



From the  
Headmaster

As you will see in this week's Lamb the last five days have been packed full of interesting events.

The Young Shakespeare Company's visit was very well received especially with the summer production of *The Tempest*. Xerxes' article explains in more on page 1. The Eco-Council hosted their main term meeting with boys, Governors, parents and staff attending.

We welcomed trainee guide dog 'Bob' as a special visitor to the Pre-Prep. His trainer Helen and Mrs Walker, St John's Governor, gave all the boys an insight in to preparing Bob for his future important work.

The Lambs celebrated Pancake Day in style whilst Year 3 enjoyed their visit to the Neasden Mandir.

In sport the U9s rugby squads had competitive matches against Orley Farm. I know that our senior boys have been preparing hard and are looking forward to our Sevens Tournament on Wednesday.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Monday evening. Next week is also Science Week and World Book Day on Thursday.

S. Robins

## Learning about The Tempest



On Wednesday, the English Department invited Years 5 to 8 to watch and act in Shakespeare's renowned play, *The Tempest*. With an excellent imagination & extraordinary acting from The Young Shakespeare Company, we were able to immerse ourselves in a wonderful story with plot twists and interesting characters, such as Prospero who, from the Duke of Milan, turned into a mysterious, magic wizard, controlling a desert island and its spirits. What impressed me about Prospero was how he forgave his enemies and his brother Antonio in particular for trying to kill him and take over the Dukedom of Milan. The boys were given the chance to recreate scenes, the best of which was the Tempest scene, when we all shouted "We split! We split!". The acting helps us to understand Caliban's mistreatment & how Prospero's lust for revenge was buried away. This brought a happy ending to a stormy play. **Xerxes**







## A big week for the Eco-Council



**This week has seen a lot of action on the “Eco Front”.** On Monday a team of “Warriors” led by Leo started the ball rolling by giving an assembly on the importance of reducing the amount of meat in our diet. The boy’s presentation gave the environmental reasons for giving up meat as well as those concerning animal welfare and healthy eating. The assembly was in preparation for our first “Meat Free” day on Wednesday, during which over 70% of boys in the Prep School and almost all the staff, swapped their meat for a vegetarian lunch to help save the planet!

Also this week the Eco-Council held their termly Whole School Meeting where representatives from all parts of the School were represented, from pupils to Governors and parents. We discussed a wide range of ideas and initiatives. The Pre-Prep had ideas on how to reduce the impact of car emissions in the playground by switching off engines and making our water bottles more durable. The Prep School boys reported on the work of the weekly Eco-Council which has included organising Meat Free Wednesday, RSPB’s garden birdwatch, switch-off fortnight and regular collections for recycling. New ideas involved recycling used books with a “book swap” to holding an “Earth Hour”. We are very hopeful that with all this good work we will raise our School from a Silver Award Eco-School to a fully-fledged Green Flag School! Please contact [Mr Lawrence](#) if you would like to get more involved with making our school environmentally friendly.







## Centenary Events

With our School Centenary now in full swing we report on the series of special events being organised to celebrate 100 years of St John's. At the start of term boys were given badges and a commemorative book. Mr Robinson took the opportunity to read extracts in assembly to help boys discover more about how and why the School was founded. But that is not the end of the story. Keep reading The Lamb to follow developments as they take place. Meanwhile, below are some dates for your diary.



Our first Centenary event: the Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Church Northwood

**Centenary Dinner** at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Thursday 26th March from 6.30pm. This black-tie event in the City of London is primarily for Old Boys but is also open to parents of boys in Years 6-8. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained by visiting [www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary](http://www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary).

**The Centenary Ball** at St John's on Saturday 27th June. Organised by the St John's Association, this event is for all current and past parents and staff. Interest is already intense and the Association has already arranged for a bigger marquee. Tickets are going fast and places are limited so make sure to buy your tickets early. See the advert towards the back of The Lamb for full details.

**Old Boys' Day** at St John's on Sunday 28th June. A special day for Old Boys from throughout the years to visit and celebrate our Centenary alongside past and current teachers and parents.

**Centenary Charity Day & Pageant** on Monday 29th June. This is an all-day event for pupils, staff and parents (in the afternoon). Join in the celebration of ten decades of St John's.







## Year 8 Post Exam Curriculum up and running



Now that their exams are behind them Year 8 are now enjoying a rather different timetable. They have the opportunity to experiment with cooking, Philosophy, pioneering, model building, five-a-side football and extended Latin, to name but a few activities. In addition today they started a Business Enterprise Course where, in teams, they will design and create a product, launch it onto the market and finally sell it to their family and friends in a sale on 21st May.







## Pancake-tossing in the Lambs



**The Lambs learnt about Shrove Tuesday this week.** They put on their chef's hats, learnt about which ingredients are needed to make pancakes and tasted them with sugar and lemon juice, they were delicious. Their favourite part was tossing the pancakes, with varying degrees of success!





# PRE-PREP



## A special visitor to the Pre-Prep this week



**This week the Pre-Prep were lucky enough** to be visited by Bob and his trainer Helen. Bob is a 12 month old trainee guide dog. The boys were surprised at how well behaved Bob was and how many special commands he could follow. Bob will stay with Helen for a few more months before going to do some tricky tests to check he is ready to find his new owner and become a working Guide Dog. By the end of the morning we had worn Bob out and all he wanted to do was snooze!







## Year 1 learn about The Monument



**Year 1 boys have been busy** studying information about The Monument, which was built to commemorate the Great Fire of London. It was built in 1671, near where the fire started and was designed by Sir Christopher Wren. The Otters and Owls decided to build replicas of this famous landmark, using junk materials. They learnt how to construct the basic shape and make it as strong as possible. After looking at photos of The Monument, they added some details to the structures. This is a great place to visit in London and is good for fitness, as it has 311 steps, leading to the viewing platform!







## Playing and learning together



**Year 3 and 4 Buddies** really enjoyed their time together yesterday morning. They were given a picture which included some hidden clues which they had to find, which was great fun. Although it sounds easy, the clues were well hidden and few pairs managed to find them all. Many boys told Mrs Murphy that they love spending time with their Buddies and are looking forward to the next challenge!







## Year 3 visit Neasden Mandir



**On Tuesday Year 3 visited the Neasden Mandir** as part of their R.S. curriculum. After the coach journey which caused much excitement as we passed Wembley Stadium we arrived and waited patiently to go through security. On entering the Mandir we left our shoes in special racks before going upstairs to the beautiful prayer hall which was full of intricate carvings and shrines of Hindu Gods. This was followed by a film describing how and when the Mandir was built and a Q and A session with our guide. Thank you to Mrs Dumenil for joining us on a very enjoyable and fascinating visit.







# U9 Rugby v Orley Farm Tuesday 25th February

## U9 A v Orley Farm

**Try Scorers:** Daanish 3, Ali 3, Darsh 2

**Outstanding performances:** Darsh and Ali

This was a competitive and enjoyable match from both sides played on a really small pitch which was always going to involve a lot more tackles for all involved. Both sides attacked strong and scored a healthy amount of tries. St John's scored 14 in total! Well done to Ali (on his debut) and Daanish who got hat tricks. Structure in attack and defence is spot on but there were times where we were attacking the narrow side instead of the width. A big number of tackles were missed so time to revisit basics. Well done to all and especially for the great support and sportsmanship St John's showed to Orley Farm after the game. RFU values in action - yes!



## U9 B v Orley Farm

**Try Scorers:** Thomas, Matthew 2, Dries, Alexander, Neel 4, Otto

**Outstanding performances:** Dries and Neel

Dries and Neel were both outstanding in their ball carries and tackles. This reflected the improvement with the team as a whole which showed better line speed in defence and good effort in attack. Thomas and Otto scored out wide, Matthew and Alex through the middle and Mustafa helped organise the team. The next focus for the team is to improve their link play and passing. Nonetheless today's match was a well fought and tight encounter between two very good sides.







## Maximilian in National Championships



On Saturday 22nd February I went to the UK ITF National Taekwondo Championships in Bath. There were over 400 competitors with teams coming from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and even from Germany and the Netherlands. I was very nervous. I was entered into the Patterns, Sparring and flying sidekick competitions for 7- 11 year old boys category. I did my patterns first and won 3 rounds to get into the finals but I lost in the final. I got a silver medal and I was very happy as the medal was very nice and heavy. In my Sparring competition I did not get any medal. Half way through my first fight I got kicked hard in my stomach and it was very painful. They stopped the fight for a little while but I managed to finish the fight which I was proud of even though I didn't win. In the Flying Sidekick competition, I managed to get into the top five but after that I lost. It was fun going to the Nationals and a good experience and I would like to think I could do better next time. **Maximilian (3H)**







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Congratulations to our Artists of the week, **Enzo, Rahul** and **Yusuf**.

1. **Enzo** has made a great start on his recycled butterfly piece. This is second time **Enzo** has won this award!
2. **Rahul** is making an airplane with his reusable junk.
3. **Yusuf** has been working hard on his trivet.


Our boys have been very busy recycling this week. They are working on their House Art Competition pieces. Here are some photos of them in action.

4. **Jamie** in 5C.
5. **Year 4** working hard.
6. **Mikey** in Year 4 is recycling blue card.





# OUTLOOK



**Do more.  
Learn more.  
Be more.**

COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE...

Taster Session  
Friday 28th Feb 7-8.30pm  
1st Northwood Scout Hut,  
81 Northwood Way,  
Northwood, HA6 1RT

Put your skills to use, learn new ones, meet new people and get ready for a life of adventure.

We are now recruiting new members. Try out Scouts and some fun activities. Places are limited so please reserve your place by text or email below.

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A NEW WOLAS PUBLIC OBSERVING EVENT FOR 2020

## VIEW THE NIGHT SKY FROM RUISLIP LIDO

The West of London Astronomical Society invites you  
to observe the Moon and stars from Ruislip Lido.

**Friday 28th February - Sunday 1st March 2020**

**Time 7.00pm to 9.00pm.**

If the sky is clear, a crescent moon will be visible, we may also be able to see objects including Venus, the Orion Nebula, the Seven Sisters star cluster, the Andromeda Galaxy and maybe the Crab Nebula.

Bring your family and friends. Members of WOLAS will be on hand using a variety of telescopes and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Don't forget to wear warm clothing and bring a torch. To prevent dazzling observers, please limit the brightness of your torch to your phone's light or equivalent and point it down when on site.

On nights when observing is possible, the Turntable tea room will be open for refreshments, courtesy of the Lido Railway. Toilets are available.

*Please visit our website for more information.  
A GO/NO GO call will be posted no later than 4pm each day.*

*Ruislip Lido is off Bury Street. Entry is via the gate adjacent to the car park at the end of Reservoir Road HA4 7TY*

**KEEP RIGHT ON ENTERING THE PUBLIC CAR PARK  
WHICH IS FREE FROM 6PM.**

**PLEASE AVOID THE PUB CAR PARK TO THE LEFT.**



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**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**ST JOHN'S**  
**Centenary Ball**

**27TH JUNE 2020**

**£125 PER PERSON**

**FOLLOW THE LINK  
TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE OF 10**

<https://forms.gle/LK14AhXkq7e2eHsc8>





## Calendar and important dates

**Saturday 29th February:** St John's U10 & U9 Rugby Tournament (9.30am-12.30pm)

**Monday 2nd March:** Science Week - Our Diverse Planet  
St Benedict's U11 A & B Rugby Festival (1.00pm)  
Joint Merchant Taylors' & St John's Concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall (6.45pm)

**Tuesday 3rd March:** Year 7 Trip to Science Museum  
Year 5 Parents' Evening (O-W) (6.00pm)

**Wednesday 4th March:** Science Workshops: Years 3-5  
St John's Invitation Sevens: U13 A VII (1.30pm)

**Thursday 5th March:** World Book Day and Author Visit  
St John's Invitation U11 Cross country (4.15pm)

**Friday 6th March:** Sports Photographs  
Year 5 House Hockey

**Saturday 7th March:** Berkhamsted Rugby Sevens Tournament: U11 A (10.00am)

## Contact details

**Updates:** please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://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  @stjohnswood.

**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](mailto: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


**World Book Day.** This takes place on Thursday 5th March and all boys are invited to come to school in pyjamas or lounge wear. We have author Ali Sparkes with us for the day and there will be an opportunity to buy one of her books. Please use the order form sent to you and place all orders by Monday 2nd March.

**Design Competition.** Calling all budding designers! Blue Peter are calling for children aged 6 and over to design the 2020 Sports Badge. Take a look at the link below to take part. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/bp-competition>  
Email your designs for Mrs McSween to see if you would like to, before you send them off. [vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk)  
Good luck!

**Centenary Summer Ball.** TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Please use this link to buy yours: [Centenary Summer Ball Tickets](#)

**Stem Den** booking sheets are now ready for Easter and Summer holidays. Book your place early to avoid disappointment. Age 5 to 13 years. Boys and girls. Childcare vouchers taken. For more details visit: [www.stemden.co.uk](http://www.stemden.co.uk)

**RMS Disco for Years 7 and 8.** It's clearly disco season! Please follow this link to buy tickets: [RMS Disco](#)

**Play Skill Quiz and Beanbag Throwing Competition.** These fund-raising activities will take place during the week of 9th March. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your sponsor form and money raised. Don't forget to keep asking friends and family to support you. 

**Votes for Schools.** The question this week has been: **Is the UK a tolerant place to live?** Yes: 85% No: 15%. The question for after half term is: **Do you enjoy reading?** This ties in well with World Book Day next Thursday. Please discuss this at home over the weekend.

**House Point Totals:** 1st Lincoln 86.37, 2nd Churchill 84.53, 3rd Oates 82.85, 4th Lawrence 76.33

Enjoy the wet and windy weekend ahead.