



From the
Headmaster

This week we have been exploring the behaviours and practices that prepare us to meet the goals we set at the beginning of term. Creative thinking, connecting with each other and making the most of all the learning opportunities and activities here at St John's are all vital elements. The new Year 8 IPQ project was launched today with a visiting speaker leading a session on time management and working to deadlines, both essential skills to cultivate for success in all our work.

We started our week considering the importance of sustainability. The Bee-keeping team presented a fascinating assembly about their work with the St John's bees. Members of the Eco Club then encouraged us to think about food waste. The boys spoke with confidence and conviction on subjects they are passionate about.

Younger boys have been truck modelling, learning about the colour wheel and how to calculate change when shopping. Prep boys have been enjoying a range of inspiring activities in English from the Year 6 Dragon's Den robot project to critical skills work in Year 8.

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Our environment

Here at St John's, we are always thinking about sustainability. On Monday, our bee-keepers talked to us about what they do to help the bees at St John's. They have learnt how to combine hives and made fondant as a winter treat for the bees when food is scarce. Mr Lawrence is hoping to recruit new members to the club.

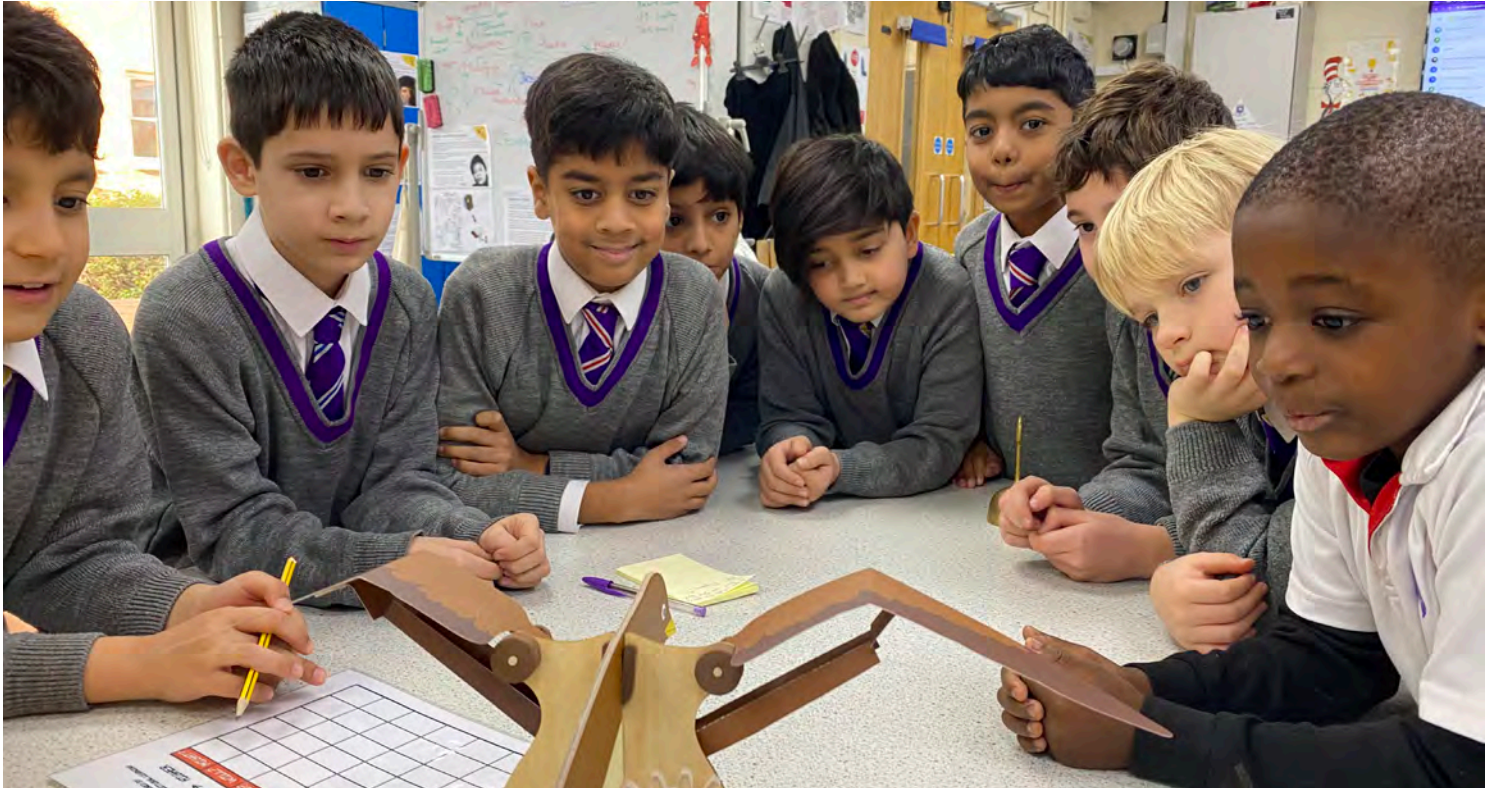
Eco Club focused their presentation on food waste. They told us that 1.3 million tons of food are wasted each year worldwide. A quarter of this food could feed all 795 million undernourished people in the world. We are all making a big effort not to waste food at lunchtime in school and to take only what we can eat.





Enquiring minds

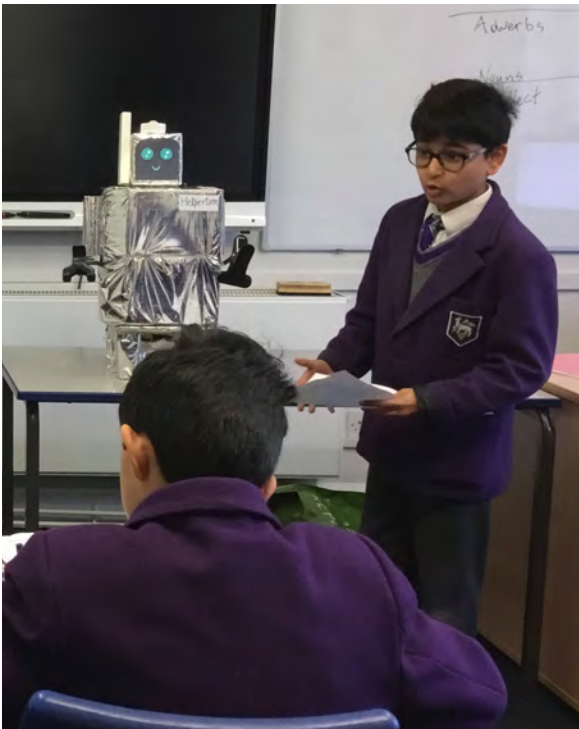
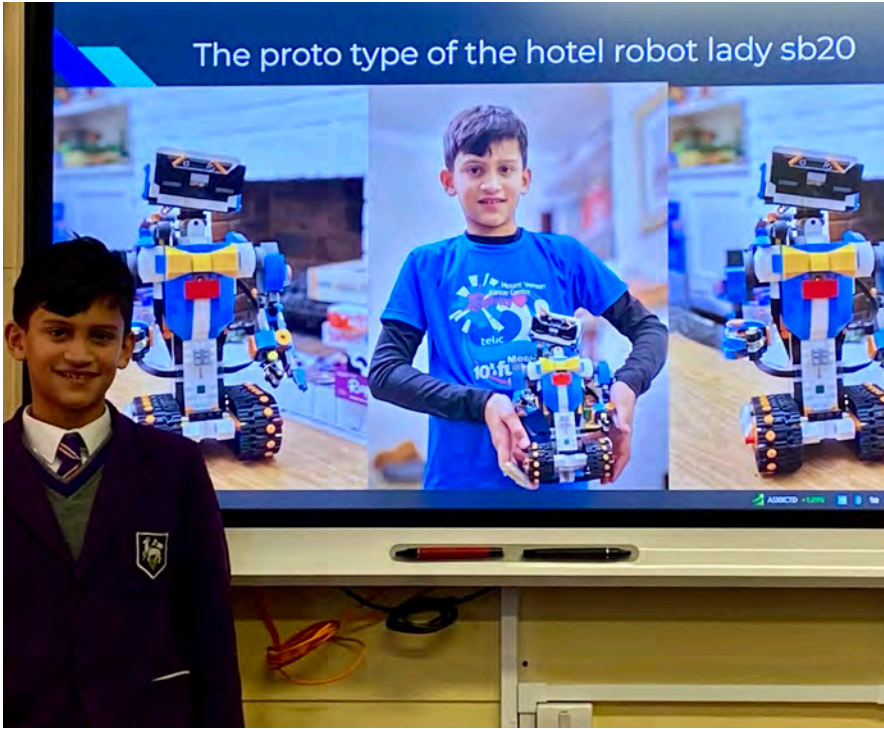
In DT&E this week the boys used a question matrix to think critically about a Kiwi Co model. We went on to find out how looking to nature can solve many of the engineering problems of today.





Dragons' Den scenario in English

In English this week, Year 6 students enhanced their speaking, listening, presentation and communication skills, as they pitched their robot project ideas to their teachers and peers in a 'Dragons' Den' scenario. As part of their pitch preparation, they used innovative thinking by designing a robot prototype, preparing a print or video advertisement for their target audience, writing a letter to their investors and even creating 3-D designs. Above all, boys' fairness and collegiality shone through.



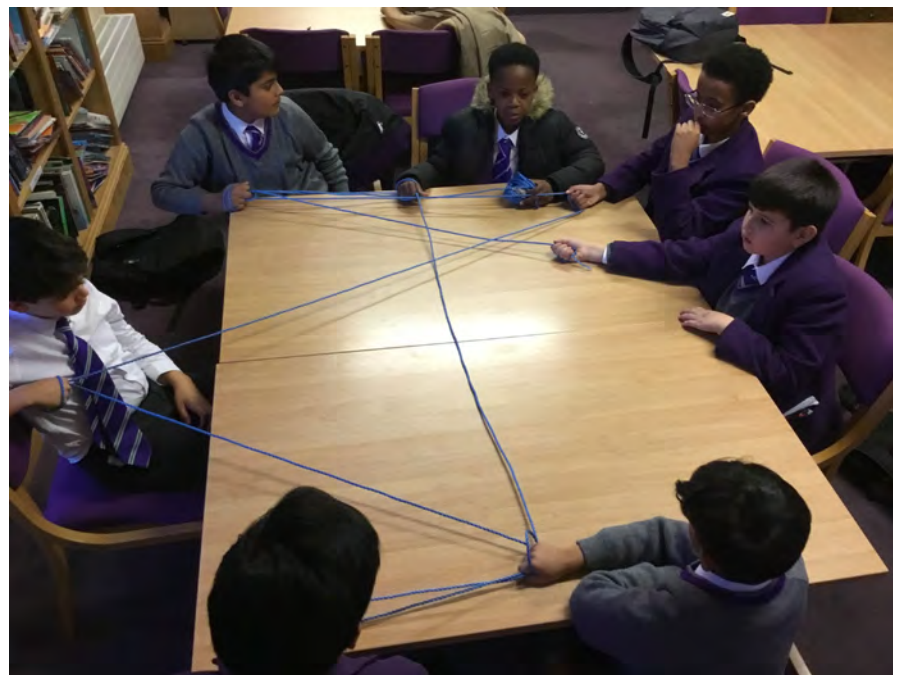
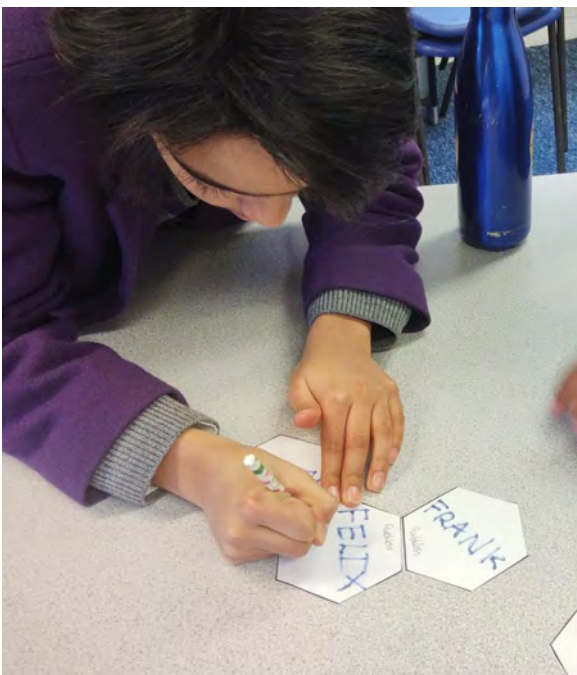


Innovative English teaching in Year 8

Year 8 have been using critical thinking skills, observations and analysis to examine personality traits of the characters in 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley. The boys compared the characters to certain objects in a box, actively conceptualising and synthesising information about the story. Then, using these ideas in an analytical, abstract and creative way, they devised a matching game to arrive at more solid links, clearer understanding and more precise conclusions about the story.

In their English into drama sessions, they explored the idea that 'Frankenstein' and his monster are the two sides of the same human, the outer and the inner self. They used movement, height, facial expression and detailed body positioning to explore this concept.

Meanwhile, other boys from our Senior department are 'caught up' in an engaging web of discussion as they debated whether "footballers should be paid more than doctors".



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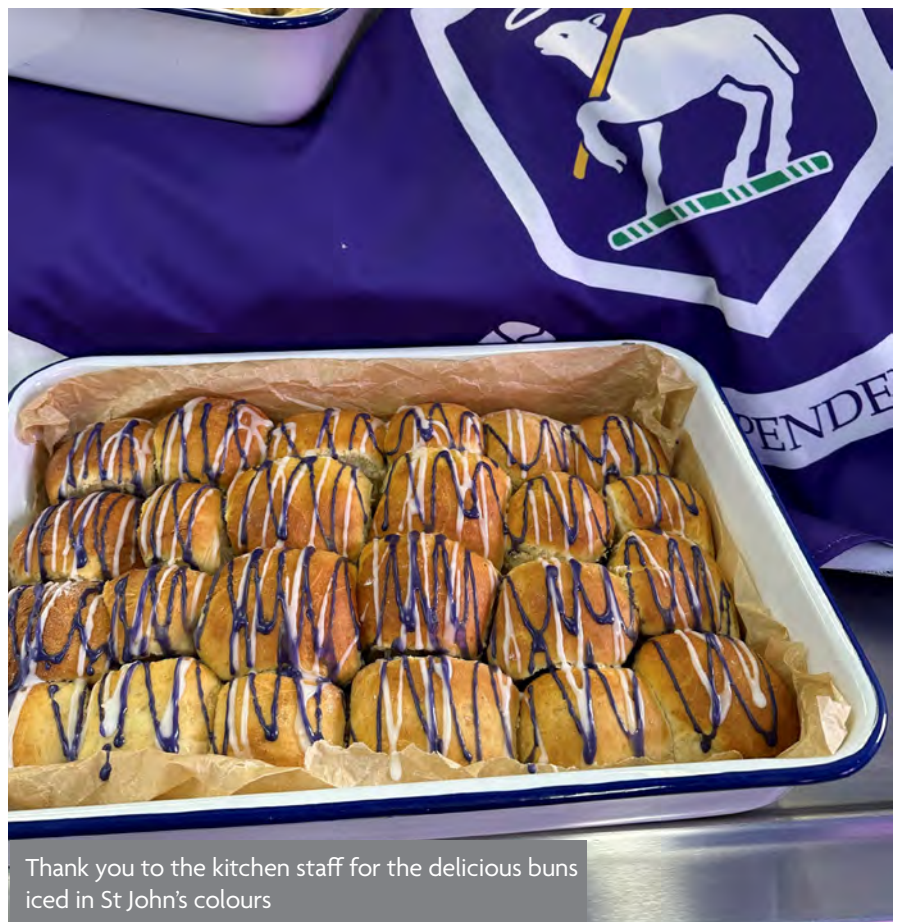
The senior boys get as much as the younger boys from their mentoring sessions



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Ready for a day in the Music Department



Thank you to the kitchen staff for the delicious buns iced in St John's colours

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Some excellent sight-reading from our saxophonists at Wind Ensemble



The St John's beekeepers



Our Year 5 team took part in the Semi-Finals of the Quiz Club Science Challenge



Can you see the Year 1 & 2 Art Club boys in their balloons



Robins and Squirrels inspired by 'Duck in a Truck'

As part of our topic about journeys, the Robins and Squirrels have been reading the story called 'Duck in a Truck'. It was with great excitement that the boys planned, designed and built their own 3D model trucks using a variety of materials. Luckily, our trucks did not get stuck in the muck!





Experimenting with colour in Year 2

Year 2 have been focusing on primary and secondary colours in Art. This week they experimented with colour hues, tints and shades.





How much change?

Year 3 have been working hard this week solving problems with money. We opened a shop in the Junior block and boys had to figure out how much change they would receive after buying a range of items.





Looking good enough to eat

Year 8 have been finishing off their clay food sculptures. They look good enough to eat! Some of them have started to make their wooden, mosaic tables - tools at the ready!





The hockey season is underway

The Under 10 and Under 11 A&B teams played their first matches of the season last Friday against Highgate. All matches were of a high quality, played in an entertaining and friendly manner. The A teams recorded strong victories, special mention to Ronnie who scored 5 goals for the Under 10As. Our U11B team put in an excellent showing and lost only narrowly! Excellent effort, adaptability and sportsmanship shown by all.





Important dates & contacts

Monday 22nd January: Year 5 examinations
SATIPS General Knowledge Quiz this week
IPQ begins for Year 8

Royal Marine Presentation (Years 7 & 8)
Hockey v John Lyon: U12 A, B (h) (2.30pm)

Tuesday 23rd January: DTE and Art Open House (6 Dickens) (4.00pm – 4.30pm)

Wednesday 24th January: Quiz Club General Knowledge Quiz at MTP (10.00am)

Football v Mill Hill & Belmont: U13 A, B (h) C, D, E (a) (2.30pm)

St John's Association Meeting (7.30pm) (Online)

Thursday 25th January: Football v St Martin's: U8 A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)

Friday 26th January: Big Garden Birdwatch (until 28th)
House Meetings

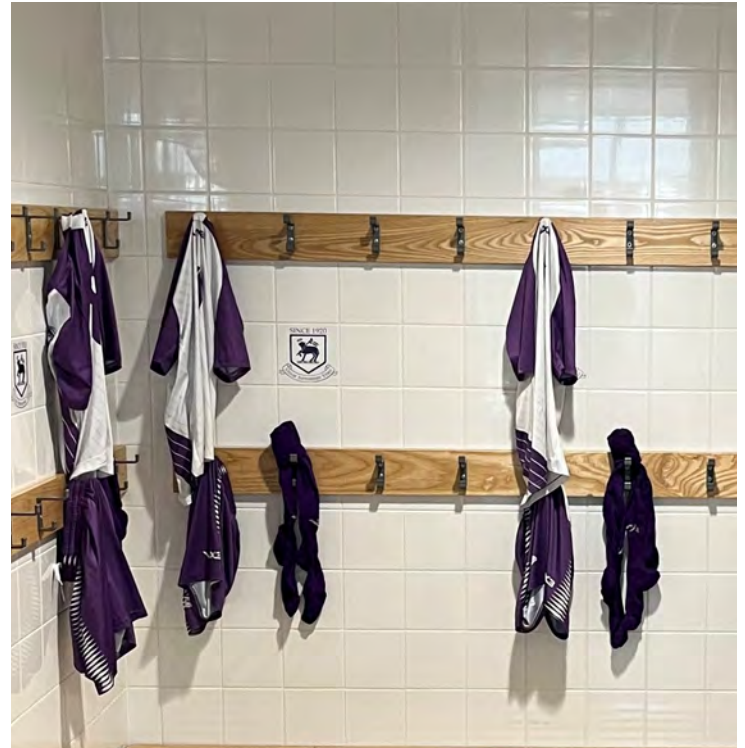
Football v UCS: Colts A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

Football v Highgate: U10 A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

DTE and Art Open House (6 Shakespeare) (4.00pm-4.30pm)

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



The U11A football kits all laid out ready for the first game of the season. Sadly, today's game was cancelled due to frozeb pitches.

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

St John's Association Quiz, 16th March from 6.30pm:

This event is always extremely popular with an excellent quiz master, good food and a bar. Please save the date and more details about purchasing tickets will be sent out soon.

Year 5 Revision Guides: Year 5 examinations in English and Maths will take place on the morning of Monday 22nd January in the Norman Hall. Revision guides have been sent out and you can find a link to the guide in this week's Weekly Bulletin.

Year 7 Revision Guides: Year 7 examinations will take place on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February. You can find a link to the guides in this week's Weekly Bulletin.

Whole School Litter Pick: Saturday 16th March at 2.00pm at Holland and Holland Northwood. Please save the date. More details to follow.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: "Would you feel comfortable having a conversation about your mental health?" 65.4% said yes.

Next week's question: "Does money make up for injustice?"

House Points: 1st Churchill 72.58, 2nd Lawrence 71.16, 3rd Oates 70.53, 4th Lincoln 69.39

Have a great weekend