

## We will remember



On Tuesday 11th November, the whole School community gathered to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those involved in conflicts around the world. We were delighted that one of our past pupils, now a scholar at Merchant Taylors' School, was able to visit St John's and mark the beginning of the silence by playing the Last Post and the end with the traditional Reveille.

Creative opportunities have been embraced by our Pre-Prep boys who have made fields of poppies in Art. Our Juniors have been imagining rivers of chocolate! We are proud of all our boys, especially Year 6 who are busy working hard for their school entrance exams and practising for their interviews. They all have fantastic prospects!

We have had a very successful football season, with recent highlights including the St John's U13 Football Festival and our hotly contested House competition, which is taking place at the time of writing.

We wish good luck to our choirs who will be leading the music at the Northwood Hills lights switch-on tomorrow; and to our U13 and U11 boys who will enjoy pre-season rugby training in the afternoon.



From the  
Headmaster



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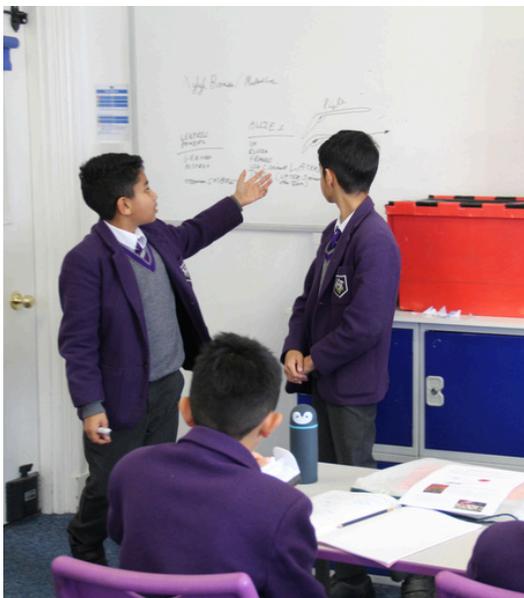
At 11.00 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we gathered on the playground to observe the two minute silence. It was a very moving occasion, and particularly poignant because we heard the guns sound from the Royal Naval Base in Northwood.





# World War 1 remembered

With upcoming interviews, and the prospect of group interviews in particular, this week provided an ideal opportunity for Year 6 to refine their speaking and listening skills through a study of World War One. The session began with a small group of boys leading a question-and-answer introduction to the topic. Boys then worked in pairs to explore a range of resources covering recruitment posters, trench warfare, poison gas, rapid technological change, and the significance of Remembrance Day. It was a pleasure to observe the boys engaging thoughtfully with one another and building their understanding collaboratively. We wish them every success as they prepare for the various interview challenges ahead. *Mr Russo*



# AROUND SCHOOL



"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." *Dalai Lama*



Our Head Boys represented St John's at the Northwood Remembrance Service



Dream Big Engineering with Year 5



Year 8 are working on their keyboard skills



This week, we were pleased to donate lab apparatus to LabAid, who send equipment to schools in developing countries.





## Creative commendations in Assembly



For a beautiful poppy painting - well done!



For excellent singing and accompanying



To all of Year 3 for collaborating well and building resilience when things went wrong while making their lighthouses.



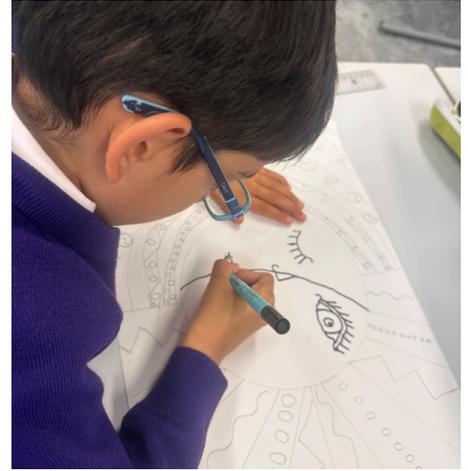
# Fields of poppies in Reception





# Year 2 warm and cool Art

Year 2 have been experimenting with cool colours and warm colours. As part of our space topic, we drew a beautiful picture of the sun and moon in pencil. We then stencilled over the top in black pen and coloured the moon in cool colours like, blue, green and purple and coloured the sun in warm colours such as red, yellow and orange. The final results were spectacular!





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# Rivers of chocolate in the Juniors

This week the boys explored Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in their comprehension lessons. They acted out the scene where Augustus Gloop falls into the chocolate river.





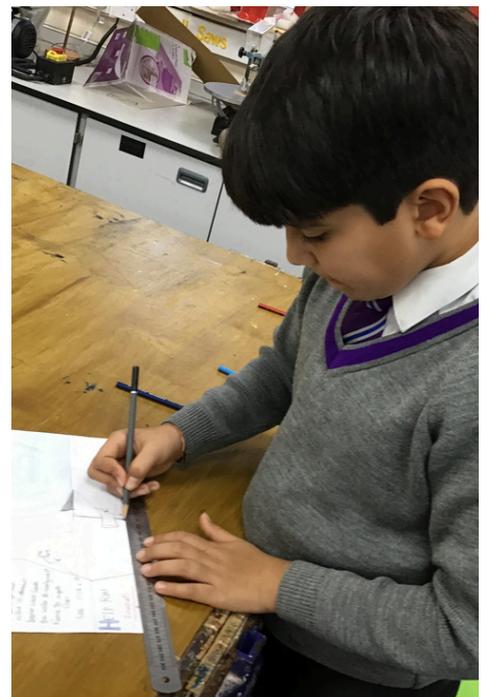
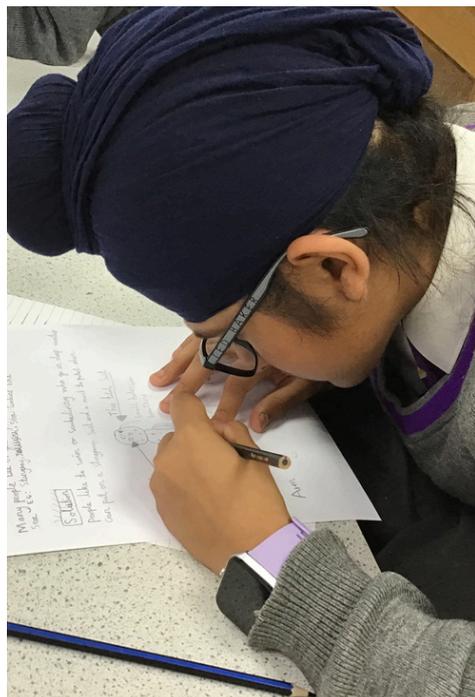
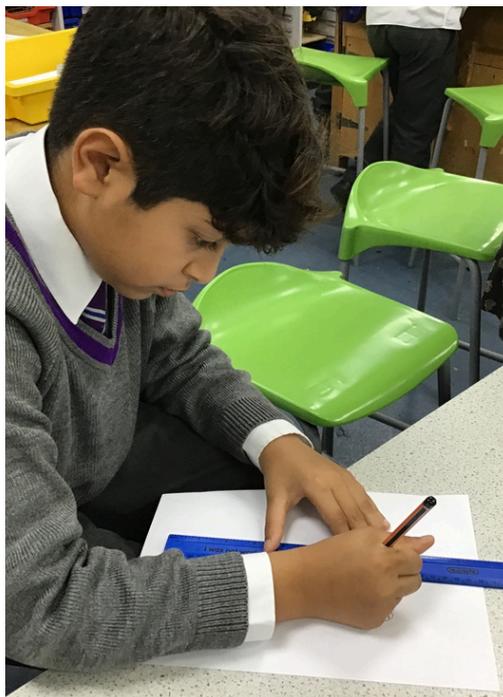
# Remembering in the Art Room

Year 6 finished off their beautiful, colourful poppy paintings just in time for Remembrance Day. The artwork is a thoughtful tribute and a reminder of the importance of remembrance and peace.



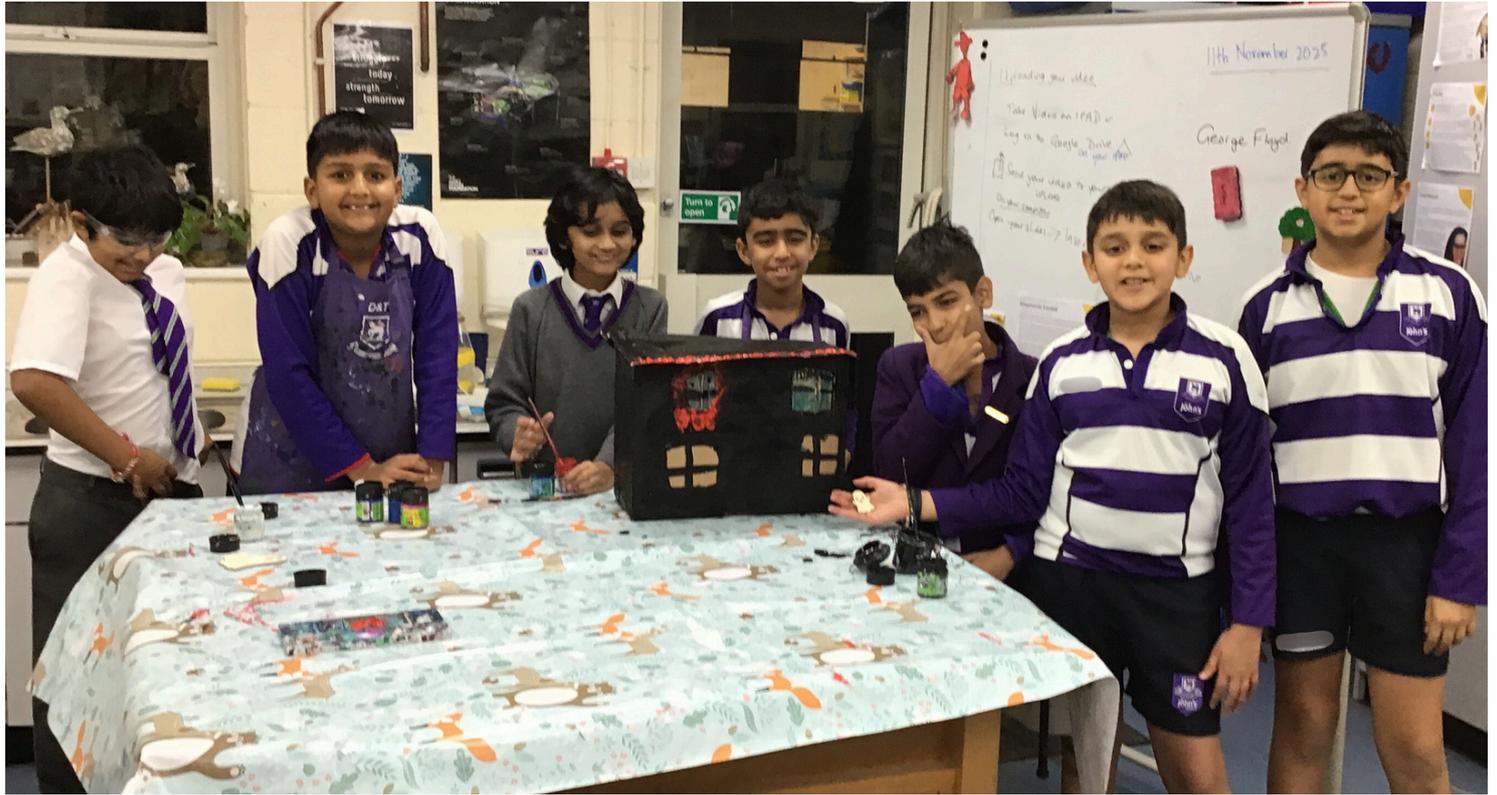


# Year 5 putting forward their ideas for a design competition





# DT&E scholars working together to build a coded haunted house







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# St John's Football Tournament

The St John's Football Tournament was a great success, with many top local Prep Schools in attendance. Our 1<sup>st</sup> team played very well, showcasing their development over the season. Despite not progressing into the semi-finals, the boys should be very proud of their efforts in this tournament and over the season. Many thanks to the grounds team, catering and all staff for coming together and putting on another great event.



On the wing



Penalty v Heath Mount



Controlling the ball



Crossing



Under 8A team at York House 13<sup>th</sup> November



Congratulations to the U10B team who won against St Martin's



A great win for the Under 8B team at York House - well done boys!



# Year 4 House Football



Brave goal-keeping and last gasp tackles



Tough tackles



Churchill score a goal



Practice makes perfect

