St John's School Weekly Newsletter

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#### Sensational St John's Arts Evening





From the Headmaster

**St John's Arts** Evening was a stunning success, showcasing the musical, dramatic and creative talent and commitment of our boys. A packed house of parents

enjoyed a wonderful variety of musical performances from tabla drummers, recorder and guitar groups, choral singers, wind, brass and string ensembles and a rock band performance to name just a few. The quality on show was outstanding, both from boys on debut as well as our more seasoned, elite performers.

During the interval, parents and Governors saw some of the wonderful Art, and Design Technology and Engineering work that boys of all ages have been working on. Winners of the Hunter Jones Recital competition performed flawlessly. We were then treated to a Mumming play, put on by actors in Years 5 and 7, which

explored British folk drama traditions. We saw stock characters, comedic interactions, stage fights and puns galore. Creative Arts are truly flourishing at St John's: about three quarters of boys from Year 3 and upwards performed during the evening.

At other points in the week, we focused on road safety and learning how to judge risks – key challenges for all boys as they grow towards independence. Our younger learners continued to think about kindness and celebrated good behaviour and other successes from the week. Well done to all!

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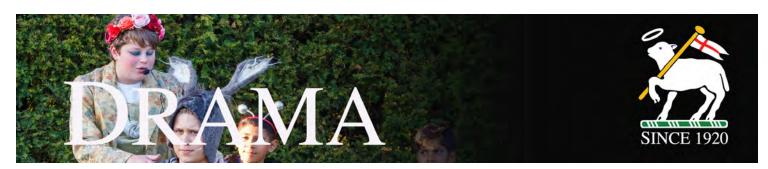












#### Arts Evening: a brilliantly funny Mummers' Play













### Arts Evening: DT&E Mrs McSween and her talented students were proud to present their ingenious creations.















# Singing and playing with our community St John's joined the Northwood Hills community, the Mayor of Hillingdon and several local primary schools last Saturday to

**St John's joined** the Northwood Hills community, the Mayor of Hillingdon and several local primary schools last Saturday to launch the Christmas festivities outside the Namaste Lounge. We sang and played carols, welcomed Father Christmas, enjoyed a big count down to the lights switch on and realised that there are only thirty more sleeps before Christmas. .











Singing and playing with our community





# FOOD BANK COLLECTION Every little bit helps!

From week commencing Monday, 21st November, we will have collection bins in the car park for you to place your donation. Final day of collection is Tuesday, 29th November. All donations will be taken to our local food banks.

#### What can you donate?



DRY FOOD PRODUCTS



TINNED FOOD PRODUCTS



GOOD TOYS NEW OR OLD



BOOKS NEW ORUSED



#### Working together in Reception

**Collaboration may not** aways come naturally to a five-year-old but our Robins and Squirrels worked together wonderfully to make some decorations for Christmas.











#### Year 2 parachute making and testing

**Year 2 have** been investigating air resistance. The boys were thrilled to make their own type of parachute to demonstrate how air resistance works. The most exciting part was launching them from the top of the stairs in the White House!









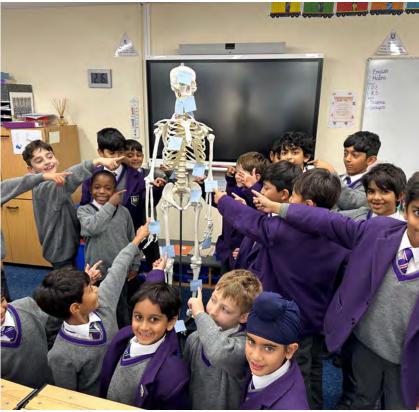


#### Year 3 have been finding out about all bones









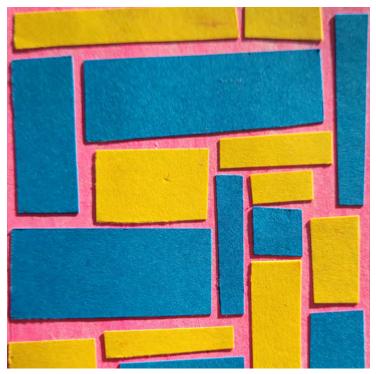


#### From non-uniform polygons to 1950s wallpaper

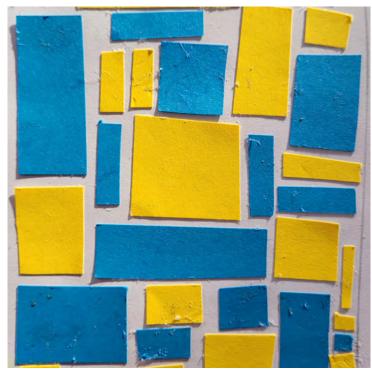
**Pupils have been** experimenting with non-uniform polygons in a bid to recreate some of the groovy bachelor pad prints from the 1950s. Although simple and primitive, these handcut designs have a weird blending of home-made and organic clashing with ordered and mathematical. Changing the colour

background and then going for multiple overlays made for even more options. These designs were then photographed, inserted into a word document, replicated and hey-presto, we printed out an A3 sheet of pure 1950s wrapping paper. Palm Springs here we come.











## U8 Tag Rugby festival at Gayhurst The U8 squad met on a bright crisp morning at Gayhurst for the Tag Rugby Festival. The boys were using tags for the first time

**The U8 squad** met on a bright crisp morning at Gayhurst for the Tag Rugby Festival. The boys were using tags for the first time and did exceptionally well, adapting very quickly. The games were all very faced paced with lots of fancy footwork and some great individual tries. Many thanks to all the parents who came to support.









#### U13 A and B v Belmont 23rd November

**The U13A and B** teams played their last ever home rugby fixture against tough opposition and in very variable weather with horizontal rain and hail, luckily followed by calm and a rainbow. The A team put in a great performance and battled for 50 minutes. They were very close to a win and their effort and desire could not be faulted. The B team worked hard in the second half of their game but were unable to score the try that their endeavour deserved.











ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVE SATURDAY FUN DAY 10.11.30

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 11.30AM TO 3PM

Join us on a fun day of Christmas Raffle, Santa's Grotto, Secret Room and many more festive games, treats, hot food & drinks. AND this year for the first time ever ...

TWO BRAND NEW SPECIAL EVENTS



YOUR MOVES UP TO YEAR 4 £8 TO ENTER NERF BATTLE
SIGN UP TO AN EPIC
BATTLE OF STEALTH
AND SPEED!
OPEN TO YEAR 4+
LIMITED SPACES
£10 TO ENTER

DISCO & NERF BATTLE TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY AT

https://stjohnsassociationportal.square.site/



#### Calendar & important dates

#### Contact details

**Monday 28th November:** Careers Talk for Years 7 & 8 Boys Year 8 Parents' Evening (O-T) (6.00pm)

**Tuesday 29th November:** Rugby Quadrangular at Caldicott: U9A, B, C, D (a) (1.30pm)

**Wednesday 30th November:** Rugby v Oratory Senior School: U13A (a) U12A (a) (2.30pm)

**Thursday 1st December:** Lambs, Robins and Squirrels Dress Rehearsal (9.00am)

Year 3 House Rugby

**Friday 2nd December:** Lambs, Robins and Squirrels Christmas Plays (9.30am)

Year 5 & 6 House Rugby

**Saturday 3rd December:** Rugby Festival at Haberdashers': U9A (9.00am-12.30pm)

**Updates**: Please continue to visit **www.st-johns.org. uk** for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.



You can also follow us on twitter @ stjsnorthwood and our sports department @ StJohnsNwSport

**Mailings**: If you would like to be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

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

#### Notices and reminders

**Book of Condolence:** St John's School Book of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 will be in the White House entrance hall from Monday 28th November for any parents who would like to sign it.

**Donations for local foodbanks:** The SJA have collection bins in the car park for you to place your donation. The final collection day is Tuesday 29th November. More information on page 9.

**Cycle storage:** We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we have cycle storage at St John's for anyone who would like to arrive at school by bicycle. Please inform the school office in advance if you would like to use this facility.

**Early Warning!** Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 9th December. Make sure that you have a jumper ready. Any festive design, homemade or otherwise is absolutely fine.

**Carol Service at Emmanuel Church.** This takes place on Monday 12th December at 7.00pm. This is a compulsory school occasion and any absence must be requested in writing to the Headmaster.

**St John's Association Christmas Festive Fun Day:** Do join us on Saturday 10th December for Christmas fun including Santa's Grotto and two brand new special events - a disco for Pre-Prep and Juniors and a Nerf battle for Year 4+ More information on page 16.

**Votes for schools:** Last week's question: Do fandoms encourage bullying?



**Next week's question:** "Was awarding the World Cup to Qatar a mistake?"

**House Points:** 1st Churchill 48.91, 2nd Lincoln 48.74, 3rd Oates 46.28, 4th Lawrence 43.65

Have a great weekend.