved.

T Jenkin



St John's Charity Day 2023

Today the boys in the Prep School wore mufti and took part in an exciting Orienteering Challenge in teams in the School grounds, raising money for Place2Be. Many thanks to the SJA for organising a fantastic BBQ for the St John's family after school. We all enjoyed relaxing together in the sunshine after a busy week!

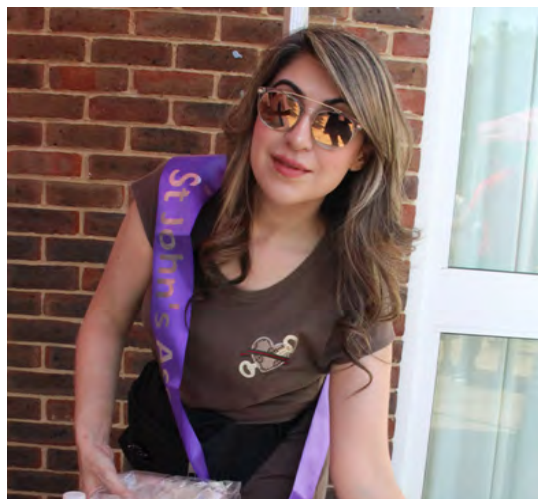




ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

A sunny BBQ to end Charity Day

There was a great family atmosphere at the The Staff organised games for the boys so that parents could relax together, raising valuable funds for the School at the same time. The Staff organised games for the boys so that parents could relax together, raising valuable funds for the School at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you again at Fun Day.





Year 7 enjoyed a night under the stars last Friday

Year 7 were back for round two of Night Under Canvas and hoping for some better weather this year. The boys enjoyed cooking using their own fires, telling stories around the campfire and other evening entertainment too. Luckily the weather was lovely and the boys all had a great evening.





Fathers Day brings out the creativity

Nothing says “ I love you dad!” like a home-made card that features elements of the Parisian art scene c.1890 and the first LP sleeve by the Thirteenth Floor Elevators! Year 5 have been like a bunch of child monks! Painstakingly dotting their way across a 150mm x 150mm tableau of cartridge paper. Pastel backgrounds and contrasting colours, all topped off with an affectionate message are going to be landing on doormats all over Harrow and Hillingdon this weekend. Happy Father’s Day everyone!



THIS WEEK



More things going on around school



Mr Corin introduces Rishi the Hyena to the Pre-Prep



Balloon team games before school



Meet the Lion King sound crew



Well done to Ananda for winning the Scott Taylor Short Story competition. His writing was original, eloquent and funny. It put a smile on our faces



Playing "Fives" with Mrs Marsden



Jay's lovely Pikachu sewing



THIS WEEK



St John's pupils past and present



Mr Jenkin had a chance to catch up with the current and previous Merchant Taylors' Head Boys, both Old Boys of St John's. Dominic (to his right) and Daniel (to his left) were at the MTS St Barnabas Day last weekend, along with many St John's prize-winners



The U13s 6-a-side team were runners up at the York House tournament



The U10s reached the final of the annual Lamb Trophy cricket tournament played at Merchant Taylors' on the Middlesex County Cricket Club wicket



Wenzel's welcomes the Otters & Owls

There was great excitement amongst boys (and teachers) as we boarded the minibus. How wonderful it was to be welcomed by the team at Wenzel's and have the opportunity to create our own loaf and sweet treats. Colin, the Baker, was in good humour as he talked to the boys about the four ingredients needed to make bread. I wonder if the boys can tell you what they were? Wenzel's were most generous and everyone had their loaves and treats packed into boxes and bags to take home. A picnic lunch under the shade of our oak tree gave us all some welcome calm as we admired the view.





Pre-Prep getting sporty in the sunshine

The boys enjoyed seven challenges while raising money for Place2Be. They raced wheelbarrows, jumped on space hoppers, threw beanbags into buckets, played boules and Beat the Goalie, jumped through hoops and limboed their way through the morning. Fun in the sun for a good cause!





The Juniors give everyone a Greek assembly

Year 3 have been learning all about the Greeks over the last few months. On Monday they showed off their fabulous knowledge to the School during their class assembly. This included costumes, songs, Olympic games, gods and much more.



MUSIC



An exciting opportunity for our tabla players

We were delighted to welcome professional tabla expert Gurdain Singh Rayatt to deliver a workshop to the Tabla Tappers group today at St John's. The boys enjoyed listening to Mr Rayatt's expertise and performing various ideas they composed throughout the afternoon.



MUSIC



Senior musicians inspired Year 2 this week

Our Year 2 boys really enjoyed listening to performances and demonstrations of the flute, clarinet, violin, cello, trumpet, French horn, euphonium and trombone. We hope our soon to be Year 3 boys will make the most of the great opportunities on offer to begin instrumental lessons at St John's.





SPORT



London Regional Prep school athletics

On Monday the weather was sunny and bright in Eton where the St John's senior athletics team took part in the London Regional Prep school athletics competition. Lots of events took place throughout the course of the day with boys competing in their specialised events. In Year 5 Teddy came 8th in the 200m final along and Sebastian came 6th in the 800m final. Ryan achieved a very successful result of 2nd in the long jump for U11. In Year 6 and 7 the star performances were Liam L coming 3rd in the Shot put and Vivek achieving 5th in the 800m. Finally in Year 8, Rafi came 3rd in the 1500 with 5:25 and Kian placed 6th in the 300m final. Congratulations to all the boys who took part in this spectacular event. Everyone had to compete against tough opponents and all tried their best. Well done everyone! *Rafi 8B*





1st XI cricket vs Davenies

On Wednesday the 1st XI played a home game against Davenies. We bowled first and did well to contain them to 79 all out. The pick of the bowlers was Ahaan and Kian J taking 3 wickets each. Batting we got off to a slow start with a low run rate but managed to pick things up. Remika fell early and Kush was stabilising the innings. Nishant came and went but Kush ended up with a respectable 31. Kian P and Kian J fell cheaply shortly afterwards. Then Hrishi hit 3 fours in 3 balls to finish the game off. *Kian J*





A fantastic Colts A match versus St Benedict's

A **fantastic match** that came down to the very last ball of the match. St Benedict's batted first and put up a respectable score of 124 all out. Top bowlers, Niam 3 for 6, Tanay 3 for 29, Arnav 2 for 1, Aary 1 for 7 and Dhillan 1 for 30. St John's chasing after the break. The St John's strike rate with the bat did not quite match St Benedict's but overall, it was the tidy bowling attack vs the untidy bowling attack from St Benedict's that kept us in the game. 2 runs needed off 6 in the final over. The scene was set on a beautiful hot summer's afternoon. Y7 Night Under the Canvas had their

tents pitched up and were absolutely glued to the game. Boys and parents from the bottom pitches made their way up to the main square and got a whiff of the tense final overs. St Benedict's bowled strong under pressure and increased the tension by dot ball after dot ball. 1 run needed off the last ball, Zac R facing, Mehul making sure the mindset and commitment is right, 'we must run!' Zac connects the ball in the centre, pulls it through the offside and they sprint as if their lives depend on it! Euphoria! Well done boys!

Mr Kruger



St John's Association

SUMMER FUN DAY

Sunday 25 June 2023

11am-3pm

BBQ

ICE
CREAMS &
CREPES

£2 entry
(on the door)

CRAZY
GOLF

TEA CUP
RIDE

PRIZES

BOUNCY
CASTLE

PIMMS

RAFFLE

RACE CAR
BUNGEE

ACTIVITY
RUN

LAST ONE
STANDING

MEGASLIDE





Important dates and contacts

Saturday 17th June: Full Lion King rehearsal for all cast (9.30am-1.00pm)

Monday 19th June: Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon (1.15pm)

Tennis v John Lyon U13 (h) (3.30pm)

Cricket v Merchant Taylors' Staff Match (6.00pm)

Tuesday 20th June: Senior Drama Dress Rehearsal to Years 5-8 (9.30am)

Cricket v Haberdashers': U9 A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.15pm)

Wednesday 21st June: School Council

Thursday 22nd June: Year 2 visit Year 3 Classes

Merchant Taylors' Company Stem Day

Year 3 Cricket Festival at York House (2.00 – 4.15pm)

Senior Drama Production of The Lion King (7.00pm)

Friday 23rd June: Senior Drama Production of The Lion King (7.00pm)

Sunday 25th June: St John's Association Fun Day

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

You can also follow us on twitter [@stjnsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjnsnorthwood) and our sports department [@StJohnsNwSport](https://twitter.com/StJohnsNwSport)

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Taking advantage of the weather to play music outside

Notices and reminders

Charity Day today: We hope that you enjoyed the SJA BBQ this afternoon and that you will enjoy hearing about the boys' fundraising activities. It is not too late to donate via the [Just Giving Link to Place2Be](#) The amount is at your discretion.

Senior Production of The Lion King: Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June at 7.00pm. We are very excited about our production and hope you will be able to join us. Doors open at 6.30.

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

Votes for Schools: This week's questions:
KS2 Should Primary School pupils take tests?
68.3% said yes

KS3 Are difficult exams good for assessing pupils' skills?
52.4% said yes

Next week's question: "Do you care about our waterways and seas being clean?" KS3 & KS2

House Points: 1st Churchill 136.78, 2nd Lawrence 132
3rd Lincoln 129.95, 4th Oates 127.07

Enjoy the sunny weekend