

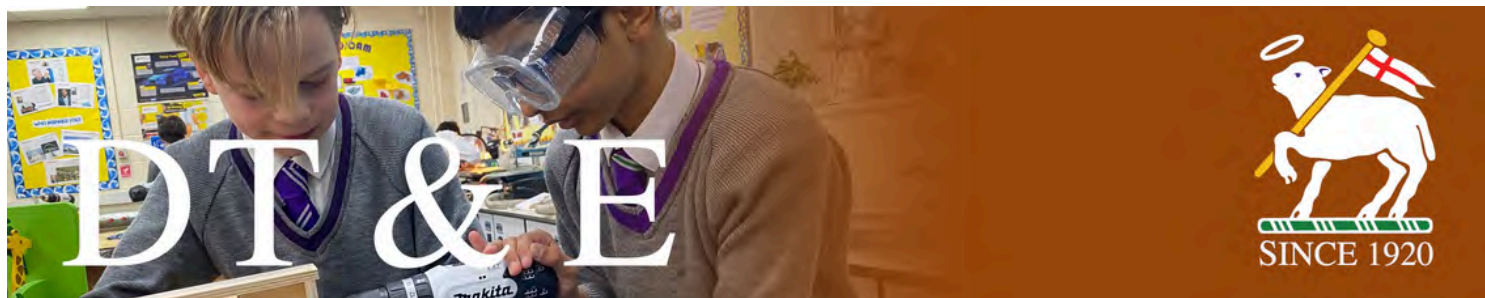
Enjoying the Bath Bomb challenge on STEM day



There is much to celebrate this week, and I hope you will enjoy today's edition. Working towards personal goals, seeking new challenges, and developing skills and knowledge are characteristics all St John's boys are encouraged to embrace. This week there have been special opportunities for Prep boys to develop teamwork and leadership skills; outdoors, in classrooms and in workshops. Boys have enjoyed a range of inspiring activities from the Business Enterprise Sale, Stem days and engineering challenges to our youngest boys wondering at the marvels of nature as the "cheepers" in their classrooms hatched from grey partridge eggs. Sportsmen have been making the most of the sporting opportunities on offer, with personal bests and team success to enjoy in athletics, cricket and tennis. We will be celebrating creativity, talent and teamwork in our end of year senior production of Bussy Malone soon. We very much look forward to welcoming you to watch the show on Tuesday 24th or Thursday 26th June.

From the Headmaster

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Brilliant bath bombs

Year 7 rose to the 'Alan Sugar apprentice style' challenge of designing, making and promoting bath bombs in an exciting all day experience this week. They enjoyed selecting the essential oils and colours, as well as mixing up the chemicals to make the exciting fizzy concoction. Seb and Rahul said that they enjoyed the challenge because it helped them appreciate what it would be like to run their own business. Dev said that working under timed conditions made him appreciate real life situations. Let's hope the boys all smell even more wonderful when they test their products at home!





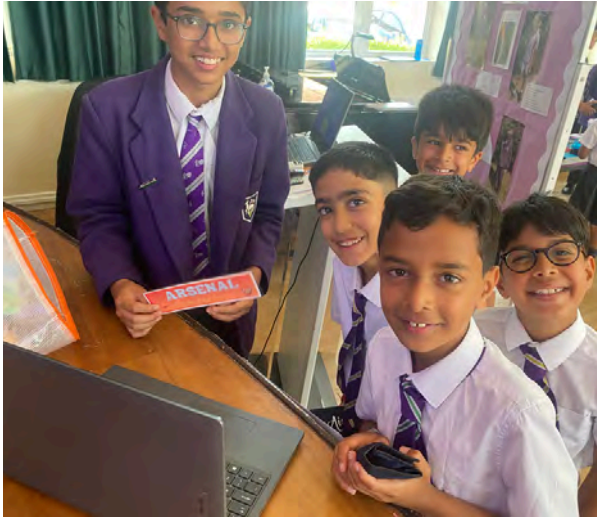
A very successful Business Enterprise Sale

The excitement as we cut the ribbon for the Business Enterprise Sale was spine tingling. Year 8 boys have been working together to innovate and create new products to sell to younger pupils and their parents this week. We were hugely impressed by the quality of the goods and delighted to have raised more money for City Harvest. Now for counting up!





Business Enterprise Sale 2025





A teamwork challenge for Years 6 and 8

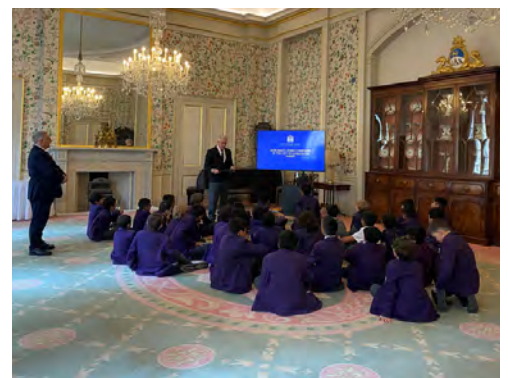
On Tuesday Year 8 embarked on their teamwork challenge. There were six tasks that each team had to complete, ranging from creating a golf ball run and setting up a jungle operating theatre to devising a long-distance semaphore signalling system. The teams were scored on teamwork, success and how well they tidied up. Much fun was had and the randomly-selected teams worked well together. Year 6 did their own version of the challenge on Wednesday. The results will be announced in assembly on Monday.





Exploring the Merchant Taylors' treasures

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. The boys also enjoyed a spooky visit to the crypt!





Well done to our triathletes

On Sunday, a number of boys took part in the charity triathlon relay at The Oratory School, raising money for Restless Development. The boys had to swim, bike and run in a relay format, before all finishing together at the end of the run. Despite the heavy rain on Saturday, the event was a huge success and the boys had an amazing time at a lovely school. All the boys tried their best and should be really proud of their efforts.





Digital learning and design in Reception - amazing focus from the boys



Achieving the prestigious Jack Petchey Award, raising money with his Scout group by making braided keychains.



Congratulations on achieving your Black Belt in Choi-Kwong Do martial arts



Year 8 engineers take a pause for the camera in their designing



Eid Al-Adha

We celebrated Eid al-Adha in Assembly this week



Climbing Mount Snowdon for charity. An amazing 40,000 steps and 7 hour round trip in strong winds and rain. Well done.



The boys competed in a tennis tournament against John Lyon on Monday afternoon. All six pairs played with great skill, focus, and determination throughout their matches. It was an excellent overall performance, and we emerged victorious - a fantastic result against a strong opposition.



Egg-citing times in Reception!

Egg-citing times in Reception! The boys have had the joy of watching our partridge eggs hatch into beautiful, speckled chicks, also known as cheepers. They have been fascinated to watch them grow and we will be sad to see them leave. They will return to the farm where in the autumn they will be released to repopulate the grey partridge community.





Monet cityscapes in chalk pastel

Year 2 have been learning about Monet this term and recreated some of his famous cityscapes using chalk pastels. Notice how the boys shaded the tower reflections in the water at a slight angle. Lots of blending was needed which resulted in very messy hands!





Brass Band practice with Mr Gathercole





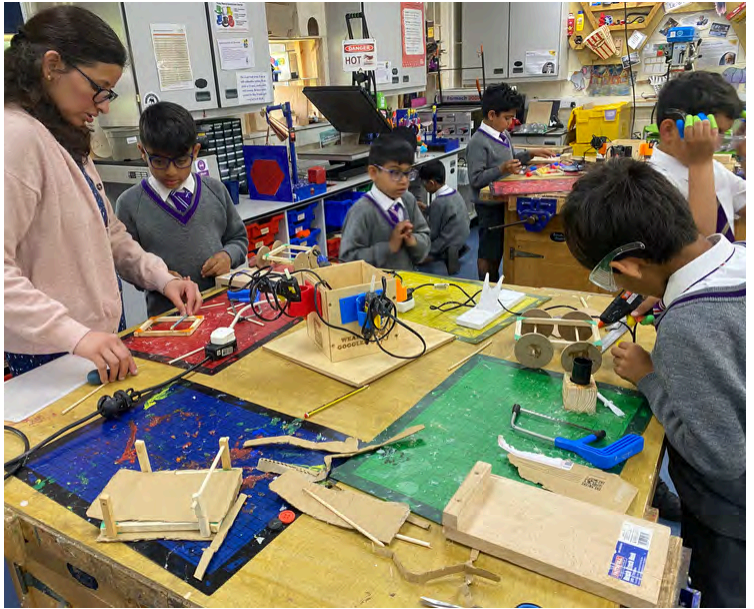
Year 6 showcase in the Art room

The Year 6 boys have been hard at work creating their vibrant mosaic tables. They have also been developing their nail and string art projects, showcasing both creativity and craftsmanship.





Working hard in DT&E





London Regional Athletics

On Monday 9th June, St John's hosted the 54th London Regional Prep Schools' Athletics Championship at Eton, Windsor. Ten of our boys qualified to participate in this prestigious event, which involved 40 London-based Prep schools. Athletes who place 1st or 2nd are selected to compete in the National Finals at the renowned Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Our boys performed exceptionally well, with our best result this year being a 6th place finish. The standard of competition was incredibly high, with no fewer than 14 regional records broken - some of which had stood since 1975.





A fantastic week of cricket



The boys played in the U10 Lamb Trophy at Merchant Taylors'. We started the day in the Julian Hill Cricket Centre with a session run by MTS staff and cricketers. The team developed well throughout the day, in a tough group, and finished with a dominating win. The boys met Middlesex opening bowler Noah Cornwell and even had the opportunity to get their bats signed.



The U9A team had a very successful experience at the York House U9A cricket festival where they won all their games, including the 1st place group match against Chesham Prep. The boys batted excellently but it was their deadly bowling that proved so decisive in limiting the opposition runs. The U9BCDE teams all won their games against St Margaret's.



U13A dominate with bat and ball

Our U13A team secured an emphatic 98-run victory over Davenies. They posted an impressive total of 199, a testament to several boys stepping up with excellent batting performances. St John's then showcased some outstanding bowling and fielding to restrict the opposition and seal the win. The U13B team had a positive outing, showing resilience despite a loss. Their fielding was electric and they demonstrated one of their strongest batting performances of the season, reaching a total of 100 runs. Both the U13C and U13D teams faced defeats against Davenies. However, they each put in good performances, gaining valuable experience on the day.



St John's Presents **Bugsy Malone**

Tuesday, 24th June at 7:00pm
Thursday, 26th June at 7:00pm

What's the Story?

Set during Prohibition in America, Bugsy Malone takes us into a world where drinking is strictly illegal - and where Fat Sam Stacetto's secret club, or "speakeasy", is hidden behind a humble bookstore. Inside, it is all glitz and glamour: music, dancing, and a little mischief on the side.

But trouble is brewing. Fat Sam's rival, the slick and ruthless Dandy Dan, is determined to take over. Armed with the latest and most feared weapon in town - SPLURGE GUNS - he's ready to splatter anyone who stands in his way.

Fat Sam needs help. Enter Bugsy Malone: smooth-talking, kind-hearted, and always in the wrong place at the wrong time. Along the way, Bugsy meets Blousey Brown, a hopeful singer with dreams of Hollywood stardom. But things get complicated when Bugsy also catches the eye of Tallulah, Fat Sam's glamorous (and jealous!) girlfriend.

With the help of Leroy, a gentle giant with a fighter's heart, and wise old boxing coach Cagey Joe, Bugsy rallies a ragtag group of "Down and Outs" to turn the tide. In a final splurge-filled showdown at Fat Sam's club, pies fly, alliances shift, and chaos reigns.

Who will come out on top? You'll have to wait and see...

