

Thrills and spills on Austrian ski slopes



From the
Headmaster

Welcome back after the half term break. Our ski trip to Austria last week was a huge success. The boys were all challenged and inspired on the slopes, and it was a lovely opportunity for

boys from Year 6 to 8 and staff to make memories together. Thank you to Mr Kruger for leading the trip, and to Mr Lawrence for doing much of the organisation!

It was straight back to work on Monday for our Year 7 boys, who presented a fascinating and informative assembly about the importance of maths in our everyday lives. Year 8 are making good progress in their Independent Project Qualification, and have also begun their Business Enterprise course.

Elsewhere, The Lambs are enjoying

their World Adventures topic, exploring the world on “Lamb Air.” Year 5 have been honing their drawing skills and created some gorgeous Koi carp paintings. Junior scientists have been connecting with our environment while surveying the soundscape in our grounds at St John’s.

Best of luck to those boys playing in rugby VII's competitions this weekend. Represent the School with pride!



Ski trip to Austria 2024

On the first Sunday of half-term, 56 intrepid boys and staff made their way to the mountains of Austria for the first ski trip since 2019. Excellent conditions awaited us, along with five enthusiastic ski instructors. From the basics of the snow-plough to parallel turns on black slopes, every level was catered for, and everyone improved hugely throughout the week. There were numerous spills, from multi-person pile-ups on T-bars, to face-plants and human dominoes, but everyone returned unscathed. A great time was had by all.





Ski trip to Austria cont...





Designing our new garden

The Wellbeing Garden is taking shape. Our Garden Designer, Ms Bevan, has been working with ideas which the boys have developed. This week the boys were delighted to discuss the Concept Design with Ms Bevan for the first time.





Maths is all around us

One of our Year 7 Maths groups presented a fascinating assembly this week on Maths in everyday life. Among the topics they are passionate about are the use of tables in scuba diving, algebra in the design of roller coasters, geometry in architecture, probability in sports analysis, maths in finance and video games development and the wonders of the Fibonacci sequence revealed in nature.



THE MATHS BEHIND ROLLER COASTERS

- Very long process
- On average 4 years!
- Velocity
- Time
- Force
- Mass
- Weight
- Gravity
- Acceleration
- Distance
- Momentum
- Friction
- Energy

For more information visit the Thorpe Park Chills workshop



Fibonacci

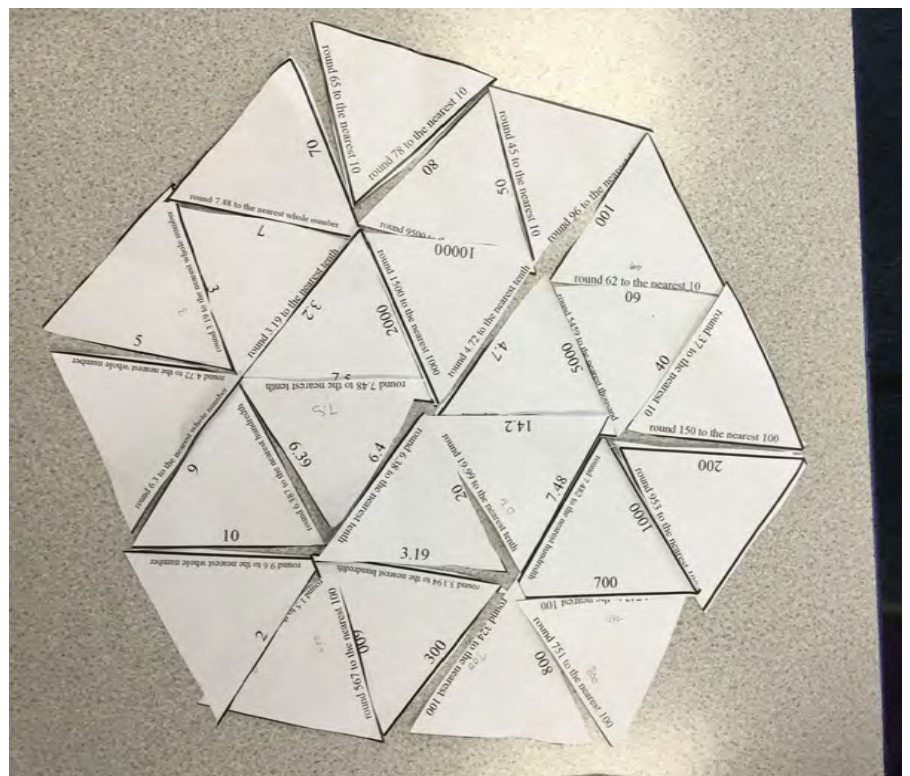
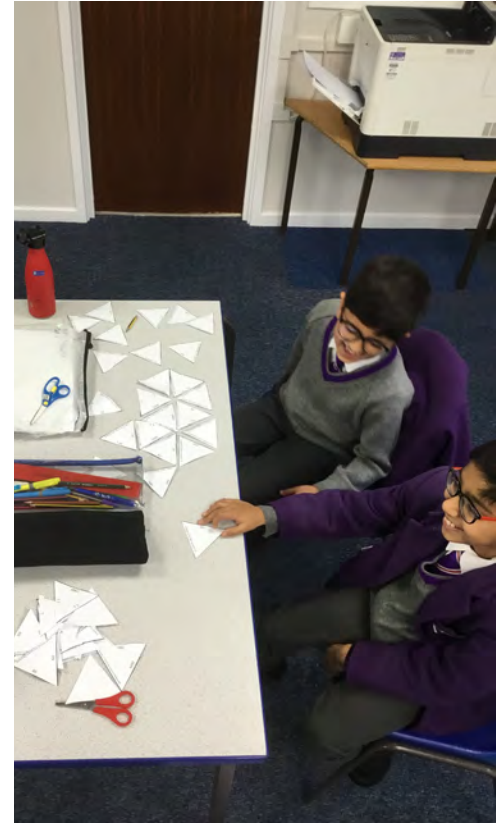
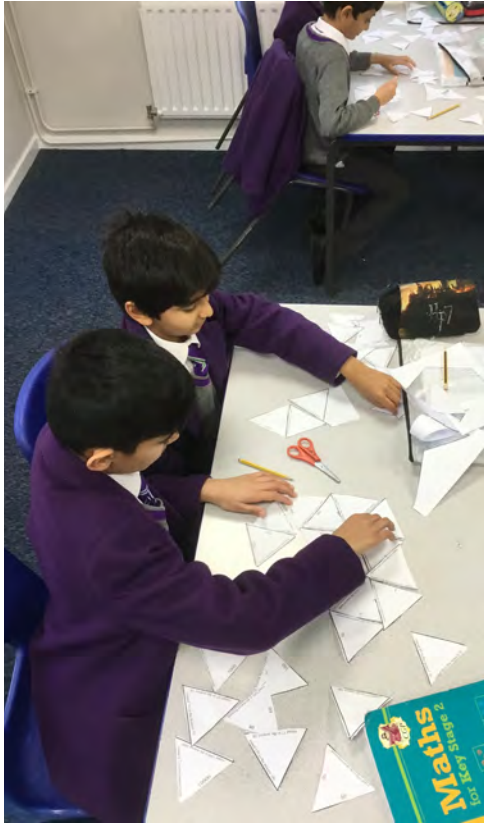
By Maximilian Duménil
And Neil Kotecha





Collaborating in Maths

Year 5 have enjoyed the challenge of 'puzzling out' rounding decimals and whole numbers.



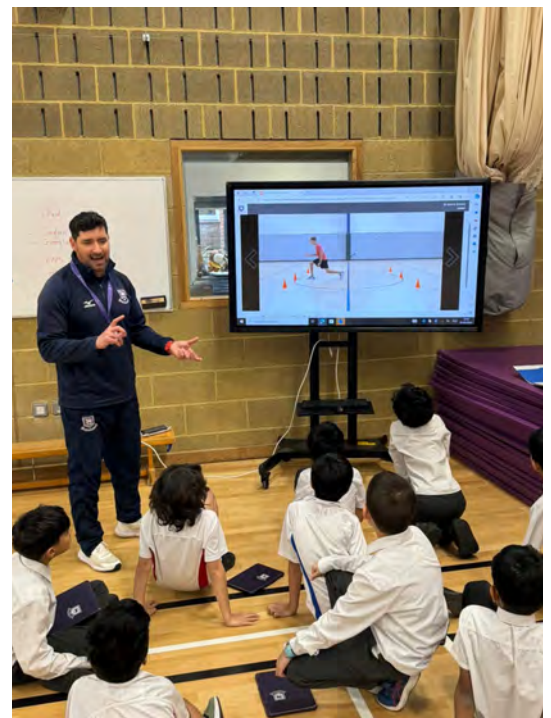
AROUND SCHOOL



What food a



The Otters reading a scary story with Mr Jenkin



Year 5 boys enjoy learning about Functional Movement Systems in PE

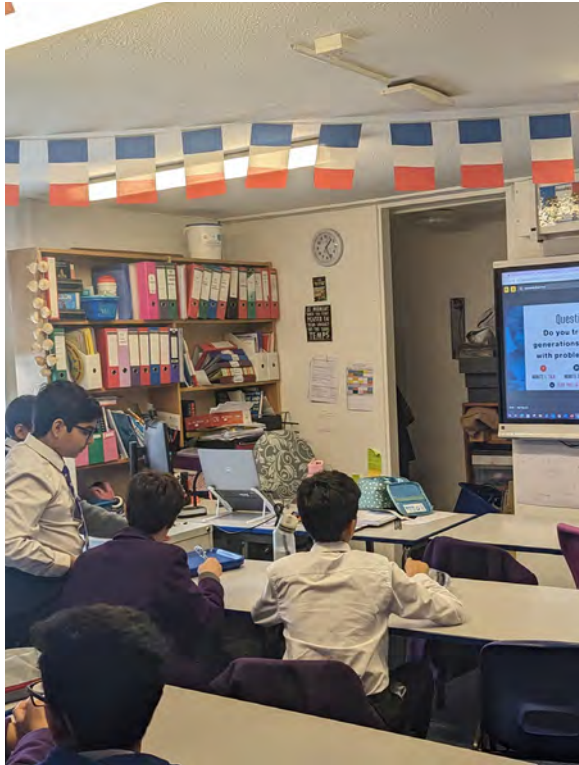


Year 8 boys stepped up as mentors in a recent Reception class PE lesson





AROUND SCHOOL

Year 7 and 8 boys joining the discussion in the Votes for Schools Youth Ambassadors meeting.



The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day was "Together for a better Internet." Our 7 Darwin boys explained how important it is to stay safe online and protect ourselves and others from online harms



Listening carefully to Mr Corin's briefing about the concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Monday

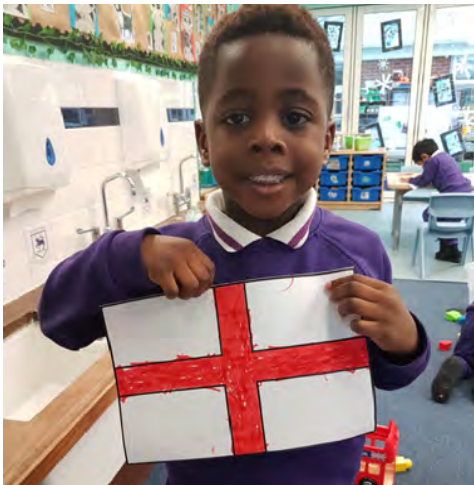


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World adventures for the Lambs

Our learning this week has been focused around air travel, with lots of fun role-play which the boys loved. We have enjoyed looking at a world map and making our own passports. We look forward to using them to board Lamb Airways next week when we jet off to South Africa! Mr Krüger spoke to us in Afrikaans in our PE lesson on Friday in preparation for our travels... *“goeie more Mr Krüger.”*





Year 1 were inspired by scarf work in Music

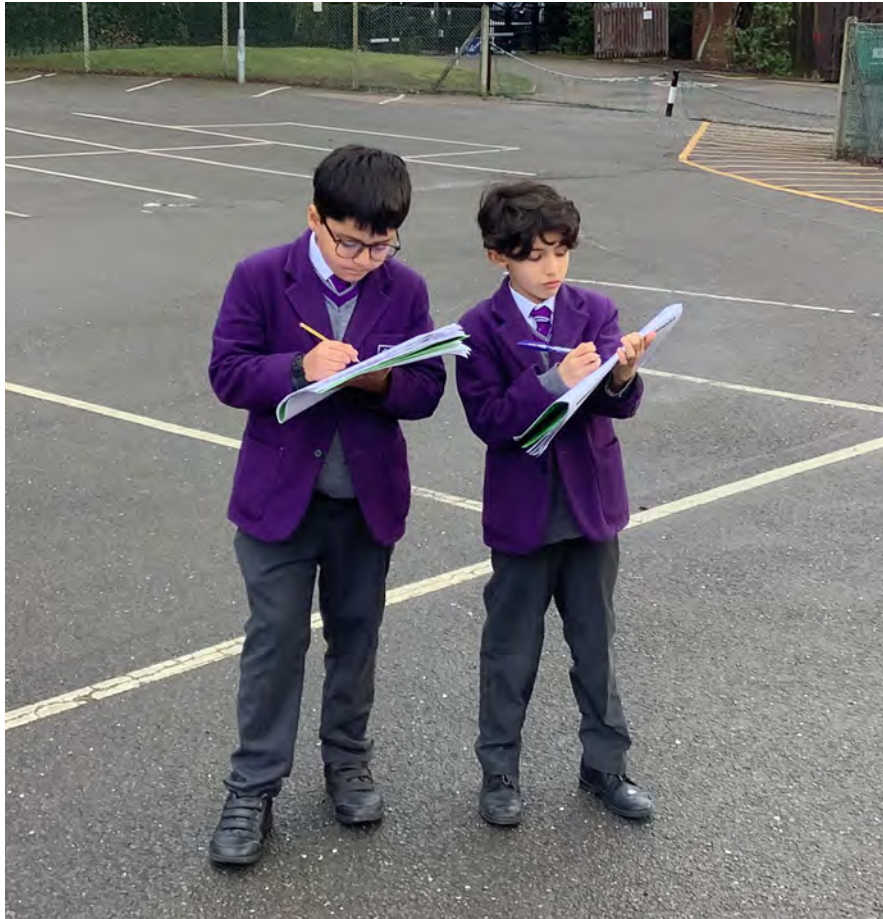
In Music this week, the Otters and Owls focused on their pitch skills. They learnt a new action song and listened carefully to instructions as they worked with coloured scarves to enhance their learning.





Thinking about sound in Year 4

In Science, we have started learning about sound. We have considered how musical instruments work. We also went on a sound walk around the School and carefully recorded the sounds we heard in a sound survey.

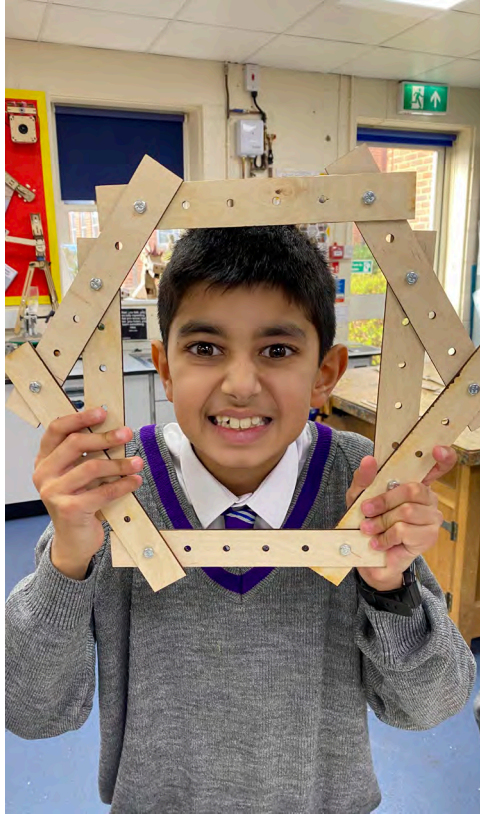




DT & E

Triangulation is the key...

Year 5 learning the fundamental principles of building framework structures. Triangulation is the key!



ART



Excellent drawing skills in Year 5

Year 5 has been learning about the elements of shape to improve their drawing skills. Look at their gorgeous koi carp drawings. Well done boys!



Young Artists' Summer Show

2024

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage.

How to enter

From 8 January 2024, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 27 March 2024.

Important dates

8 January – 27 March 2024

Registration and submission open

May 2024

Judging

16 July 2024

Online exhibition opens

16 July – 11 August 2024

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

[#RAYoungArtists](https://twitter.com/RAYoungArtists)

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Matchweek 3 Team of the Week





A great afternoon of football

Unfortunately, our matches against the Beacon did not survive the deluge on Wednesday. We are very lucky to have our Astro, which we put to great use to play small sides matches designed to excite our senior footballers and encourage the boys to solve problems. A great afternoon of football!





A great afternoon of football





An evening of trivia, fun, food and community. An opportunity to beat the headmaster's table and earn bragging rights for the rest of the year. Book the babysitter and come and join us. Friends and Family are all welcome.

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MARCH
2024

**CENTENARY HALL AT ST
JOHN'S SCHOOL, POTTER
STREET HILL**

07:00
PM

**TICKETS £25 PER PERSON INCLUDING
AN INDIAN MEAL. ASK YOUR SJA REP
TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS.**



Important dates & contacts

Saturday 24th February: St John's Beaumont Rugby Tournament: U11 A VII (9.00am)

St John's Beaumont Rugby Tournament: U13 A VII (1.00pm)

Monday 26th January: Year 2 visit to Reveley Lodge

Joint Merchant Taylors' & St John's Concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall (6.45pm)

Aesop's Touring Theatre Company Visiting Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 27th February: Football v Haberdashers': U9 A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 29th February: Cross-country: U11 St John's Invitation (4.00pm)

Year 7 Online Parents' Meeting (A-Ma) (6.00pm)

Friday 1st March: House Meetings

Second Hand Uniform Sale (2.00pm)

Cross-Country v St Martin's: U13, U11 (a) (2.15pm)

Football v Haberdashers': Colts B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)



The Lambs have been learning about England and have made crowns to remind them of the heritage of the Royal Family

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 [@stjsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjsnorthwood) and our sports department [@StJohnsNwSport](https://twitter.com/StJohnsNwSport)

Mailings: To be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor with your contact details.

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

Notices and reminders

Used Uniform Sale Friday 1st March: The sale will take place in the Norman Hall at 2.00pm. Please leave any donations at the School office.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March: Please do encourage your boys to be creative and dress up as their favourite character from a fiction book. Please avoid football kits and dangerous items, such as swords and guns.

Young Artists' Summer Show 2024: Ms Gillen has registered our school to take part in a prestigious Art competition. See page 14 for more information about how to enter.

Whole School Litter Pick: Please add 16th March to your diaries. The annual litter pick will take place in and around the local area. This is a great opportunity to socialise whilst helping the environment and looking after our community.

Refreshments will be available at Holland and Holland. House points and Merits will be on offer for all boys who attend. Please sign up using this link. [St John's School Litter Pick Sign Up Form.](#)

St John's Association Quiz on 16th March 7.00pm: This event is always extremely popular with an excellent quiz master, good food and a bar. More details on page 18.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: Will you be the first smoke-free generation? 31.3% said yes

Next week's question: Could more be done to keep shop workers safe?

House Points: 1st Churchill 91.44, 2nd Lawrence 91.19, 3rd Oates 90.06, 4th Lincoln 87.70.

Have a great weekend