

St John's School Weekly Newsletter

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Getting ready for the next step

As we come to the end of this academic year, we celebrate the efforts and outstanding academic achievements of our Year 8 boys, who will progress to a fine selection of outstanding senior schools: Merchant Taylors', Eton, Westminster, Harrow, St Albans, Aldenham, Berkhamsted, Haberdashers', John Lyon and St Margaret's. They have also been awarded a superb range of Academic, Music and Sports Scholarships and Awards including a prestigious King's Scholarship to Westminster School. The boys also achieved three academic awards to Merchant Taylors', a major music scholarship and several music exhibitions to Merchant Taylors' and Westminster. In sport there were four scholarships offered, including one for golf. These are fantastic achievements.

Earlier this week, Junior boys, parents and staff enjoyed the annual Speech Day and Sports Morning and I would like to thank Governor and former parent, Mrs Murphy O'Connor for presenting the prizes. Boys from Years 3 to 8 played magnificently in their ABRSM music exams this week and we are expecting excellent results. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Senior Speech Day tomorrow morning.

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St John's Summer Fun Day

The St John's Association Fun Day was a huge success. The sun shone and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying our beautiful grounds. Many thanks to Mr Coxhill and all the members of the SJA team, to St John's grounds, maintenance and kitchen teams, parents and staff for all their hard work.







St John's Summer Fun Day cont...









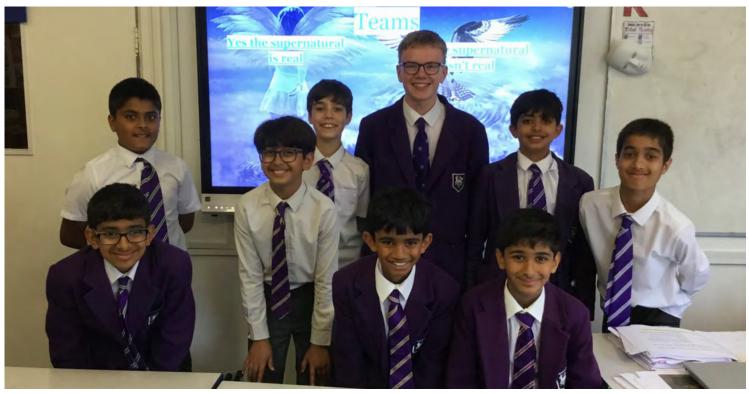






Writing and debating in English

Inspired by "The Lady of Shalott", Rishi and Savaan prepared the final debating motion for this half term: That supernatural creatures exist. Well done for using science and reasoning to come up with your arguments. Spine-chilling result according to our debate: They do exist! Special mentions to George G and George R from Year 8 who generously gave their free time up to work with Year 6. Meanwhile 5M chose to explore a poem from Africa as part of our "Voyage through Poetry" work. They explored the poem through visuals, creative writing, line-by-line analysis and active freeze-frames, which captured the events in District Six, Cape Town.











More things going on around school



Music is meant to be performed: cello group played in assembly





Anything Goes Club down in the woods



Well done to the boys who qualified for the Primary Maths Challenge bonus round. Our top scorers were: 3rd Aary and Rian, 2nd Max and 1st Laksh



Budding musicians Luca, Xavi and Hari are proud to be playing their wind instruments



Mrs Murphy O'Connor presented the prizes at Junior Speech Day





Looking forward to the Juniors

Year 2 were very excited to receive their House ties this week ready for their move up to Junior school. The boys in the Prep school are ready to welcome the new House members.







Pop goes the Pre-Prep

The Lambs looked at sweet corn in different ways then made popcorn, it was delicious. The boys then acted out the story of the enormous turnip.













Junior Speech Day and Sports Morning

The Junior Speech Day on Tuesday was a lovely event. The boys were impeccably behaved. Those who won a prize were delighted and those who were disappointed took it with good grace. Mrs Murphy O' Connor, a Governor of the school, spoke directly to the boys about the importance of resilience. Miss Morgan beamed with pride at her boys' achievements and Mr Jenkins told everyone how proud he was of them. Dillan and Devan Shah provided some lovely music. After sitting beautifully for the best part of an hour everyone happily decamped to sports day to let off steam. The boys all participated enthusiastically. Jaden equalled the U8 high jump record set by David last year. The sun shone but thankfully not too fiercely. It was a perfect Prep School morning. Well done everyone!











Junior Sports Morning cont...

















Celebrating our Lion King success

Taking time to celebrate with Mr Corin and Mrs Long and ice creams for all the cast and crew





Taking a peak underneath the elephant costume

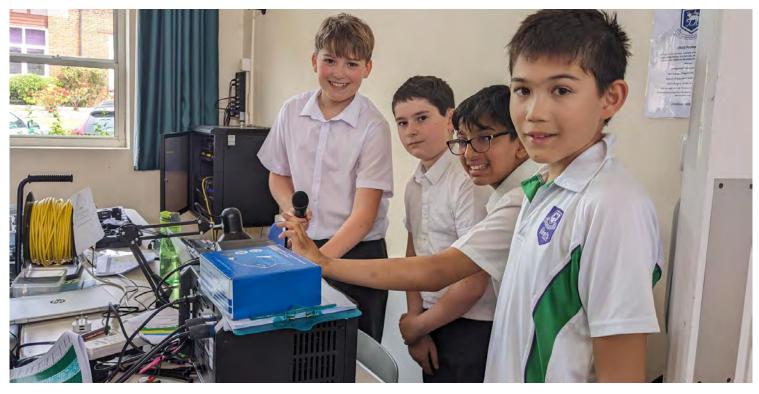






Passing on the technical know-how

The backstage crew of St John's productions gain a great deal of technical knowledge and experience working with sound and lighting. This week the boys behind the scenes of The Lion King spent some time passing on their skills to the group that will work on the next show. Who knows what it will be?

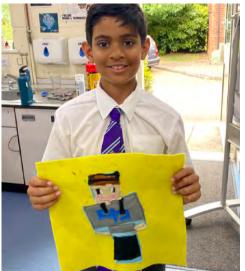








End of term in the DT&E studio





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Jamie sublimation printing mugs with memories of being at St John's





Mithil and George testing out the water pistol they made as part of the WasteAge Project



U8 Cricket v Haberdashers'

The Under 8 cricketers enjoyed playing at home in the sunshine for their final game of the year. The Under 8A game was thrilling to watch, including 28* for Shaan and an incredible diving catch from Ahad. Special thanks to our 1st XI cricket team for running a pre-match session for the boys in the nets.







Important dates and contacts

Saturday 1st July: Senior Prize-Giving (11.00am)
Monday 3rd July: Year 6 Trip to Chessington
Year 5 Trip to Whipsnade
National Prep Schools' Athletics Meeting at Nuneaton (10.00am)
Tuesday 4th July: Year 8 Teamwork Challenge (8.00am – 4.30pm)
Year 4 House Cricket (2.00pm)
Years 3-7 visit new classes (3.00pm)
Year 8 Leavers' Evening (6.30pm)
Wednesday 5th July: Sports Day Years 5 – 8 (11.15am)
Thursday 6th July: End of term
Nursery and Reception 11.30am
Years 3 & 4 12.00pm
Years 5 & 6 12.10pm
Years 7 & 8 12.20pm

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

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Eissa 4H walked to and from school every day this academic year whatever the weather. He covered a grand total of 320km, the distance from Northwood to Manchester! This saved the equivalent of 134 kg CO2e, the same as six trees would absorb.

Notices and reminders

Senior Speech Day Saturday 1st July: A reminder that this is a compulsory event for all boys in Years 5-8. Proceedings start at 11.00am and all boys should be seated by 10.30am.

Senior Sports Afternoon Wednesday 5th July: This will start promptly at 11.15am and parking will be on the bottom field which is accessed via the gate on Potter Street Hill. You are most welcome to bring a picnic to have whilst the boys are eating school lunch. The afternoon will finish by 4.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there. **Votes for Schools:** This week's question: KS2 - Does the UK make refugees feel welcome? 62.8 said yes

KS3 - Has the Ukraine war changed our perception of refugees? 82.6 said yes

Next week's question: "Can a party be a protest?"

House Points: 1st Churchill 144.96, 2nd Lawrence 140.29 3rd Lincoln 137.99, 4th Oates 134.16 There are lots of house points on offer at sports day so this could all change.

Enjoy the sunny weekend