



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to the 241st edition of The Lamb. It was good to see all the boys enjoying their end of term activities in the sunshine. In assemblies, Mr Lawrence gave an insight into the bird cam and the St John's bee colony, whilst Aaron, in Year 7, presented his experiences of lambing on the family farm and Year 8 reported back on their Post Exam Curriculum activities.

I had pleasure in announcing the winners of the House Art Competition. You can see the winning entries on the theme of Happiness on pages 24-26.

Congratulations to Lincoln who narrowly won the Burton Page Cup for House Points, to Bailey (Year 5), who was the first recipient of a Platinum Award and to Raphaël (Otters) who won the "I did my best" Cup in the Pre-Prep.

I was invited by Year 2 to attend their Victorian tea party with homemade cakes. Thank you to the Badgers and Eagles and their teachers for the invite.

I would like to thank parents for their kind donations to our Charity events this term. We raised the amazing total of £1,389 for Comic Relief last week. I know many boys are also involved in their own charity work, well done everyone.

Finally, I would like to wish all the St John's community a very Happy Easter.

S. Robinson

Down-time in the sunshine



The boys have really hit the ground running following their return to school and quickly resumed their routines. This week we planned surprise activities for all the boys to give them a chance to relax with their friends at the end of term. Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an Easter party on Monday, Years 5 and 6 had the chance to explore the new Tree House and the forest and play football in the Sports Hall. Years 7 and 8 were challenged to a 5-a-side football competition and enjoyed playing some wonderful games in and around the Tree House. It was lovely to see all the boys enjoying this new facility.





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Year 8 post-exam curriculum

Now that their exams are behind them, Year 8 have been lucky enough to start out with a rather different timetable. The boys have enjoyed lessons in German, Italian and Drama. Their curriculum has also been diversified radically on Fridays to offer them time to experiment with cooking, learn about

the great minds of Ancient Philosophers, build upon their team skills and enjoy some time outdoors playing football and running; to name just a few options! Here the boys are enjoying Long Distance Signalling, Team Challenges, Model Making and Yoga.





Year 8 post-exam curriculum





Mr Lawrence's Nature Corner 31st March



The weather now seems to be warming up and Spring is really in the air, so it's time to get involved in nature. One of the best things you can do to help wildlife is to build a pond. Today I am sharing some links on how to make a wildlife pond in your own garden. A wildlife pond will attract all sorts of animals, birds and insects, even if you only have space to build a small one.

I have a small pond in my garden that is already full of frog spawn ready to hatch into tadpoles. Birds and other animals regularly come to drink and wash. You don't have to find any of the critters for your pond, if you wait - nature will arrive! Mrs Baguley has recently made a new nature pond in

her garden and has kindly shared a picture to give you some inspiration to go outside and build one of your own.

If you haven't managed to make your own bird box, please feel free to check out our new St John's Bird Box Cam at [youtube.com/channel/UCJrR4vET7FgyGaRIUPDZB_A/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJrR4vET7FgyGaRIUPDZB_A/live)

We already have a resident female blue tit and she has started to build a nest. I can't wait for her to lay her eggs and raise some chicks.

Keep Wild!
www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/water-for-wildlife/making-a-pond/
www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-pond



Year 6 History

This week Year 6 have begun thinking about important and memorable events since the 1970s, including during their own lifetimes. Tuesday and Wednesday saw the classes surveying their thoughts in the open air. Needless to say, Coronavirus and Brexit featured heavily!

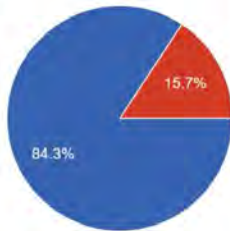




VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Results of last week's poll are...

● YES
● NO



Be curious.



Be heard.

This week we looked at the role of the media. We discussed how the media choose the news stories and we have analysed whether some news stories should be more visible than others.

They are just telling people what they think we want not things that are happening, Svanik, Year 3

I think this is true because once a news article gets out, for example the Yemen Civil war, people would get scared and are feeling bad for the people in Yemen. Ahaan Year 6

Does our news reflect the world we live in?



Yes, because journalists pick the things that we think is important. Hari, Year 3

No because newspapers write stories that they know will be popular and get people talking, so they choose these kind of stories so they can sell more copies. Roshan Year 6



Vocab Check

Contentious – Causing, involving or likely to cause disagreement and argument.

Timeliness – The fact or quality of happening at the best possible time or at the right time.

Proximity – The state of being near in space or time.

Which of these news stories were you aware of recently? Why do you think this was?



Meghan & Harry



Indian Farmers' Strikes



NHS Nurses Pay Rise



Yemen Civil War

Is the end of cash coming?



Cash: Coins and notes of money.



Next week we discuss...



The Lambs have been getting into shapes

The Lambs have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. We went for a walk around the school looking for shapes in the environment.





Easter in the Pre-Prep

The Owls enjoyed making Easter baskets and an egg hunt in and around the Tree House. The Robins made Easter bunny cards and designed colourful eggs on the computer and just look at these cute Easter bunnies.



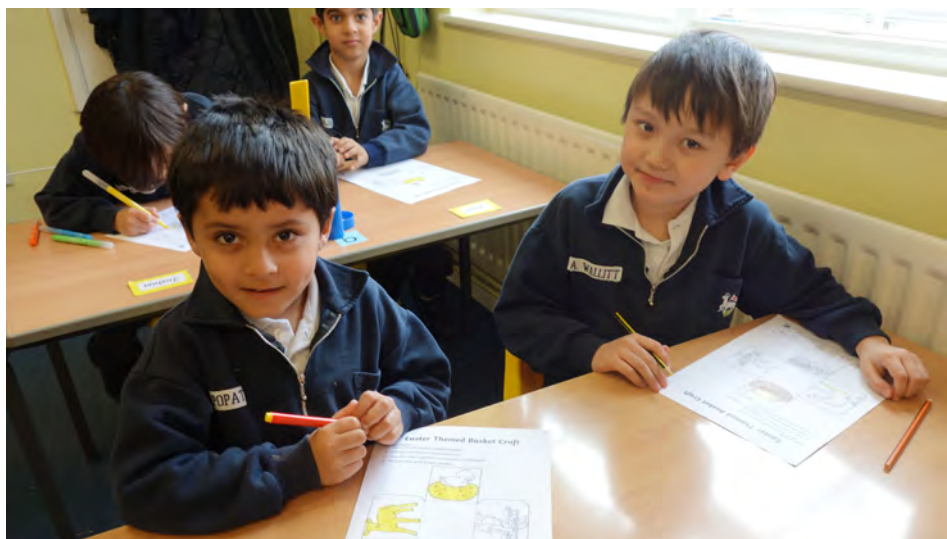


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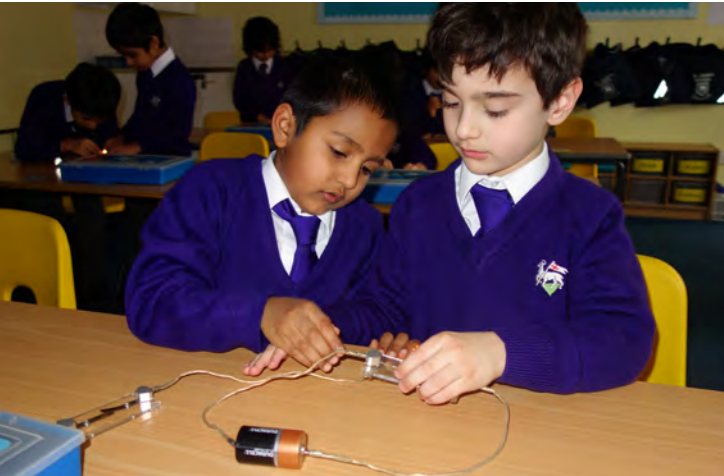
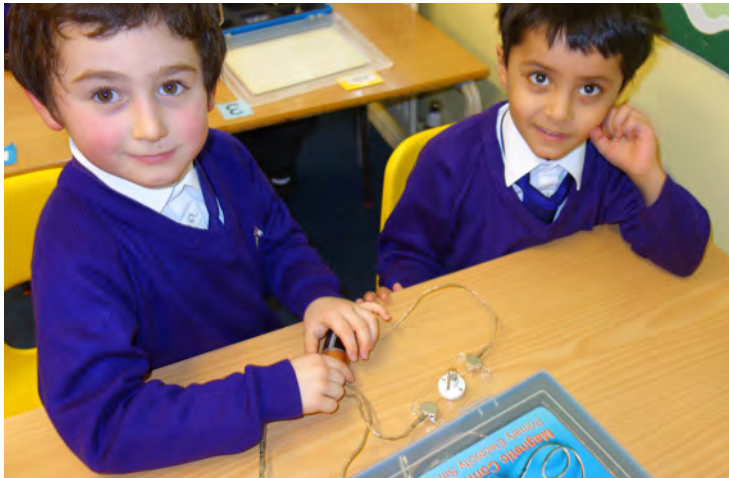
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Electricity in Year 1

The Otters and Owls have been learning about electricity. The boys learnt that electricity is a kind of energy. Electricity can give us light, sound, heat and movement. The boys worked in pairs to make electrical circuits, making sure there were no gaps, in order to allow the electricity to flow. They used the electricity from batteries to light up bulbs, to make sounds on buzzers and to make small motors move. We talked about safety when using electricity.





Afternoon Tea for the Badgers and Eagles

As **part of** their topic looking at the Victorian days, the boys enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea, complete with china mugs, beautifully decorated paper plates, napkins, doilies, sandwiches and individual Victoria sponge cakes. What a treat, thank you teachers!





PRE-PREP

Scientific experiments in Year 2

The Year 2 boys were amazed and delighted in their Science lesson at the results of the coke and mentos experiment....





Easter bonnets in the Juniors

As **part of** celebrating in the Juniors the boys were asked to design a hat which reminded them of spring and all things to do with Easter. They then went on to play games in the Sports Hall. Winners of the hat competition were Eliot 3L, Dhruv 3L, Luca 3W, Oliver 3W, Cato 4S, Laksh 4H, Raphael C 4H, Hamza 4S. Don't they look amazing.





Easter fun in the Juniors





Nature Study in Year 4

The boys in Year 4 have been studying daffodils. They carefully dissected the flowers and labelled the parts – the sepal, the petal, the stamen, the antler and the pollen.





Nature Study in Year 4



Success for Liam at the Watford Speech and Drama Festival

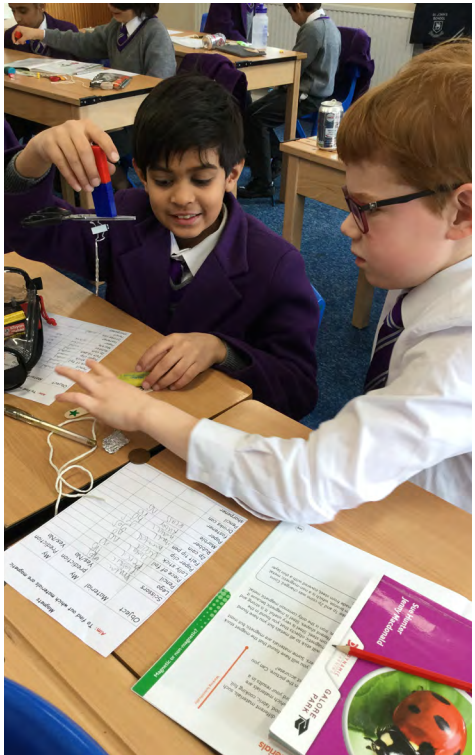
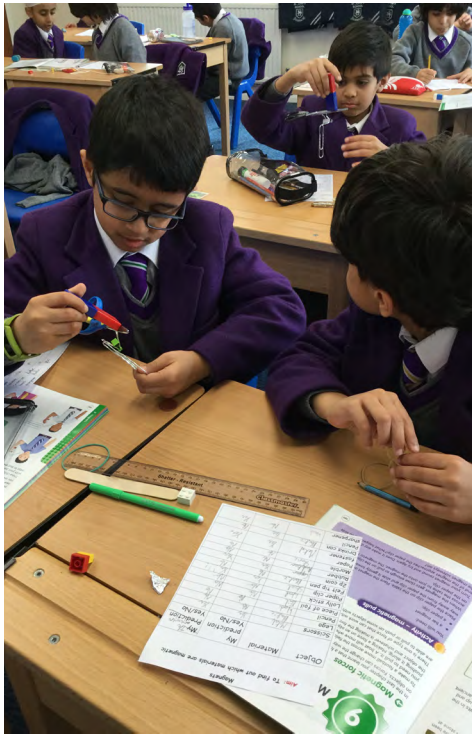
Liam in 4S took part in the Watford Speech and Drama Festival recently. He had entered for the first time and the competition was fierce. He was awarded with a Distinction and Second Place in the Year 4 Set Poem verse speaking and a Distinction in the Year 4 Own Choice category. Well done Liam!





Year 3 Science

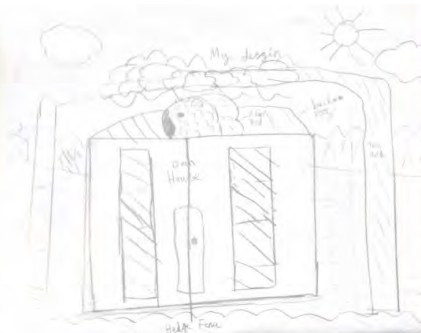
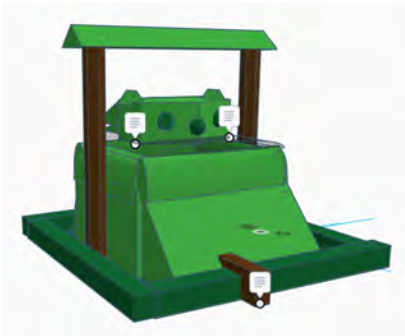
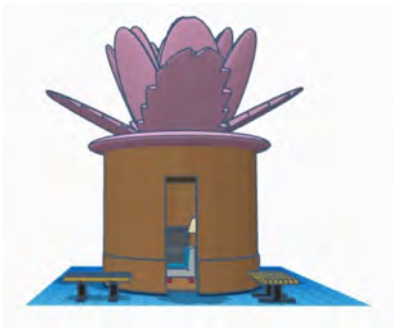
Year 3 have been investigating magnetism in their science lessons, finding out what materials were magnetic and recording their results.



Year 7 have been inspired by the work of **Thomas Heatherwick** to design garden buildings of their own. They have had to think carefully about who they are designing for and what the building will be used for. This contemporary architect and designer is known for remodelling the Route master bus and for the cauldron of the London Olympics.



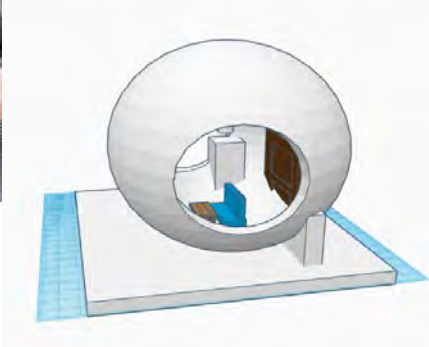
Benyamin's beautiful building is designed for himself to work and 'chillax' in. The inspiration came from a rose.



Aayan's inspiration came from looking at willow structures. His building is for his parents and sister to work and relax in.



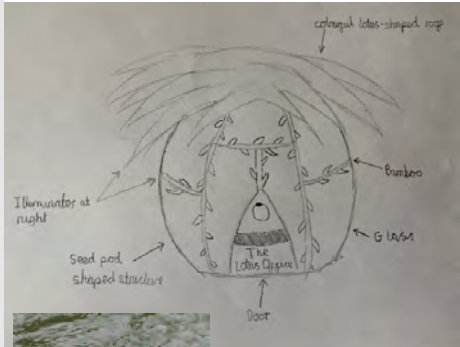
Michael's inspiration came from looking at the shape of leaves, in particular the horse chestnut. His client is a musical conductor who needs space to compose and listen to music.

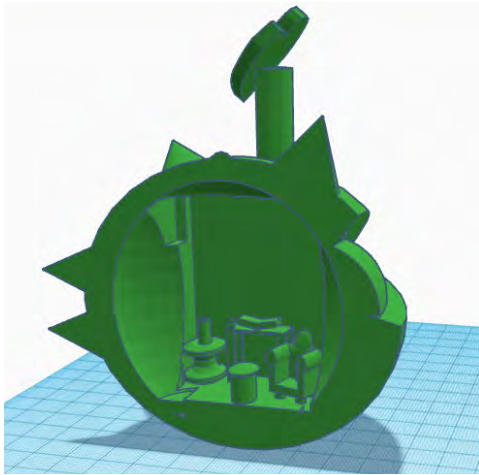
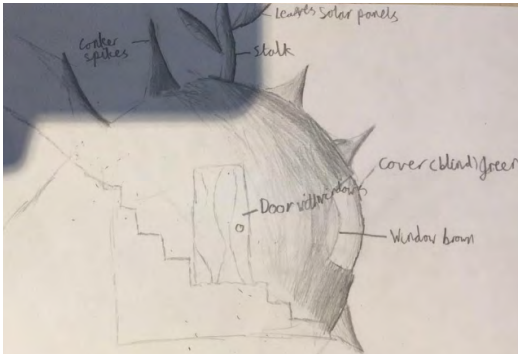


Nayan's inspiration came from looking at shell structures. His innovative garden building is designed for an abstract and digital artist who needs space to draw and look out over the view.

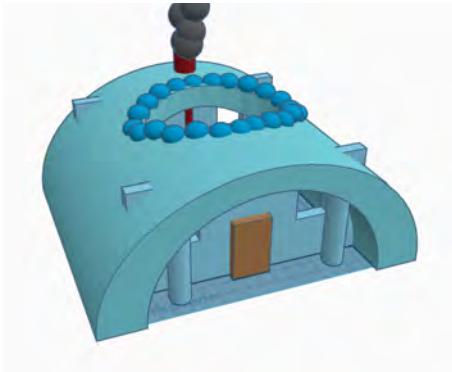


Anek's father is the client for this wonderful piece of architecture. The building is intended as a place to work and relax while looking out over the garden. Inspired by the lotus flower, Anek's design has a beautiful roof.

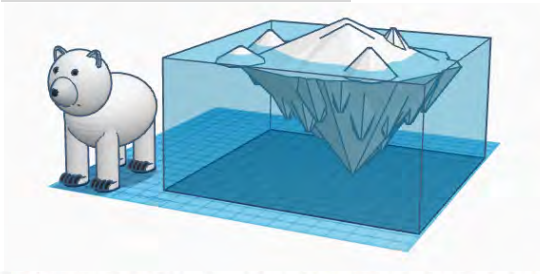




Oscar's needs a quiet space to work and relax. Oscar has creatively used inspiration for his garden design from a conker. Beautifully set into the hillside this building will have a log fire for those chilly days.



Daniel's creative outdoor space is thoughtfully designed to allow as much light in as possible so that his mum can work and relax in the garden.



Ansh has designed an iceberg inspired building for his sister. To encourage her to spend more time outdoors.





House Art Competition Winners 2021

The theme this year was Happiness and the pictures were judged by Ms Gillen and Mrs Green. First places were awarded with five house points, second place with three and third place with two. Lincoln was the winner with 37 points, then Lawrence with 27, Oates with fourteen and Churchill with twelve.



Year 3H 1st Sebastian, Lincoln
2nd Aarav, Lincoln, 3rd Tristan, Churchill



Year 3W 1st Hugo, Lincoln
2nd Ayan, Oates, 3rd Lucas, Lawrence



Year 4S 1st Maximilian, Lincoln
2nd Iraj, Oates, 3rd Raphael, Lawrence



Year 4H 1st Rafay, Lincoln
2nd Saavan, Churchill, 3rd Taarun, Lincoln

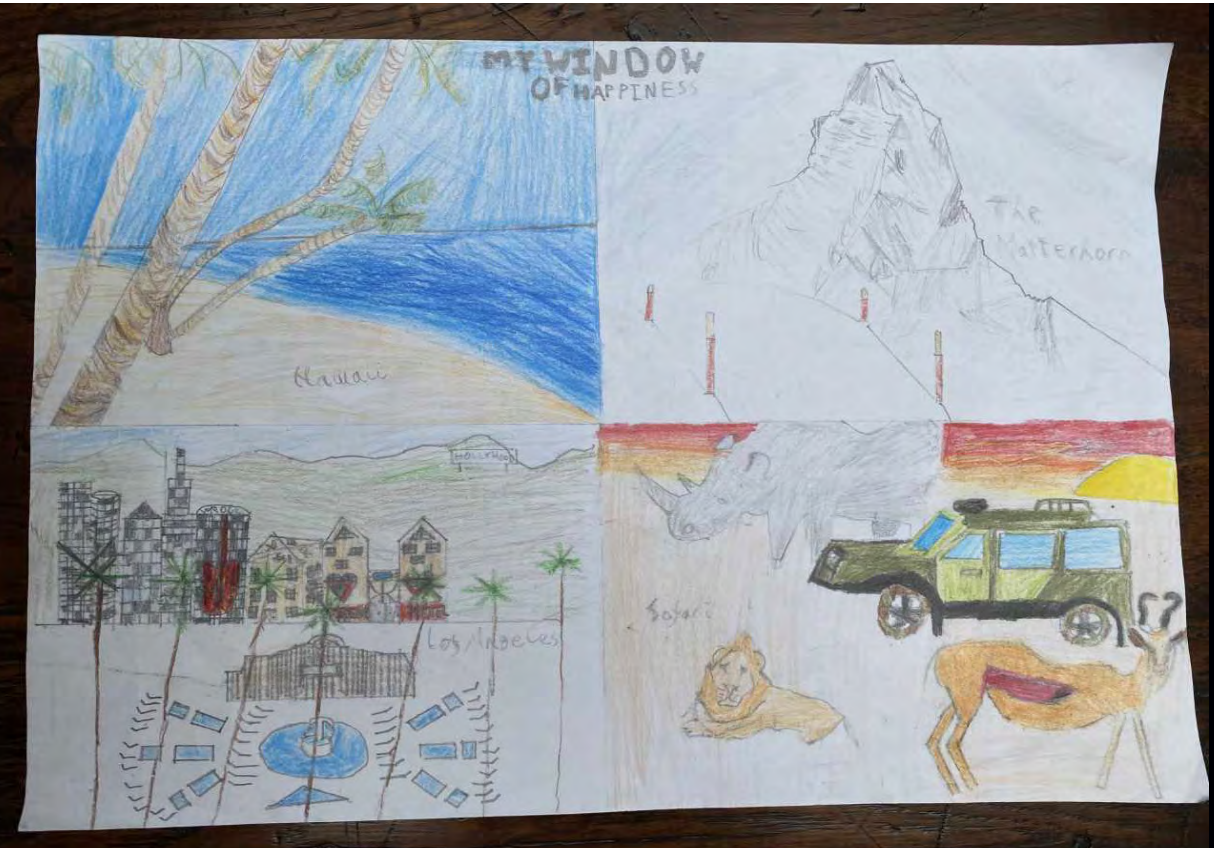


House Art Competition Winners 2021



Year 5W-S
1st Arjun, Lincoln (left)
2nd Leo, Oates
3rd Ananda, Lawrence

Year 5M
1st Anay, Lawrence (right)
2nd Matthew, Lawrence
3rd Dries, Oates



Year 5C
1st Otto, Churchill
2nd Ayaan, Lincoln
3rd Mehul, Churchill



House Art Competition Winners 2021



Year 6
 1st Alistair 6A, Lawrence
 2nd Remika 6M, Oates
 3rd Rafi 6V, Lawrence

Year 7
 1st Darwin 7H, Lawrence
 2nd Albert 7H, Lawrence
 3rd Vihaan 7H, Lincoln



Year 8
 1st David 8B, Lawrence
 2nd Charlie 8L, Oates
 3rd Sam 8L, Lincoln



Year 7 & 8 Indoor Cricket Match

Throughout the winter the boys have been making use of the magnificent new sports hall and especially taking advantage of the fantastic indoor net facilities that we now have at our disposal. It has really helped develop the cricket across all year groups, especially enabling the boys to groove the technical aspects of their game.

This week we had an indoor cricket match between some Year 7 & 8 boys. The objective of the exercise was to get the boys back in game mode, adjusting to a match scenario and reintroducing the competitive element. The result was not important between the teams. What we wanted to see was the boys back playing competitively.

The game was played in a brilliant spirit and it was great to see the support and sportsmanship between teammates. As a coach I really enjoy putting the boys back in a game scenario, witnessing the range of emotions that sport and especially cricket bring. The elation when they do well, the first ball nerves, handling failure, the disappointment when dropping a catch and seeing how they react to certain decisions. It is so important for personal development on and off the field and something that you can't coach in the nets. Fingers crossed we get to play fixtures again very soon. I know how much the boys have missed them!

Mr O'Brien, Head Of Cricket



Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 19th April: Staff Inset Day

Tuesday 20th April: Start of Term

Pre-Prep 8.10am-8.30am

Years 3 & 4 8.10am

Years 5 & 6 8.20am

Years 7 & 8 8.10am



Photo of the week: In Pre-Prep final assembly Mr Robinson presented Raphaël in the Otters with the "I did my best" cup. Well done Raphaël.

Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.



You can also follow us on twitter @stjohnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

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Notices and reminders

Activities next term: All Prep School activities will start on 26th April with the exception of music activities, which will start on 20th April. Mr Kruger will send signup details for boys shortly.

Reports and Grade Sheets: These are available to view via the Parent Portal.

Exam revision Guides for Year 6 to 8: These will be available to view on the Parent Portal by Friday 23rd April.

Summer uniform: Don't forget that the Pre-Prep and Juniors change to summer uniform from the start of next term.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day: Thank you very much for supporting our fundraising for Comic Relief. We raised an amazing £1,389.

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.

House Music Festival. Thank you for your entries. If you haven't already done so, please bring the piano accompaniment to the Music Office, marked with your name and which piece you are playing on the first day of term as rounds will begin in the week of 26th April. Make sure you are practising hard.

Votes for schools: see page 8

House Points: 1st Lincoln 90.77, 2nd Lawrence 89.69 3rd Churchill 86.88, 4th Oates 85.42

Have a super Easter break. We look forward to seeing all the boys again on 20th April