



Pre-Prep brought us the wonder of Christmas this morning

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas” at St John’s, with brightly lit fir trees twinkling in the dusk light, festive designs on display around the school and community events taking us up to the end of term. Our Lambs, Robins and Squirrels put on a magical Christmas show in front of many parents and grandparents, earlier today. Well done to all of our younger performers who sang and acted in ‘Stable by Starlight’ and in ‘Humph the Camel’.

Learning (and indeed testing for Senior schools) continues amongst the lighter-hearted events. Our Year 7 & 8s enjoyed a Careers talk on Monday, and select boys received congratulations for their performance in the Persuasive Speaking competition. Rugby fixtures (including House competitions) continue to challenge and inspire boys, though for others it has been a battle against seasonal coughs and colds. We hope you enjoy this edition of ‘The Lamb’.

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Stable by Starlight





Humph the Camel





Humph the Camel cont...





More things going on around the School



Thank you to Mrs Khan, mother of Eissa (Year 4) who gifted an exquisite silk-bound book called Hajj and the Art of Pilgrimage. It covers 1400 years of Islamic history, and includes textiles, manuscripts, paintings, photographs and other historical documents. The text will remain in the White House Library for boys to take inspiration from.



Old Boy Albert was featured in the Merchant Taylors' weekly magazine Scissorum recently.



Rehearsing for the Carol Service at Emmanuel Church on Monday 12th December.



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Six boys from Year 7 progressed to the finals of the Persuasive Speech Competition. All of the boys presented well, speaking confidently and using a range of powerful rhetorical devices. Congratulations to Ananda, Ali, Adhiraj, Harry, Thomas M and Mehul. Overall winner: Thomas M, Highly commended: Ali and Mehul.



On Monday, we welcomed Sue Grice from Merchant Taylors' School to talk to Year 7&8 about careers. As well as guiding our boys to think about their strengths and interests, she prompted us to be curious and start a journey of finding out about careers by talking to people. Be ready for their questions this week at home!



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The Atom Learning Young Author Award 2022

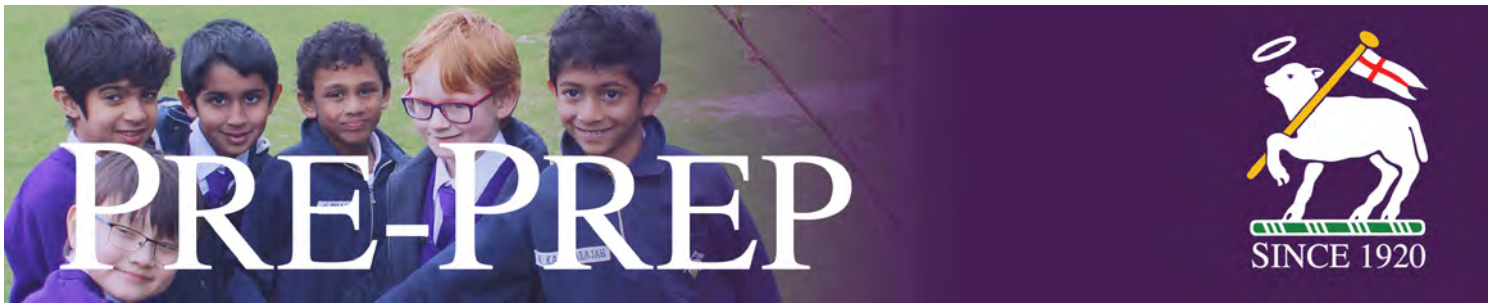
Congratulations to Aary, Ansh, Rafay and Rishi who were highly commended in the Atom Learning Young Author Award 2022. This year's theme was 'A Day that Changed the World'. We are delighted that four Year 6 boys were highly commended, receiving congratulations from Mr Jenkin in assembly on Monday.



Working hard at Gardening Club.



Fencing in the Centenary Sports Hall.



Saami's baby brother visits Nursery

Mrs Ujam brought in Saami's baby brother, Ilyas, so we could look at the developmental differences between a baby and a 3 or 4 year old child. We also looked at what a baby needs compared to what an older child needs.





Otters & Owls write letters to Father Christmas

The Otters and Owls have been writing letters and who better to write to at this time of year than Father Christmas? Our very excited boys made their way to the post box and made sure their letter was dropped safely inside. Will they be lucky enough to receive a reply? Let's wait and see...





A busy week in the Junior Department



The boys in Junior Drama were excited this week as roles were decided for our production.



All have been given scripts now and everyone will be working hard to learn their lines.



Year 3 have been learning about newspaper features before they write their own report on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb!



Year 4 are learning about teeth at the moment and how to look after them. Having discussed puns in form time some bright spark declared the lesson using disclosing tablets had been fangtastic.

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Our Christmas Orchestra

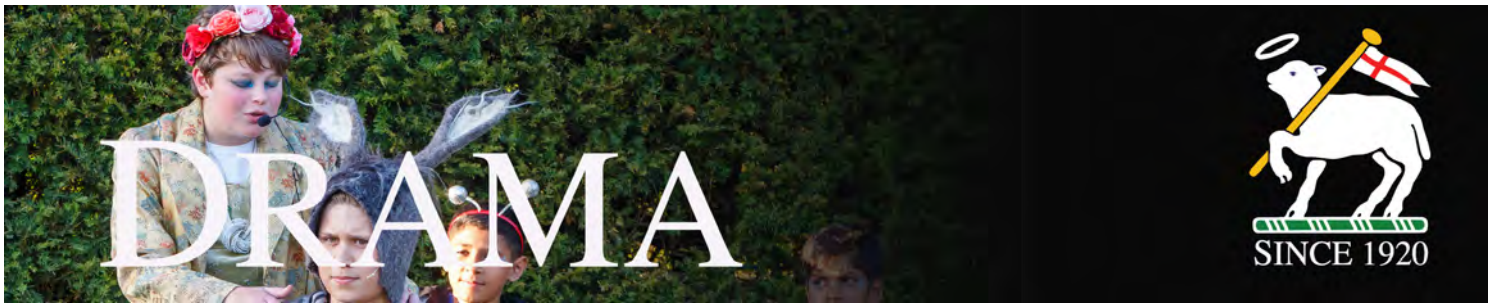
String, Brass and Wind players met on Tuesday lunchtime to rehearse the orchestral music for the Carol Service on 12th December. Some talented boys had to choose which of their instruments they would play!





More pictures from a brilliantly funny Mummings' Play





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Years 3 and 4 getting to grips with DT&E



Year 3 learn how to use the drills safely



Archimedes said that if he had a long lever he could lift the world. Year 3 find out about mechanical advantage with some investigations



Testing out Year 4 Bubble wands which we printed on the 3D printer



In union there is strength

Some rugby team photos from this season for you to enjoy





In union there is strength cont...



ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE FUN DAY

SATURDAY
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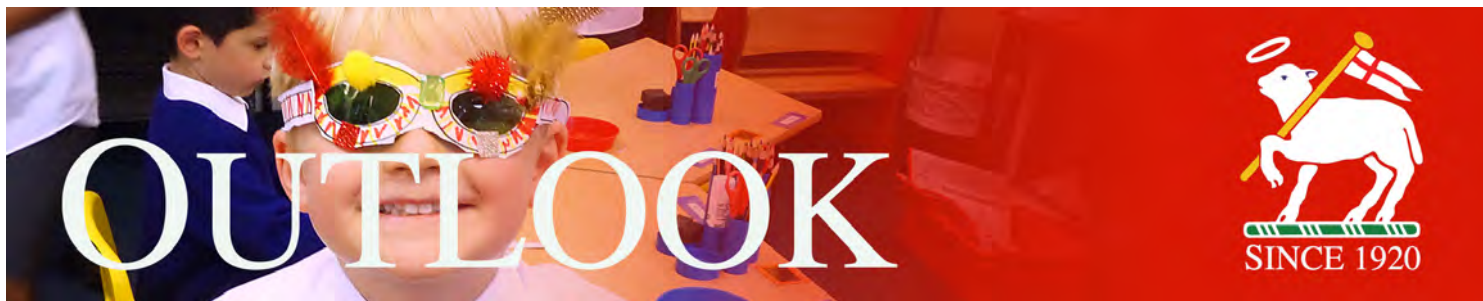
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OUTLOOK



Calendar & important dates

Contact details

Saturday 3rd December: Merchant Taylors' Qualifying Examinations for Year 6 at MTS

Rugby Festival at Haberdashers': U9A (9.00am – 12.30pm)

Monday 5th December: Otters and Owls, Badgers and Eagles Dress Rehearsal (9.00am)

Tuesday 6th December: Otters and Owls, Badgers and Eagles Christmas Plays (9.30am)

Junior House Cross Country

Wednesday 7th December: School Council

Last swim at Merchant Taylors'

Rugby v The Beacon: U13A, B (a), U12A, B (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 8th December: ABRSM examinations

Friday 9th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Senior House Cross Country, Christmas Lunch and House Quiz

Pre-Prep Open House (Reception & Year 1: 2.15pm, Year 2: 2.40pm)

Saturday 10th December: St John's Association Christmas Bazaar (11.30am-3.00pm)

Monday 12th December: Pre-Prep Christmas Party (1.30pm)

Junior Christmas Party (2.00pm)

Carol Service at Emmanuel Church (7.00pm)

Tuesday 13th December: Lower School Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 14th December: End of Term

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 @stjnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport



Mailings: If you would like to be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb

Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

Public stargazing at Ruislip Lido today, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December 6.00pm-8.00: A great opportunity for our keen astronomers. Mr Lawrence will be there tonight.

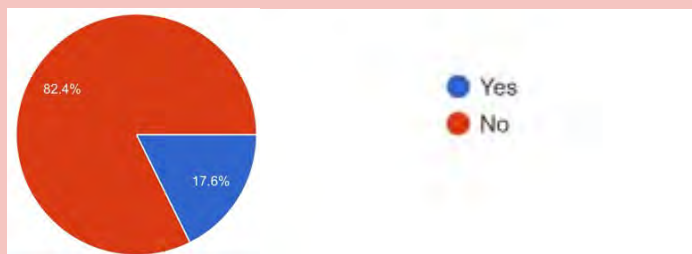
Christmas Jumper Day next Friday 9th December:

Make sure that you have a jumper ready. Any festive design, homemade or otherwise is absolutely fine.

St John's Association Christmas Bazaar Saturday 10th December: See the poster on page 17. Do come and join us.

Carol Service at Emmanuel Church Monday 12th December at 7.00pm: This is a compulsory school occasion and any absence must be requested in writing to the Headmaster.

Votes for schools: This week's question: "Was awarding the World Cup to Qatar a mistake?"



Next week's question: "Will increased awareness get more people learning British Sign Language?"

House Points: 1st Churchill 55.15, 2nd Lincoln 54.50, 3rd Oates 51.93, 4th Lawrence 49.55

There will be no Lamb next Friday. Look forward to a bumper Christmas edition on the last day of term. All the best to our Year 6 boys who are taking examinations at Merchant Taylors' tomorrow. Have a great weekend.