



From the  
Headmaster

In the first Assemblies in the Norman Hall since March we reflected on the wars that have taken place and the sacrifices that our armed forces have made to give us the freedom that we enjoy. I was very proud to join our Head and Deputy Head boys laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in Northwood.

The whole school gathered outside for the first time since March for our Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day. It was a very special moment of togetherness for us all. As you read The Lamb you will see how inspired the boys have been by the topic of Remembrance, there is some amazing creative work to enjoy.

Our Governors held their first Board meeting of the academic year yesterday. Although they were unable to visit, Lady Harding sends her best wishes to everyone. The Board were delighted to hear of the opening of the Centenary Sports Hall. To see the older boys in the cricket nets and the younger ones doing music and movement has been very special this week. The Eco Council met before half term. You can read their ideas on page 8.

What an amazing achievement by St John's boys in our Moor Park Virtual Run fundraising. I really enjoyed presenting the boys with their medals.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend and don't forget your odd socks on Monday everyone!

S. Robinson

## Wreath laid in Northwood



On Tuesday morning, our Head and Deputy Head boys joined Mr Robinson, Mrs Savage and Mrs Walker at the Northwood Cenotaph to pay their respects ahead of Remembrance Day. In the past, St John's boys have joined the Northwood community at the annual Remembrance service and laid a wreath of poppies, on behalf of everyone at the School.

This year, the service wasn't going

ahead in its usual way but we still felt it was very important for Alexander, Rodrigo and Vishwadrik to have an opportunity to fulfil this role and understand more about why we pay our respects in this way. The boys were able to see the wreaths laid by others in the community, including the other local schools, businesses and religious groups of all faiths, and we were proud to lay ours down alongside them.





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## Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day

**On Wednesday the** 11th November we all assembled on the playground in respectful silence and at 11.00am Aryan (7H) and Rehaan (6M) played the Last Post beautifully for us, after which the whole School observed a two minute silence. Before and after the silence we heard the gun salute from the barracks at Northwood. Due to current restrictions we have not been able to sell poppies in school, but it was inspiring to see that so many boys had managed to buy their own poppies for the occasion and some were wearing poppies that they had made themselves – see the next page and the article on page 4.





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## Assemblies restart in the Norman Hall

**For the first** time since March, the Prep School came to the Norman Hall for Assemblies this week. We socially distanced in Year Group bubbles, Year 8 on Monday, Year 7 on Wednesday and Year 6 today. In the Assemblies, the Headmaster reflected on the true price of war and the ultimate sacrifice of so many young men, no older than some of the Year 8 boys' brothers. He told the boys that it was very important that we never forget and continue to be grateful.

The poppy is our symbol of gratitude and Mr Robinson reminded the boys of the commemorative art installation "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red" at the Tower of London

in 2014, marking the anniversary of the First World War. There were 888,246 ceramic poppies, each one representing a British military fatality during the war. He showed the boys the ceramic poppy which St John's School bought for Remembrance. He also reminded the boys of the vital role played by our armed forces in the current pandemic, from testing to building hospitals.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*





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## Year 5 poppy making

**Year 5** used their PSHCEE time this week to focus on Remembrance. We talked about the meaning of the poppy historically and the focus this year on those who had lost lives fighting the coronavirus pandemic. Watching some of the Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance helped us learn what the armed services are involved in today. Buying poppies to wear was difficult this year so we decided to make our own. If you would like to donate to the British Legion however, please do so using our [Just Giving page](#).





# THIS WEEK



## Poppy inspiration

**Many boys in** the Pre-Prep and Juniors have been inspired to make beautiful poppy artwork and you can see some of their work here and on the following pages.







# House Prefects announced in their roles

**In the socially** distanced Assembly for the Year 8 bubble on Monday morning, Mr Robinson presented the newly elected House Prefects with their ties. Most of the Year 8 boys had written to the Headmaster proposing why they should be awarded this role. Mr Robinson told the boys that he really appreciated the time they had taken to write to him and that, supported by the staff, he had been faced with a difficult decision as there were only two Prefects for each House. He announced a new role this year, that of Head Technology Boy.







## Head Technology Boy announced

**The Head Technology Boy** is a new Year 8 role which has been created to address the emerging role of technology within the School community. The first St John's Head Technology Boy will be Cyrus and his duties include producing rotas to help the Deputy Head Pastoral in scheduling duties amongst the Head Boy's leadership team. He will also support Miss Vale in the running of lunchtime computer clubs (post Covid), fostering an enthusiasm for all things 'tech' amongst the younger boys and raising the profile of computing at St John's through the mediums of YouTube, email and posters.



## First bronze certificate awarded to Khyan in 5C







## School Eco Council first meeting report

**Before we broke** up for half term, we managed to hold our first Eco Council meeting of the school year. Of course, because there were representatives from different parts of the School, we had to use Zoom to keep everyone safe from Covid-19. Years 5, 7 and 8 and Pre-Prep boys joined from laptops set up in corridors around the School, while Year 6 joined from home. Some boys were so keen that there were multiple delegates from one class. The minutes were taken by Vishwadrik in Year 8.

Each delegate had a chance to speak about their ideas and share them with the Council. The boys had a wide range of topics to discuss. There were lots of suggestions from the Year 5 boys about looking after the habitat around the School and feeding the birds over the winter months. Harry said that we should increase the trees around the School to provide space for wildlife and, as Aarav said, to replace those being burnt down. We also talked about ways in which we can reduce the carbon footprint at school; by switching things off and by walking to school or, as Leo suggested, we could encourage electric cars by installing a charging point in our car park.

George L spoke about his class's sponsorship of Rhinos and suggested that other classes might want to sponsor different animals. George G suggested that money could be raised for tree planting. Anay suggested that money could be raised for the David Attenborough Trust fund.

Mithil raised the problem of disposable masks and gloves at school and asked that people look at reusable types instead. Krish had the idea of holding an Eco Week, where each class could focus on one aspect of sustainability. Ishaan suggested a Nature Club where boys could focus on caring for animals in the School grounds and Joshua suggested we use Ecosia as a search engine and plant vegetables in the school grounds. In Year 8 Cyrus and Jesse had the idea of installing energy efficient LED lights and running a cycle to school programme.

The boys from the Pre-Prep also had a lot of good ideas. Aarav said we should reduce the amount of cling-film used to wrap our food and Aaron said we should use only reusable bags.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking in detail at these ideas and if you have any of your own please let your class Eco delegate know. We will have another meeting later this term.

### Class Representatives

**8L** Vish (secretary) & Jesse **8B** Cyrus  
**7H** Joshua **7J** Ishaan  
**6A** George & Anay, **6V** George & Aarav,

**6M** Krish & Mithil  
**5WS** Ali **5C** Leo, Thomas, Mikey, Aidan, **5M** Zain & Dhruv  
**BADGERS** Aarav/Rien







## Moor Park Fun Run fundraisers

**This year,** as you may have seen, Moor Park Fun Run organised a virtual run for children to get involved with during the month of October to raise money for the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital. Boys at St John's were encouraged to choose a target distance, raise sponsorship money and then complete the run before 31st October. We have been overwhelmed at the number of supportive families who have taken part and to those who have also kindly donated to our Just Giving page. We are

currently on a total of £2,064, the most we have ever raised at this event! The boys below completed their distances and submitted their times and efforts on a virtual leadership board, and Mr Robinson was thrilled to award these boys with their special medals. Well done to Ieuan (Robins), Christopher (Squirrels), Eric (Badgers), Riyan (Badgers), James (4H), George (6V) and George (6A). If your son took part but hasn't submitted his time, then there is still time to do this. Well done boys!

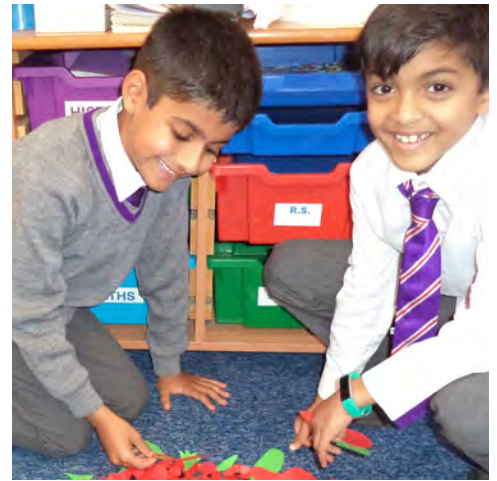






## Juniors learn about poppies for Remembrance

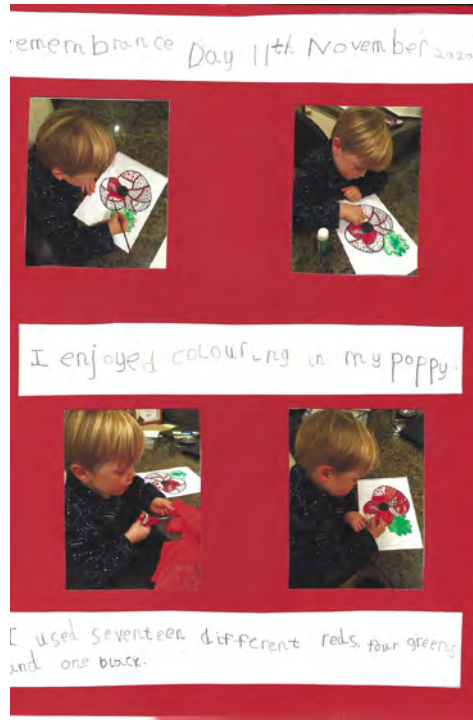
**Year 4** spent time this week learning about how the concept of selling poppies first began and understanding the words of the iconic poem *In Flanders Fields* through the beautiful book “*Poppy Field*” by Michael Morpurgo. Each boy made a poppy to add to a wreath to decorate the entrance to the Junior Building.







## Remembrance in the Lambs and Reception







## Poppy art in Year 1



The boys in Year 1 have been remembering all the soldiers who died or were injured in the Wars. We talked about the symbol of the poppy and used this flower to create a piece of art work to hang in our classrooms for Remembrance Day. We each cut out 3 red poppy shapes and decorated each one before threading them on some ribbon. We also learnt to recite a poem called 'Poppy Poppy'.







# A very productive week of art across the School



1. Look what Kaiyan in 3W has painted at home. The Planets were all very impressed! Well done.
2. Christopher in 3H has turned himself into an Egyptian Pharaoh.
3. This beautiful stained glass poppy is by Josh in 4S.
4. Zain in 5M used wax crayons on his firework picture.
5. This firework picture is by Bailey in 5W-S.
6. David in 8B created an ice-lolly screen print in Art Club.
7. This yummy cupcake is by Charlie in 8L.





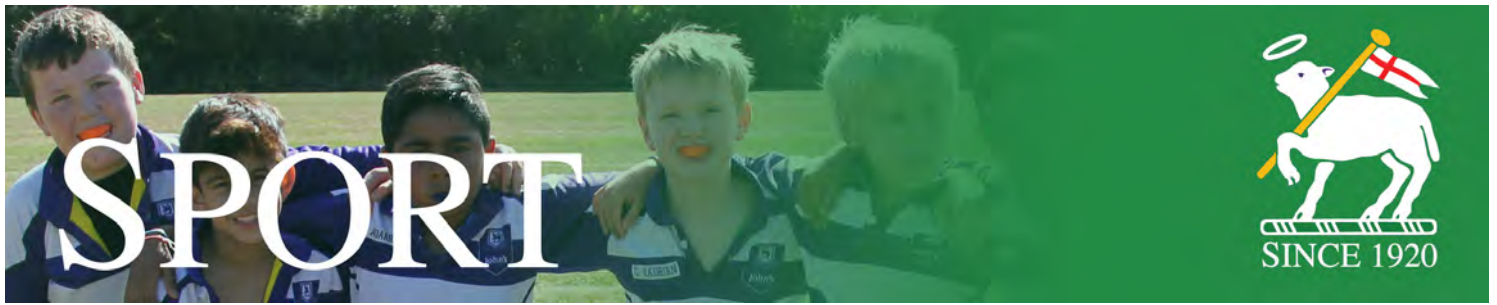


# Year 4 have been programming Lego

**Year 4** have been having great fun programming Lego this week in Design Technology. Have a go at identifying the things in your home which you think may have been programmed.







# First week of lessons in the new Sports Hall

**We have been** thrilled and excited this week to teach PE lessons and hold after school clubs in the new Sports Hall for the first time. Our PE curriculum and after school clubs are already benefiting from this new facility as the pictures on these pages show. For all of the PE and Games Department it has been a wonderful opportunity to teach the pupils in this fabulous new building. We've had sessions including Lambs dance and movement, Pre-Prep PE, Year 3 rugby, Year 6 badminton and cricket and Year 8 basketball.







# More excitement from the Sports Hall



# Joe Wicks raises money for Children in Need



We all enjoyed working-out with Joe during the first national lockdown earlier this year. Did you know that he was awarded an MBE for keeping the nation fit and smiling when we all had to be at home?

Today the amazing Joe Wicks has competed a 24-hour charity workout challenge in aid of Children in Need. He worked out all day and all night with a range of activities from cycling to yoga, boxing to rowing and his signature high-intensity workouts. So far he has raised over £1,500,000 for Children in Need. He thanked everyone who had donated and said, “Who knows, I may even be back next year!” Well done Joe.

This year’s Children in Need programme will be broadcast on BBC One from 19.00 today, Friday 13 November





## Leo's passion for skiing and climbing

**Mr Pawson** has asked me to say a few words about skiing and climbing. Like many boys I play rugby and cricket at school because I must. I take PE and swimming lessons to keep fit but don't really enjoy them. My passions are for skiing and climbing.

For me skiing is a key family activity. I ski with my older brother Sacha (25), sister Phoebe (19) and my father on equal terms. Our annual skiing trip to Italy in February is a key moment in our year. Our preferred ski resort is Foppolo, up in the mountains from the old city of Bergamo north-east of Milan. We travel by EasyJet to Bergamo and then on to Foppolo by car or bus. The local people in Foppolo are very friendly. The hotels are simple but comfortable and the food is excellent. The skiing equipment is excellent and easy to hire.

The skiing in Foppolo is wonderful. There is a 3 km blue run, easy but enjoyable, right into the village centre. Beyond that are two long, more difficult runs from the top of Montebello back to the blue run. One of these red runs leads into the extensive Corona ski area full of more red and black runs. The most challenging part of every day is getting back out of the Corona area as that entails skiing 1km down a black run to get back to the red and blue runs which lead to Foppolo.

1 km on a black run might not sound long but it's really steep and can be very tiring if it's icy. The skiing however is fantastic and the scenery breathtaking. Often the sky is bright blue. Sometimes the sunshine is yellow and pink through the mist. We stop regularly to eat and drink. I like diet Coke, my father likes hot wine.

At the end of each day we are utterly exhausted. We shower,

eat dinner, then talk briefly with friends and family before sleeping. I never sleep better.

We have skied in other places too. In January we went to Oslo for a weekend. We have also skied in Engelburg, Saas Fee and Chamonix, but Foppolo has a special beauty and familiarity for us.

Back at home I ski, from time to time, at the Snow Centre at Hemel Hempstead. The centre has a real snow run of about 150 m. It's good for keeping skills and balance fresh but it's nothing as enjoyable as skiing in the mountains.

At home I much prefer to improve my climbing skills. I try to climb at least once every week at HarroWall. This is the largest indoor climbing centre in the UK and one of the largest in Europe. The tuition is excellent, the staff are always really helpful and supportive.

After this lockdown finishes I'll start logging climbs and skills again to complete my NIBAS (National Indoor Bouldering Award Scheme) level three. There are five levels from beginner to expert.

Skiing and climbing can be dangerous. Earlier in the summer I was "blue lighted" to Northwick Park A&E as a precaution after I fell awkwardly onto the mats at HarroWall. However, with good training and support the risks are low. The adrenaline rushes when you succeed, or even fail, in using skill and strength to do something difficult are fantastic.

If you want to start free climbing at HarroWall you, and a parent or other adult, will need to pass a basic one hour safety course. I recommend you try it.

Leo 7H





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Panto with Magic  
and afterwards  
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**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  
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Year 1: [sjaxmasyr1@gmail.com](mailto:sjaxmasyr1@gmail.com)

Year 2: [sjaxmasyr2@gmail.com](mailto:sjaxmasyr2@gmail.com)

Year 3: [sjaxmasyr3@gmail.com](mailto:sjaxmasyr3@gmail.com)

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£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**

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## National anti-bullying week

**Next week anti-bullying** is our Assembly and PSHCEE theme and Pre-Prep will be discussing in circle time what makes a good friend. On Monday 16th November we will all be wearing odd socks to school instead of usual school socks as this is a fun way of celebrating individuality and uniqueness.

We're wearing odd socks on  
**Monday 16th November** for  
**Odd Socks Day.** Will you?

#AntiBullyingWeek  
#OddSocksDay

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## Calendar & important dates Contact details

### Monday 16th November:

Year 8 Online Parents' Meeting  
M-W (6.00pm)

### Tuesday 17th November:

Year 3 and 4 Online Parents'  
Meetings (6.00pm-8.00pm)

### Wednesday 18th November:

School Council

### Thursday 19th November:

St John's Association Online  
AGM (7.00pm)

### Friday 20th November:

House Meetings



Smiles all round as 3W enjoy their packed lunches in the classroom. Thank you for continuing to supply healthy lunches on a 3 week rota. Your support enables us to stay socially distanced in the dining hall and keeps everyone safe.

### 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.



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## Notices and reminders

**GI Questionnaire:** Further to Mr Russo's email regarding the school survey, please see the different livelinks below for your convenience:

[Link to parent preview survey](#)

[Link to parent live survey](#)

Parent Password: SJS12359PA

**A message from The Outfitters:** Under current restrictions our shop will be closed until Wednesday 2nd December. Our online store remains open and web orders can be placed at [www.theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk](http://www.theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk). Our weekly delivery to school will also continue. To contact us please email [sales@theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk](mailto:sales@theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk) or call 020 8961 9020

**Poppy appeal:** This year, due to the difficult circumstances we were not able to sell any poppies or any Poppy Appeal merchandise in school in the lead up to Remembrance Day. However, we want to continue to support the Royal British Legion as much as we can and therefore a St John's Just Giving page has been created for this charitable cause. If you are able to, please do follow the link below to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnstheroyalbritishlegion>  
Thank you on behalf of everyone at St Johns. *Mrs Walker*

**St John's Association AGM:** Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm on Google Meet. It will last approximately an hour.

**Maths Clinic:** Mr Bleakley and Mr Colgate will be running a Maths clinic every Monday after school from 16.00 to 17.00 for boys in Year 6. Please ask your son to let their Maths teacher know if they would like to attend or email Mr Bleakley directly: [RBleakley@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:RBleakley@st-johns.org.uk)

**Votes for Schools.** Last week's question was "Will cinemas disappear in your lifetime?" 37.3% said yes and 62.7% said no. In London 44% said yes and 57% said no. Nationally 39% said yes and 61% said no.

For anti-bullying week the question is, 'Is it important to fit in at school?' Please discuss over the weekend, you can view the slides by clicking on the photo.



**House Points:** Totals so far Lawrence 29.82, Lincoln 29.81, Churchill 27.88, Oates 25.38

Have a lovely weekend and happy Diwali to those celebrating. We look forward to seeing your odd socks on Monday!