



From the
Headmaster

I hope you all enjoyed the Summer Concert last night. Whilst we had been looking forward to inviting you all to school, I was delighted to share it with you via YouTube to watch with your sons at home. It was a memorable occasion showing off the enthusiasm and musical talent we are blessed with. Very well done to all our musicians who behaved impeccably during the recording session. We are very proud of all of you.

It was also the Final of the House Music Festival and the staff have been voting for their favourite performance. The winner of the Bumping Cup will be announced in final assembly. On behalf of the boys, I would also like to thank Mrs Savage and Mrs Cooper for their fantastic support, musicianship and planning of the whole event.

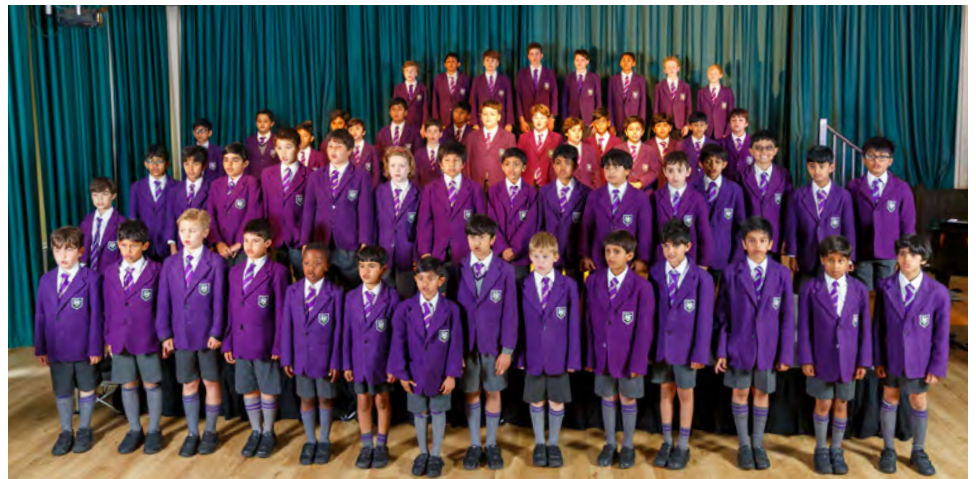
This week the Norman Hall was transformed into a Design and Technology workshop for the Year 5 Challenge. Four schools tested their transfer system in a competition needing collaboration and problem solving.

Assemblies have focused on 'National Sports Week' and the importance of participation and sport for enjoyment. I talked to the Pre Prep today about getting involved in games, enjoying them, whether they win or lose.

I am really looking forward to the Sports Days and Prize Giving events which will take place in the last nine days of term. Meanwhile I wish you a restful weekend.

S. Robinson

You'll Never Walk Alone



In a very emotional climax to our Summer Concert last night, our Year 3 to 8 choirs sang You'll Never Walk Alone in tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore. Many thanks to Anek in 7J who put together the wonderful slide show to accompany our tribute. We have really missed being able to make music together in the past year and the Summer Concert was a chance for us to celebrate all our musical achievements of the past few months and all the hard work of the boys and their teachers. Our choirs, bands and ensembles started rehearsing together on-line during lockdown, which was an interesting experience for everyone and we have been working in year group bubbles at school since March. Each of the large ensembles had "bubble" rehearsals every week, so instead of one String Group rehearsal, we had to fit in a Year 3-4, a Year 5-6 and a Year 7-8 practice. We had only one rehearsal as a full group before the recording. The standard of the performance is a tribute to the talents and enthusiasm of our musicians. This socially distanced performance was the first and only time the whole school choir and the bands have performed this year so it was very special. We were proud to present five choirs, Wind Band, Brass Band, String Group, the Year 6 Cello Trio, Year 5 & 6 Guitar Group, the Viola Ensemble, Year 8 Trio and the eight soloists in the House Music Festival. In case you missed it, you can view the entire concert on YouTube at this link <https://youtu.be/W90-WP7vuXo>





Pictures from our Summer oncert



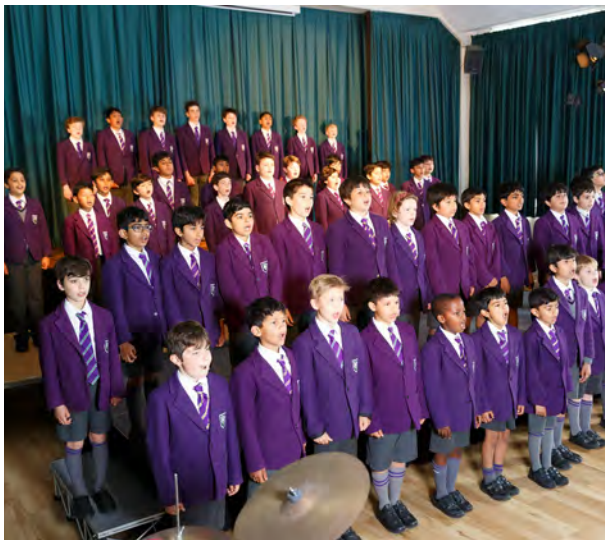


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House Music Finalists

The Summer Concert was also the Final of the House Music Festival. Our finalists all performed wonderfully, showing great musicianship and communication skills. Prep Anay 5M, Grade 1 Yuvraj 4S, Grade 2 Remika 6M, Grade 3 Aary 4H, Grade 4 Ahaan 6V, Grade 5 Zac 7J, Grade 6 Krish 6A and Grade 7 James 8B. Staff have been voting for their favourite performance of the night and the winner will be awarded with the Bamping Cup. The result will be announced in Final Assembly on 8th July.





House Music Finalists





Star bakers in Year 8

Last week the boys had the chance to get into the school kitchen. They spent the afternoon cooking up fairy cakes, making sure they added the eggs slowly so as not to curdle the mixture. Some boys added chocolate chip cookies and some put in a little vanilla for flavouring. Huge thanks to Mrs Foley and her team for helping us every week. Who will star baker be this week?





Year 8 Young Enterprise products launched

For the last few months, Year 8 have been working very hard on their Business Enterprise Course. They are excited to launch their products ready for you to buy. With Covid restrictions, we will be holding our sale online and would like you to follow these steps to place an order. Here is how it will work:

- Look at the website to see what is available at the following link <https://site-1100850-5535-8434.mystrikingly.com>
- Place your order by emailing one of the businesses on the site
- Orders must be placed by Wednesday 30th June.
- The business product manager will email you back with confirmation of the sale.
- When you have received an email confirmation, then you should bring your money to school. Please remember that

the boys running these businesses are in lessons most of the day and will get back to you as soon as they can. If any products are unavailable they will let you know by email

- Money should go into an envelope with the following information on the outside:
 - Your Name (first and last),
 - Form
 - The Company you are buying from: BREEZ, ATOMIC, TYPHOON, SUNRISE, DARRC INC, THE HOLLOW
 - The amount of money you are sending in.

Correct money only please. No cheques.

Your products will be delivered to your form room on Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th July. All money raised from the sales will go to our charity for the year, Playskill. Here are the teams.



Atomic



Breez



Darrc Inc



The Hollow



Sunrise



Typhoon



Sponsored Quiz raises £5,390.69

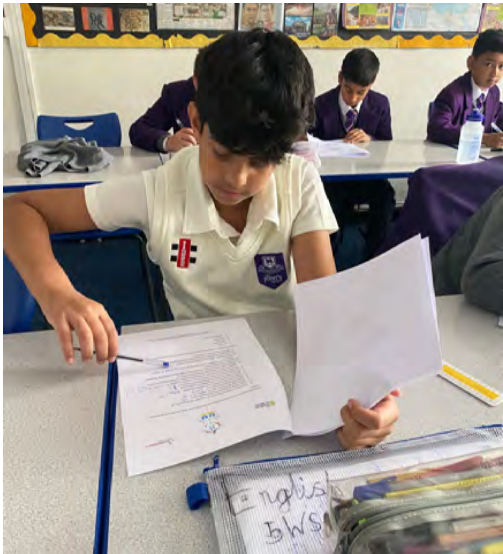
On Thursday 10th and Friday 11th June, the whole school took part in sponsored activities to raise money for our main charity, PlaySkill. The Pre-Prep participated in a treasure hunt and all boys in Years 3-8 undertook a quiz based on the history and facts of PlaySkill. I am delighted to announce the winners from each form of the sponsored quiz are:

- 3H: Yash
- 3W: Svanik
- 4H: Aarush and Theo
- 4S: Maximilian, Aariz, Josh and Yuvraj
- 5C: Thomas, Leo and Ayaan
- 5M: Zain, Matthew and Alexander
- 5W-S: Vivek
- 6A: George, Alistair and Anay

- 6M: The whole class!
- 6V: Kian and Rafi
- 7H: Yash
- 7J: Zac and Anek
- 8L: Raffi
- 8B: James

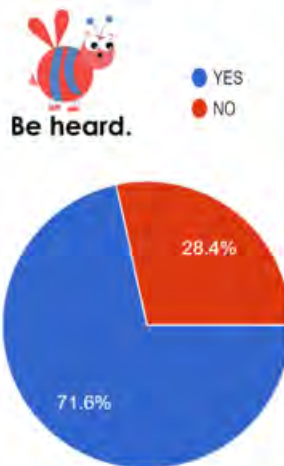
Well done to all involved! As a result of everyone’s hard work and continuous donating, I am thrilled to announce that we raised £5390.69! An astonishing amount and we are delighted with this total after a challenging year. We look forward to presenting PlaySkill with our final cheque before the end of term and I know they will be grateful for all the participation from the whole St John’s community.

Mrs Walker



VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Results of last week's poll are...



No. School uniforms aren't the only way to express yourself or culture. You can have different wrist accessories for example that show yourself. If there aren't school uniforms. Everyone would care about what they wear instead of studies and grades would go down. Grades would be higher with school uniform. Also, it is scientifically proven that school uniforms lead to less crime. Kabir – Year 6

School uniform is a good idea. It shows solidarity amongst the students and represents us proudly as St. John's boys. There are many other ways you can creatively display your uniqueness such as works of art, class discussion and break/lunch times. I wear my purple proudly!

Iraj – Year 4

Yes because it means your representing your school if you're wearing school uniform not yourself. Wearing clothing of your choice can show other people more about your personality. You can tell a lot about a person's character from their clothing a lot of the time but it's also not good to judge a book by its cover (don't judge a person too much by their clothing.) Wearing school uniform is what you're forced to wear so it doesn't represent you. Oliver, Year 6

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And next week's question...



Be curious.



Be informed.

Click the image to view the slides.

PRE-PREP



Robins and Squirrels learn about bees

The Robins and Squirrels thoroughly enjoyed learning all about bees from Mr Lawrence. He spoke about their life cycle, what they eat, how they survive the winter and how important they are to the planet and our survival. We hope that there will be some honey to harvest so that we can all have a taste. Mr Lawrence's passion for bees is contagious! A huge thank you to Mr Lawrence from all of us in Reception.





Rainforest food in Year 1

Year 1 boys have been learning about food that originates from rainforest habitats. They also learnt that some rainforest plants are used to make medicines and others are made into oil or fruit juice. The boys were lucky to have a tasting afternoon to sample a few rainforest foods. Some of the foods were well known to them, like banana, grapes and pineapple, whereas some of them were new tastes, like ginger, cocoa and avocado. Each class made a survey and a bar graph of their favourite rainforest foods. Pineapple was the most popular and ginger the least.





The Wombles of Ruislip woods

On Saturday 19th June, several Reception boys, their brothers, sisters and parents undertook a litter collection in Ruislip woods. A huge thank you to Waitrose, Rickmansworth for providing us with gloves, bags, hand sanitiser and water to keep us safe and hydrated on our mission.

Two local MPs, David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner) and Gagan Mohindra (South West Hertfordshire) spoke to us about the importance of putting litter in the bin and how the collection we were doing would help the local environment, animals and birds.

The boys worked tirelessly for over an hour and between them collected 29 bags of rubbish, a microwave, car tyres and several shoes!

After a busy afternoon, Holland and Holland Shooting Grounds kindly treated us to a delicious selection of drinks and food as a reward for all our hard work. Thank you to their manager and staff for hosting us and for providing such wonderful refreshments.

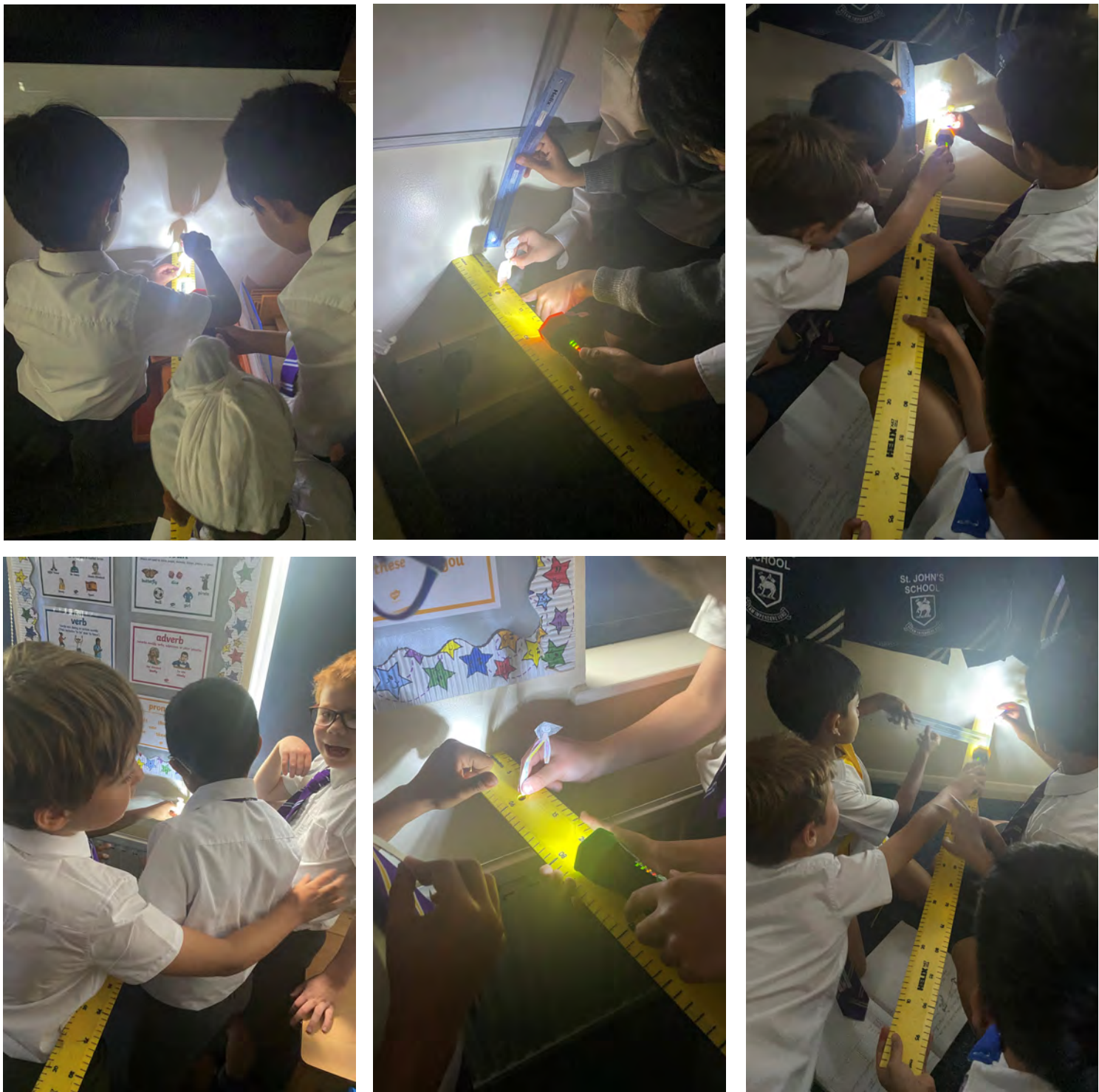
All in all a great event full of fun and such a worthwhile afternoon!





Science experiments in Year 3

This half term we have been learning about Light and Shadows. This week we wanted to find out if we can change the size of shadows by moving the light source further away. Using a torch and a cardboard puppet, we worked in groups to measure the shadow that formed on the wall. We moved the torch away from the wall by 10cm each time to see how the shadow changed. We found out that the further the light source is from an object, the smaller the shadow will be. Everyone seemed to really enjoy this lesson!





Behind the scenes at our school concert

The Norman Hall was turned into a recording studio for the morning yesterday. In a very slick operation our cameraman mixed three cameras live and recorded the sound, adding the captions at his studio in the afternoon before the link to the concert went live in the evening. The Norman Hall was full of lights and technical equipment, but the boys were not at all distracted, they focused on following their instructions, keeping their eyes firmly on Mrs Savage and their music throughout.





Music Competition success for Ahaan

Ahaan in 6V, recently took part in an international online music competition run by his music school, Artistic Me, and was placed second out of the thirty-five young people in his age group. Ahaan enjoys learning new songs, performing and listening to different genres of music and is currently listening to a lot of Elton John.





Interschools D&T Challenge Day 2021

We faced a challenge with our annual D&T event as we were not able to invite other schools into St John's this year, however, we were delighted to connect with Year 5 students from Belmont, Mill Hill Prep School, Devonshire House and Merchant Taylors' Prep online. Teams of enthusiastic students had a fabulous day designing and testing out their Lighthouse Transfer System as part of a competition. Mrs McSween was very pleased to see everyone collaborating and solving the practical problem in their own way. There were some amazing solutions!

On the 22nd of June it was DT day! We were given the almost impossible challenge of making a zip-line for a lighthouse keeper to travel to land and back! This was all

scaled down so the zip-line was just 4 metres long. We had fake money to buy things from a shop to get materials and there were teams too. Marks were for teamwork, performance, designing and planning. We also had to make it so it could carry a real egg! *Neel 5W-S*

Our second challenge was to make a harness or box to protect an egg travelling down from a lighthouse, to get the egg to go down a zip-line and back up without dropping or breaking the egg. In the first task, we could include electrics to shine a light or a motor to help get the lighthouse keeper back up. It was very hard, only a few groups managed to do it. One group won for our school. The people in the group were: Thomas M, Arti, Neel, Ayaan, Marcus and Leo Bo. *Thomas C 5W-S*





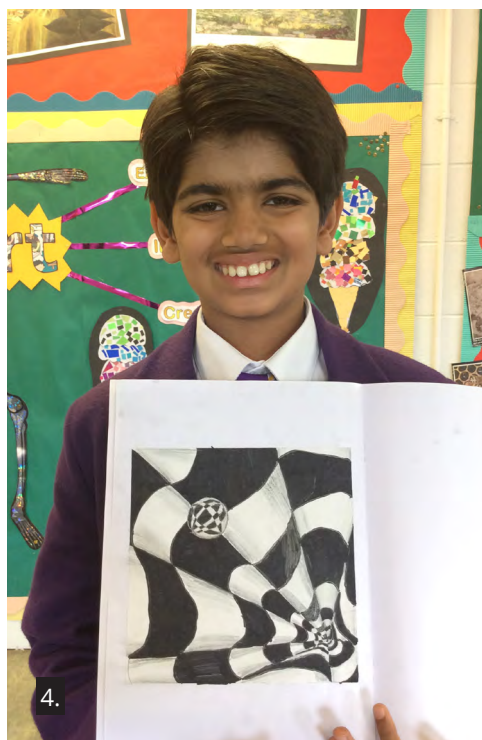
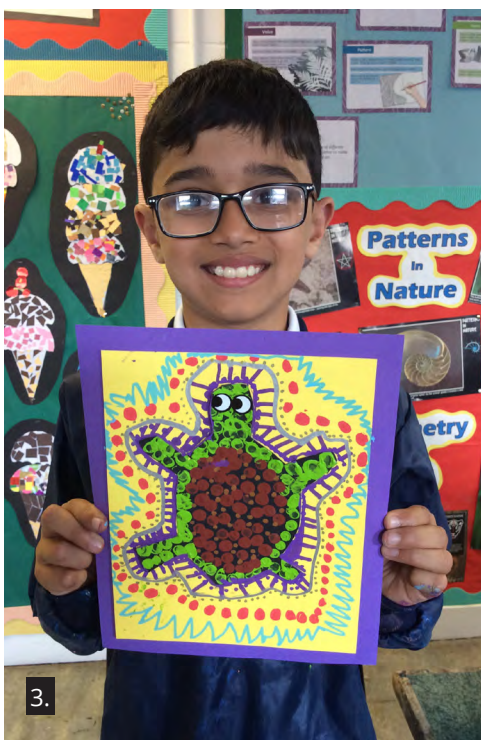
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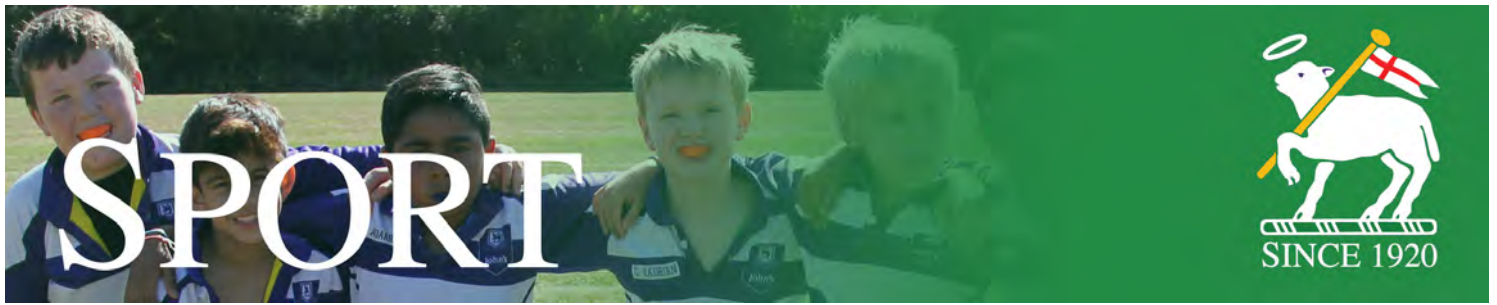




Junior Art Club chalky sunsets & Year 4 dots

Junior Art Clubbers have been creating sunset pictures using chalk. 1. Khyan and Yousef in Year 3 are pictured with theirs. 2. Tristan in Year 3 with his sunset creation. Year 4 have been painting lots of dots. 3. Agastya is very proud of his Aboriginal art. 4. Rahul is delighted with his optical illusion. 5. Jaidev in Year 8 is finally taking home his completed trivet and coaster.





Under 8 six-a-side tournament at York House

A fantastic six-a-side tournament run by York House for the U8 boys. It involved 3 other teams, St Martin's, Westbrook Hay and York House. The emphasis was for the tournament to be fun and dynamic, with short sharp games making sure every boy bowled and batted. The boys played fantastically and won every match, subsequently winning the tournament. Every boy contributed and it was brilliant to see them enjoying their cricket. Yash retired twice in 3 games and played some brilliant shots. The bowling and fielding was particularly strong, Ayan took early wickets which set the tempo. Well done boys it was great to see all your hard work pay off and it was a fantastic way to finish the school year!!



U13D 23rd June v St John's Beaumont

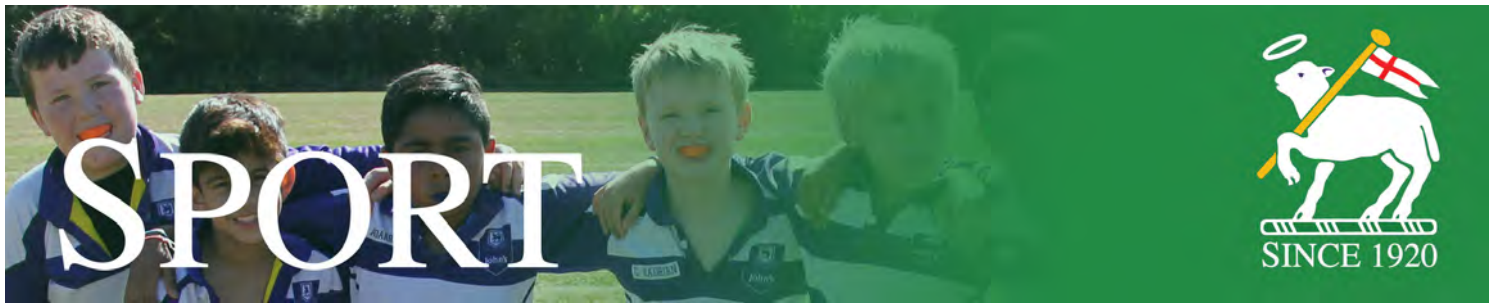
On Wednesday we played against St John's Beaumont. St John's batted first against a strong bowling attack. Sam and Oscar held the fort to start off with putting their opening bowlers under pressure and hitting well needed runs for the team. Darwin then stepped up to the crease and played some very good shots forcing St John's Beaumont to change their field. We scored a very respectable score of 57 against a well drilled team and on a difficult wicket. St John's Beaumont

started off strongly with the bat despite great bowling from Daniel and Zreh. Alexander then bowled a couple fantastic overs forcing the batsmen onto the back foot and taking a wicket in the crucial moments of the game. Well played everyone. A special mention to all the Year 8s who played in one of their last games for the school, you should all be proud of your efforts through the years and it is great to see the dedication you have shown, so thank you. *Mr Hodson*

Harefield United success for Léon and Bhagat

Léon and Bhagat took part in Harefield United FC Youth Tournament this weekend and they both won medals. They were very excited and really did their best playing 10 rounds for 2 hours. It was a very proud moment for both of them.



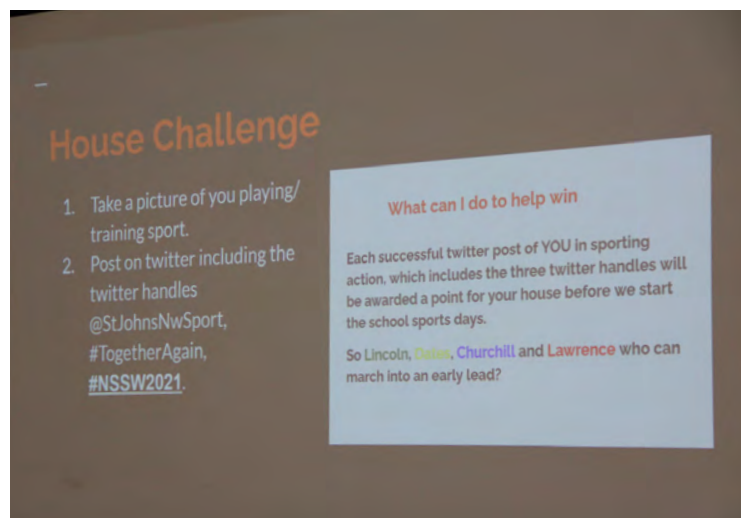


National School Sport Week House Challenge

In assemblies this week we have celebrated National School Sport Week. After a year in which young people have missed out on so much and had their worlds turned upside down, sport and physical activity are playing an essential role in their recovery.

National School Sport Week 2021 celebrates the return of youth sport and its power to bring people back together with a week of school Sports Days held up and down the country. The theme for this year is 'Together Again'. As a school, we have decided it would be good to extend this initiative until the end of term to include all our sports days and other sporting opportunities in and outside of school and we are setting a House Challenge.

1. Take a picture of yourself playing sport or training. It could be a family walk, or a bike ride, or a training session outside school with a local cricket team, playing tennis or horse-riding club with friends or family.
 2. Post it on Twitter including the three Twitter handles, a) @StJohnsNwSport b) #TogetherAgain and c) #NSSW2021
 3. Also include your first name and the name of your class
- Each boy who makes a successful Twitter post of himself in sporting action, which includes the three Twitter handles, will be awarded a House point before the start of their Sports Day. So, Lincoln, Oates, Churchill, Lawrence, who can march into an early lead? Good Luck! Get involved and celebrate 'Together Again' through sport! *The Sports Department*



OUTLOOK



Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 28th June: Pre-Prep Sports Day – parents are unable to attend

Tuesday 29th June: Junior Sports Afternoon – parents are unable to attend
Year 7 & 8 Debating Competition Final (2.50pm)

Wednesday 30th June: Years 5 & 6 Sports Morning – parents are unable to attend
Years 7 & 8 House Cricket (2.00 pm)
St John's Putter Year 6-8 (4.00 pm)

Thursday 1st July: Year 6 Trip to Chessington

Friday 2nd July: Year 5 & 6 House Cricket
Filming of Prize-Giving ceremonies
Years 5 & 6 House Cricket (2.00pm)
Prep School extra-curricular activities finish today

Saturday 3rd July: Prize-Giving ceremonies will be available on the St John's YouTube Channel, from 11.00am

***Photo of the week:** Matthew (Year 5) and Jake (Reception) spent a day together at a family BBQ. They have not seen each other much at school but know that they are part of the same extended family: Matthew's aunt is sister to Jake's Dad. The boys had great fun together playing with the giant bubbles & being pirates!*



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 @stjnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

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Photographs: We cannot always be on hand every event with a camera and rely on photographs from parents and supporters. Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

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Monster Kickabout: Next week look out for the 'Monster Kickabout' which fits in perfectly with the current Euros Football Tournament. There are many fun sporting challenges for the boys to take on and share www.monsterkickabout.com

Votes for schools: see page 10

Exciting StemDen news - Extra dates added! The summer 2021 programme aims to educate and inspire young people from the age of 5 to 13, we have 'Hands On! Mind's On!' activities for all. Visit: www.stemden.co.uk

House Point scores: 1st Churchill 127.69, 2nd Lincoln 126.69, 3rd Lawrence 121.98, 4th Oates 121.82.

As we approach the final few days of term, the House Point positions are extremely close. Keep working hard as every Point really counts.

Have a lovely weekend