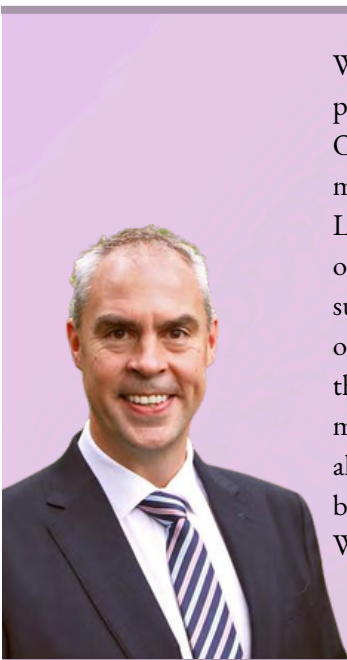


St John's Mini Marathon runners



We welcomed prospective families to our Open Morning today, in glorious sunshine. Children were proud to lead tours, and all pupils and staff enjoyed showing the visitors how special St John's is. Our boys had a fantastic day on Saturday at the TCS Mini Marathon, taking part in both the one mile and 2.6 km events. It was a truly special occasion with a wonderful atmosphere and some of London's most iconic landmarks providing the backdrop. Cricket fixtures have begun, with the opening match of the 1st XI season going down to the final over. Our quiz teams have also enjoyed success the week. The Year 8 team retained the MTS Quiz trophy for the third running, winning by one point in the final round. Meanwhile, our Science experts are through to the National Final of the Science Quiz Club competition. Many congratulations boys, we are very proud of you. Our musicians were honoured to take part in a special concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall this week alongside Merchant Taylors' School and Merchant Taylors' Prep. It was a wonderful occasion. Our boys were the youngest taking part and did themselves and St John's proud. Wishing you all a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend.

From the
Headmaster



A terrific day at the Mini Marathon

Our boys had a fantastic day competing in the TCS Mini Marathon, taking part in both the one-mile and 2.6km events. The day began in unforgettable fashion, warming up alongside Joe Wicks and, Peppa Pig! With glorious sunshine, a wonderful atmosphere and some of London's most iconic landmarks providing the backdrop, it was a truly special occasion. The city looked magnificent, and the energy from runners and supporters alike made the event even more memorable. Several boys posted exceptionally fast times, but whether you were battling for a top-five finish or simply running for the sheer joy of it, the day was an enormous success. The enthusiasm, determination and camaraderie on display were outstanding. A massive thank you to Mr Spackman for organising the tickets. We are already counting down the days until next year.



THIS WEEK



What a day!





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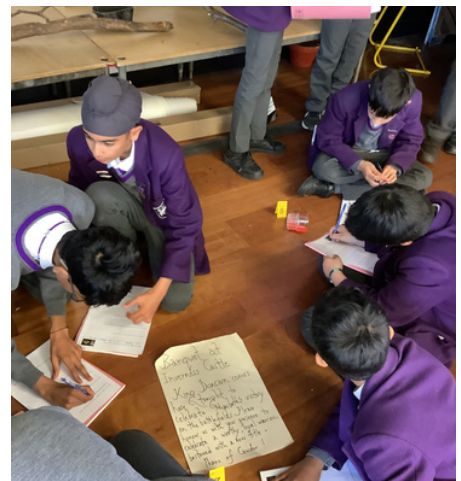
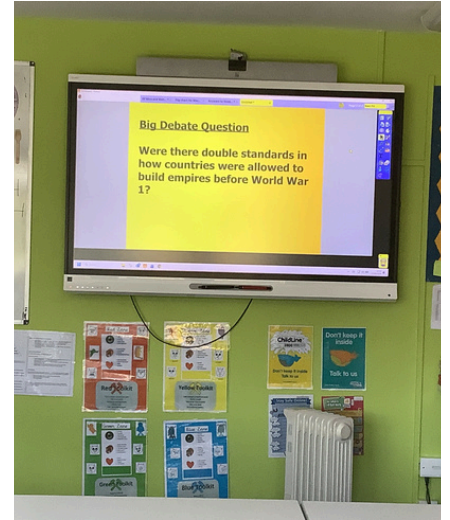


Year 6 English and History

In English, Year Six hath scann'd the scene of crime: who spilt the sovereign's blood beneath Inverness' roof - ambition's hand, or treachery cloaked in loyal truth? In History, they explored a big question: were there double standards in how countries were allowed to build empires before World War I?



Debating double standards in History

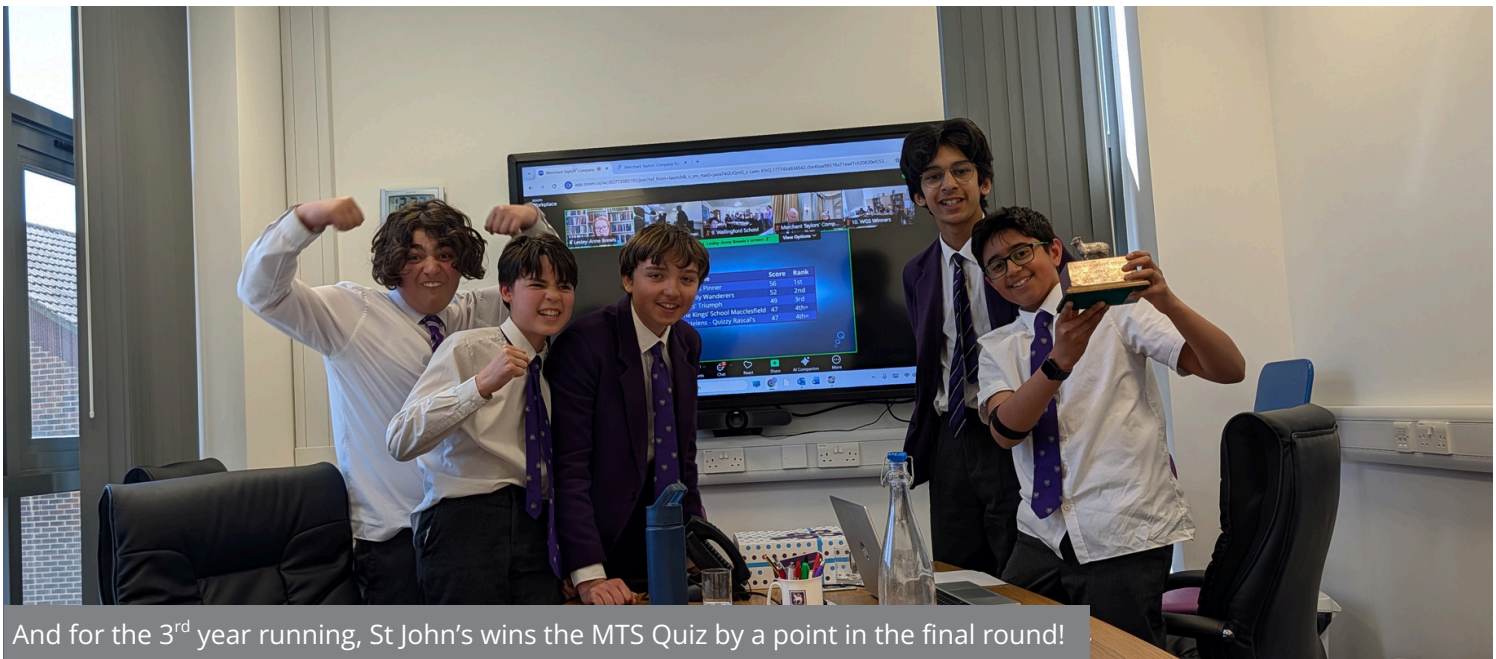




A fabulous week for our quiz teams - come on St John's



The boys were overjoyed to come 6th in the Science Quiz Club Semi-Final, which ensures them a place in the National Final in Oxford. They fought their way back from 24th place, with some astoundingly good answers in the final, high scoring round! What element means death for a star? What is the name of a tight group of stars, often millions, which formed at the same time as the galaxies and orbit outside the main galaxy? Good luck in the Final boys, revise your dinosaur names!



And for the 3rd year running, St John's wins the MTS Quiz by a point in the final round!



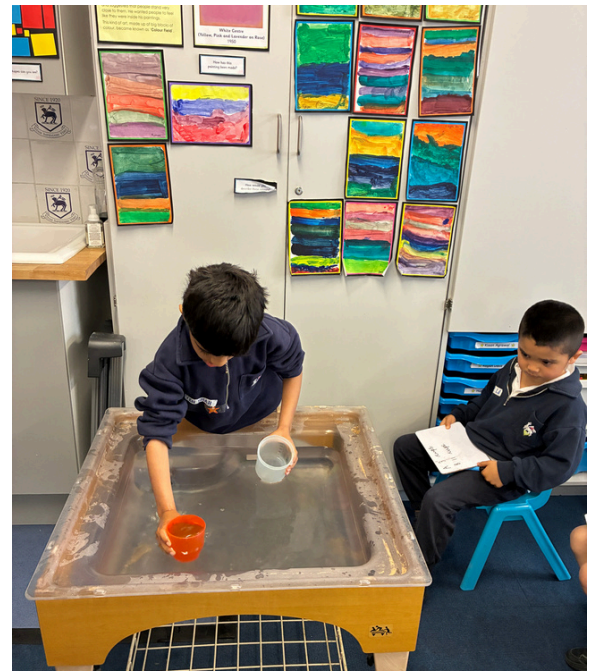
Fun in the sun at lunchtime





Collaborative work in Maths

Otters and Owls have been learning about Mass and Volume in their Maths lessons. Boys worked collaboratively to find the mass of various objects in their classrooms, using the balance scales and cubes. Understanding capacity and volume is always fun when water is involved!





Top secret bug research for the Lambs!

The Lambs are continuing their Mini Beast exploration, focusing on ladybirds this week! We created a secret outdoor den for our "Top Secret Bug Research" and used recycled materials to build bug hotels, which are now officially open for bookings in the forest. We also painted and designed our own ladybird stones, and enjoyed reading "What the Ladybird Heard" and "The Bad-Tempered Ladybird."





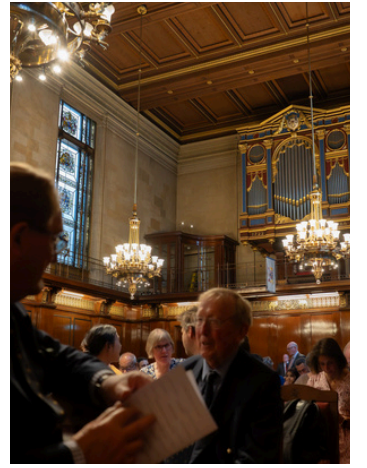
A special concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall

On Monday our musicians travelled up to the City of London by tube to take part in a prestigious concert in the historic Merchant Taylors' Hall. Boys from Merchant Taylors' School, Merchant Taylors' Prep and St John's had all been invited to perform to parents, Headteachers and Company members. This year our Chamber Choir sang two contrasting pieces whilst the Wind and Brass Quintet played Minuet in G by Bach, which Mr Hopwood had arranged specially for them. The boys performed brilliantly and were able to take in the awe-inspiring venue, that as part of the Merchant Taylors' group, St John's is lucky to be invited to perform in.





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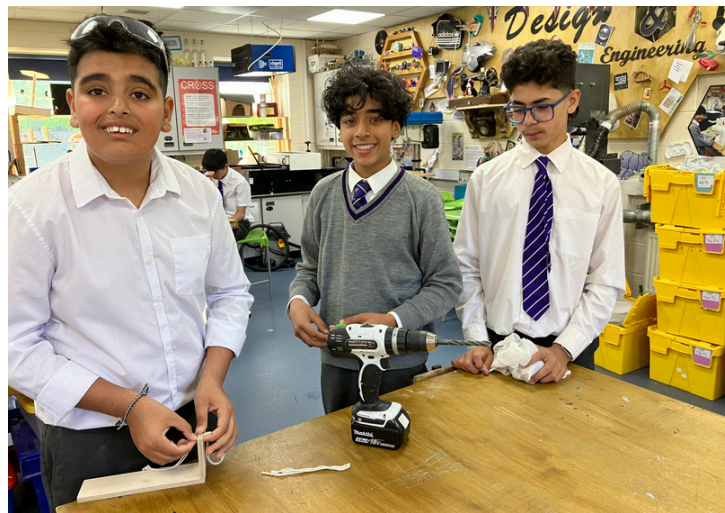




A musical theme for House Art

Our House Art Competition continues, with many outstanding pieces of work being created by the boys, this year inspired by the theme of music.





Year 8 boys have begun production on their Business Enterprise Course



