



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this week's edition of The Lamb which reflects the wide range of different activities taking place both in and out of the classroom. This morning the St John's Association hosted a very well attended coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause and to the Association for organising the event.

Assemblies have focused on recycling plastics with the Eco-Council delivering excellent presentations. The new School and Eco-Councils have had their first meetings. It is so important for us to empower the boys with opportunities to collaborate through debate and decision making. I look forward to hearing about the topics that were discussed.

The Pre-Prep boys in Year 1 have been learning about nouns whilst the Lambs brought to life the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

On the sporting front we have had a very busy week of fixtures including the opportunity for the Colts to play at Allianz Park on Wednesday and I know that the Year 3 boys really enjoyed their first fixtures yesterday.

Finally, I look forward to seeing boys and parents at the Moor Park Fun Run at Merchant Taylors' School this weekend.

S. Roberts

Macmillan Coffee Morning



This morning St John's hosted it's annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan. The Norman Hall was full of smiling faces, delicious cakes and, of course, tea and coffee! It was wonderful to see parents having a good talk to friends and donating to Macmillan. Thank you to the St John's Association for all their work in organising this event, supporting the work of the Macmillan nurses who provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care. As Macmillan states, 'Because cancer affects more than just those facing it, we are there for friends and family too'. Thank you for all your kind donations. We have raised approximately **£650** today.





Year 7 activity day at Merchant Taylors'



Last Friday the Year 7 classes were invited to Merchant Taylors' for a Water Sports Activity Day. The boys had the opportunity to do paddle boarding and kayaking. The boys were taught how to balance on a paddle-board before moving on to doing tricks. Luckily the water wasn't cold and the boys spent as much time in the water as out of it! Kayaking proved a lot trickier with a strong wind, some of the boys went around in circles for a while before they managed to get the hang of it. By the end of the session some boys had really mastered it and a few even managed to discover a new island! It was a great day and the warm sun meant that the boys dried off pretty quickly. Thanks very much to the staff at MTS for looking after us!





Bees lead to honey!



It has been a bumper year for St John's bees! A couple of Sundays ago, Mr Lawrence was joined by ex-pupils Matthew and Shivam for a harvest of all the honey from our school hives. We managed to get over 50 jars of honey whilst still leaving plenty for the bees to feed on over the coming winter. The multifloral honey is available at £7 a jar or for £5 if you recycle by sending in an empty jar for us to fill. Please send money to Mr Lawrence with name of your son and his form through the school office. All proceeds will be given to WWF.





School Council discusses important issues



The first School Council meeting this term took place on Wednesday September 25th, when each new class representative from Year 1 to 8 was welcomed and introduced. The boys worked through a set meeting agenda which included Centenary ideas, extra curricular suggestions, playground equipment, whether gaming is good for you and a selection of pupil prepared questions. All boys from Pre-Prep, Junior and Prep School were involved in discussions around these topics and they came up with some excellent ideas and thoughts, which were noted by our Head Boy, Henry. This was a very productive first meeting and everyone made a most valuable and positive contribution throughout. Mr Phillips looks forward to our next meeting in October, where we can move onwards with the new ideas brought forward and give an opportunity again for our School Council to voice it's thoughts, opinions and ideas.





First Eco-Council meeting of the year



Yesterday our Eco-Council reconvened with it's newly elected members from Year 1 to 8 discussing many topical issues such as tree planting, using recycled packaging for snacks, ditching single use plastic bottles and even thinking about plans for a school farm – watch this space! We were particularly pleased to welcome Mrs Walker, one of our Governors, who was very interested in all the ideas put forward. The Eco-Council was also in action in our assemblies this week as they told the now familiar tale of the damage plastics are doing to our environment. This all tied in brilliantly with national Recycling Week.





Our youngest actors take to the stage



The Lambs listened to the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' they acted out the story and mixed up porridge oats which was rather messy! The role play area was the bear's cottage in which they had lots of fun playing.



PRE-PREP



A practical approach to learning nouns



The Owls and Otters enjoyed using pretend cameras to capture pictures of nouns. They took pictures of all the people, places and things they could see around the school, including; wigwam, sandpit, tables, chimneys, aeroplanes, gates, a marquee, signs, the moon, benches, bins, car park, and even Mrs Scott! The boys have also been thinking about nouns in their own homes and have listed objects that would be found in their kitchens, bedrooms and lounges. How many nouns can you list?





Painting underpants in Year 2!



Year 2 developed their artistic skills and brush strokes in Art this week after listening to the story ‘Aliens wear Underpants.’ There may, or may not, be a budding Calvin Klein amongst our ranks but everyone enjoyed the chance to mix paints and develop their brush control.





This week in the Juniors



1. **Year 3 and 4 boys** met for another Buddy Time on Thursday morning. Each Year 3 boy is paired with a Year 4 so that they can ask questions and get help from them if they need it. Sometimes it is just good to see a familiar face on the playground! Year 4 boys are encouraged to mentor and help their buddies. It was lovely to hear them chatting and getting to know each other while they created avatars for the Buddy Board.
2. It was **Year 4's** turn to show good work in Junior Assembly and we all enjoyed seeing what they had done and hearing all about what they had learnt.
3. The boys in **Year 4** completed a lively display to put on the stairs. It is colourful and welcoming; showing positive attributes that each boy has found in himself.
4. Here are a few photographs of what **4M** can see out of the window. Some exciting descriptive writing will follow soon!





Colts v Haberdashers' Friday 20th September

Colts A v Haberdashers' away

Try scorers: Thomas 2, Sahib B 2, Zac 1, Amos 1, Oliver 1

Outstanding performances: Jacob and Zac

What a fantastic afternoon of rugby. Mr Russo was so pleased with the way the boys played. They competed strongly in every collision and at every break down. The tackling was more secure than last week and the ball movement at times was sensational. A few of the tackles, particularly one big hit from a pass-off by Jacob, really set the tone for the defence and helped us to have the upper hand. Excellent preparation for the Allianz Park festival on Wednesday evening. Well done Colts A.



Colts B v Haberdashers' away

Try scorers: Oscar 1, Daniel 1, William

Outstanding performances: The whole team

This was a good match and a good challenge. We started strong and had possession for quite a while. Unfortunately we couldn't quite convert this into points early on. Haberdashers' ended up scoring the first try and St John's kept battling, responding with tries, solid defence and good rucking when needed. Areas for us to develop; passing to wider players, to be quicker on the counter ruck when the opportunity is there and not having the ball ripped in close contact. The boys enjoyed this game and battled well!





Colts v Haberdashers' Friday 20th September

Colts C v Haberdashers' away

Try scorers: Nayan 1, Yash 1

Outstanding performances: Ansh, Hamza and Nayan

We started well and both teams battled to score the first try. Eventually the opposition scored the first try of the match. We passed the ball to each other and the support play improved. However, we need to run onto the ball and put pace onto the ball in attack. Yash scored a very good individual try in the right hand corner. In defence, Hamza and Nayan put in some good tackles. A good team effort.



Colts D v Haberdashers' away

Try scorers: Kian R 1, Aarav 1

Outstanding performances: Kian R and Michael

This was a hard fought game against a large Habs squad. We scored two early tries through Kian and Aarav from some strong running. We struggled in defence with our alignment which allowed them to get in behind us whenever they had ball in hand. However our cover tackles from Kian, Anek and Vivaan were spot on. In attack we kept the ball really well with some positive offloads coming after our strong carrying from Ayaan, Michael, Leon and Vivaan. Leo distributed well from the base of the ruck to move the ball into space, unfortunately we couldn't get over the try line again despite constantly testing their defence. Michael's leadership and enthusiasm really helped the team stick together and often found himself gathering in the loose ball and even making interceptions. As a team we need to work on protecting the ball in contact, but none-the-less it was a promising first run out for the season.





U10 teams v UCS Friday 20th September

U10 A v UCS home

Try scorers: Shane 3, Archie 1, Kush 1, Oliver 1, Satyen 1

Outstanding performance: Shane for his powerful running and hat-trick of tries.

It was another sunny Friday afternoon and the U10A team showed they were up to the challenge of taking on a powerful UCS team. It was non-stop action from the off with both teams attacking and defending with great courage and commitment. UCS scored two well-worked tries but St John's powered back into the match with two excellent tries of their own. Both teams traded scores up until the final whistle in a breathless performance. The work at the breakdown was much improved compared to the last match and the defence was well-organised. A super effort from the whole team.



U10 B v UCS home

Try scorers: Mithil

Outstanding performance: Mithil

The team showed some improvement from the previous week going into the match with a focus to improve their tackling and start to support the tackled player in attack better. Their overall shape in defence improved as did some rucking patterns resulting in some useful steals. Their best play came from good ball carrying combined with well timed offloads notably from Alistair, Mithil and Adam. Daniel again showed useful passing.





U10 teams v UCS Friday 20th September

U10 C v UCS home

Try scorers: Jamie 1, Kabir 1, Ahaan 1, Remika 1, Kian A 1

Outstanding performances: Jamie and Kabir

In the first half it quickly became very clear that UCS were physically a much tougher opposition than had been faced to date. While there was some temptation to throw in the towel a few boys steeled themselves and led by example. In the second half a much more resilient team took on the UCS side and matched them. We look forward to the next fixture against Belmont School.



U10 D v UCS home

Try scorers: Roshan 1, Mihir 2, Abdullah 1

Outstanding performance: The whole team

The Under 10D team played a great game on a glorious and sunny afternoon. All the boys managed to get into the game and they made some great runs and tackles throughout the match. There were some fantastic individual runs from Mihir who managed to score a couple of tries, along with Roshan and Abdullah scoring a try each. The UCS were big and managed to score some great tries themselves. The St John's boys grew in confidence in the contact area, in particular the rucks, mauls and tackle area. Well done to all the boys congratulations and best wishes for the next encounter.





THL at Merchant Taylors' 24th September



U13 A v Merchant Taylors' Prep Lost 5-0

Outstanding performance: Yusuf

We lost a goal very early on and it took us some time before we really settled into the match. We had some good chances early on but just could not convert our opportunities. Up front Saam and Aaron had a few chances but great keeping kept us from scoring. At the back, Yusuf played very well and intercepted numerous attacks. MTP scored and they had a number of players who took their chances in the match. There were times when we played some excellent hockey and this is something we can certainly build on for future matches. We can certainly improve and things to work on as a team.

U12 A v Merchant Taylors' Prep Drew 2-2

Scorers: Ethan 1, Arian 1

Outstanding performance: Arian

The Under 12 A St. John's Hockey team had a great start to The Hockey League against Merchant Taylors' Prep. There was some outstanding inter play in attack created by Arian, who created some excellent scoring chances for the striker Ethan. One of the chances was taken brilliantly which took the score to 1-0. The MTP team also created and scored a well taken goal which levelled the scores. The MTP team further extended their score to make it 2-1. In the second- half the St John's team showed more control and composure and pressed the MTP defence constantly. This led to a great strike from Arian and deflected into the goal, which made it 2-2 in the end. Congratulations to all the boys. Well done.



U13 A and B v Davenies 25th September

U13 A v Davenies (home)

Lost 50-0

Outstanding performance: Charlie

This was a very tough challenge for the team. Initially they fronted up to the wave of attacks which came from the opposition. Despite aggressive tackling from Louis and Charlie backed by Yusuf wide out Davenies always seemed to have more boys on the pitch. St. John's did manage to put together a number of attacks with good ball retention and effective rucking but didn't quite get that break through the Davenies line they needed. With lots of lessons learned the boys can look forward to next weeks' triangular fixture at St John's Beaumont.



U13 B v Davenies (home)

Lost 50-5

Try Scorers: Vishal

Outstanding performance: The whole team

The U13 B St John's rugby team played against Davenies B on a fine afternoon. The U13 B boys showed great effort and determination throughout the game against a powerful and strong Davenies team. The St John's team made some try saving tackles and turned over the ball on a number of times, which led to some great individual counter attacking and individual runs. The boys kept going in the second half and through a fantastic individual run by Kamsi and inter linked with Vishal led to a fantastic try in the corner for the U13 B team. The boys finished the game very strongly and could have scored another couple of tries in the end. Well done to all the boys involved.





U12 A and B v Davenies 25th September

U12 A v Davenies (away)

Try scorers: Ethan 2, Jaidev 1, Reece 1

Outstanding performance: Ethan, Freddie, Jaidev, Charlie & Rodrigo

A very even game with both sides running the ball well in attack. Our support play was very good in the forwards and in the backs. Charlie and Jaidev ran hard and always beat numerous defenders and they battled hard at the rucks. We had so much more flow to our game and Reece, Raffi, Freddie, Yusuf, Rodrigo and Ethan impressed with the ball in attack. Davenies had some big fast players who made big dents in our defence and they powered over to score some tries. But great tackling by Freddie, Charlie, Jaidev and Ethan stopped a number of try opportunities. We scored 2 great tries through lots of passing and interlinking play between the forwards and backs. A much better performance by the side.



U12 B v Davenies (away)

Try scorers: Vish 3, Hilkesh 1

Outstanding performance: Vish

Davenies were the much more determined team and put us under a lot of pressure and we were on the back foot for the entire first half.

However, against the run of play we managed to pull a try back scored by Hilkesh just before the interval; at half time we were trailing six tries to one. In the second half we raised our game and competed better in the rucks and mauls and tackled more effectively. After a good spell of possession and passing we were rewarded with a try scored by Vish. After this we had the lion's share of possession and went on to score two more tries.

A valiant effort in the second half. Well done everyone. For improvement we need to work on our tackling.





Colts A Haileybury Festival 25th September



The boys enjoyed a fantastic night and played four matches at Allianz Park, the home of Saracens Rugby. We started a little slowly against Hertford FC in a rather scrappy match and struggled to keep hold of the ball. However, we defended well. We switched on properly and really played some great rugby in our next three matches. We made some great line breaks but struggled to finish these off. However, from great field position, Zac and Oliver were able to crash over for great individual tries. I was so impressed with the commitment and teamwork shown by all the boys. Well done - I can't wait to see how they play this Friday against Belmont. **Mr Russo**

Try scorers: Zac 2, Oliver 1 **Outstanding performances:** Amos and Oliver





U8 teams v Gayhurst 26th September

U8 A v Gayhurst (away)

Try scorers: Zachariah 2, Arnav 2

Outstanding performances: Maximilian, Henry, Arnav, Zachariah

This was the first match of the season and away at Gayhurst the boys played 3 x 10 minute periods. Against a strong Gayhurst team, we had to work overtime in defence. However, what pleased me the most was the boys passed the ball to each other in attack. We just need to improve the support play but we managed to score 4 good tries with Arnav on 2 and Zachariah on 2. Arnav scored in the corner and Zachariah scorched down the wing to score a very good try. All the team played well and we now need to run straighter in attack and support the ball carrier. This was a very good effort from the team. Well done!



U8 B v Gayhurst (away)

Try scorers: Raphael 2, Shrey 1, James 1

Outstanding performances: Aaryan

This was their first rugby game for St John's and they played amazingly. The boys passed the ball really well as a team and put some good passages of play together. Every boy ran hard with the ball causing problems for the opposition. I couldn't be prouder of the effort the boys put in to the game. Well played boys.



U8 C v Gayhurst (away)

Try scorers: Irajdeep 1, Saavan 1, Agastya 1, Enzo 1

Outstanding performances: Saavan, Enzo, Irajdeep

An excellent first match by the St John's boys. In attack the boys were making a clear effort to push for the try line and get back to receive, and in defence they were very good at pressuring Gayhurst. A promising start to the season.



U8 D v Gayhurst (home)

Try scorers: Taarun, Charlie, Dhilan, Neer, Arun

Outstanding performances: The whole team

This was the boys' first match with Tag belts and they played well. Taarun, Charlie and Dhilan ran straight and fast with the ball whilst Josh, Neer and Arun were notable with their tagging. Aarush made up the 8th player and the boys can be proud of their first team effort.

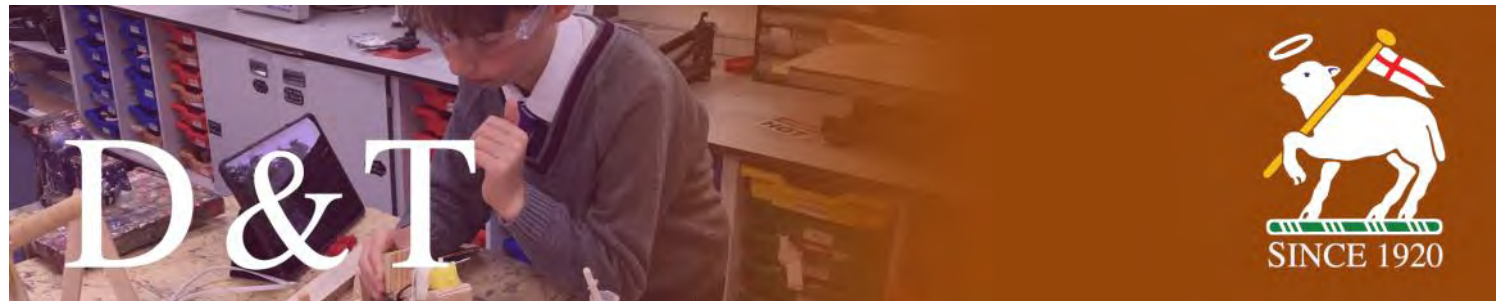


U8 E v Gayhurst (home)

Try scorers: Liam 1, Laksh 3, Neil 1

Outstanding performances: The whole team

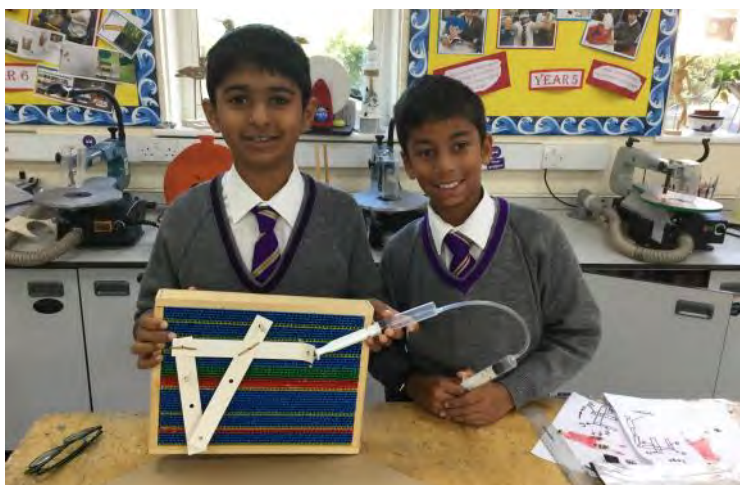
The day finally arrived for the U8's to play in their first fixture. The boys were very excited and couldn't wait to start. Both sides managed to score quite a few tries. Gayhurst had some fast runners who were tricky to tag at times. The boys are quickly learning and getting used to this new game and rules. Going forwards we'll target running forwards, passing and receiving on the move and responding a bit quicker to situations. Well done.



Learning about hydraulics in Year 5



Some super work from Year 5 this week as they continue to work on their hydraulics models. We used two syringes connected by a piece of tubing to model a hydraulic ram. It has been great fun watching hydraulics in action when we saw the diggers building the foundations for our new gym.





1. **James, Shrey** in Year 3 have been learning all about the colour wheel and how to mix paint.
2. **Mehul and Bailey** in Year 4 have created these spooky pictures using tinting and shading.
3. **Year 5** are hard at work making and painting clay fruit and vegetables which will be used to form part of a 3D portrait.
4. **Shay** in Year 6 has painted this beautiful picture in watercolour.

St John's Association Fireworks 2019

Thursday 7th November

5.30pm to 7.30pm



Tickets available in the school office from 30th September and in the car park at pick up from 14th Oct to 18th October.

- **Adults - £12**
- **Children - £8**

Prices include hot food and a choice of drink served from 5.30pm. Please choose from fish & chips or vegan burger & chips

Mulled wine, beer, hot drinks, novelties and treats available on the night!

Guy and Pumpkin carving competition for Yrs 3 to 8. Prizes awarded on the night by Mr Robinson!

**Bonfire lit at 6.30pm
Fireworks at 7.10pm**

As there is limited parking available in the school, cars will be directed to Pinner Hill Golf club from where you can walk. Please avoid parking on Potter Street Hill as it causes congestion and please do not park on the private Gatehill Estate. Thank you for your cooperation.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL ASTRONOMY EVENING

THURSDAY 3TH OCTOBER 2019 7 TO 8PM @NORMAN HALL



You can bring your own telescopes if you wish (set up from 6:30pm for a 7pm start) or just come and look through the school's telescopes (7pm).

We hope to see the crescent Moon, the Moon's of Jupiter and the rings of Saturn!

Mr Lawrence will do a short talk afterwards (or a longer one if it is cloudy!)

Refreshments will be provided

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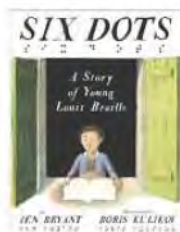
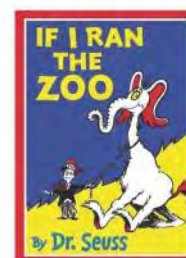
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Our October program of study brings together our love for books and STEM.

Monday 28th October - 'If I ran the Zoo', by Dr Zeus.

A look at zoos in general and the role they play in conservation.

Differentiated practical activities based around keeping animals safe, secure and stimulated.



Tuesday 29th October - 'Six dots' by Jen Bryant.

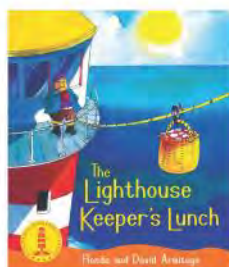
The inspiring story of the young Louis Braille. A hand on exploration of different methods of communication through the ages, including braille, morse code, semaphore and telephone.

Wednesday 30th October - The Iron Man, by Ted Hughes

Find out about magnetism as we read about the Iron Man. Design and make an Iron Man of your own using simple circuits which you can take away with you or Crumble* programming kits.

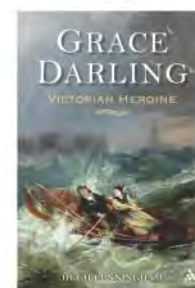


Thursday 31st October - Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, by Ronda & David



Armitage or for our older children, Grace Darling by Anita Ganeri

Find out the science behind floating and sinking. Build a lighthouse with working lights, learn about how LDRs can be used as a switch when it gets dark. An opportunity to use Crumble.*



Book early to avoid disappointment.

Stem Den runs from 8.30am until 4.30pm at St. John's School in Northwood and is for boys and girls from age 5 to 13 years.

Check out the website for more details. www.stemden.co.uk



Calendar and important dates

Sunday 29th September: Moor Park Fun Run at Merchant Taylors' School

Tuesday 1st October: Rugby v Haberdashers': U9 A, B, C, D, E (h) (2.30pm)

Wednesday 2nd October: Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.15am)

Rugby v St John's Beaumont & Oratory at St John's Beaumont: U13 A (2.30pm)

Rugby v St John's Beaumont: U13 B (a), U12 A, B (a) (2.30pm)

Thursday 3rd October: Otters Visit to Wenzels (9.00am)

Rugby v Haberdashers': U8 A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.15pm)

Astronomy Evening in the Norman Hall (7.00pm)

Friday 4th October: NO SWIMMING

Pre-Prep Individual Photographs

Merchant Taylors' Prep Schools Maths Afternoon (1.00pm-4.00pm)

Rugby v Merchant Taylors' Prep: Colts A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)



Saavan (3H) won Bronze medal in the sparring competition at the British Taekwondo Championships last Sunday. Very well done.

Updates: please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

The website will have announcements in case of emergency. You can also follow us on twitter @stjohnsnorthwood.



Mailings: if you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy direct each week, please email: Lamb.Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in any photographs which could be included in The Lamb.

Notices and Reminders

Individual Photographs: Years 3-8. Your son will shortly bring home the proof of his individual photograph taken on Tuesday. Please order online using this link:

<https://www.tempest-orders.co.uk/>

Moor Park Fun Run. This takes place on Sunday at Merchant Taylors' School. We hope that many boys are fired up to run as there is a trophy for the school which has the most entries.

Fireworks Night. This is one of our most popular events in the School calendar. Make sure you put November 7th in your diary. Tickets will be available from 30th September from the school office.

Open Morning is on Wednesday 2nd October at 9.15am. Please invite any friends or family to this event who are considering sending their son here. It is a fabulous opportunity to see the school in action!

Astronomy Evening. We hope to see many of you at this event on Thursday 3rd October. Please see the flyer on page 22 for more details.

No swimming. A reminder that next Friday, 4th October, is Merchant Taylors' Field Day so swimming is cancelled.

Potter Street Hill After School Care. Please make sure that you are registered for this service by visiting www.pottersthillasc.co.uk

Votes for Schools. Last week's question: **Is gaming good for you?** Yes 34.2%, No 65.8%.

New question: **Could we live without single use plastic?** Please discuss at home over the weekend in advance of voting which will take place next week. (Years 3-8)



House Point Totals.

Lincoln **12.64**, Oates **12.43**, Churchill **11.73**, Lawrence **11.71**

Have a good weekend everybody and all the best to the boys involved in the Moor Park Fun Run on Sunday.