



Italian Adventures



The first ever Classics trip to Italy took place during half term. Fifty Year 7 and 8 boys and five members of staff travelled to Naples and visited the archaeological sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum. They walked up Vesuvius to look into the crater of this live volcano. They visited the island of Capri by boat and marvelled at its many grottos and crystal-clear waters. There was also time for ten pin bowling and pizza making before returning home. A great time was had by all!

Welcome back after the half term break. Our theme for this week's Lamb is exploration. The Classics trip to Naples offered boys a fantastic insight into both ancient and modern worlds, as well as Italian culture and cuisine. St John's was also delighted to invite other schools to listen to a visiting speaker for our annual adventure lecture. Rebecca Lowe's courageous journey, human rights reflections and storytelling inspired all who listened to her.

Exploration takes many forms. The clouds parted for our Astronomy evening, on Thursday. Our younger boys are also developing enquiring minds, stimulated by a Dragons Den style challenge in ICT; by learning about weighing things, or indeed by pancakes! We also had a large number of sports fixtures and competitions, with footballers, hockey players and cross-country runners all in action. Well done to all of the boys on a fantastic week.

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The Northwood Adventure Lecture 2023

On Thursday, Rebecca Lowe, a freelance journalist who specialises in human rights and the Middle East came to St John's to talk to our senior boys and visiting pupils from Merchant Taylors' Prep and St Martin's about her 11,000 kilometre year-long solo bike ride through Europe and the Middle East. She engaged the boys with stories from her adventure, the wonderful people she met, especially the inspirational women, connections she made, perceptions changed, the challenges and rewards of travelling as a single woman and the kindness shown to her along the way.





Star gazing with Mr Lawrence

Over sixty keen astronomers, young and old, enjoyed a fascinating talk by Mr Lawrence and were then blown away by the views of the starry skies, with dazzling views of the crescent moon, the planets Venus, Jupiter and Mars, the Orion Nebula and the Seven Sisters star cluster. If you are keen to see more, see the back page for more information about the event at Ruislip Lido this weekend.





THIS WEEK



More things going on around school



Great performers and audiences in the House Music rounds this week



The Headmaster led a minute's silence to show support to Ukraine on the war anniversary.



Year 5 boys experiment with watercolours and make paintings inspired by their global locations work in Geography



Pancake Day in the Lambs

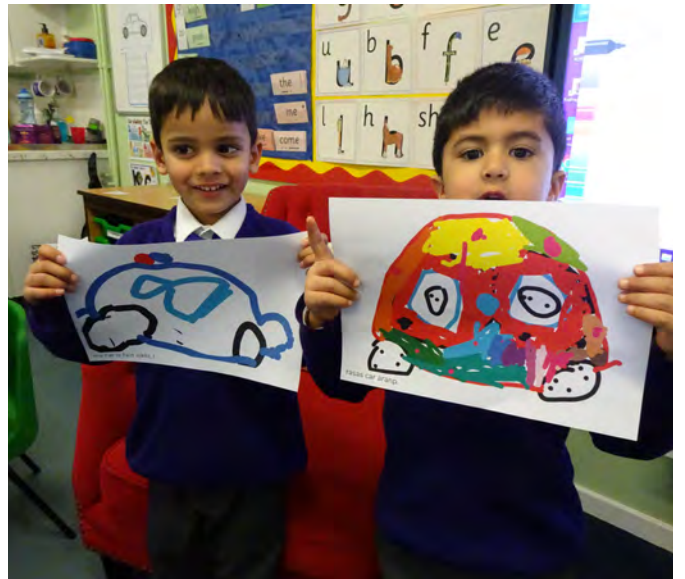
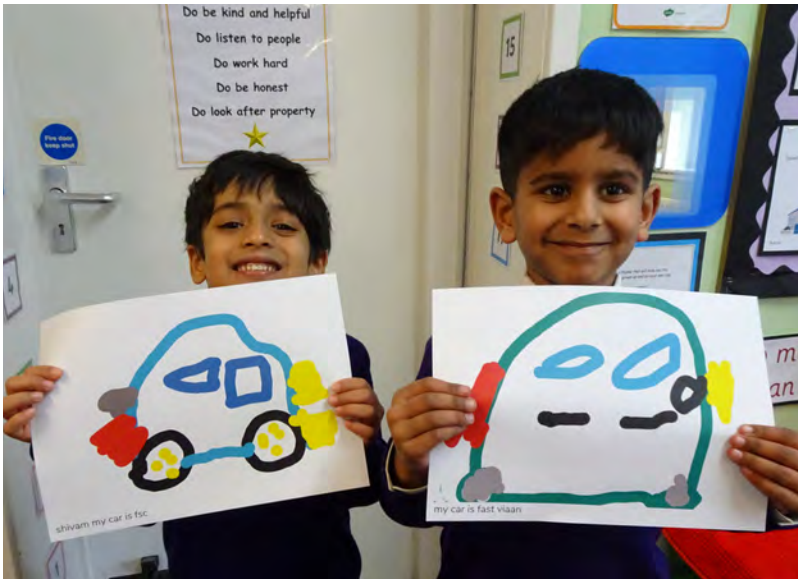
We made, tossed and ate pancakes and learnt a song called “Where did the pancake go?”





Reception boys learn new ICT skills

Reception have been logging onto the laptops independently this week, using a username and password. Once in, the task was to draw a car as a part of our transport topic.





Weighing it up in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been investigating weight. Needless to say, much fun was had when the boys weighed different objects around the classroom!





Pre-Prep celebrate exceptional women

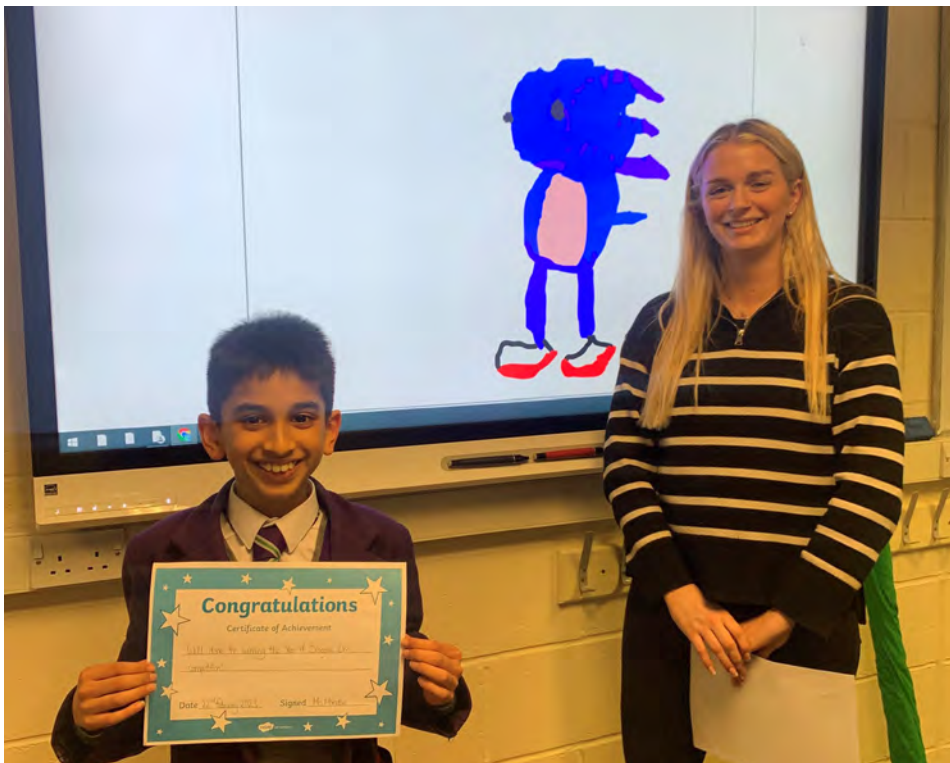
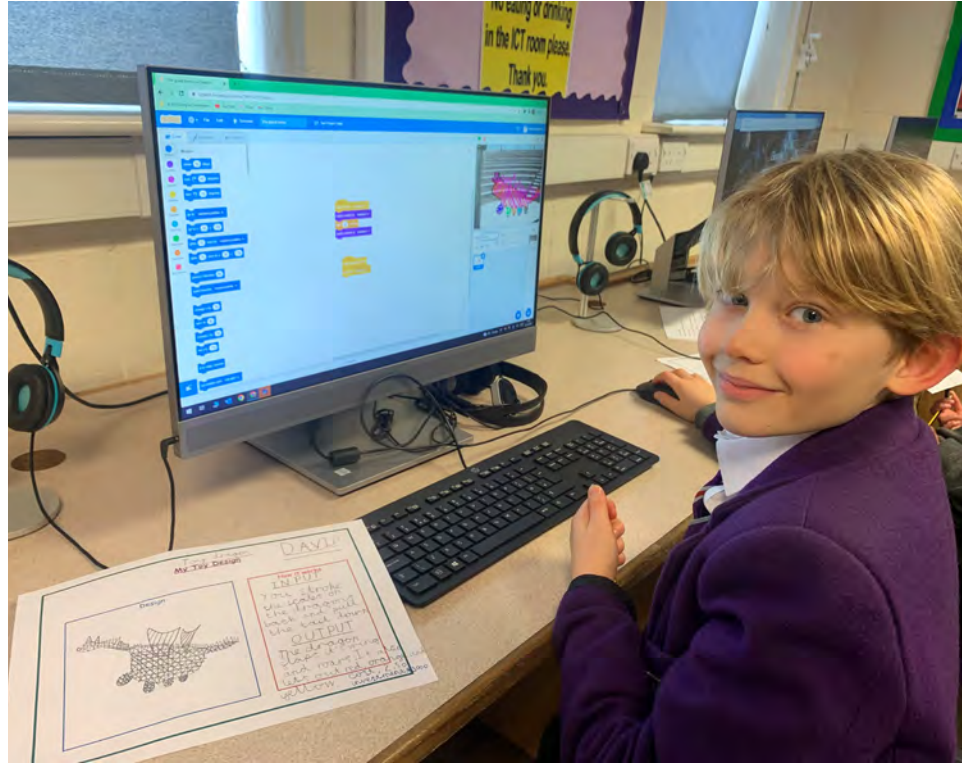
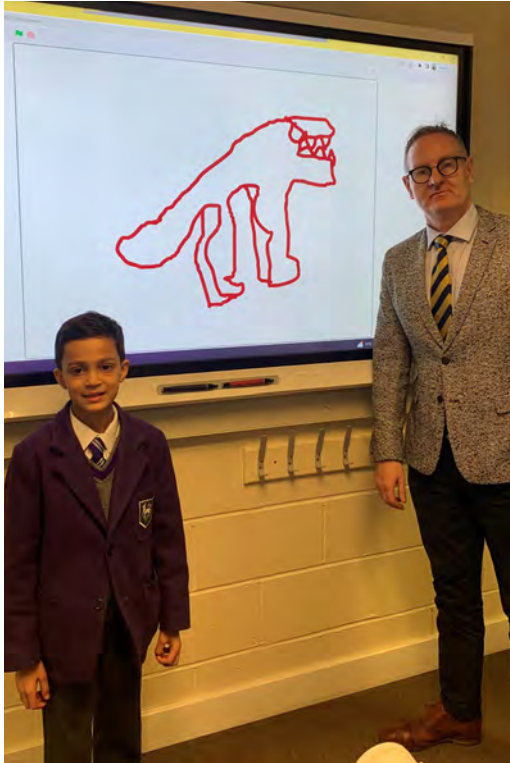
In assembly today we learnt about Amelia Earhart. As a child she was passionate about becoming a pilot. She was very determined, worked hard and became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic from America to Ireland in 1932. Her story inspires many people.





Dragon's Den in Computing

Year 4 have been designing toys using Scratch and they pitched them to three 'Dragons', Mr Haley, Miss Little and Mr Russell in the hope that the Dragons would pick their toy to win the competition. Veyron, Dhruv and Eshann were the winners.





Votes for Schools

Year 3 take the weekly Votes for Schools debate very seriously, sharing their opinions and listening carefully to others before voting.





U13 Football v The Beacon 23rd February 2023

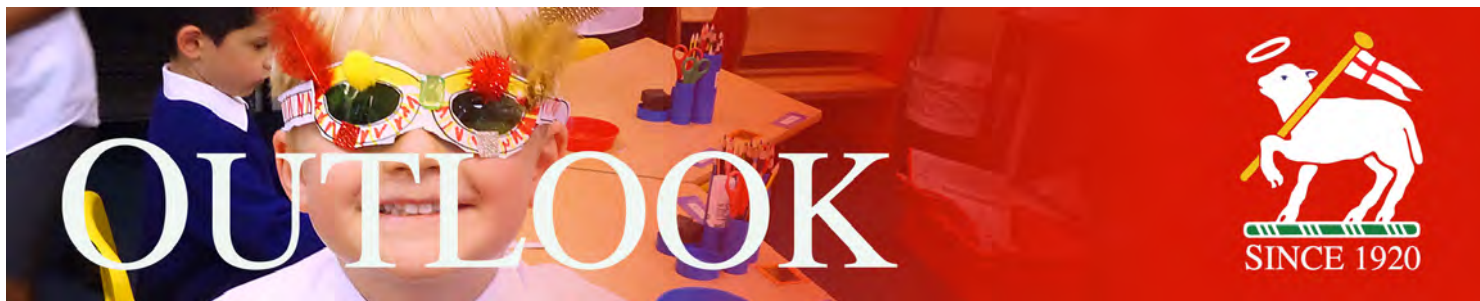
A fantastic result and performance by the 2nd XI boys keeping their 100% winning record intact with some clinical attacking play. Two goals each from Lucian and Nishant secured the victory but our all-round play was terrific and a pleasure to watch. The 1st team came up against another very good side. They battled hard in the first half and managed to contain the visiting team until they scored just before half time. The second half went in The Beacon's favour. The 3rd X1 also had a tough game, but the all-round effort was excellent. Remika made some great saves for the 4th team and we were pleased with a draw, with goals scored by Mehul and Alistair.





U13 Football v The Beacon cont...





Important dates and contacts

Saturday 25th February: U9 A Football Tournament at Haberdashers' (9.30am)

Monday 27th February: Joint Merchant Taylors' and St John's Concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall (6.45pm)

Tuesday 28th February: Year 4 Parents' Meeting (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Wednesday 1st March: Musicians visit to Emmanuel Church (2.00pm)

Senior School Transfer Information Evening (Year 5) (6.30pm)

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day and Author visit (Prep)

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 [@stjnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjnorthwood) 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. Many thanks.

Reception to Year 2 Perform Drama Workshop

Cross Country: U11 St John's Invitational (4.15pm)

Year 4 Parents' Meeting (4.30pm-6.30pm)

Friday 3rd March: Sports Photographs

World Book Day (Pre-Prep)

House Meetings

Football v St Paul's: Colts A, B, C, D (h), U10 A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

Football v St John's Beaumont: U10 A, B, C, D (2.30pm)

Notices and reminders

World Book Day Author Visit 2nd March: We look forward to seeing Years 3-8 in their book-inspired costumes next Thursday. Your sons will have the chance to buy books by our visiting author, Steve Cole. Please see the letter Mrs Rizava sent on 20th February and ensure that your son brings the correct money for his book choice on 2nd March.

Merchant Taylor's Hall Concert 27th February: Please remember to bring your instruments and music.

Musicians visit to Emmanuel Church Wednesday 1st March: Please remember to bring your music and instruments.

Mrs Scott's walk for GOSH: At Easter, Mrs Scott is taking part in a 25km sponsored walk for Great Ormond Street Hospital. She has personal experience of the difference they make. If you would like to support her amazing effort, this is the link to her [Just Giving Page](#)

Senior School Transfer Information Evening Wednesday 1st March: This meeting will take place in the Norman Hall at 6.30pm.

Astronomy Nights at Ruislip Lido 24th -26th February:

Following Astronomy evening, if you are interested in more star gazing through telescopes, the West of London Astronomy Society will be at Ruislip Lido this weekend. More details at www.wolas.org.uk See you there, Mr Lawrence.

Votes for Schools: this week's question:

This week's question: Do we get enough rest?



Next week's questions: Do we see enough LGBT+ stories on screen?

House Points: 1st Churchill 89.05, 2nd Oates 84.61, 3rd Lincoln 83.86, 4th Lawrence 83.04

Have a great weekend.