

U11 cricketers shine at IAPS tournament



Many congratulations to our U11 cricketers and Mr Kruger for an outstanding performance at the IAPS tournament on Tuesday, where they came second out of sixteen teams from the South East. In true St John's spirit, the boys played with passion, competed hard and obviously enjoyed their cricket. Continuing the outdoor theme, it was wonderful to see so many families taking part in the national Walk to School initiative; a chance to walk with friends, enjoy a shared car journey or cycle.



We welcomed prospective families to our Open Morning this week. The Year 8 boys were proud to lead tours, and all pupils and staff enjoyed showing the visitors how special St John's is. Another highlight this week was the announcement in assembly of the House Art winners. Congratulations to all our talented artists. This afternoon, boys enjoyed our Charity Day, which included orienteering, House activities and a St John's Association barbecue to raise money for our School charity, City Harvest.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful half term!

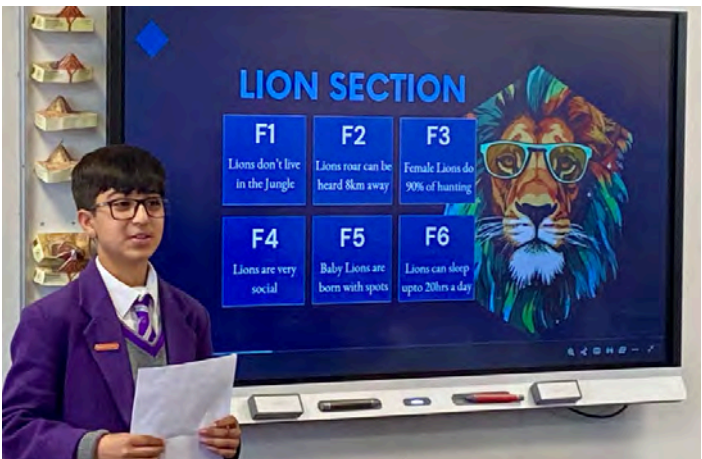
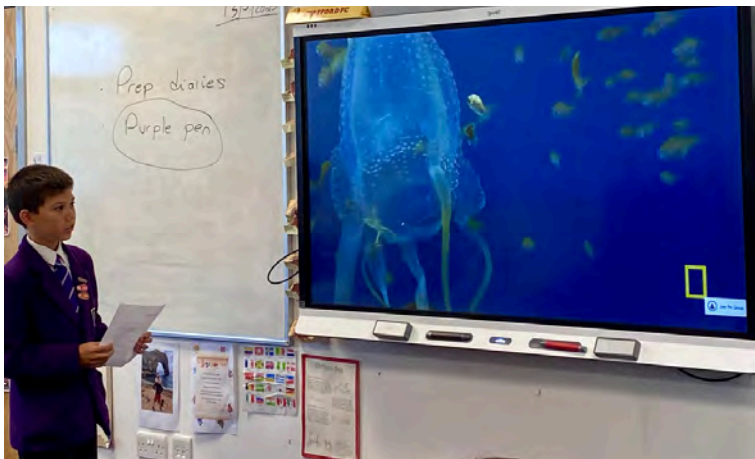
From the Headmaster

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Fascinating Year 6 IPQ presentations

Over the last two weeks Miss Thompson and I have had the pleasure of judging the Year 6 Independent Research Project. The theme was 'The Wild' and boys presented their research in many forms including some wonderful artwork and models as well as a variety of presentations. It was a great opportunity to develop their presentational skills and for boys to share their many varied interests. Well done Year 6, some of the best work will be on display at Leavers Evening in July. Mr Russo





Bringing history to life in Year 5

Year 5 brought history to life in a lively courtroom drama, debating whether King John was unlucky - or just a truly terrible king!





Year 5 animal studies at Whipsnade

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo this week. The boys took part in a learning activity to support their classwork on habitats and adaptations and carried out behavioural studies of the giraffes in their enclosure. The boys saw a range of interesting animals including lions, lemurs, bears, cheetahs and penguins, not forgetting, the chimpanzees.





Year 7 learnt about Natural Selection

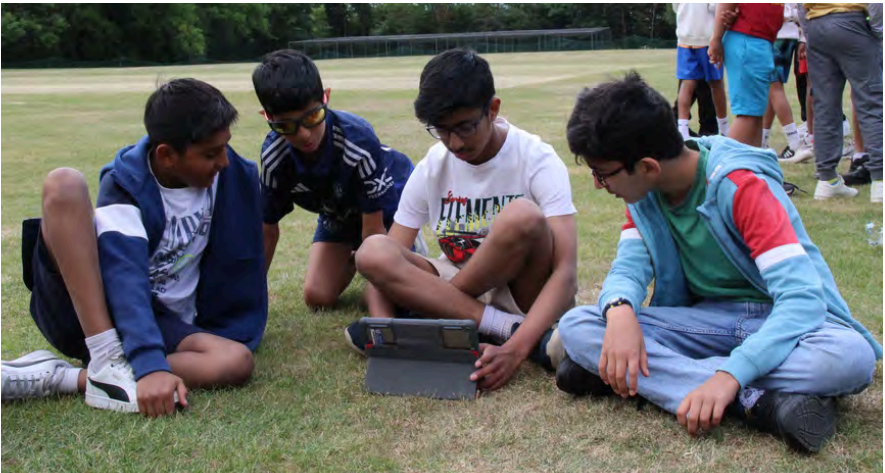
We made our own bird beaks to learn about Natural Selection. Will our beaks be the right shape to be able to access the food source?





St John's Charity Day

The sun made an appearance to make our Charity Day extra special this year. We all donated £1 to wear mufti and boys from different year groups enjoyed taking part in exciting team based orienteering activities and House challenges in the School grounds. The Pre-Prep boys had fun solving clues in a special treasure hunt and we all relaxed together at the SJA barbeque after school. We hope to have raised lots of money for our charity of the year, City Harvest.





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Walking to school

It was wonderful to see so many families taking part in the national Walk to School initiative; a chance to walk with friends, enjoy a shared car journey, cycle, or scooter!





The Dads of the Lambs and Cygnets played in a Dad's football tournament against other local schools and came out victorious! Matches were against St Martin's, Merchant Taylors' Prep and other local schools. The St John's Dads did brilliantly well to go undefeated in the group stages, and then dug in to win the semi-final 1-0 against MTP, before winning the final against St Martin's on penalties. Most importantly no one was injured! Congratulations to all the Dads involved, from left - Nikesh, Nikit, Amar, Ravi, Sanj, Avi, Nik, Nav.



Nursery boys made a spider in the forest



Mentoring opportunities, problem solving and team building in the early morning



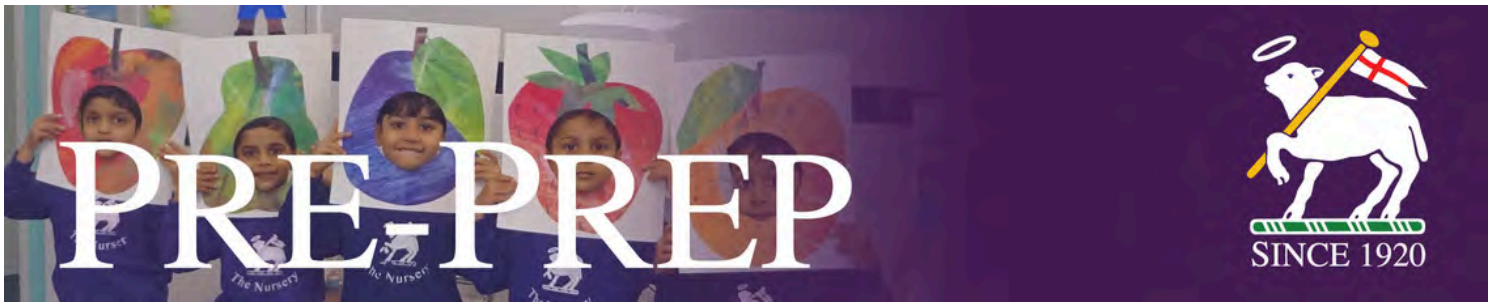
Reception boys making good progress in the sunshine, learning cricket with Mr Spackman and our sports team



5E helped Miss Gillen announce the House Art winners

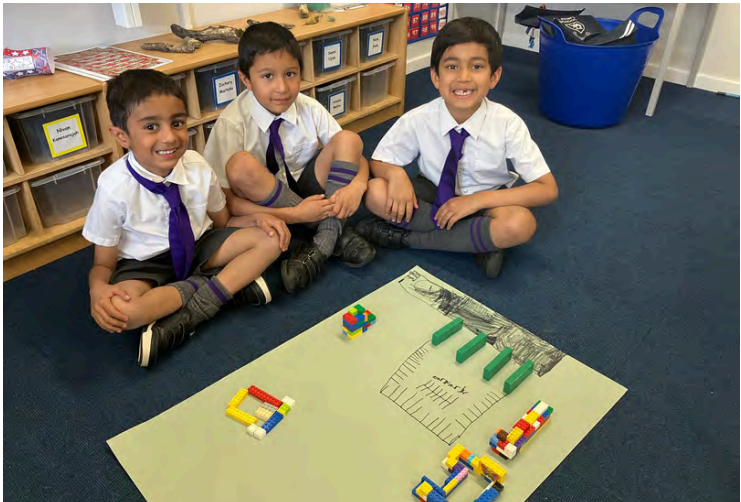
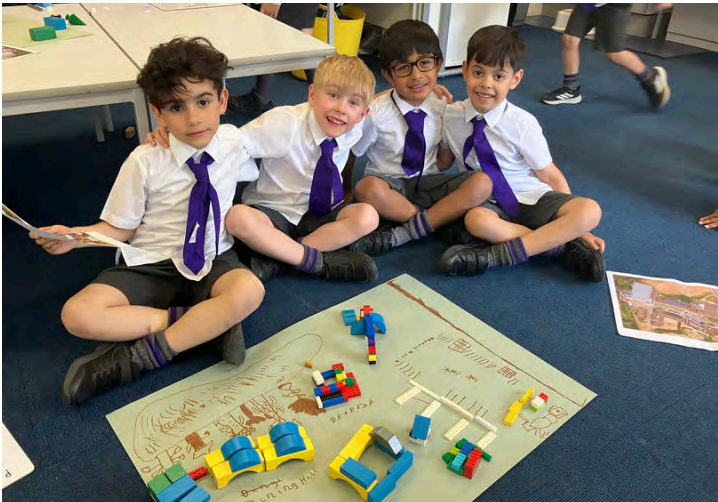
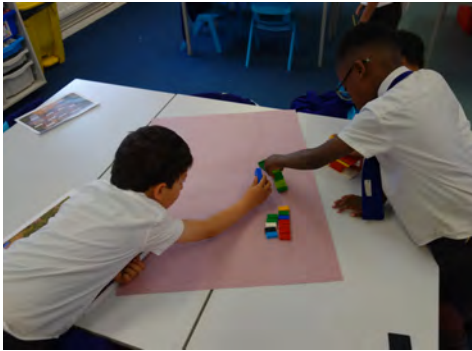


Anything Goes Club at Oxhey Park



Mapping the School challenge for Year 1

This week Otters and Owls have been looking at aerial photographs of the School grounds. Working in teams the boys created 3D maps, which turned out to be more challenging than some expected. Everyone persevered in both creating their maps and building their teamwork skills. It was a busy, fun and productive afternoon.





Nursery love snails and spiders

As part of their Minibeasts topic this term, Nursery have been looking at snails and spiders. They have enjoyed looking at their characteristics and features, where they live, what they eat, and other interesting facts. Boys have loved drawing spirals, copying famous artwork, reading stories, going on bug hunts, weaving webs, making a giant spider in the forest, and of course, making spider sandwiches!





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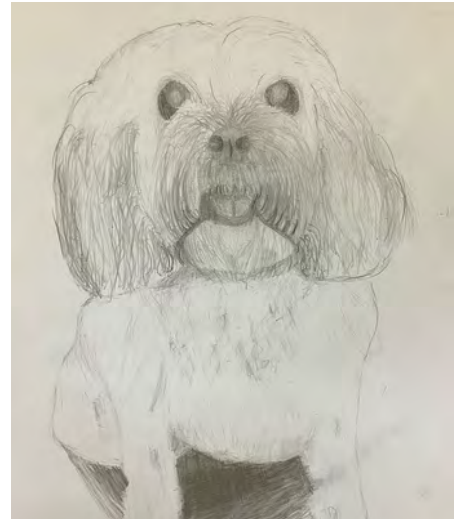
Pre-Prep enjoyed raising money for City Harvest with their sponsored challenges. Each boy was challenged to complete nine tasks. Great fun in the sun was had by all!





House Art Competition winners

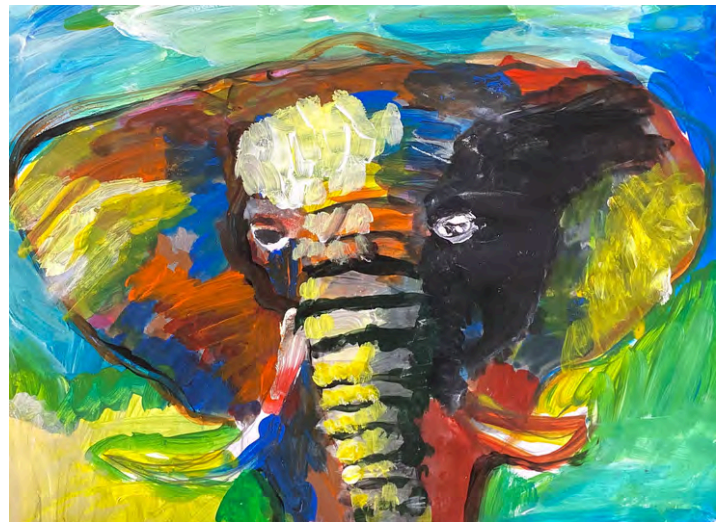
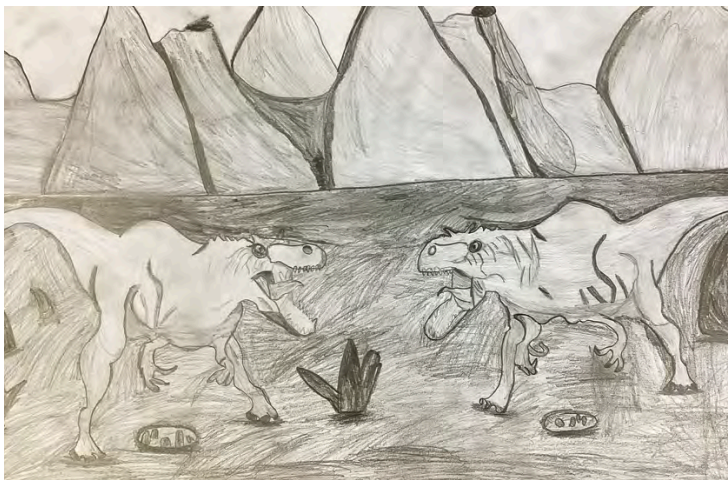
We were excited to announce the winners of the House Art Competition during Monday's assembly. Congratulations to all our talented winners, what an incredibly gifted group of boys we have!





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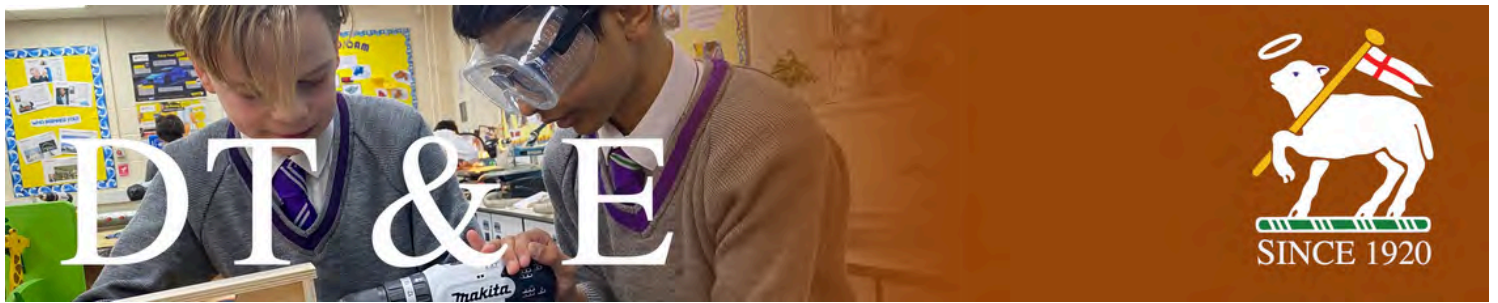
On this page and the previous page you can see work by the first prize winners.





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The boys put on a fantastic display of cricket against strong opposition on Tuesday at the IAPs tournament at MTS, winning their group with maximum bonus points for both batting and bowling. A highlight moment came when Dilan hit a four off the final ball of the knockout semi-final, securing their place in the cup final out of 16 competing schools.

The final was played against a strong batting side from St George's, Windsor. In true St John's spirit, our boys played with passion, competed hard, and thoroughly enjoyed their cricket until the very end.

There were standout performances from the Shah twins for their impressive batting, bowling, and wicket-keeping. Vir delivered a remarkable three-wicket hat trick, earning the match ball for his efforts. He was a strong contender for Bowler of the Tournament, just narrowly missing out.

Many of our cricket-loving boys also represent clubs outside of school, including OMT, Eastcote, Northwood CC, Harrow St Mary's, and Chesham, to name a few. We hope that our Year 6 cricketers inspire the younger generation of St John's pupils to follow in their footsteps.

A very well done to all involved! We look forward to seeing these talented players in action again at the upcoming Orley Farm Tournament. Mr Kruger





Our cricketing week

The boys revelled in another feast of cricket this week. The senior boys were particularly busy, with some teams playing three times in five days against excellent local opposition. Our Under 11 A team came a fantastic 2nd in the IAPS U11 tournament while Year 3 and 4 boys played their first fixtures of the season. Results have been very positive with victories or close results, with all matches played in tremendous spirit. Cricket requires immense concentration and skill, and our boys displayed remarkable focus, technical ability and passion for the game across the whole first half of term.



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Our talented under 9 players with Mr Shah




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