



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this Friday's Lamb. We were pleased to welcome all of the boys back from their residential trips to Marchant's Hill, Whitemoor Lakes, Northumbria, Northern France and Devon. From talking to them and seeing the photographs they clearly enjoyed an excellent range of experiences and some sunshine. I look forward to seeing their diaries and reports.

There have also been different activities for boys who have remained at school. Year 3 to 5 groups tackled tricky puzzles from the Happy Puzzle Company and Year 5 returned to school and village life in the 1940s. I was able to join Year 3 on their outing to the Ashridge Estate which included climbing the Bridgewater Monument and it was an honour to be able to judge the Greek Olympics on the 1st XI pitch with Year 3 in the sunshine. I know that Year 5 had an interesting day at RAF Hendon's fantastic collection of aircraft.

In the Pre-Prep Reception have enjoyed watching the ducklings as they took their first swim, Year 1 have been learning about the artist David Hockney and the Lambs have been out and about on the hunt for bugs.

The U13 and U11 teams put in solid performances at the Belmont and Haberdashers' Festivals respectively and I look forward to seeing some of you at the athletics meeting at Merchant Taylors' next week. Finally I would like to thank to all those parents who have helped to run our activities this week.

S. Rob

Year 5 travel back in time



Year 5 boys brought back to life scenes from the 1940s yesterday, spending the day in an imaginary evacuation village in the heart of Oxfordshire called Comburwick. They had to work hard all day, and be at their best, as a strict imaginary Headteacher, Mr Wigham, would not tolerate any mischief. No left handedness, no wasting of lined paper, no dirty hands, no ink spillage, or the cane would come out. German spies, air raids and black outs transformed the Norman Hall, but the boys had their gas masks ready! We were impressed with the boys' efforts to remain in character for the whole day. In the afternoon several Year 5 mums joined us in their amazing outfits so we could recreate the village market with all its shops. In the café named Dolly's, at the butcher's, the baker's and all the other grocery shops boys had to produce ration cards, identity cards, shillings and farthings. What a great way to imagine what life must have been like for young children during the Second World War.



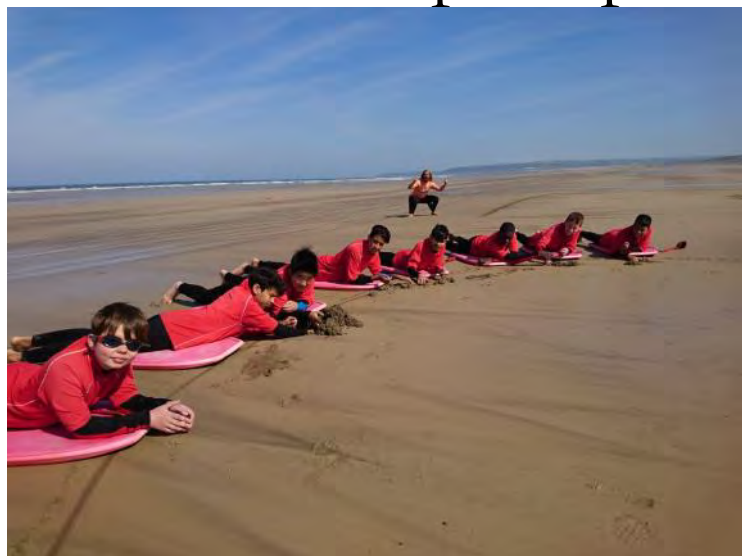
THIS WEEK



1940s day at St John's



Residential trips in pictures



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Year 3 visit Ashridge Estate



Year 3 visited The Ashridge Estate in Berkhamsted yesterday. The ancient woodland and lush meadows are a part of the National Trust and the boys were lucky to take part in a workshop run by volunteers in the organisation. Led by the very enthusiastic Andree, the boys explored the forest in search of different natural materials that they could use to create some 'transient' art. This means that the artwork is temporary and will be blown or washed away by nature. Everyone worked in small groups to produce some beautiful pieces. It was a good opportunity for the children to demonstrate their skills in working together and listening to others while also sharing their own ideas. After lunch, it was time to work as a whole class to design and build a supersize piece of art which could be seen from the top of the monument. Have a look at the final pieces! All in all, it was a fabulous day for everyone and the weather couldn't have been better. There were happy, tired faces by the end of the trip.



Year 3 visit Ashridge Estate





Year 5 visit R.A.F. Museum at Hendon



Exams done, revision lists shelved, ‘chocks away’ and we were off to the R.A.F. Museum at Hendon! After having great fun the previous afternoon solving various puzzles from the Happy Puzzle Company, their outing of the Activity Week to the R.A.F. Museum was keenly anticipated. A great time was had by all! The boys were put into class groups and had fun exploring and investigating the extensive, very well maintained hangars on the site. Each group was given the task of pairing-up and completing a couple of worksheets but also having the opportunity to just view the beautifully-maintained exhibits and enjoy the experience. The new Interactive Hall proved to be very popular. After completing visits to a couple of hangars, we had a lunch break (which we all thoroughly enjoyed) and then completed our final hangar visit before spending fifteen minutes in the Museum shop. The boys enjoyed the experience and I am sure that they will pester you (the parents) for another visit to the museum in the future. My sincere thanks to Mr Gurton, Mr Hodson, Mrs Chhabra, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Wilson for accompanying and supervising the boys on this interesting visit. **Mr Murphy**





THIS WEEK

Quiz Club Maths Challenge Friday 10th May



Last Friday, eight boys from Year 6 took part in the annual Maths Quiz Club area heat at Merchant Taylors' Prep School. They had qualified for the event through a series of in-house trials and had a great time answering a selection of extremely tricky Maths problems against teams from local schools. The following boys were involved: Yusuf, James, Rayaana, Jaidev, Raffi, Harman, Alexander and Varun. Very well done to all of the boys for their efforts and thank you to the parents who came along to support.



Ducklings hatch in Reception



With great excitement we received the eggs and within days they had hatched. Five beautiful little ducklings became part of Reception. The boys have had a wonderful time observing them grow and change. They have watched them take their first splash in water followed by some brave and curious ducklings then making a bid for freedom. Luckily, with some quick thinking and quick action they were returned to the safety of their brooding cage without harm.





PRE-PREP

The arrival of Spring in Year 1



The Otters and Owls have been studying the artist David Hockney, as part of their Art curriculum. They have learnt many facts about this English character. They were particularly interested in his use of bold colours and designs. Firstly, the boys painted their own versions of a painting called 'The Arrival Of Spring In Woldgate'. They built up layers, working on their masterpieces over several days. They discovered that Hockney used an iPad for some of his creations. Secondly, some boys drew their own sketches based on Hockney's painting of 'A Bigger Splash'. It was noted that the painting contains lots of varying sized rectangular shapes, so this made copying it easier. Do you think these are good enough for a London gallery?





Do you know your creepy crawlies?

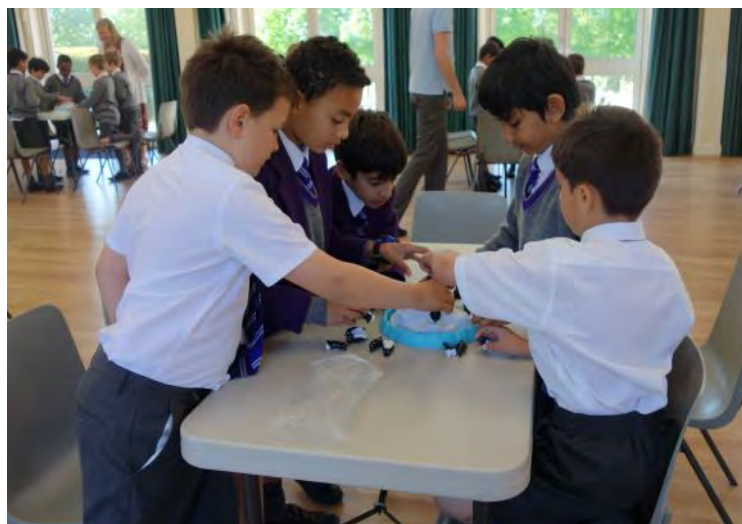


The Lambs went on a bug hunt around the field and forest and recorded on a sheet how many of each bug they saw. We saw worms, bees, spiders, butterflies and snails.





Puzzle Fun in Activities Week!



All the boys in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in an amazing workshop run by the Happy Puzzle Company on Tuesday. They were given the opportunity to look at Mathematics in a fun way, no books, no worksheets and no tests! Instead they worked co-operatively in groups to solve all sorts of different problems.





Calling all Olympic athletes!



On Tuesday Year 3 had the opportunity to experience the Olympic Games in the style of the Ancient Greeks. After swearing an oath to the Greek god Zeus, the boys competed in running races, javelin, discus and even running wearing armour! Mr Robinson was our Judge and made sure there was no cheating! No medals were awarded to the athletes but instead the honour of returning to their City State a hero and pleasing Zeus, the King of all Gods. They did get to wear a wreath made out of olive leaves! The Olympic Games would traditionally be followed by a feast of red wine and oxen but our boys tucked into crisps and juice - much more satisfying.





Fitness and fun in Years 3 to 5



This week the Year 3 to 5 boys have made the most of the sunshine and quieter playing fields to get out and about at break times. There has been much competitive football, reminiscent of some Premier league matches last week, as well as investigations into the darker depths of the ponds. The action started before school had even begun with some early morning fitness to focus the mind for the day ahead.





MTS U10 Lamb Cricket Festival 10th May

St John's 237 vs St Anthony's
207

St John's 239 vs Falcon 213

St John's 205 vs MTP Prep
250

St John's vs 223 Chesham
Prep 215

Outstanding performances: The whole team and Zac who scored 32 runs in the four matches. Also Sahib B who took 3 wickets and Rohan who took 3 wickets.

Each match consisted of 8 players and everyone batted for two overs only. Each player on the field bowled an over as well with one player getting an extra over. Our first match was against St Anthony's where we batted and scored 239 with some sensible batting from Zac and Nayan. By only losing two wickets this enabled us to score 239. St Anthony's went into bat and our bowling proved too strong with Sahib B, Aryan, Hamza and Rohan all taking wickets. With good fielding as well we won the game.

Our next match was against the Falcon with St John's batting first. Ruben and Hamza batted well and we managed to score valuable runs and our overall total was 239. Again good bowling from Rohan who took two wickets in an over and Aryan enabled us to keep the Falcon from scoring many runs. In the end after 8 overs the Falcon had reached 205.

Our final match in the group was against MTP who proved to be the strongest team we played at the Festival. St John's batted but against some very good bowling we were only able to score 205. We battled hard but MTP team scored 150 runs and they went on to win the final against The Beacon.

We were allowed a break in the festival to see the Sri Lankan team who were training at Merchant Taylors' School in preparation for the upcoming World Cup. It was a fantastic experience for all the boys to meet the team and get their bats signed by all the players.

Our final game was against Chesham Prep and we scored 223 against a good bowling attack as well as some brilliant catches taken from the opposition. Ruben, Zac, Sahib B, Rohan, Nayan all batted well. Our bowling and fielding needed to be good and we managed to take some wickets early on in the first over. Oliver took an excellent catch and we started to dominate the match. We just kept getting wickets at the right time and in the end Chesham Prep could only score 215. So overall we played 4 and won 3 matches. A great effort by the U10's A cricket team. Overall we came 4th out of 12 teams.





Colts v Haberdashers' Friday 10th May

Colts A v Haberdashers' Lost

St John's 71 for 9 off 18 overs, Haberdashers' 73 for 4 off 13.1 overs

Outstanding performances: Arian 14 off 27 and 2 for 7, Panagiotis 1 for 3, Reece 1 for 5

St John's won the toss and opted to bat first on this occasion and opened with Nishil and Aryan. It ended up being a bit of a tough afternoon with our batting with a number of wickets falling, mainly being cleanly bowled. Learning from this we need to focus more on batting technique but especially shot selection. Arian showed good composure with the bat. Putting up our defence in the field, St John's started strong and were complemented on our bowling. At the 10 over mark we were still level with Haberdashers' but unfortunately this was followed by three pretty expensive overs allowing them to close the match pretty quickly and easily in the end. Valuable learning and coaching points. Looking forward to the next training session to focus on these. Well done team.



Colts B v Haberdashers' Lost

St John's 78 for 9 off 18 overs, Haberdashers' 95 for 6 off 18 overs

St John's opened the batting and started slowly. Unfortunately several wickets fell quickly. Yusuf made several quick runs and was our best batsman on the day. Everyone got to bowl two overs, which gave valuable game experience. Wickets were taken by several but Ethan had an excellent day, taking 3-1 off his two overs, and the man of the match award with it. In the end we were simply beaten by a better team. Well done to all of the boys on their efforts.

Colts C v Haberdashers' Lost (Pairs match)

St John's 187, Haberdashers' 202

Colts C played their first match of the season against Haberdashers on Friday 10th May. We played a pairs match where each pair faced 4 overs batting and every boy bowled. Aydin, Alex, Hilkes, Xerxes and Raffi all scored a few boundaries.

However, we needed to show more urgency running between the wickets. We ended with a respectable total of 187 runs. When it came to bowling, Xerxes and Alex both took two wickets each and Sam and Jaidev also took a wicket each. Unfortunately we were a little wayward with our bowling and did not take enough wickets to keep Haberdashers score down. Haberdashers scored 202 and therefore won by 115 runs.

It was a good first effort from the Colts C team but there is a lot more to learn about running between the wickets, bowling accurately and staying awake in the field.



Colts D v Haberdashers' Lost (Pairs match)

St John's 52 for 5 off 18 overs, Haberdashers' 136 for 3 off 18 overs

Outstanding performances: The whole team, particularly Cyrus, David and Jesse with wickets and Neal with a catch. We batted first and scored 52 runs off of mostly singles and wides and batted very defensively. We batted in pairs and as a result had very good communication whether to run or not and managed to sneak a few runs off over throws. When we came to bowl we only got 3 wickets compared to their 5, therefore only taking 15 runs off of their overall total (5 runs a wicket) which aided us a little in limiting their runs. Wickets came from Neal who caught a high ball (David bowled), Jesse and Cyrus who both bowled their batsmen out cleanly. Haberdashers' final total was 136 off of 18 overs compared to our 52; however our bowling was far better than theirs as we had half the amount of wides and consistently kept the ball straight and pitched it at good length. We did miss a few catching opportunities which would have aided us but this can be improved upon in the future.



Belmont U13 8-a-side Cricket Festival 11th May

v The Hall: St John's 76 for 3, The Hall 70 for 3

v Belmont: Belmont 77 for 3, St John's 61 for 3

v Merchant Taylors' Prep: St John's 73 for 3, MTP 75 for 3

St John's Man of the Tournament: Reece

With four quite evenly matched teams this proved to be a super tournament with excellent batting bowling and fielding all round. The seven overs match format requires positive batting and well-pitched and accurate bowling and both of these aspects did improve during the mornings' play. A number of our batsman scored well and either reached or were close to the retiring total of 20, Alex, Shivam and Reece. With everyone bowling the standout performances here were Netanel, Aaron and Ashok with an average of 7 per over, and Shane, Reece and Aadil with 8. It was significantly harder to bowl tight on the all-weather and on this Aaron and Skye produced the best overs of the day with only 4 scored off them. Aryan bowled and fielded well in the tough Belmont match and Ashok's last over which included two wickets nearly forced a victory. Reece was the St John's man of the tournament with a solid all round display which included 16 not out against Merchant Taylors' Prep and some positive bowling and fielding. We look forward to the upcoming matches knowing we can build steady competitive scores.





Burnham-on-Sea Mini & Junior Rugby Festival



On 4th and 5th May ten boys from St John's were selected to represent Ruislip Rugby Club at the Burnham-on-Sea Mini & Junior Rugby two day Festival. All teams played hard but fair and all won RFU value awards. Special mention to the Under 9 squad strengthened by no less than 7 St John's Year 4 boys, consisting of Emerson, Anay, Jamie, Archie, Satyen, Alistair and Roshan. The U9 squad coached by Jatin Radia, picked up the best disciplined team award with Alistair winning the player of the Festival Award, the first ever Ruislip player to win an individual award at this festival. Well done boys!





Fantastic Finger Puppets



Our Year 3 boys had fun this week creating finger puppet characters in their D&T sessions.





Road to Chelsea



Year 5 have been finding out about the greatest flower and garden show in the world, Chelsea. We have had lots of fun thinking about garden design and creating our own mini gardens as a prototype for a real garden. Mrs Baguley and Mrs Emery kindly came to judge the gardens for us.





Calendar and important dates

Monday 20th May: Year 7 Study Skills Workshop (9.50am-12.15pm)
Cricket v St Martin's: 1st XI (a), 2nd XI (h) (2.15pm)
4+ Parents' Information Evening (7.00pm)

Tuesday 21st May: Cricket v St Martin's: U9 A (h), U9 B (a), U9 C (h), U9 D (a), U9 E (h) (2.15pm)
Year 5 Parents' Meeting (A-P) (6.00pm)

Wednesday 22nd May: Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.15am)
Cricket v St John's Beaumont: 1st XI (a), 2nd XI (h), 3rd XI (a) (2.15pm)

Thursday 23rd May: St John's Athletics Meeting: Merchant Taylors' School (Years 4-8) (4.00pm)

Friday 24th May: Cricket, Scholars, Leavers and Class Photographs
Cricket v St Martin's: Colts A (a), Colts B (h), U10 A (a), U10 B (h) (2.00pm)
Half Term Holiday Begins

Contact details

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Notices and Reminders

Revision guides for Years 6-8. These are available to view via the Parent Portal.

Year 5 Parents' Meetings. The first of these takes place on Tuesday 21st May from 6.00pm. If you have not already done so please sign up via this link: [Parents Evening](http://www.stjohns.org.uk/parents-evening)

Open Morning. This takes place on Wednesday at 9.15am. Please invite any friends or family to this event who may be considering sending their son here. It is a fabulous opportunity to see the school in action!

Charity Day. Friday 8th June is our annual Charity Day which coincides with the end of school exams for boys in Years 6 - 8. Put the date in your diary to come and support Magic Breakfast and take advantage of the St John's Association BBQ and drinks tent from 3.00pm - more details to follow next week. It promises to be a great day.

Cups and Trophies. If you were awarded a cup or trophy at the end of the Summer Term 2018 please would you kindly return these to the School Office once they have been engraved - Thank you.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Senior Drama boys are working very hard in preparation for our production and would really appreciate full houses at both performances. Please put the dates in your diary and come along to what promises to be a great event: **Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th June at 7.00pm**

Votes for Schools. Last week's question: **Is it fair to shut down a city over climate change?** Yes: 54.8%, No: 45.2%. This week's question of the week encourages us to think about media influences on healthy body images. [See the slides for further information.](#) You must use your St John's Gmail account to access this information. Not sure how to place your vote? [Click here for instructions.](#)



House Point Totals. Current totals will be announced next Friday.

Have a good weekend and welcome back to our intrepid explorers.