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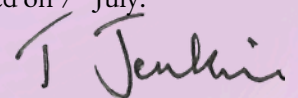


What a week! Despite the extreme heat, our adaptations allowed the boys to continue learning, both in and outside of the classroom. As I write this, Year 5&6 are taking part in a huge (and very well-organised) water fight on our cricket square. I suspect our PE and Games department might also need to change their clothes...We welcomed ISI inspectors into school, too, and were proud to showcase the boys' learning. The team expressly thanked the children for their enthusiastic participation, noting their confidence and enjoyment across all subjects. As I wrote in my message earlier today, I feel very proud of the professionalism and commitment shown by all of my staff during the process. In other news, Mr Hopwood has been introducing Year 1 to the instruments they can choose to learn next year. The boys were very excited. We wish good luck to those practising for their ABRSM music exams on Tuesday. We also celebrated our House Art winners, congratulated this term's Shining Stars and presented Year 2 boys with their House ties in assemblies over the last week. Our Year 2s also enjoyed a surprise day trip on Thursday, when staff were delighted to take them to an air-conditioned cinema.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sports Days and Speech Days as we approach the end of a really successful year.

The next edition of The Lamb will be a bumper end of term issue, published on 7th July.

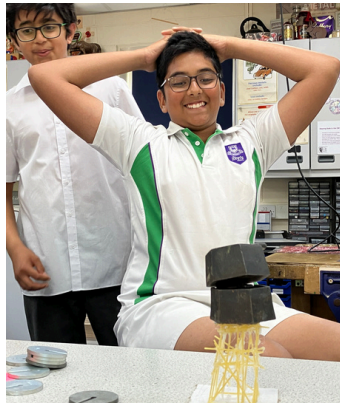
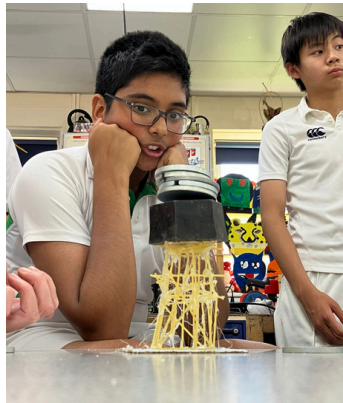
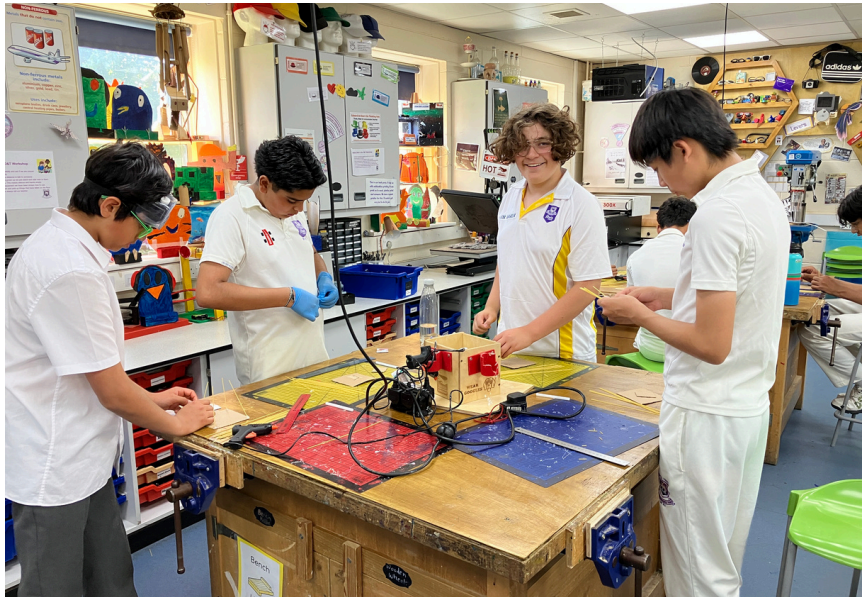
From the
Headmaster





Mark Jones Competition - spaghetti towers

Year 8 tested their knowledge of framework structures as they built towers under strict conditions as part of the Mark Jones Award. Testing was a nail biting time.....



AROUND SCHOOL



Meet our Shining Stars



Art Competition winners





Reception's FIN-TASTIC Sequin Fish

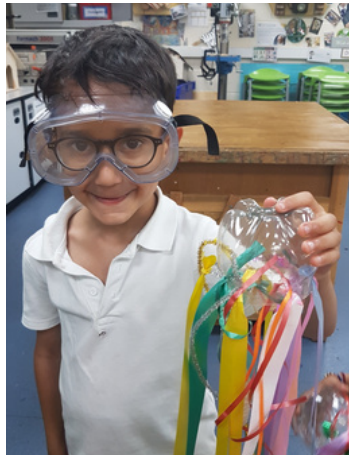
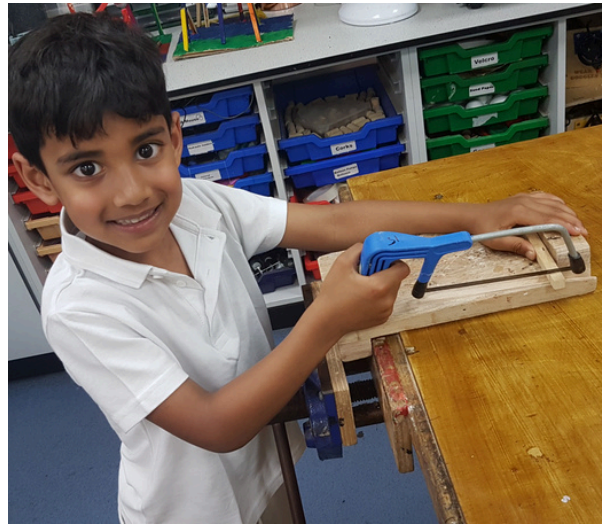
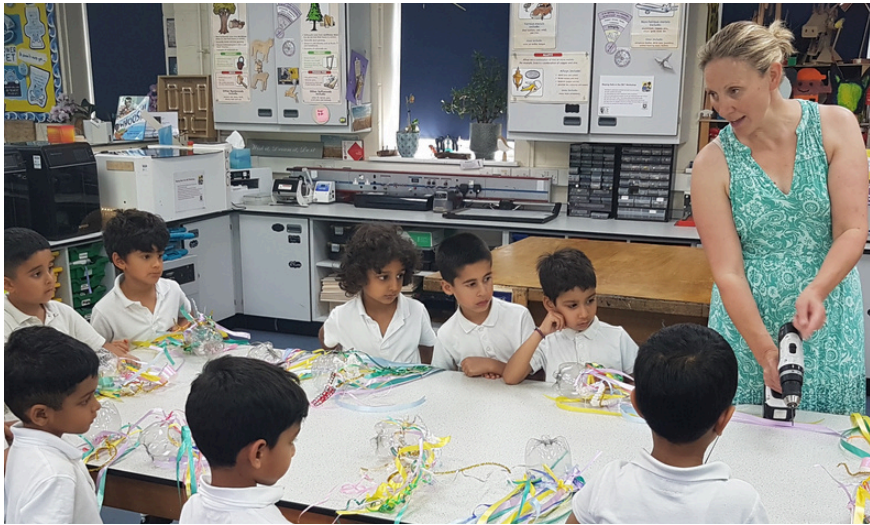
Reception glided into their sea creatures topic by crafting their own clay fish. Small fingers worked hard pinching, rolling, and moulding the clay into shape, providing a fantastic workout for their fine motor skills. The real magic happened when they meticulously pressed colourful sequins into the damp clay to create shimmering scales, resulting in a vibrant school of fish, each with its own distinct personality.





Ladybirds in the DT&E workshop

As part of Reception's Seaside Topic, during which we focused on ocean pollution and plastic, we made a jellyfish from recycling a plastic bottle. Today we visited Mrs McSween in the DT&E workshop and the boys enjoyed learning how to use a drill to make a hole for hanging their jellyfish. Whilst they were there, Mrs McSween also showed the boys how to use a saw! The boys loved it and have taken their wood-cutting treasure home.





Otters and Owls visit Hobbledown Heath

Soon after arriving at Hobbledown Heath, the boys worked collaboratively to create an enrichment activity for the meerkats. They enjoyed watching closely as the animals explored and discovered their hidden treats. With plenty of shade provided by the trees, we found an ideal spot to relax and enjoy our picnic lunch. Re-fuelled and refreshed, the boys then explored the park further, observing a variety of animals. It was particularly pleasing to hear them discussing animal groups and applying knowledge from their Science lessons. As the temperature rose, we made our way to the splash zone, where everyone had great fun cooling off. Eventually, though now thoroughly soaked, it was time to dry off and prepare for the journey home. It was a fantastic day, with lots of learning, laughter, and enjoyment for all.





Year 2 had an amazing time on their surprise trip





Year 2 were presented with House ties

In assembly last Friday, our Year 2 boys were very excited to find out which House they will join in September. At St John's we have four Houses, Churchill, Lawrence, Lincoln and Oates and there is much healthy competition between them as boys try to gain the coveted House Activities Cup and the Burton Page Cup at the end of the year. As you can see, these enthusiastic new recruits are only going to be an asset to their respective Houses.



Churchill



Lincoln



Oates

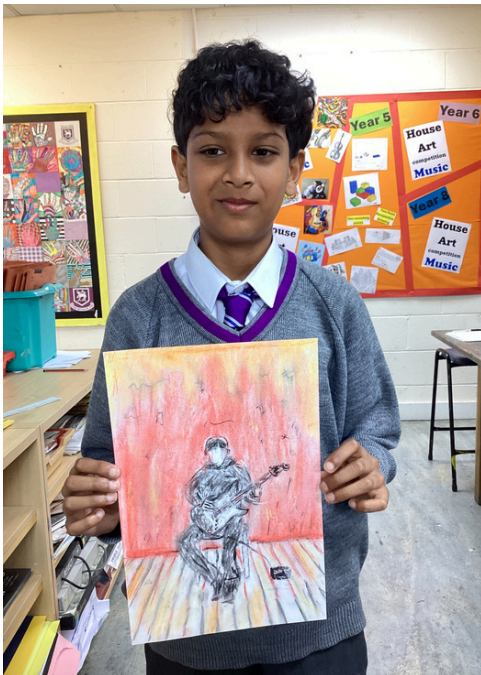


Lawrence



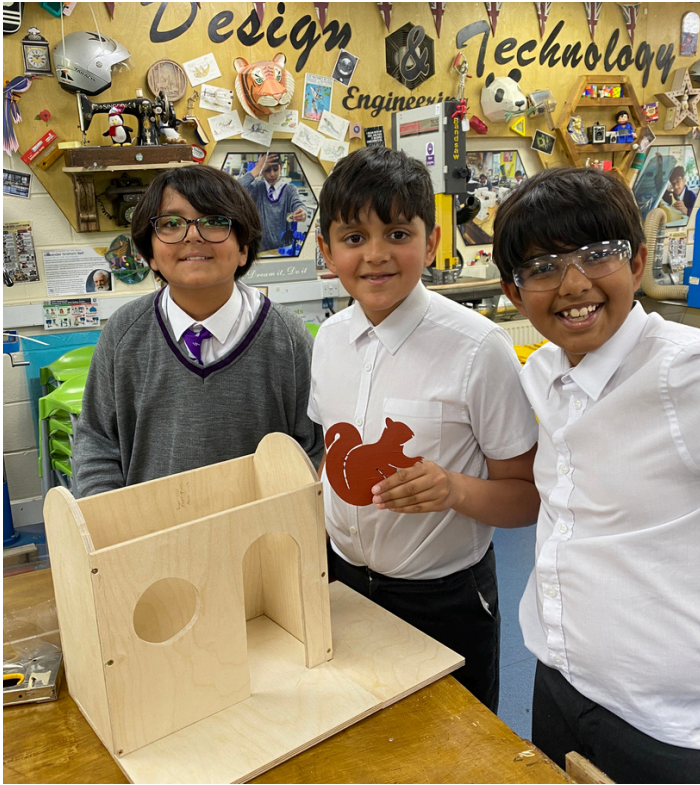
House Art Competition winners

Congratulations to our winners of the House Art Competition: Taylor, Arin, Leo, Hari, and Christopher! Mr Hopwood is already excited about displaying these wonderful artworks in the Music Room corridor. Thank you to everyone who took part and shared their creativity. We look forward to showcasing these fantastic pieces for the whole school to enjoy.





Superior housing for birds!





Winners of the York House Festival

Last Friday, our 1st X1 team won the York House Festival. They played against teams from York House, St Margaret's and St John's 2nd X1. Mr Kruger has noted the following stand-out achievements: Om for the Spirit of Cricket Award; Yuva, Eliot and Christopher for overall batting, bowling and fielding and Rahul, who won the batter of the tournament awards. Special mention must go to Rahul, the 1st X1 captain, for five consecutive half centuries in five separate fixtures, now totalling an amazing 355 runs for the season. This is a school record!





U9A v Habs 16th June



B team v Highgate



Our Year 3 team took to tournament cricket for the first time in the York House Cricket festival, taking a number of wickets and boundaries.

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