



From the Headmaster

Dramatic Junior Drama



Welcome to the final edition of The Lamb before the Easter break. We celebrate some outstanding, theatrical, musical, sporting and intellectual achievements in the following pages, together with some awesome learning opportunities which boys of all ages have enjoyed.

It was a pleasure to watch the Junior drama production of The Jungle Book last week and House Music was truly inspirational yesterday. Our youngest to oldest boys worked in teams together during the Northwood community Litter Pick last weekend and many of the grown-ups went on to enjoy a fabulous St John's Association Quiz Night that evening.

Science Week continued, with the older boys enjoying trips to Kew Gardens and Merchant Taylors' Hall while Mr Lawrence astonished and inspired the Pre-Prep with his Silly Science demonstrations. It's been a fantastic week for senior sport, with our U13A hockey team winning the Strikers' Cup and the U13 Rugby Sevens players winning the Cup competition at the prestigious Westbrook Hay tournament.

I hope all families have some time together over the coming weeks, and the boys have a chance to rest and recharge batteries, prior to the start of our summer term.

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This year we litter-picked as a whole School team

The fourth St John's litter pick was opened by the Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Colleen Sullivan, Mr Jenkin and Miss Morgan. Miss Morgan challenged the boys to find her four new tyres for her car! Over 50 families and 160 people, including a number of staff, joined the litter pick which involved the whole School for the first time. A huge mound of litter was collected including a 1930's car bonnet, tyres, a ladder and stove. It was a wonderful community event in the fresh air making a difference to our local environment.





Year 6 explored the City of London this week

Year 6 journeyed to Threadneedle Street in London to visit the Merchant Taylors' Hall and find out more about the Company and its history. They had a tour of the hall and its surroundings from the Beadle, which took in many paintings, a few hearse cloths, priceless Chinese wallpaper, a desk from Osborne House and a royal yacht's bell amongst many other interesting items. Afterwards they paid a visit to the Museum of London Docklands – definitely an unsung gem in the treasure trove of London's museums – and St Peter's Barge, London's only floating church. A fantastic time was had by all.





ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

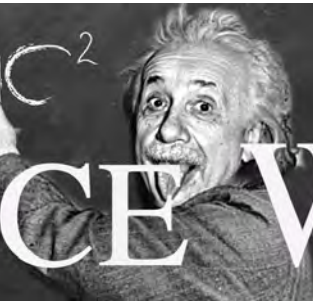
SJA presented an 80s themed quiz night on Saturday

Over 150 guests had a wonderful evening while raising money for our School charity, Save the Children. Twelve teams competed, including "Let's get quizzical" and "Never gonna quiz you up," not forgetting our new Lambs parents "New Kids on the Block" and "Like a Virgin". Our teachers, "Saved by the Bell" and "Headmaster don't preach" came

dressed to impress! Scores were tight, with a draw creating much excitement and tension. The tie breaker was snatched by our very own Headmaster! We again would like to thank you all for your support on the night and special thanks to the SJA team who worked so hard to make it a special evening.



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SCIENCE WEEK



Year 8 explored biodiversity at Kew Gardens

As part of Science Week, Year 8 visited Kew Gardens. They attended an interesting workshop on interdependence in a tropical rainforest, which focused on relationships between the plants and animals. The boys enjoyed the beautiful gardens which were coming into their Spring colours. They were inspired by the historic greenhouses with their ancient and rare tropical plants. We also had a chance to walk in the tree tops walkway.





We all enjoyed a special themed lunch of 'Roti Rolls'

The enticing menu featured pulled masala chicken and tikka paneer cheese served with sides of Indian street slaw (made with red cabbage & mint), kachumber salad and cumin & lime chickpeas. The meal was complemented with a variety of breads including wholemeal roti, beetroot roti, kale roti alongside wholesome mixed grains. Condiments of bang bang ketchup, raita yoghurt and crispy onions added the perfect finishing touches. Delicious!





School Council reconvenes

Last week we held our last School Council meeting of the term. Topics discussed ranged from the success of the food tasting days and salad bar to what prizes should be given to boys winning the ‘caught doing good’ and ‘shining star’ awards. Every boy contributed on behalf of their classes and the senior boys really supported boys in the Pre-Prep, giving them ample opportunity to have their voice heard.



Structural Learning in English

Boys have been exploring characters and scenes independently through “Structural Learning”, a new pedagogical resource at St John’s that encourages all students to extend their thinking by encouraging them to interact with each other and come up with their own ideas. Below is what 7D thought.





Years 2 and 7 were inspired by an engineering workshop

HS2 Sponsor, Sean Browne came to talk to Year 2 and Year 7 about the huge inspiring engineering project that is HS2. He helped the boys with their own train builds. The boys enjoyed getting to know each other over lunch.



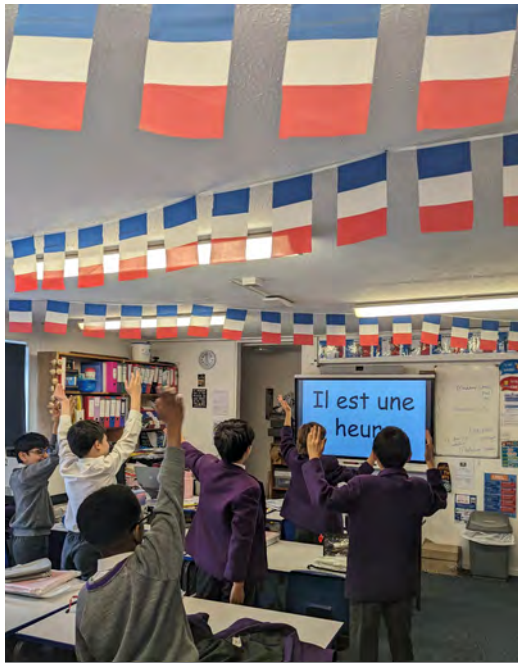


A busy end to a great term

Mr Jenkin celebrated all the boys' achievements in our final assemblies, congratulated them on their efforts and progress and thanked everyone for making the term a great success. The Pre-Prep the "I did my best" trophy was awarded to Aran R in Otters. Yuvraj was the winner of the Scott Taylor cup this year. Congratulations to all boys who were awarded with cups, ties and certificates.



AROUND SCHOOL

Year 6 have been learning how to tell the time in French. The boys put their knowledge to the test when they took part in the 'time ballet'. Bon effort!



Our Chamber Choir performed in the Great Hall at Merchant Taylors' School



Ivan was the winner in the Year 4 Dragon's Den coding competition



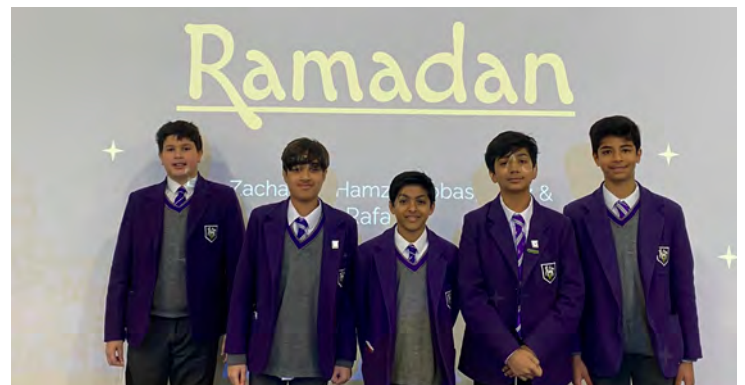
Last Friday Rishi helped set up the telescopes for Astronomy evening. During a fifteen minute window of clear sky, we were able to get some good views of the moon and Jupiter.



We collected 255 Easter eggs for City Harvest, which means that disadvantaged people in our communities will receive something with which to celebrate Easter



Callum from the Forestry Commission came to talk to us about the importance of our woodlands. Mrs Savage challenged everyone to visit the local bluebell woods.



We learnt about the traditions of Ramadan in an inspiring assembly



Members of the "Explore Club" presented a fascinating assembly on the Easter story and traditions



Celebrating Easter in the Lambs

The Lambs have enjoyed celebrating and learning about Easter. We have designed and decorated our own Easter eggs, using a variety of mediums and thinking about repeating patterns. Our garden was filled with lots of different Easter-themed sensory trays which we have loved exploring, too. We have also made chocolate nests - they tasted egg-celent! Much to our delight, the Easter bunny visited us and left behind some chocolate treats for us to find. Happy Easter to everyone.





Cheep! Cheep!

It was with great excitement that the Robins and Squirrels welcomed some very special eggs to St John's. They arrived in an incubator and within two days, the boys noticed cracks appearing in the shells. Out popped ten gorgeous little fluffy chicks. They soon moved to the brooder box and have since spent time being gently handled by our boys. The chicks have been so loved and cared for during their time in the Pre-Prep...thank you for letting us cuddle you, little birds!





Pre-Prep enjoyed a show in the Science Lab

For **Science Week**, the boys in the Pre-Prep were treated to a Silly Science Show. They came to the Science Laboratory to watch a fun show packed with chemical and physical reactions; from elephant's toothpaste to dry ice and exploding rockets. The boys had a lot of fun and asked some really insightful questions. They also demonstrated their interest and knowledge in the subject.





DRAMA

Heading into the jungle with the Junior Drama Club

On Wednesday evening we joined Bagheera, Baloo, Kaa, the mischievous monkeys and eccentric elephants as they tried to save the man-cub, Mowgli, from the clutches of Shere Khan. The script carefully addressed issues such as friendship, respect and belonging and reminded the boys that we are all unique, but to succeed we must learn to come together as a community. Thank you boys for your dedication and enthusiasm.



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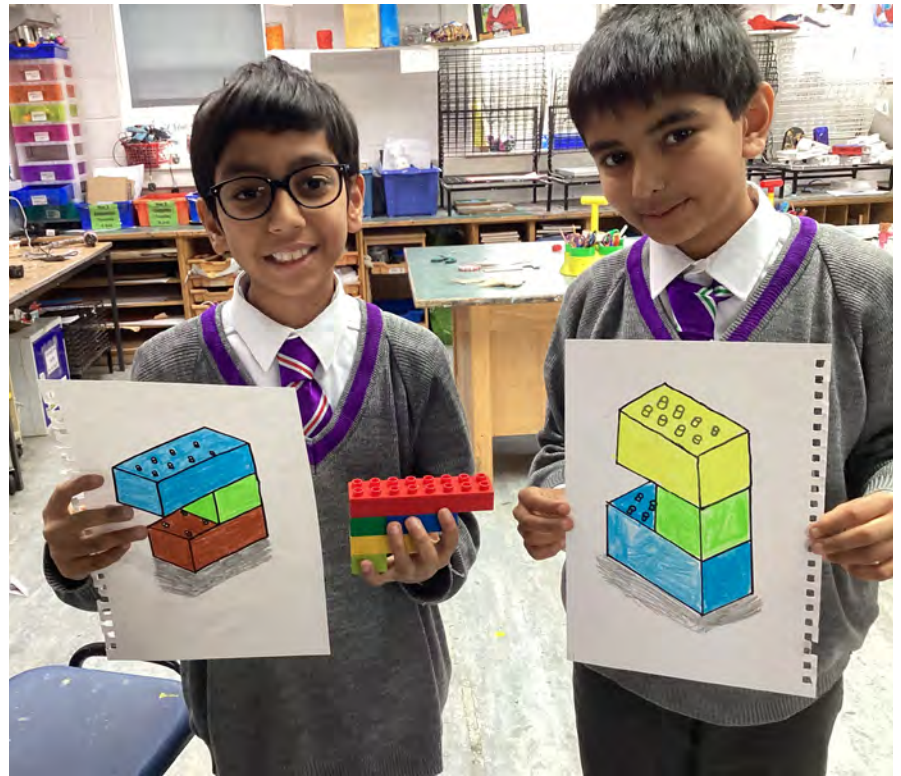
Junior Drama Club cont...





Developing drawing skills in Year 5

Year Five have been learning about isometric drawing. They have drawn Lego blocks and Minecraft figures. Here are few more House Art Competition entries as well.





House Music Festival

What a wonderful afternoon of music-making. The boys' enjoyment, enthusiasm and commitment was clear to see. Mr Couldridge, Director of Music at Merchant Taylors' School kindly adjudicated. He congratulated all the boys on their stage confidence and how well prepared they were, before awarding St John's Young Musician of the Year to Luca in Year 6, second place to Vivek in Year 8 and third place to Aarav in Year 5. Lucas in Year 6 won the Composer Award. The Bumping Cup, awarded by St John's staff, was won by Vivek in Year 8. The House Singing Award was hotly contested and very enjoyable. Mr Couldridge awarded the Cup to Lincoln this year.



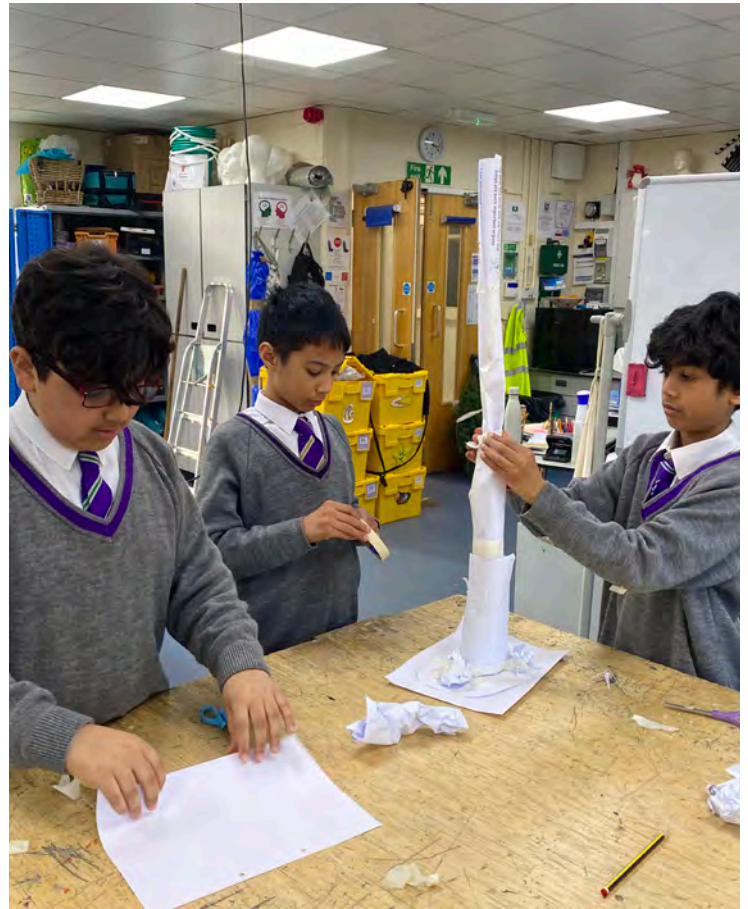




Year 5 are investigating structures

In Year 5 DT&E, triangulation is the key when building Spaghetti Structures. The boys enjoyed investigating building methods for their Windy Towers.







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U10 and U13 Football

We went over to the Beacon to play a tough set of fixtures and the Under 10A team had a great win. All teams came away muddied but unbowed!



The Under 13 Football v Caldicott fixture was a lovely afternoon of football with all teams representing St John's with pride. The Under 13A team nearly came away with a win but had to settle for a draw despite peppering the opposition.





We present the U13A hockey champions

For the **second** year our boys won the MTS Strikers cup against Merchant Taylors' Prep, Merchant Taylors' School and St Martin's. The boys had big boots to fill after last years' winners and did so with grit and determination. Zachariah R scored the winning shuffle in the epic final against MTP. The attitude and gamesmanship with which the boys have played and trained since September has been truly exceptional.





Presenting our Under 13A Rugby 7s winners

The U13A Rugby 7s team did incredibly well to win the Cup competition in the Westbrook Hay tournament last Thursday. The boys worked extremely hard, playing a combative brand of rugby that was both brave and exciting. Special mentions should go to Leo, Neel and Matthew who all had a great tournament. All the boys played excellently and should be extremely proud of what they have achieved across the rugby season!





Important dates & contacts

Tuesday 16th April: Beginning of Summer Term (8.25)

Clubs and Activities begin

Wednesday 17th April: Swimming starts at Merchant Taylors'

Year 2 PGL Drop-in Session (Optional) (3.15pm)

5P Adventure Camp

Monday 22nd April: HS2 Stem Den Day (Years 2 & 7)

Tuesday 23rd April: 5C Adventure Camp

Wednesday 24th April: School Council (11.15am)

Cricket v York House: 1st, 2nd X1 (a), 3rd, 4th, 5th X1 (h) (2.30pm)

St John's Association Meeting (7.30pm)

Thursday 25th April: 5E Adventure Camp

Friday 26th April: MTS Science Challenge (Year 5)

Merchant Taylors' Prep Schools Orchestral Afternoon and Concert

Cricket v Belmont: Colts A, B, C (h), Colts D, E, F (a) (2.30pm)



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.

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Notices and reminders

Activities next term: All Prep School activities will start on 16th April. Please remember all your music rehearsals this week as we shall be preparing for our Summer Concert on 30th April.

Reports and Grade Sheets: These are now available on the Parent Portal.

Calendars: The Summer calendar is now on the School website and the Parent Portal. Boys are bringing home paper copies today.

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

The Lamb: The next edition of The Lamb will be published on Friday 26th April.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: "Do you know how to be an ally?" 97.2% said yes

Question for the beginning of term: "Would playing outside more improve your mental health?"

House Points: 1st Lawrence 114.32, 2nd Churchill 113.40
3rd Lincoln 109.86, 4th Oates 108.94

Have a super Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the boys back to School on 16th April.