



From the
Headmaster

Today all the boys and staff came together for a fun walk to raise money for Comic Relief. I was very impressed with their moves in the dance zone and the Pre-Prep jokes in assembly. The St John's Association provided an excellent tuck shop as well!

Our musicians formed a large part of the combined Merchant Taylors' Prep Schools Orchestral afternoon. The boys and girls produced an excellent concert as a result which included a fantastic rendition of the 'Dam Busters' as the finale. I would like to thank the Merchant Taylors' music department for staging this event.

Earlier this week Year 6's visit to London by tube and the DLR included a grand tour of the Merchant Taylors' Livery Hall by the Beadle, and visits to the Museum of London Docklands and St Peter's Barge, London's floating church. Year 2 enjoyed a thoroughly interesting day at Reveley Lodge, the Victorian Museum in Bushey. I was very pleased to hear how much all the boys got out of their trips.

Our assemblies have focussed on the importance of supporting charity. Zak and Louis gave an excellent presentation telling us about their work with the elderly and stressing the value of giving your own time.

In sport congratulations to our U13A rugby team who were runners up in the Merchant Taylors' Sevens. Our U8s have also been busy with their matches against Orley Farm and local primary schools as part of St John's Tag Festival.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Charity Quiz where we raised over £3000 for Magic Breakfast. Well done boys and parents!

S. R. B.

Comic Relief Day today



We have had a brilliant day of fun and fund raising today as boys across the School dressed up for Comic Relief Day. We enjoyed walking around the school grounds this morning as a whole school community with some unusual moves seen in our dance zone. The Pre-Prep staff commented on how caring and engaging older boys were as they took the young boys round the course and the tuck shop, of course, was a huge hit! On a more serious note in assembly this morning we watched a film about life for a boy who made the dangerous journey from Iran with his family, ending up in a refugee camp in Serbia where he still lives. It certainly made us all realise how fortunate we are. Thank you once again for your generosity and support of our charitable events.





Comic Relief Day today in pictures



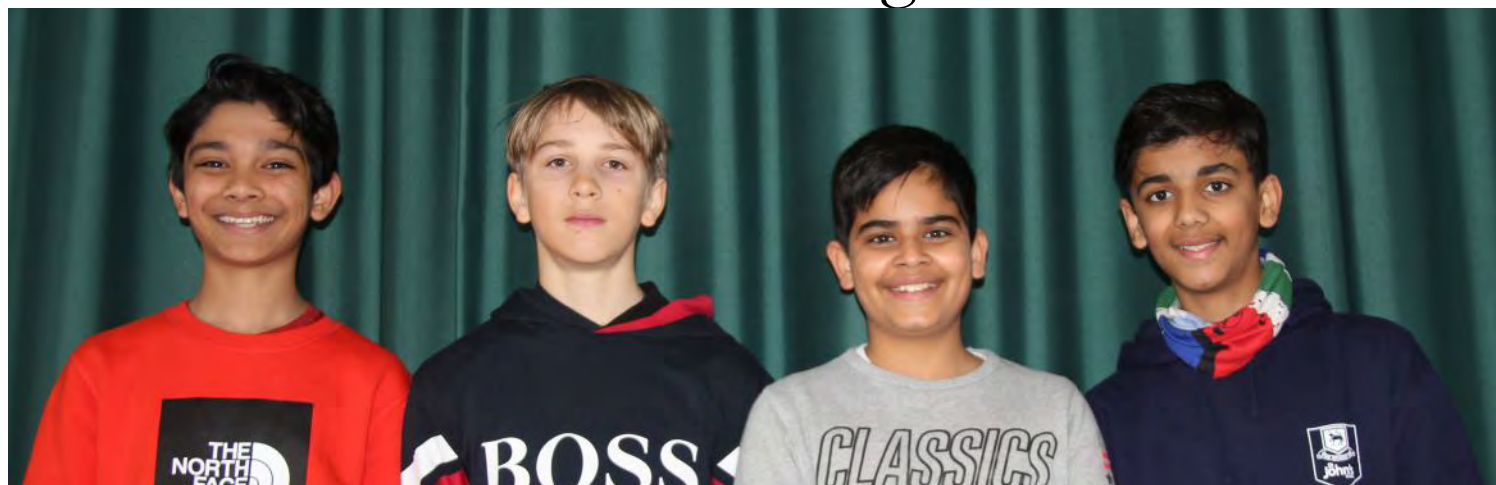


Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round Results



As a result of their excellent performances in the recent Primary Maths Challenge competition, four boys from Year 6 took part in the Bonus Round where they had to answer 25 extremely tricky Maths problems. Certificates of Participation were awarded to Yusuf, James and Alexander for their efforts, and Varun did extremely well to achieve a Silver Certificate and badge. Very well done to all of the boys.

Intermediate Maths Challenge Results



The Year 8s took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge run by UKMT earlier this term, and Mr Robinson gave out certificates to the boys who did particularly well. Zain also received a certificate for Best in School and has done extremely well to qualify for the follow-on 'Cayley' paper. Shivank, Shane, Yuri and Mason have qualified for the Grey Kangaroo papers, all of which will be sat next Thursday afternoon. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Bronze Certificate

Joseph, Shivam, Aadil, Josh, Alex,
Matthew, Taiga, Aden, Matthew, Krish

Silver Certificate

Ashok, Shaan, Hari, Aryan, Mason

Gold Certificate

Yuri, Shane, Shivank, Zain



New School Council meets for the first time



The School Council met on Wednesday, when we welcomed the new Junior and Senior representatives on board, along with the current Pre-Prep boys. The Golden Rules and Code of Conduct were discussed and reviewed and all pupils were happy with them as they stand. There were some outstanding ideas and brainstorming from all members of the School Council with regards to the proposed "Traverse Bouldering wall". The boys also came up with some excellent ideas with a variety of individual and team sports. A possible vegetarian option on the school menu in the future was also discussed and again the boys came up with some excellent nutritious ideas. Well done to all the School Council and Mr Phillips looks forward to our next meeting.





Year 6 visit Merchant Taylors' Hall



On Monday Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to see Merchant Taylors' Hall and then visited the London Museum, Docklands. We were very lucky with the weather and enjoyed a brisk walk down to Northwood station before catching the tube to Bank. We enjoyed some photographic opportunities on the steps of the Royal Exchange before walking the short distance to the Merchant Taylors' Hall. The Beadle, Mr Andy Fell greeted us with some refreshments before he gave us a very informative tour of the hall. The boys listened carefully and asked sensible questions. My favourite part was visiting the chapel of rest where all the boys were asked to keep very quiet and listen for ghosts rattling their chains - it was the quietest 2 minutes all day! We then took the DLR to Westferry and walked the short distance to the London Museum Docklands. We made good time and decided to nip into St Peter's Barge - London's floating Church, which is moored just outside the museum. Mr Horrocks gave a brief history of the church and we reminded the boys to think about how the landscape of the river had changed over time. We then entered the Museum, ate lunch and spent 90 minutes exploring the galleries. The boys did enjoying trying to figure out what the different shops were for in Sailor Town and smelling different spices from around the world. We did spend most of the time in the WW2 exhibit where the boys finished filling in their worksheets. We then took a swift walk through the sky-scrapers before catching a very crowded tube from Canary Wharf back to Northwood and climbing the hill back to school. Overall the boys were extremely well behaved and enjoyed the experience. Mr Russo



PRE-PREP



Red Nose Day in the Pre-Prep





Floating and sinking in the Lambs



The Lambs have had great, if soggy, fun learning about floating and sinking. Firstly they tested some objects, predicting if they would float or sink. The boys then got creative making boats from tin foil. To test their engineering skills they then floated them in the water tray to see how many people they could carry across the rough seas. Some were more successful than others!





Year 2 visit Reveley Lodge



The Year 2 boys took a step back in time earlier this week and visited Reveley Lodge in Bushey. This is a remarkable Victorian Villa, and now museum, was inhabited as a home until 2002 by its owner. She lived there all her life and it remains largely unchanged. The boys very much enjoyed taking part in several different activities. Working the Victorian laundry room was not perhaps many boys idea of fun but the Victorian classroom with strict rules and a cane provided a surprising but not literal hit. The afternoon tea, admittedly served at 11 in the morning with a Victoria sponge sandwich had to be eaten with a cake fork; it was an education in table manners as well as an introduction to the joys of tea and cake. Both Year 2 classes had a terrific day out.





Year 2 visit Reveley Lodge





Water, water everywhere!



Boys in Year 4 have spent this week working really hard on a cross-curricular water booklet. We have considered de Bono's thinking hats and tried to incorporate all of the different ways of thinking as well as completing activities related to History, Geography, Science, Maths, R.E. and PHSCEE. Of course English and Art have featured strongly. Boys have searched online for information, made notes and done some amazing illustrations to create beautiful informative booklets to keep.





U11 hockey v Quainton Hall 8th March

U11 A v Quainton Hall Won 6-0

Scorers: Ethan 3, Reece 2, Rodrigo 1

Outstanding performances: Ethan

This was a dominant performance from the St. John's boys. They kept possession well, created numerous opportunities, and scored some excellent team goals. The first three came courtesy of some accurate finishing from Ethan. Our best play was when Reece finished off a shot from Rodrigo at the far post towards the end of the match. It was also a good opportunity for some boys to play in positions that they have not done so much this term and learn new aspects of the game. Well done to all of the boys.



U11 B v Quainton Hall Won 5-0

Scorers: Sam 1, Asikoo 1, Panagiotis 1, Jaidev 1, Yusuf 1

Outstanding performances: The whole team

A really good match in which it was very evident from the start that our passing under pressure has improved over the course of the hockey term. St John's started strong and scored early. They kept the pressure on Quainton Hall to finish the first half leading 3-0. Quainton also played some good hockey, especially in the second half really trying to get on the scoreboard. It was good to see how the St John's boys reacted and handled this pressure in these situations. Really well done indeed.





Merchant Taylors' Invitational Sevens 11th March



St John's v MTS A Won 10-7

St John's v Haileybury B Won 36-12

Semi-final: St John's v Orley Farm Won 17-0

Final: St John's v Haileybury A Lost 19-0

Try Scorers: Oliver 2, Netanel 1, Rohan 1, Yuri 1, Reece 3, Skye 4

Outstanding performances: Reece

This competition brings into view the National Sevens and starts to test the boys with more intensity and less rest. They played very well in the opening match against MTS, always on top and going forward both in attack and defence. The tries were scored as a result of this team pressure firstly by Netanel and then Skye. Other good chances were missed through a few casual handling errors but the boys significantly improved this and their attacking play in general winning the next game by some margin against Haileybury Bs. The try of the competition was scored by Reece early on running in from 80m for his score.

This put St John's top of the group and in line to play Orley Farm in the semi-finals. They combined both tight defence and powerful attack to win 17-0 and so into the final against Haileybury As. This proved easily the toughest match of the day against a well organised and powerful team. The boys battled well and worked hard to the finish.

Overall this was a good day for the 10 boys who played and with our own sevens in two days this is great preparation for the final tournament at Rosslyn Park.



Senior boys watch England at Twickenham



A group of twenty Year 7 and 8 boys had a great day at Twickenham last Saturday watching England play Italy in the Six Nations. We had really good seats behind the posts in the Lower North Stand and saw plenty of the action, including three tries, at close quarters. As always, the atmosphere in the ground was electric and the boys had great fun joining in with the various Mexican Waves. Their behaviour throughout the afternoon was excellent and they thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience of watching a live international rugby match.





Primary Schools Tag Rugby Tournament



A windy but hugely successful and fun local Primary Schools Tag Rugby Festival yesterday with three teams from West Lodge Primary School and one team from Hillside Junior School. St John's had three teams and everyone played each other on the 1st and Colts rugby pitches. It was really good seeing West Lodge and Hillside Junior schools play touch rugby against the St John's teams. Spectacular running and off-loads were on display with some very good tries scored. The St John's teams all played really well indeed, showcasing what they have learned since the start of this year. I know they are looking forward to contact rugby next year in year 4. I would like to thank all the parents and schools who came to watch and play in the matches yesterday and parents who helped with the match teas. Well done for making it down the pitches without slipping I hope and for braving it out in the wind with us! Mr Kruger





U8 rugby v Orley Farm Thursday 14th March

U8 New Zealand v Edge Grove and Orley Farm

Try scorers: Leo 2, Daanish 3, Aubrey 1, Arti 1

Outstanding performances: The whole team

Our first game was against Edge Grove on a very small pitch and we started well by scoring first. On occasions we stood still when we received the ball but once we started running onto the ball the game totally changed for us. We scored two excellent tries when Leo and Daanish ran very well onto the ball and scored in the corner. In defence, we just need to mark the outside channels against some very quick players from the opposition.

In the second match we tended to run across and this meant we lost the support of the other players. We still need to carry on for 3 seconds with the ball after being touched but we have made improvements in this area. Orley Farm put good pressure on us but we managed to score two good tries.

Things to work on for the next match. Well done!

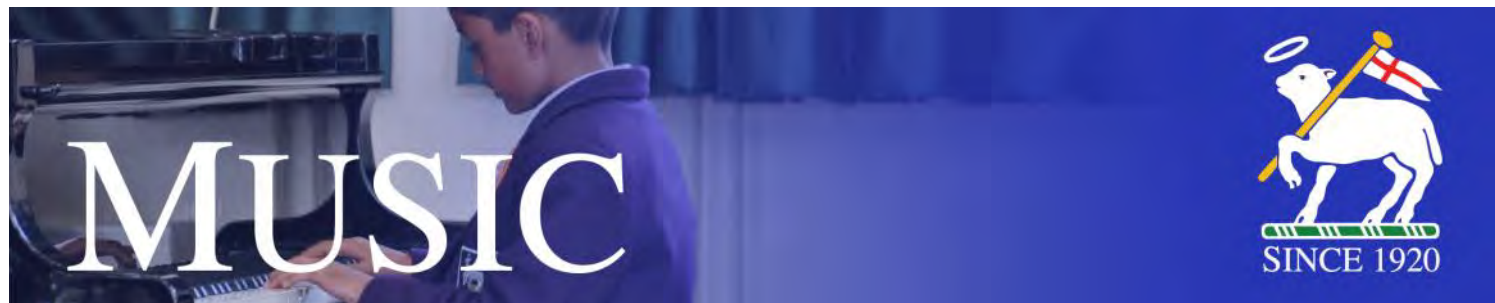
U8 New Zealand v Edge Grove and Orley Farm

Try scorers: Otto 1, Freddie 1, Marcus 1

Outstanding performances: The whole team

We played two games at Orley Farm, one against the hosts and one against Edge Grove. Both sides were very strong and were very tough games for us. The smaller pitches meant we couldn't use our pace down the wings so instead we were composed and kept the ball tight to draw in defenders which resulted in space opening up on the wings where Freddie and Marcus got their tries. Otto's try was the result of a whole team effort by breaking through the touch and offloading round the corner to gain a few extra metres each time which was clever play by the boys. Our hands let us down a bit on the day with a few dropped passes but the wind didn't help us at all so don't worry about that too much boys. Well played everyone!



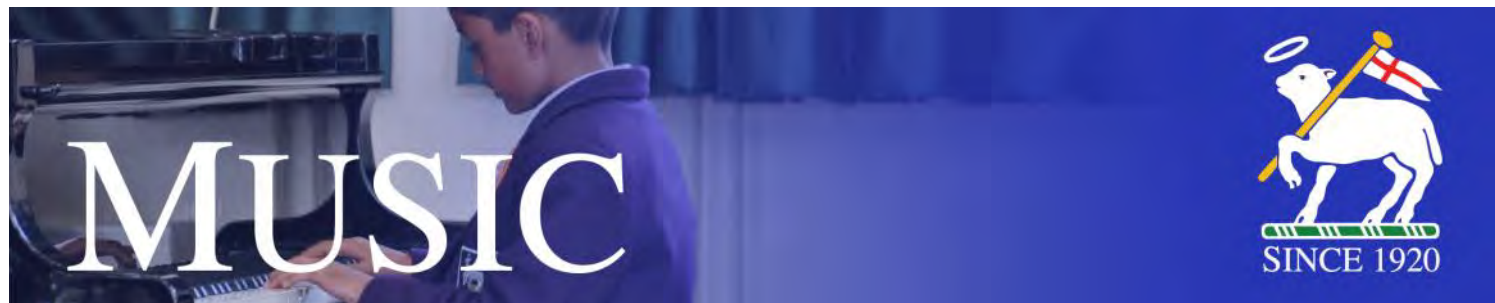


Music Festival success



This week Mr Robinson has been able to present the first Music, Speech and Drama certificates from the Ruislip and Northwood and Watford Festivals. Many congratulations to everyone who entered and, in particular, those boys who achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold medals and trophies.



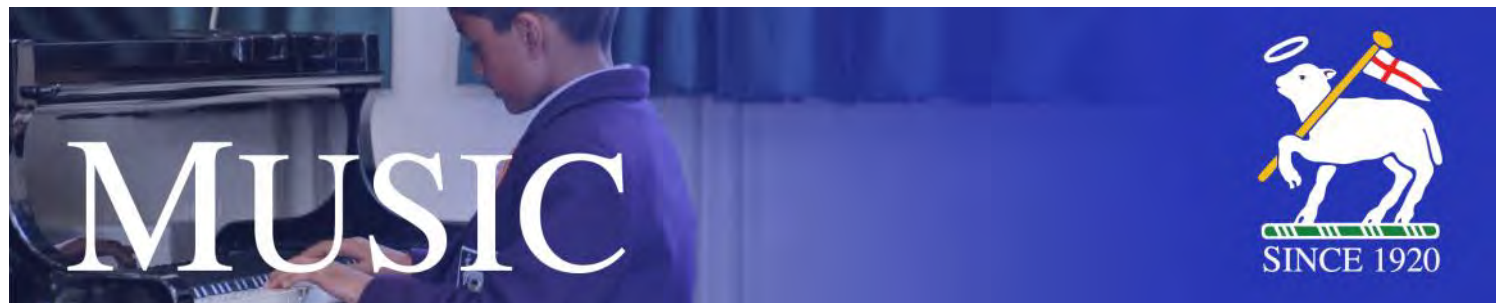


Prep Schools orchestral afternoon today



Today many of our musicians spent the afternoon at Merchant Taylor's School taking part in the annual Prep Schools orchestral afternoon and concert. On our arrival we were divided into four separate groups, brass players, percussionists, wind and string players. We then spent time rehearsing our individual items for the evening concert before joining forces for the grand finale of the Dam Busters theme. After tea with the other schools we all assembled in the Great Hall for our performance to parents which went down extremely well. What a marvellous opportunity for our boys to meet other musicians and to receive expert coaching from the music staff at Merchant Taylors' School.





Prep Schools orchestral afternoon today





1. **Raffi and Louis** in Year 6 have completed their Mona Lisa recreation.
2. **Roshan** in 4M is carefully applying silk paint to his mother's day picture.

Here are a few House Art entries from Year 3.

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| 3. Otto 3H | 5. Dries 3H |
| 4. Joshua 3W | 6. Arti 3H |



Calendar and important dates

Saturday 16th March: Caldicott Rugby Tournament: U11 A VII (1.00pm-4.00pm)

Monday 18th March: Science Week: **Journeys**

Science Workshop (Years 3-5)

Year 7 Normandy Trip Information Meeting (5.00pm)

Tuesday 19th March: Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum

Year 2 Synagogue Visit

Junior Drama Extended Rehearsal (4.00pm-6.00pm)

Wednesday 20th March: Quiz Club General Knowledge Quiz (Years 3-6)

Year 8 Science Lecture 'Journeys in Conservation'

Hockey v UCS: U13, U12 VII (h) (2.30pm)

Full staff meeting (4.15pm)

Thursday 21st March: Year 7 Trip to Science Museum

Reception to RAF Hendon

Rugby v St Martin's: U8 A, B (h), C, D (a) (2.30pm)

Friday 22nd March: UKMT Maths Challenge at Haberdashers' Boys (Year 8)

Hockey v The Beacon at MTS: U10 A, B (a) (2.30pm)

Hockey v The Beacon: U10 C, D (a) (2.30pm)

Saturday 23rd March: Merchant Taylors' 13+ Transfer Morning

St John's Association Quiz Night (7.30pm)

Sunday 24th March: Rehearsal for Joint Concert at MTS (2.45pm-5.00pm)

Contact details

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 @stjohnsnorthwood.



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: Do please continue to send in any photographs which could be included in The Lamb.

Notices and Reminders

Reminder about clubs on 20th March. Other than Golf Club there will be **no** after-school activities in the Prep School on Wednesday 20th March because there is a full staff meeting. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

StemDen Easter Camp. Stem Den is up and running again over the Easter holidays for those children who have a love for their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Our topics this holiday include: 'designing against crime', 'the power of steam' and 'what floats your boat'. Our Hands On! Minds On! Program of structured educational sessions will have something for everyone. 8th-12th April, 15th -18th April. Book multiple days to save money! [Click here to find out more.](#)

Junior Drama Club. The Junior Drama Club are adapting three of Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes'. The boys will be performing Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk and Cinderella. They are all working hard to learn, and deliver their lines which are written in rhyming couplets. Will they all live happily ever after? Why don't you come and find out on Wednesday, 27th March at 7.00pm in the Norman Hall.

Magic Breakfast Quiz. Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsor forms. We are delighted to announce that we have raised a fantastic **£3124.30** for Magic Breakfast. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

Year 7 Normandy Trip Information Meeting. Year 7 parents and boys are invited to the French trip meeting on Monday 18th March at 5pm in the Norman Hall. An outline of the nature of the trip and travel details will be gone through. This is an opportunity to ask any questions you have. An information booklet will be available. Please let me know if you are unable to attend and the booklet will be given to your son to take home. Mrs Marshall.

Votes for Schools. Our question this week has been: **Can you achieve anything you want to?** Yes: 48.5% No: 51.5%. The question for next week: **Is speaking English enough?** Enjoy discussing this over the weekend.

House Point Totals: Churchill 89.60; Lincoln 87.94; Oates 86.69; Lawrence 84.07
Enjoy the weekend and the windy weather.