



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to the 244th edition of The Lamb. Thank you to all the families who have supported the Walk to School Week initiative, especially with the unpredictable weather. Through our eco-council assemblies and discussions I know the boys understand the benefits. I drew their attention to an article on the BBC which discussed the future of the Football World Cup in the context of climate change. It is worth a read if you have time!

Some of my highlights of the week were joining Reception as they discussed the ducklings, Year 2 making Mexican masks and Year 1 cooking (and tasting!). On Wednesday Mrs Rizava and Mrs Savage announced the winner and runners up of the Short Story Writing Competition. Mr Taylor was extremely impressed with the standard this year. Well done boys and particular congratulations to Ansh!

We've missed our Year 8 boys who have been in Devon this week, but as you can see, on pages 2 and 3, they've had an amazing time. It was also great to see the U12s get some match cricket under their belts on Wednesday against Haileybury.

Have a lovely weekend

S. Robinson

Scott Taylor Cup for Short Story Writing



On Wednesday 19th May, during English, Mrs Savage and Mrs Rizava announced the results of the Scott Taylor Cup Short Story Writing Competition. Mr Taylor loved reading this year's stories and commented on how well each story was "researched, planned and written". Unfortunately, Mr Taylor could not be in school on the day to hand the trophy to the winner himself, but he gives his deepest congratulations to Ansh S in 7J, who, according to Mr Taylor, wrote a wonderful story with a superb and unexpected twist at the end. The runners-up for this year's competition were Albert 7H and Anek 7J. Both these stories were also highly commended by Mr Taylor, as the language, characters and plotline were clear, imaginative and engaging for the reader. Our other three finalists were Aryan and Thomas in 7H and Nayan in 7J. Well done for all the amazing stories boys. Keep writing and sharing them!





Year 8 had the time of their lives in Devon

With the easing of lockdown on the 17th of May, Year 8 were fortunate that their annual residential trip to Grange Hall in Bideford, Devon, could go ahead. The boys were full of excitement as they left St John's on Monday morning and were greeted by warm weather when they arrived in Devon, ready for their evening activities.

Over the course of the week, all the boys were able to try their hand at a range of activities such as water skiing, surfing, crabbing, rock pooling and rock climbing as well as more familiar activities such as canoeing, boating, pedal-karting, crate-stacking, frisbee and tunnelling.

One of their favourite activities was the Rib-ride, a speed

boat experience around the beautiful town of Appledore. It was definitely 'hair-drying' to say the least, cruising past the headland into the open ocean, finding lots of waves to bounce over.

The action didn't stop there, as the boys went on coastal walks to get ice creams and enjoyed football, cricket, and frisbee-dodge in their free time in the warm weather. By the end of the week all the boys were exhausted, but all had enjoyed the experience immensely. Well done to all the boys for getting stuck in, despite the wet weather on the last couple of days and representing the School in an exemplary fashion on our first residential in two years. *Mr Smith*





Year 8 in Devon cont...





Walk to School Week

St John's has been supporting the nationwide 'Walk to School' initiative this week. The Year 5 Eco Club did a fantastic job creating assemblies with Mr Lawrence, which they then delivered to the rest of the school with the help of Miss Vale. Not only did they discuss the environmental reasons behind why walking is such a good mode of transport, they also shone a light on the social and health benefits of walking to school.

It has been wonderful to see so many boys walking to school from across the Pre-Prep and the Prep. James Currall (Year 6) offered this lovely quote when asked why he enjoys walking to school: 'After a while of walking to school, it gets easier - practice makes perfect! I walk to school for my own good and to help the environment'. We very much hope that the boys will carry on the walking beyond this week!





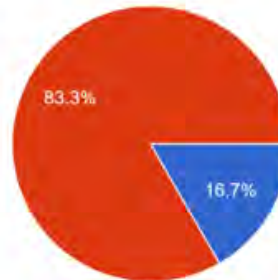
Walk to school week cont...





VOTESFORSCHOOLS

Results of last week's poll are...



● YES
● NO



I think we do not take nature for granted because I spend a lot of time outdoors so I know all the benefits of nature. I like playing football outside in the park or in my garden because it makes me feel happy and I also get a lot of fresh air and exercise. Exercise releases endorphins (Good Chemicals) which makes you feel happy. I didn't know that if you look out the window during a test for a few seconds, you can get higher marks.

Arnav, Year 4

No, I do not think we take nature for granted. For example we go to the forest most weeks and all of our playtimes are outdoors and lots of us go out to clubs such as cricket club on the weekends or after school. We also might go out for walk or go to the park and run around.

Josh, Year 4

Next week we ask about life after the coronavirus pandemic. Our high street is part of our British history. Some shops have been forced to close because of online shopping. What do you expect to happen in the High Street over the next few years? What part will technology have to play?



Vocab Check

Revive:

Bring something back to how it was before (or even better).

And next week's question...



Do you know what happened to this famous store this month?



Be heard.



Be informed.



Be curious.



Ducklings in Reception

We have been lucky enough to see the ducklings hatch and grow over the last two weeks. The boys were able to hold them and gently stroke them. The fluffy little ducklings enjoyed their first swimming lesson and even Mr Robinson couldn't resist coming over to watch and give them a cuddle.





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. The boys painted their own versions of a painting called ‘The Arrival

of Spring in Woldgate’. During Lockdown at his home in Normandy, France, David Hockney used his iPad to create many more pictures, including the cheerful ‘Sunrise’ painting. Using a swirly tool on 2Paint, the boys made their own individual computer pictures of the painting too.

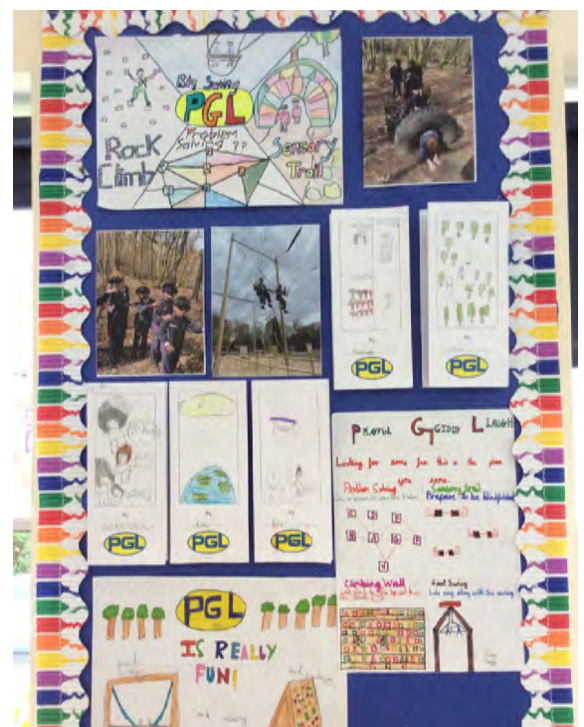
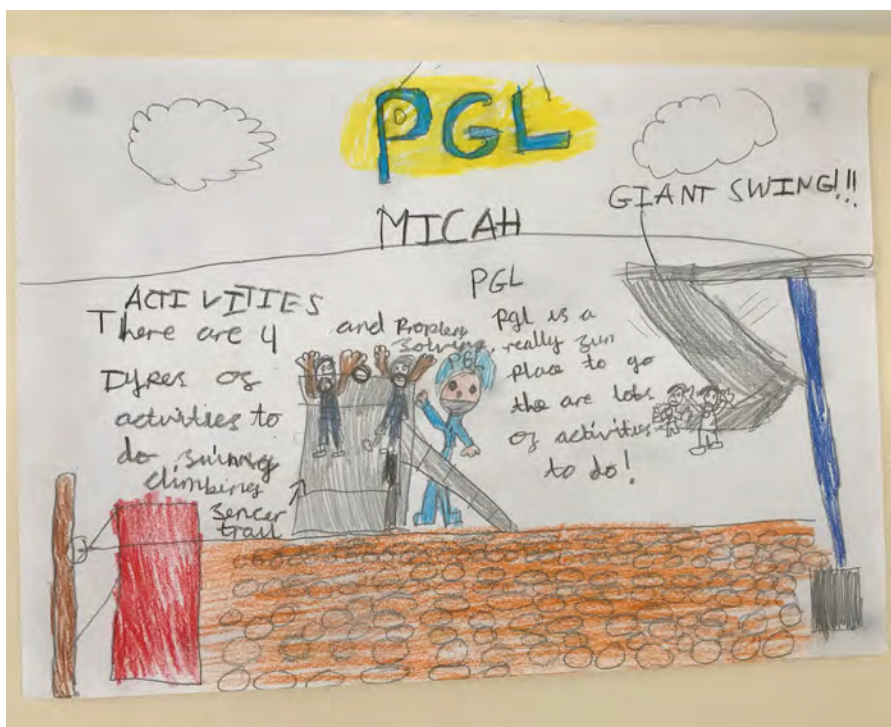
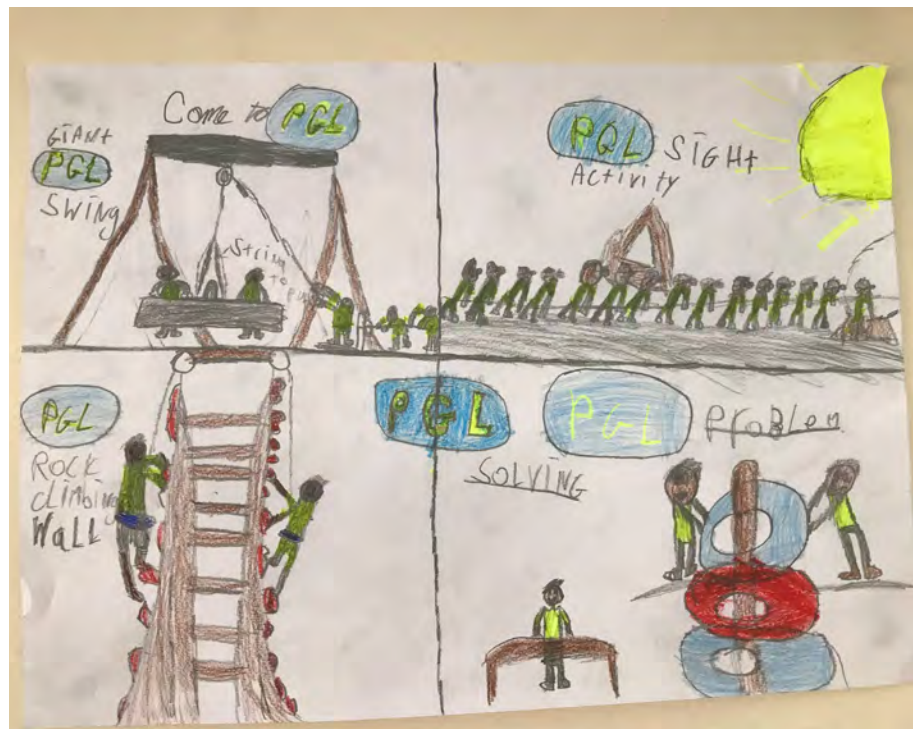




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Good work from PGL

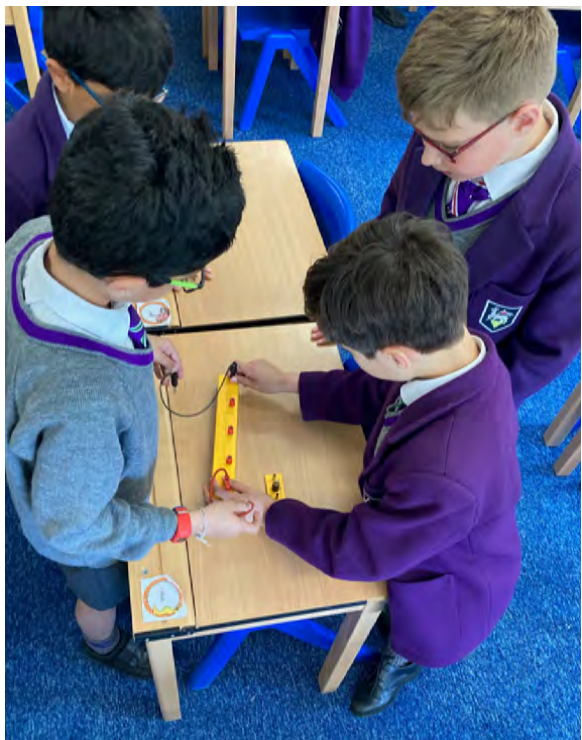
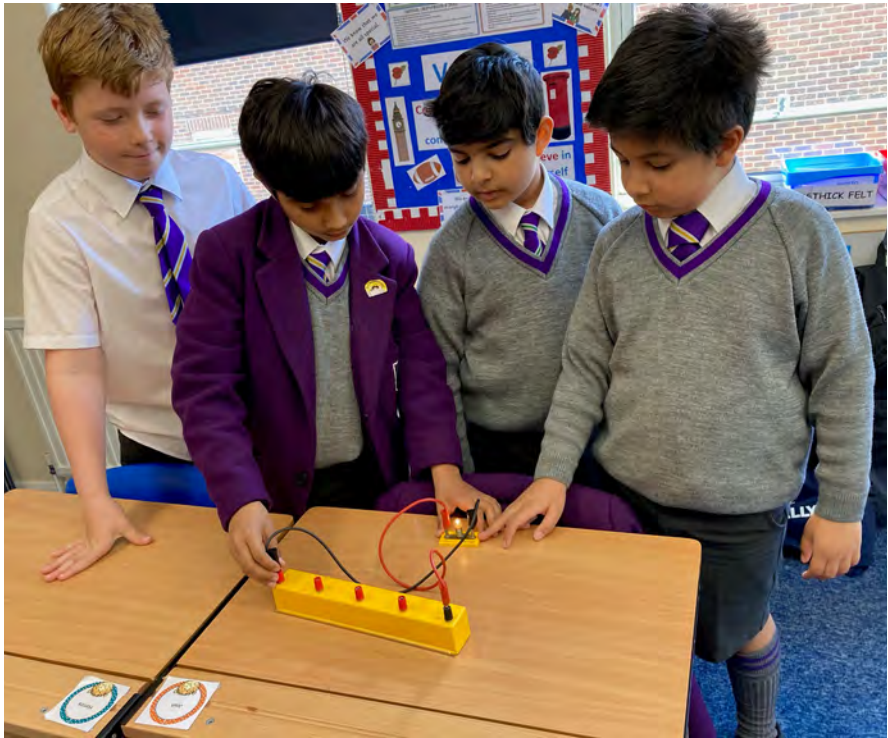
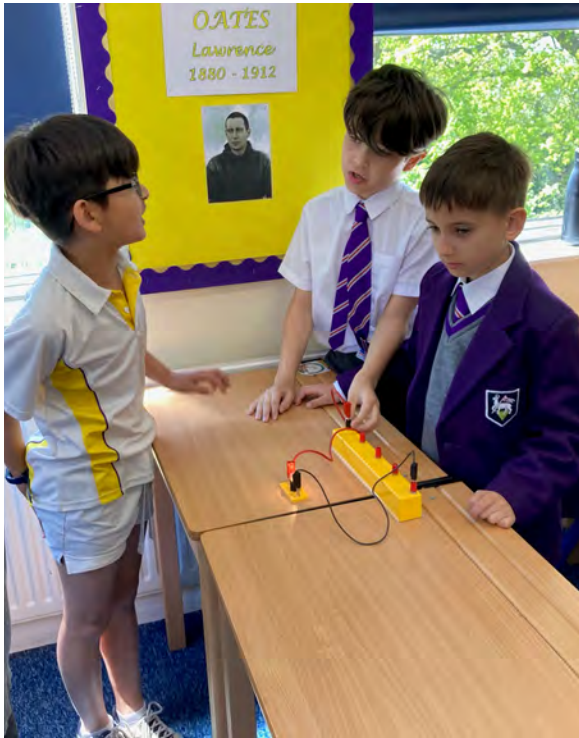
After such a memorable day at PGL, we have incorporated the fantastic memories into our English writing. The boys designed posters for homework, encouraging others to take a trip to the adventure centre. They have also created leaflets about the wonderful activities available at PGL. Everyone had time to plan exactly what they wanted to write about in their English books, before writing up, in neat for these eye catching displays.





Sparks keep flying in Year 4

Year 4 continued to study electricity this week investigating what happened to a light bulb as they increased the voltage in the circuit. The boys in 4S made some rather shocking predictions but fortunately Mrs Shah was in charge. Their series of experiments continues next week.





Year 5 textile work

These fantastic fledgling sewing students have had lots of fun this week as they took on their first assignment. They certainly haven't held back. Wonderful appliqué boys. Well done and keep up the amazing work.





Wonderful artwork created across the school

1. Year 3 have been using air-dry clay to sculpt Ancient Greek pots. Om is pictured with his messy hands! 2. Yuvraj in Year 4 has had fun dripping paint down his 3D letter. 3. This delicious ice-cream is painted by Liam H. 4. Year 5 have been learning about perspective. Bailey has drawn his picture with one vanishing point. 5. George G in Year 6 is really pleased with his nail and string art. 6. Darwin in Year 7 has been experimenting with lino printing.

Don't forget: A reminder that entries for the Royal Mail competition are due in on Wed 26th. Please hand in to Ms Gillen





The U12s travelled to Haileybury

U12A, Wednesday, 19 May 21, away, match abandoned

Haileybury won the toss and elected to bat first. The opposition showed good intent from the start and made it difficult for the St John's bowlers. Ansh and Aryan stayed disciplined and bowled a nice line and length. With large boundaries, fielding was difficult but St John's worked hard and were rewarded with 4 run outs. A fantastic effort. Work still has to be done on our catching as we missed some vital opportunities. Haileybury accelerated throughout the innings and finished with 149-6 off 20 overs. Nayan was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 1-20 off 4 overs.

In reply St John's batted really well and paced their innings nicely. This was all based around Hamza. He played both the spinners and seamers beautifully, especially strong on the leg side. He was 53 not out off 52 balls when the heavens opened and the rain came. Unfortunate timing when he was going through the gears and in full flow. Well done on a great innings. The match was abandoned after 13 overs of the 2nd innings, with the game very much in the balance. *Mr O'Brien*



U12B, Wednesday 19th May 2021, away, lost by 10 wickets

On Wednesday we travelled to Haileybury, a renowned cricketing school. St John's batted first against a very strong bowling attack. We put a very respectable score of 41 on the board, battling through the conditions and the strength of their squad. Blake played some excellent shots, with Lucas showing his strength with the bat. At the start of the second innings we piled on the pressure from the start getting 2 early wickets from Ansh, this was then backed up by some accurate bowling from Lucas and Vihaan. Oscar also showed excellent fielding and leadership for the team. Well Done Boys, well played. *Mr Hodson*



OUTLOOK



Calendar & important dates Contact details

Calendar and important dates:

Monday 24th May to Wednesday 28th May: Exams for Years 5 to 8

Tuesday 25th May: Year 3 Parents' Meeting (4.30pm)

Wednesday 26th May: Cricket v Merchant Taylors' School 1st XI (a) (2.45pm)
2nd XI (h) (3.00pm)

Thursday 27th May: Year 3 Parents' Meeting (6.00pm)

Friday 28th May: Cricket and some class and group photographs



Photo of the week: Yash A in 3H receiving his Gold Award. Well done Yash!

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.

Notices and reminders

Examinations next week. Years 5, 6 and 7 please use the next few days wisely in terms of revision and remember to exercise and get some rest. Revision guides are available to view on the Parent Portal.

Stem Den: We are opening our doors in the Summer holidays for all those children who love taking part in our educational, fun STEM based activities. See website for more details: www.stemden.co.uk Hands On! Minds On! Book early to guarantee your place.

Royal Mail Art Competition: Please hand your entries in to Ms Gillen by Wednesday 26th May

Photos: A letter will be sent detailing uniform and kit requirements for the photographs that are taking place on Friday 28th May. These will be cricket and some class and group photographs.

Music next week: We have made changes to the music timetable due to exams next week. If your son's group has been cancelled or moved you will receive an e-mail, otherwise the rehearsals are going ahead as usual. The only instrumental lessons are for Mrs Park's pupils and some of Mrs Boyle's pupils on Friday 28th June. If your son has a lesson you will receive an e-mail.

House Music: Well done to every boy who took part in the Festival. The announcement of finalists who will play in the Summer Concert will be made next week.

Votes for schools: see page 6

House Points: 1st Lincoln 107.85, 2nd Lawrence 105.42
3rd Churchill 102.93, 4th Oates 101.60

Have a super weekend.