



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to The Lamb. It's been a very busy week in school with the Year 6 and Year 8 mock examinations. We were delighted to hear that two of our Old Boys, now at Merchant Taylors', have won keenly contested Arkwright Engineering Scholarships. Mrs McSween was particularly pleased to hear news of her DT boys.

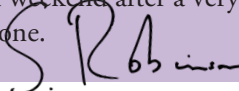
6A prepared an assembly this week inspired by Black History Month. It was obvious how much thought they had put into the project and I was pleased they were able to deliver a 'live' performance in the Sports Hall this morning. It was extremely informative and well-presented. You can read more about it on page 2.

I enjoyed working with Mr Wilson-Spellward's Year 5 class on a role play on 'telling the truth' this week and I know all the Houses enjoyed competing in the House Rugby.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Patrick Franklin-Adams, fourth Chair of Governors of St John's. He was a very enthusiastic supporter of this school. His story is on page 3.

Please support our Christmas appeals if you can. We are collecting toys for local children and food for a local Foodbank. Look out for the Year 8s who are on the playground every morning. There is more information towards the end of this edition.

Enjoy a restful weekend after a very busy week everyone.



Arkwright Scholarships awarded to St John's Old Boys



Many congratulations to Thomas and Aaron, two St John's Old Boys who have been awarded 2020 Arkwright Engineering Scholarships. Mrs McSween remembers the boys well.

"Both the boys had a very keen interest in Design and Technology," she says. "Their energy levels were extremely strong and they were deeply engaged in finding practical solutions to problems. They clearly enjoyed their work and had a deep passion and curiosity for learning. We are extremely proud of these talented young men who have worked hard to achieve such an accolade."

The scholarships are awarded nationwide to 16-year-old students following a rigorous selections process, as Thomas and Aaron explain.

"An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is considered to be the most esteemed of its kind within the UK. It aims to select future leaders in Engineering, Computing and Technical Design, supporting successful scholars from A-level through to University, opening up exciting career options further on.

"After an in-depth application where we described our engineering interests and ambitions, we sat an aptitude paper in February. This two-hour long exam is where candidates address engineering-related problems and display their creative flair and knowledge of the subject. A final few candidates would normally face a grilling from an interview panel but this year these were replaced with another online assessment.

"Since obtaining the prestigious award, we have been invited to attend online lectures and have received generous funding towards our engineering interests and projects. We have also had the opportunity to sign up for mentoring and look forward to attending exclusive courses and events in the near future."



Inspired by Black History Month

6A made a film inspired by Black History Month for assemblies this week and had the chance to present live to their peers in the Sports Hall in assembly this morning. They pointed out that this is the only time of year that people really take the time to think about the specific contributions and successes made by black people and the obstacles they have overcome.

We learnt about the Slave Triangle, racial segregation, the UK's involvement in the slave trade and the Windrush generation. We thought about racism and the brutality surrounding the death of George Floyd earlier this year.

We then learnt about Rosa Parks, who worked to ban segregation on buses when she organised the Montgomery Bus Boycott, (1955-1956) and enjoyed watching Rosa Parks' song from BBC Horrible Histories

We celebrated the lives and achievements of Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Barrack Obama, Chadwick Boseman, Louis Hamilton and Marcus Rashford. In conclusion, the boys said that they believe that we should be continuing the conversation and recognising these successes at all times, not just once a year.





Gone but not forgotten



Patrick Franklin-Adams, Chairman of Governors 2004-2006

We are sorry to report that Patrick Franklin-Adams has sadly passed away after a long illness. Patrick was the fourth Chairman of Governors at St John's serving from 2004-2006.

Mr Franklin-Adams was a notable insurance broker and held senior positions within the industry. He became Chief Executive of Johnson & Higgins in 1991, Executive Chairman of Graham Brown Holdings in 1997 and Chief Executive of Wren Products in 2001.

He was a member of the Court of the Merchant Taylors' Company from 1987, serving as Master from 1998-1999. In 2003 he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease which

tragically cut short his career of service in the Merchant Taylors' Company and his time as Chairman of Governors at St John's.

He was always a passionate supporter of this school and on one of his last visits to the School, he was delighted to open the Golf Course in May 2011. He was a talented golfer himself, Captain of Walton Heath and the Lucifers, his handicap was as low as four. Here he is, second from the left in a photo taken on the opening day after having played a few competitive holes with another St John's Governor, Dr. Oram, far left.

He leaves his childhood sweetheart, Carol, whom he married in 1968, four children and twelve grandchildren.



Anthony Huxley Woodley, 1924-2020

It is also sad to have to pass on the news of the death of Anthony Woodley. Tony Woodley attended St John's School when it was in Barrow Point Avenue and was taught by our founding Headmaster, Claude Norman, and his wife. When he left St John's, he continued his education at Merchant Taylors' School. He lived in Pinner all his life. He enrolled in the Merchant Navy and saw active service. After the war, he went to work for Keith Blackman, a large mechanical and electrical company. He travelled extensively with them including to Canada and Russia. He set up his own very successful air-conditioning business which supplied major hotel chains and continued to work until very recently. He was a life member of Pinner Hill Golf Club for over seventy years and also a life member of Northwood Cricket Club.



Outdoor learning in Reception

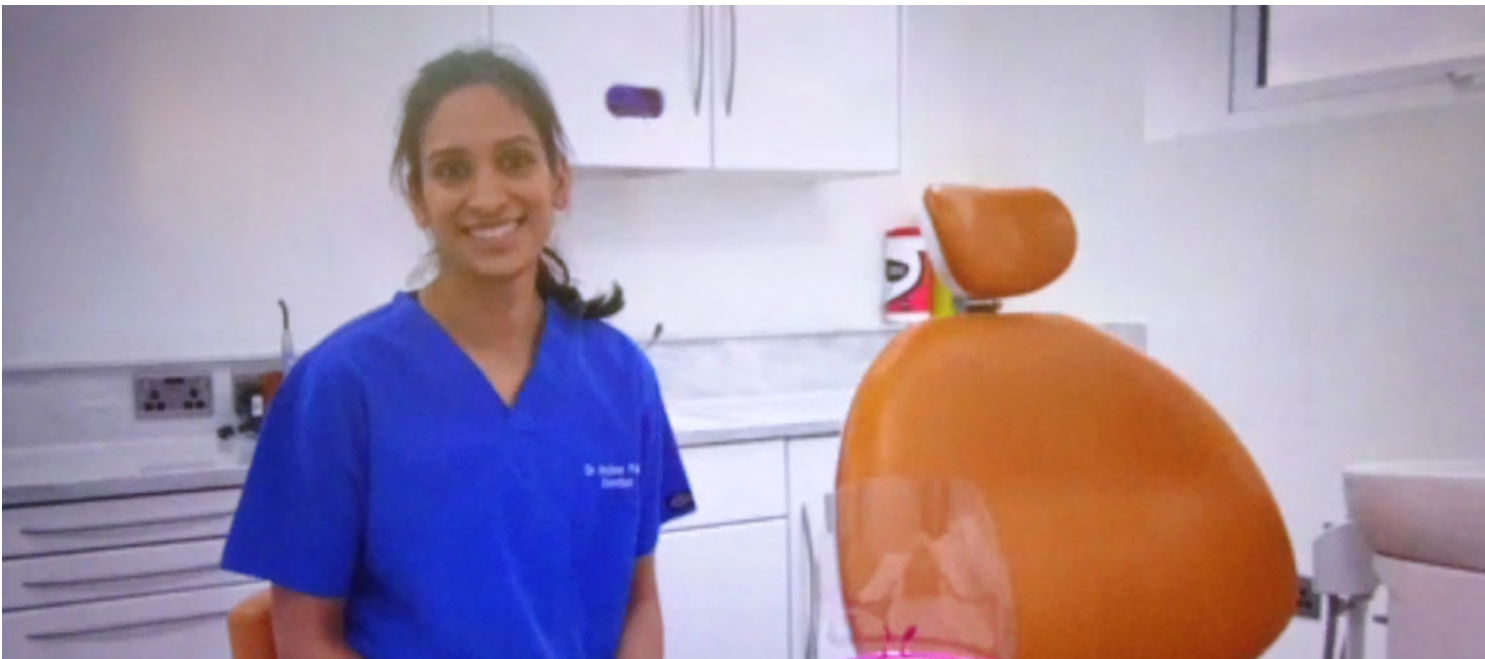
Now that the Robins and Squirrels arrive at 8.20am there is more time to experience informal learning sessions outside. Having time to choose and investigate new resources ensures that learning through play is most productive. Some of the resources are very familiar but it is always exciting to see them being used in new and experimental ways.





Taking care of our teeth

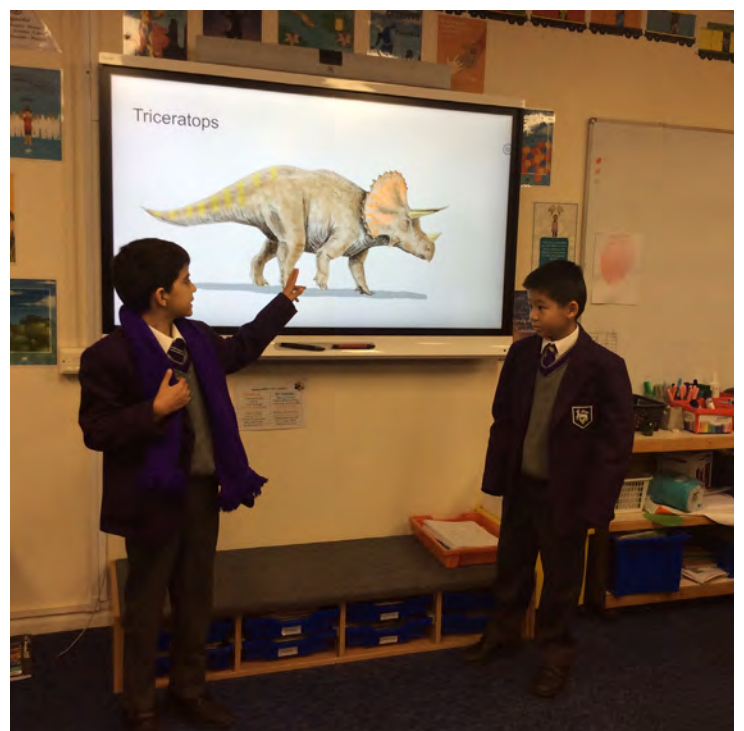
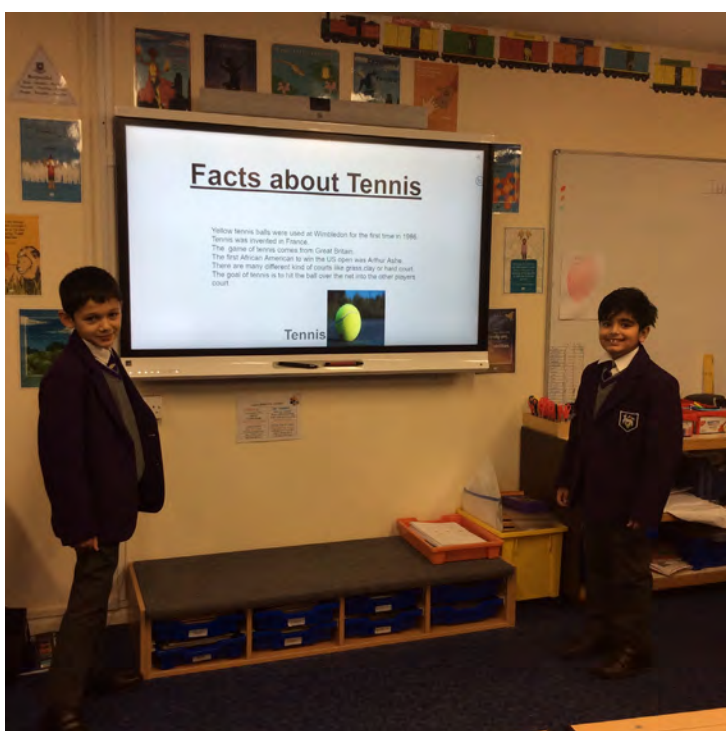
Shyam's Mummy, Mrs Patel, kindly sent us a video of her dental surgery. She talked to us all about dental hygiene and how to clean our teeth. Shyam dressed up as a dentist and demonstrated how to use the equipment in this short film.





Perfect presentations

Year 3 have been working on Google Slides for the last couple of weeks in preparation for a presentation to the rest of the class. The boys were asked to create a presentation on a topic of their choice. They used their computer skills to research information, upload photographs and create new slides! We really enjoyed watching them and learned lots about a variety of topics.





Don't judge a book by its cover

Year 4 had to tell us about their favourite book this week. They designed a book cover for a book they had just read and came up with adjectives to describe it too! The results were tremendous, there are clearly several potential Quentin Blakes within the year group. All we need to do now is work on our creative writing to discover the next Roald Dahl.....

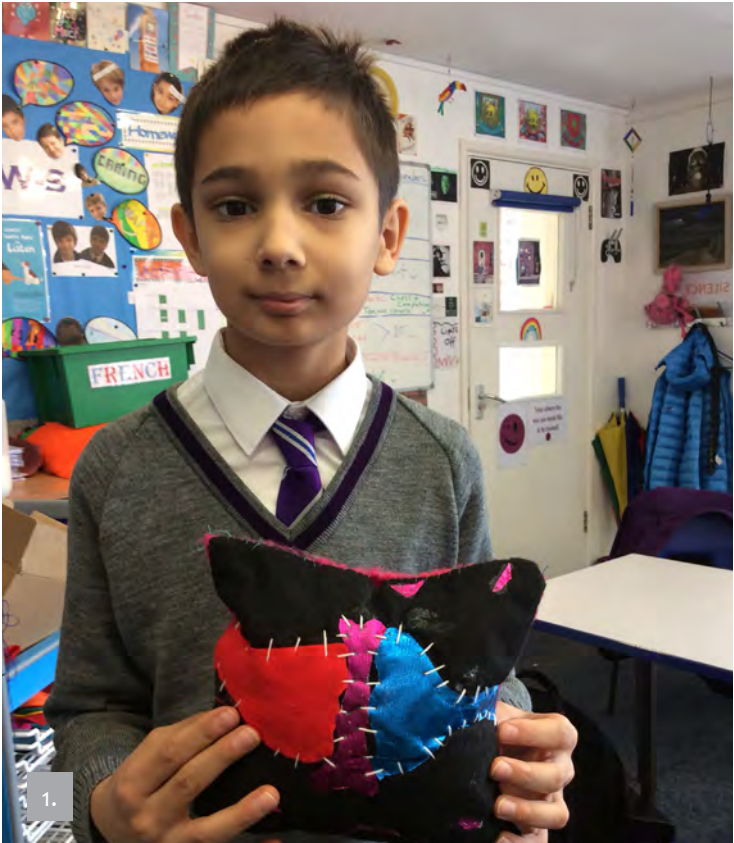




Sewing Gee in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the inspirational Gee's Bend quilters. This group of women and their ancestors who live or have lived in the isolated African-American hamlet of Gee's Bend, Alabama have created some of the most important African-American contributions to the history of art within the United States. Following their creative lead, look at the lovely hand sewn cushions our boys have made. Well done for persevering boys, they look great!

1. Harry 5W-S,
2. Ahmed 5W-S,
3. Keshav 5W-S,
4. Ali 5W-S,
5. Dries 5M,
6. Arti 5M
7. Alexander 5M







A busy week in DT

In **D&T** this week Year 5 tested out their bubble wands made on the 3D printer. Year 4 Lego programming stepped up a level to add sensors as an input. Year 7 boys, Darwin and Ansh completed vacuum formed cases for their AM radios.





House Rugby: the results show

It's been an exciting week for all the boys in Years 3-8. The Annual House Rugby tournament took place and it was great to see a return to competitive fixtures even though the boys played in year group bubbles against their peers.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions it was a touch rugby tournament across all the age groups. This did not hinder the standard of play whatsoever. Some of the attacking

running, handling skills and last minute defending touches were excellent. These skills reflected the hard work and effort the boys have put in during the autumn term. It was a great opportunity for all the boys to express a competitive edge within the TREDs values (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline & Sportsmanship), whilst aiming to win vital points for their house.

Year 3

1st Place	LAWRENCE
2nd Place	OATES
3rd Place	LINCOLN
4th Place	CHURCHILL

Year 4

1st Place	OATES
2nd Place	LAWRENCE
3rd Place	CHURCHILL
4th Place	LINCOLN







Year 5

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place

OATES
CHURCHILL
LINCOLN
LAWRENCE

Year 6

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place
4th Place

LAWRENCE
CHURCHILL
OATES
LINCOLN





Year 7

- 1st Place OATES
- 2nd Place LAWRENCE
- 3rd Place CHURCHILL
- 4th Place LINCOLN

Year 8

- 1st Place LAWRENCE
- 2nd Place LINCOLN
- 3rd Place CHURCHILL
- 4th Place OATES



OUTLOOK



St John's Association
invite you to attend their

VIRTUAL **CHRISTMAS** **PARTY**

An interactive
Panto with Magic
and afterwards
games, music
and dancing!



Saturday 5th December

£5 per child

Lambs & Reception party at 1pm
Year 1 & Year 2 party at 2pm
Year 3 & Year 4 party at 3pm

Please email below with your child's name if they
would like to attend or for further information

Lambs: sjaxmaslambs@gmail.com

Reception: sjaxmasreception@gmail.com

Year 1: sjaxmasyr1@gmail.com

Year 2: sjaxmasyr2@gmail.com

Year 3: sjaxmasyr3@gmail.com

Year 4: sjaxmasyr4@gmail.com

St John's Association
invite you to attend their

VIRTUAL **CHRISTMAS** **PARTY**

£5 per child

1 hour of interactive
Street Magic Show
plus magic workshop



Sat 5th Dec

Year 5 & Year 6
party at 3pm
Year 7 & year 8
party at 4pm

Please email below with
your child's name if they
would like to attend or
for further information

Year 5: sjaxmasyr5@gmail.com

Year 6: sjaxmasyr6@gmail.com

Year 7: sjaxmasyr7@gmail.com

Year 8: sjaxmasyr8@gmail.com

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MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY

HAMPERS PACKED WITH HISTORY
BRINGING THE MAGIC OF MERCHANT TAYLORS' AT CHRISTMAS TO YOU

There is something for everyone with our range of six Christmas hampers and gift boxes, all of which can be delivered straight to the door of a loved one.

Items may include wines selected by our Company Butler, deli produce that champions the best of British ingredients, coffees and teas from artisanal suppliers in addition to the quintessential Merchant Taylors' preserves and festive treats, which includes the homemade Merchant Taylors' Christmas pudding



Place your order here: <https://www.merchant-taylors.co.uk/hampers>
For all enquiries please email the events team: events@mtaylorsevents.co.uk
Limited availability whilst stocks last, and standard delivery charges apply

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SuperCamps

NORTHWOOD COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

WINTER

Join us on camp this Winter season as we celebrate the splendour and excitement of our "Winter Wonderland" Camps. With a brilliant selection of winter sports, team-building games and festive crafts to inspire and excite, children can look forward to themed activities such as "present dash", "bouncing baubles" and "snowball slam". Our partnership challenges from The LEGO® Group are back, with chances to win some SUPER LEGO® prizes.

14th - 24th December*



Ages 4-12 years - Childcare Vouchers Accepted - Ofsted Registered - COVID-Secure

www.supercamps.co.uk

CAMPS OPEN: 8AM-6PM

Supporting our local Food Bank



The St John's Association would love you to help us to help those in our local community who will be relying on food banks this Christmas. Please ask your son to give your donation of long life dry goods, stationery or cosmetics to a Year 8 boy in the playground when they arrive at school. The goods will be collected together on **Wednesday 10th December** and will be delivered to Hillingdon Food Bank before the end of term. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

LONG LIFE JUICE

BISCUITS

CUSTARD

SQUASH

TINNED TOMATOES

SOUPS

UHT MILK

RICE PUDDING

NOODLES

POWDERED MILK

TINNED MEAT AND FISH

TINNED FRUIT

Childrens' Christmas Wish-list



It is sad to think that many children will be going without toys this Christmas but we can help with a donation to Childrens' Christmas Wish-list. Every year they take in donations of new toys and distribute them to local homes, childrens' care homes, womens' centres, Harrow CAMHS and local childrens' hospital wards.

This year we are supporting this wonderful charity with a collection point at St John's. The toys should be brand new and for either girls or boys. You do not need to wrap the gifts as this will be done by the homes of the receivers.

If you are able, please send in your donation with your son who can hand it to one of the Year 8 boys when he arrives at school.

Many thanks in advance for your generous gift - you'll be making someone's Christmas.

Calendar & important dates Contact details

- Monday 30th November:** John Lyon 13+ Examinations at St John's

Tuesday 8th December: Animal Aid Talk for Year 8 (online)

Year 4 House Cross Country (2-4pm)

Wednesday 9th December: Year 7 & 8 House Cross Country (2-4pm)

Thursday 10th December: Year 3 House Cross Country (2-4pm)

Friday 11th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Year 5 & 6 House Cross Country (11am-1pm)

Friday 11th December: Christmas Lunch

Friday 11th December: House Christmas Quiz (2-4pm)

Monday 14th December: Junior Christmas Party (2-3pm)

Tuesday 15th December: Pre-Prep Christmas Party (1.30-3pm)

Wednesday 15th December: End of term

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

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: 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.

NEW CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

We are running last week's Current Affairs Quiz for another week. It would be really good if you could take the time to complete the quiz with your son. He will need to log in to his google account to access the Google form and slideshow. *Mr Russo*


[Link to the quiz](#)

Please use the link below to fill your answers in on a Google form.

[Submit your answers here](#)

Notices and reminders

Christmas Jumpers: Friday 11th December is Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save The Children. Boys can wear jumpers with any Christmas theme, whether they decorate a plain jumper themselves or wear a shop bought one. There will be more information to follow.




St John's Association Foodbank appeal: Please bring your donations as soon as you can and ask your son to give them to a Year 8 boy on the playground.

Foodbank donations update: the first batch of food has been collected by Mrs Manek and she is overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents.

Childrens' Christmas Wish-list toy appeal: Please bring your donations as soon as you can and ask your son to give them to a Year 8 boy on the playground.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question was "Would you want to be a politician right now?" 22% said yes and 78% said no. Next week's question is "Could you break a record?" Please discuss over the weekend. Click the photo to view the slides.



House Points: Totals so far Lincoln 40.15, Lawrence 38.79, Churchill 37.17, Oates 33.74

Have a relaxing weekend.