

The wonder of nature



The range of educational opportunities has been extraordinary this week. On Wednesday evening we celebrated the amazing creativity of our Year 6 and 8 boys in an exhibition of their work for the Leonardo Creative Competition. Throughout the week boys have been collaborating in our wonderful grounds as they learnt new outdoor skills: archery, trebuchet building, fire making in bushcraft sessions and first aid. Our final Year 6 Group will enjoy their microadventure and overnight camp at school this evening. It's been a week of discovery and wonder in Reception as the boys watched chickens hatching in the classroom, planted broad beans and potatoes and were fascinated to see white flower petals turn vibrant colours as the plants drank coloured water.

All the best to all the boys running in the Mini Marathon tomorrow, too.

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to St John's for our Open Morning next Friday, 1st May.

From the
Headmaster





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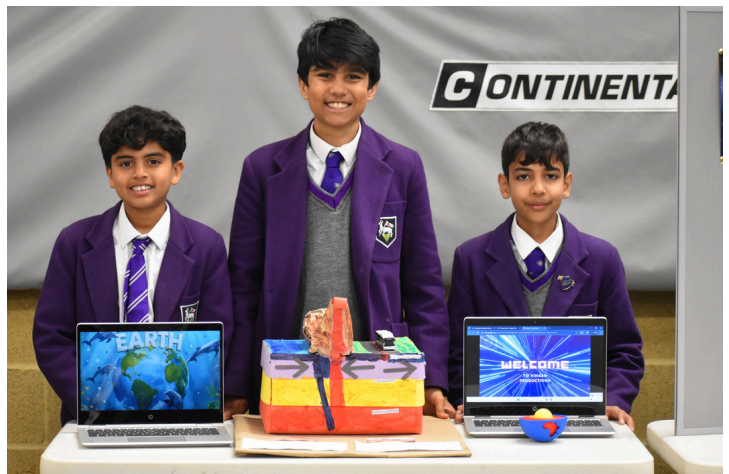
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Welcoming girls and boys into early years from September 2027



St John's Leonardo Creative Competition

This year, boys in Years 6 and 8 were invited by St John's Old Boy Mr Philip Mitchell to take part in the prestigious Leonardo Creative Competition. The theme was Planet Earth and this competition gave our boys a unique opportunity to showcase their imagination, skill and originality across a range of creative disciplines: Creative writing, Art and Design, Film, Animation and Computing. On Wednesday evening we invited families to come into school to enjoy an exhibition of the boys' amazing work. Mr Mitchell was very impressed with all the boys' creativity, but had the difficult task of choosing winners in each category. You can see the winners on the next page. Well done to all our Year 6 and 8 boys!





Leonardo project category winners



Art and Design



Film, Animation and Computing



House Winners - Churchill



Creative Writing



Outdoor education in the Spring sunshine

This week the boys have learnt how to perform CPR in their First Aid lessons, how to light a fire in bush craft and how to build a trebuchet. What amazing experiences for them.





Outdoor education in the Spring sunshine



AROUND SCHOOL



Year 6 hard at work on their mosaic tables



Year 3 enjoying some time in the forest, playing in the treehouse, with outdoor instruments, digging in the sandpit and having fun



This week, students, staff and parents attended a screen awareness workshop

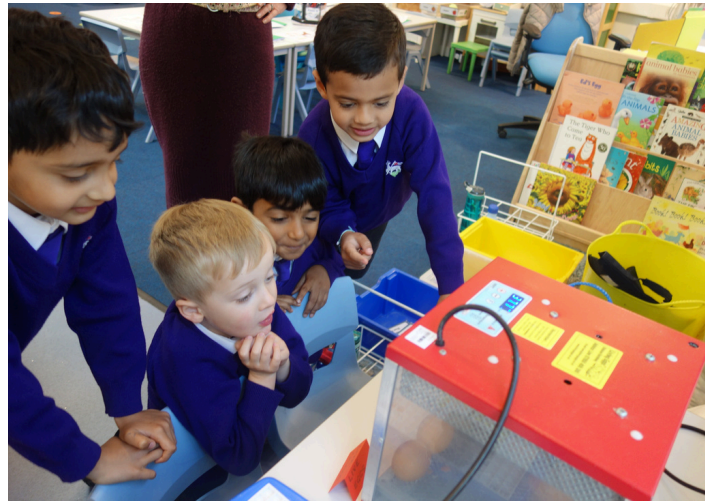


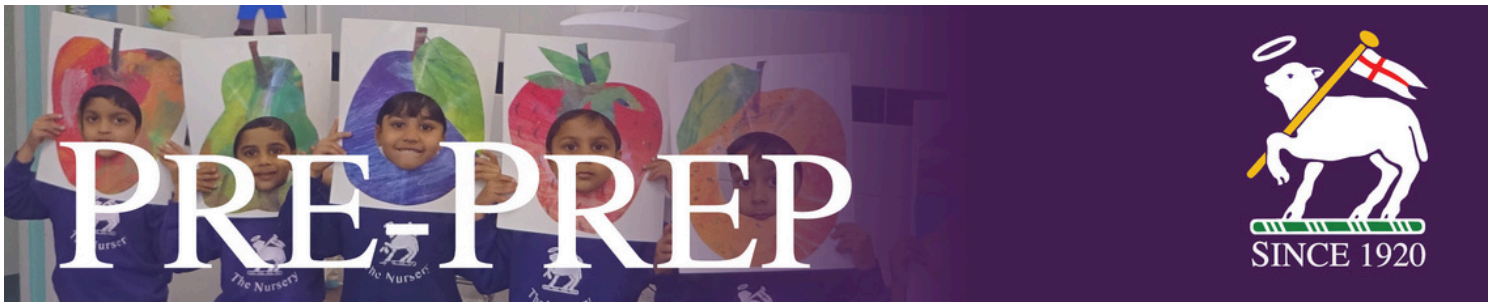
One of the entries in the Leonardo Creative Competition



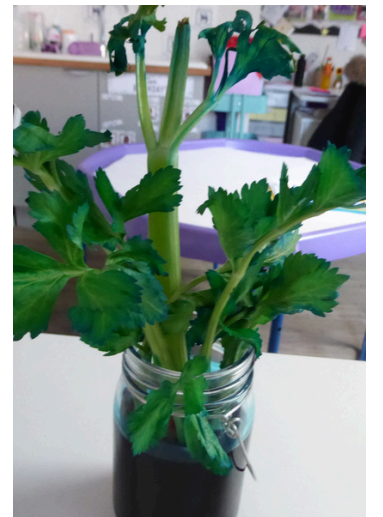
From Beanstalks to Beaks; Reception is Growing!

It has been a start to the season of wonder and discovery in the Reception classrooms as boys have dived headfirst into the theme of Growing. From tiny seeds to fluffy feathers, the children have been busy observing the magic of the natural world in action. Our budding gardeners got their hands dirty planting potatoes, and setting up bean experiments in transparent bags to witness the secret world of roots and shoots. They have also conducted a coloured water experiment, watching in awe as white petals and celery leaves transformed into vibrant hues, proving just how much plants love to drink. The most egg-citing highlight was the arrival of live hen eggs. After a patient wait, the classroom filled with the chirps of newly hatched chicks, giving the boys a front-row seat to the wonders of life cycles. It has been a joy to watch the children’s curiosity grow alongside our plants and feathered friends.



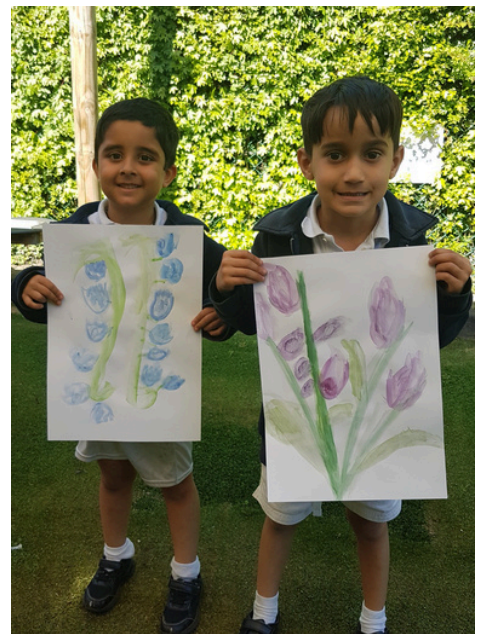
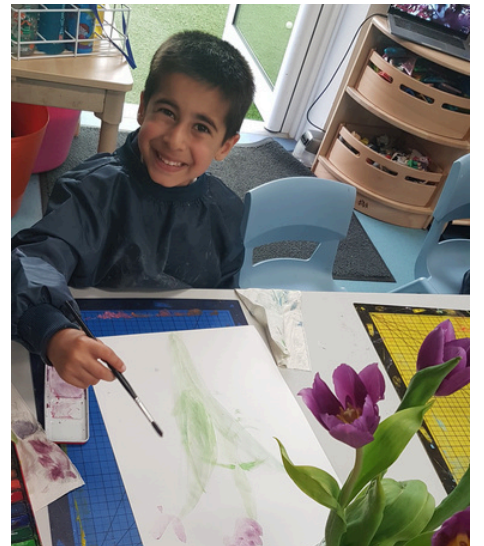


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Reception watercolour painting





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Our theme for House Art this year is Music

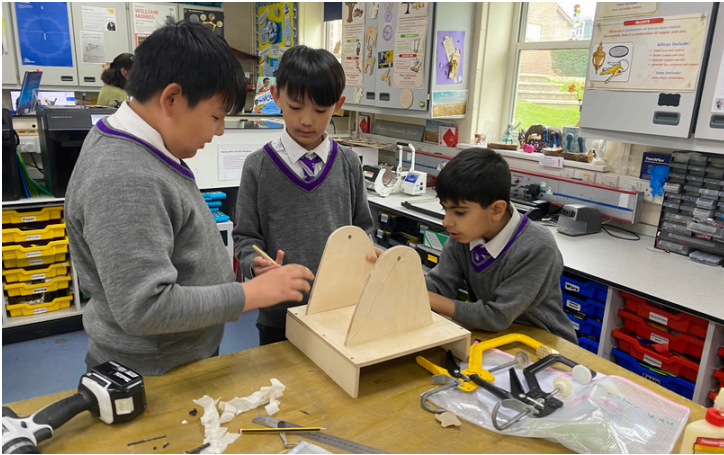
It's been fantastic to see all the boys getting started on their House Art competition pieces, inspired by the theme of music. Well done, boys, everything is looking great so far!





Collaborating in DT&E

Year 5 collaborated brilliantly to solve the problems presented when building a fairground ride.





Looking forward to our cricket fixtures

The grounds and cricket pitches are looking fantastic. The boys are loving training on such amazing surfaces in preparation for their first fixtures coming up.





Clubhouse adventures



Our Year 8 boys often visit Angie at After School Club if they are at school late. She has looked after Yuva at Breakfast Club and ASC since he was a Lamb ten years ago.

