



From the  
Headmaster

I felt extremely proud to be Headmaster of St John's this morning as we marked in a religious setting the Centenary of our School. The service, attended by many important guests, including the Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Mr Hunter-Jones, celebrated the past hundred years of the School's history with hymns, readings and even a rendition of the original School Song. It was super that so many parents were also able to join us for this very special occasion.

I was delighted to be able to attend the Pre-Prep Poetry Competition and was very pleased to welcome back Mrs Joffe to adjudicate. Congratulations to Luca in the Eagles who was the overall winner.

In other news Year 8 have completed their Bikeability training with instructors from Hillingdon Council whilst Year 6 enjoyed their practical work in the Science Lab. Measuring has been the focus for Year 3 as they have been recording the distances between various points around the School.

The 1st Seven team fought with spirit in the St John's Beaumont Rugby Tournament on Wednesday and I hope that the experience will stand them in good stead for our own Sevens Tournament after half term.

Finally I wish you a happy and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing the boys back refreshed on 24th February.

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## Centenary Thanksgiving Service



**The first of our Centenary celebrations** was held this morning at Emmanuel Church. We were proud to welcome Mr Hunter Jones, Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Lady Harding, our Chair of Governors, the Mayor of Hillingdon, Mr Kelly, ex Headmaster, Governors and other invited guests to our Centenary Service of Thanksgiving. Reverend Meathrel presided over proceedings and Reverend Fields, Chaplain of Merchant Taylors' School gave a poignant address. The boys (from Year 2 to 8) sang their hearts out and it was particularly special to be able to sing the School Song for the first time in many years. This was followed by a delicious lunch at School for staff and guests. This special celebration fittingly marked the beginning of our Centenary year.







# Centenary Thanksgiving Service







# THIS WEEK

## Centenary Events

With our School Centenary now in full swing we report on the series of special events being organised to celebrate 100 years of St John's. At the start of term boys were given badges and a commemorative book. Mr Robinson took the opportunity to read extracts in assembly to help boys discover more about how and why the School was founded. But that is not the end of the story. Keep reading The Lamb to follow developments as they take place. Meanwhile here are some dates for your diary.

**Centenary Thanksgiving Service** at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on Friday 14th February at 11.00am.

This service of thanksgiving, singing of the School Song, readings and prayers is for all boys in Years 2-8, staff, invited guests and parents. The service will finish at 12.00pm when our half term holiday will commence.

**Centenary Dinner** at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Thursday 26th March from 6.30pm. This black-tie event in the City of London is primarily for Old Boys but is also open to parents of boys in Years 6-8. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained by visiting [www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary](http://www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary).

**The Centenary Ball** at St John's on Saturday 27th June. Organised by the St John's Association, this is event

is for all current and past parents and staff.

Interest is already intense so make sure to buy your tickets early - full details coming soon.

**Old Boys' Day** at St John's on Sunday 28th

June. A special day for all Old Boys to visit and celebrate our Centenary.



**Centenary Charity Day & Pageant** on Monday 29th June. This is an all-day event for pupils, staff and parents (in the afternoon). Join in the celebration of ten decades of St John's.





## Practical Science in Year 6



**Year 6 boys have been learning about cell structure** and this week they looked at onion cells with the help of microscopes. Having adjusted the magnification to maximum they were able to see the chloroplast within a cell and identify the nucleus. Their next task was to draw this image in their books. Science at it's practical best!







## Year 8 take part in Bikeability



Our annual Bikeability course run by Hillingdon Council is an opportunity for our Year 8 boys to set out to try and achieve their level 1 and 2 proficiency in cycling. We were greeted by brilliant sunshine on most days which gave us dry conditions though in the wake of Storm Ciara blasting us and depositing it's debris everywhere, the boys were certainly challenged when faced with the local roads. It has to be said that with their newly acquired skills they coped admirably. The St John's bike shed was rammed full of all types of bikes, some even looking if they had been transported straight from the local cycling showroom, so pristine they looked, putting the staff bikes to shame! Environmentally, it was so pleasing to see an abundance of two wheels compared to full car park. In fact some boys had cycled to school, so full marks to them. Many congratulations to all the boys who participated in excellent spirit during this commendable course. For more information about the course please visit <https://bikeability.dft.gov.uk/what-is-bikeability/>







## Poetry Competition Final 12th February



On Wednesday morning the Pre-Prep held their annual Poetry Competition. Every boy learnt a poem with titles ranging from 'The Lion!' to 'The Shadow'. The preliminary rounds were difficult to judge but eventually three boys from each class were put forward to recite their poem in the final. Mrs Joffe, the former Head of Pre-Prep at St John's, and the instigator of the Poetry Competition was faced with the difficult task of choosing the class winners and eventually the overall winner of the competition. Each boy recited his poem clearly and confidently. After much thought, Mrs Joffe announced that Luca in the Eagles was the Pre-Prep Poetry Competition winner 2020. Well done to all the participants.







## Ribbon dancing in the Lambs



With Storm Ciara leaving us with grey skies and drizzly weather the Lambs have tried to bring a bit of colour to the school. They took their dancing feet and colourful ribbons to the Norman Hall and swished and swirled to the music. They may not have managed to change the weather but their cheery smiles have definitely brought a bit of sunshine to us all.







## Practical Maths in Year 3



**Year 3** have been learning about 'Measurement' in Maths this week. We started by measuring in centimetres and millimetres before moving on to metres. The boys tried hard to predict what the distance would be to various spots around the school. We then took out the trundle wheels to see how close our predictions were. The boys worked really well together and took it in turns to do the measuring or recording the distances using a clipboard and pencil! Everyone enjoyed the practical lesson and they now have a better understanding of distance.







## St John's Beaumont U13 Tournament 12th February



**Opening Group:** v ST John's Beaumont lost 3-1, v Cranmore lost 4-1, v Oratory SPH drew 3-3

**Play Offs:** v Oratory P. lost 5-1, v Oratory SPH lost 5-3, Gordons lost 5-3

**Try scorers:** Yusuf 5, Louis 3, Zak 1, Oliver 1

**Outstanding performances:** Louis and Yusuf

The boys played well in the first game against St John's Beaumont with both teams fresh and working hard. Zak scored from the wing but SJB came back strongly to equalise and then pull away at the end. In the next game we were caught early and struggled to recover, gaining a consolation score from Yusuf late on. In the final match of this group again the opposition scored early but the team, lead well by Louis, Oliver and Yusuf, clawed their way back to get a well earned draw. By the play off stage Oliver, Bradley and Rohan were all carrying knocks but the remaining 7 battled their way through the 3 matches with excellent scores from Yusuf and Louis, good work at the breakdown from Kaiwen and excellent all round play from Krish D.

All the boys should be commended on their efforts in this first and always tough tournament.



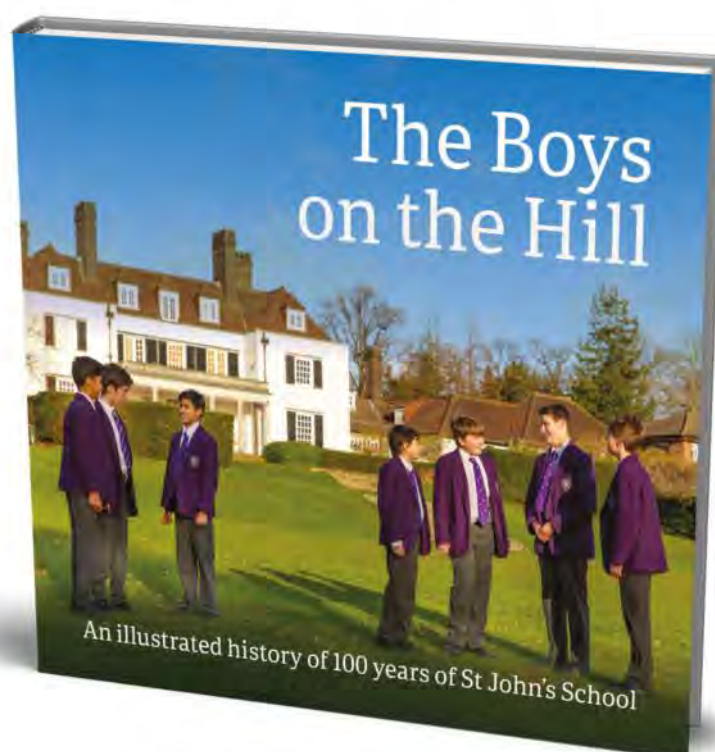


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## NOW AVAILABLE

### The Boys on the Hill: an illustrated history of 100 years of St John's School

As part of St John's Centenary celebrations, we have produced a fully illustrated 224-page history of the School. **The Boys on the Hill** traces the journey from the spare room of a Pinner vicarage to the spacious campus we enjoy today. Along the way we meet the visionary founder of the School, and the Headmasters, teachers and pupils who have made up the St John's community over 100 years.



Written by former Headmaster Chris Kelly and former parents, Phil Savage and Caroline Cooper, **The Boys on the Hill** contains dozens of photographs and reminiscences from every era. With a foreword from the Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, it also describes St John's today as it continues in its second century to provide the best education for pupils.

To order your personal copy of this wonderfully illustrated hardback book, please complete the online order form on the St John's website by visiting

[www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary-book](http://www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary-book)





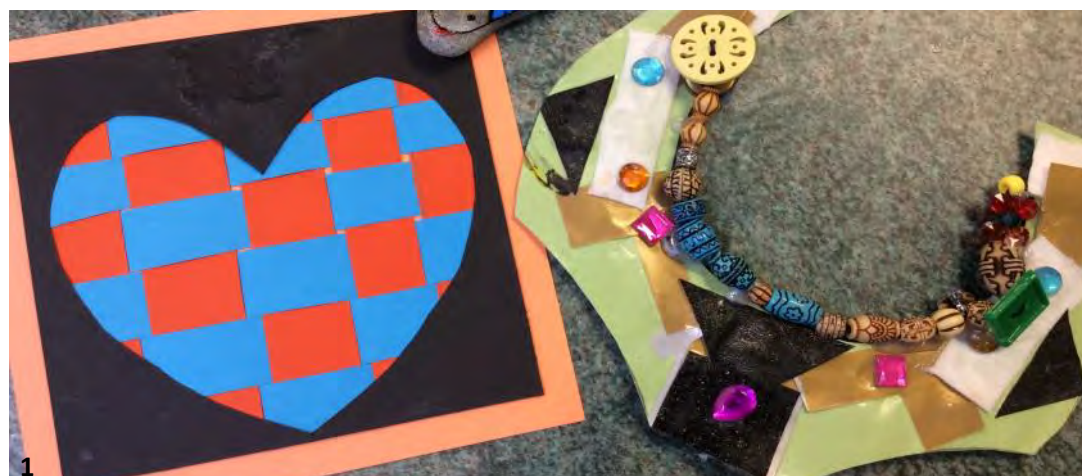
## Senior Drama to produce 'The Tempest'



**This Summer's Senior Drama production** will be a modern re-telling of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. Auditions will be held between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on both Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Boys will only be required to attend on one day and will be given this information directly by Mrs Johnson & Mr Wilson-Spellward. We hope that the boys will really enjoy preparing for the performance in late June. These photos from last summer's production of 'Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat' should give you a flavour of what the boys can achieve in Senior Drama.







Congratulations to our artists of the week. **Henry, Jamie and Zreh.**

1. Here are some examples of **Henry's** lovely art work this term.
2. Here is **Jamie's** handprint which will be used in the collaborative centenary art piece.
3. **Zreh** is using vibrant felt tips to colour his work inspired by the artist Michael Craig Martin.

Other projects this week are;

4. **Year 3** boys have been weaving Valentine's Day hearts.
5. **Junior Art Club** has been sewing hand puppets.
6. Some boys in **Art Club** have been experimenting with paint and varnish. **Anek and Darwin** are pictured with theirs.



# OUTLOOK



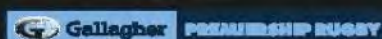
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As a partner school, Saracens would like to invite you to take advantage of this great promotional offer to their Showdown #1 game at this iconic stadium in North London. It will be the first ever Gallagher Premiership Rugby game to be held at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and promises to deliver a mouth watering Showdown. There is a limited amount of tickets available at these prices and will be issued as first come first served. This ticket offer will close on **15<sup>th</sup> December 2019** or earlier if these discounted tickets sell out.

- Click link: <https://tickets.saracens.com/list/events/> (NOTE - This is a generic booking page)
- Enter the code **STJOHNS20** in the box for **Promotional Code** on RHS and press **OK**
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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require further information: [theresabouchier@saracens.net](mailto:theresabouchier@saracens.net)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Theresa Bouchier



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## Calendar and important dates

**Monday 24th February:** School Resumes (8.25am)  
St John's Association Meeting (7.30pm)

**Tuesday 25th February:** Year 3 Visit to Neasden Mandir  
Whole School Eco-Council Meeting (1.20pm)  
Rugby v Orley Farm: U9 A, B (a) (2.30pm)  
Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (6.00pm-8.00pm)

**Wednesday 26th February:** Visit from The Young Shakespeare Company  
Aldro School Rugby Tournament: U12 A (12.00pm)  
Year 5 Parents' Evening (A-M) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

**Thursday 27th February:** Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (3.30pm-5.30pm)

**Friday 28th February:** House Meetings  
Haileybury Hockey Tournament: U11 A (9.00am)  
UCS Hockey Tournament: (U11 B & U10 A (1.00pm-4.30pm)  
St Martin's Road Relay Race: U14 (2.00pm)

**Saturday 29th February:** St John's U10 & U9 Rugby Tournament  
(9.30am-12.30pm)

## Contact details

**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. You can also follow us on twitter  @stjohnswood.

**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](mailto: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

**Design Competition.** Calling all budding designers! Blue Peter are calling for children aged 6 and over to design the 2020 Sports Badge. Take a look at the link below to take part. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/bp-competition>  
Email your designs for Mrs McSween to see if you would like to, before you send them off. [vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk)  
Good luck!

### Play Skill Quiz and Beanbag Throwing Competition.

These fund-raising activities will take place during the week of 9th March and boys should have brought home sponsor forms. Please help your son to find as many sponsors as they can over the half term holiday - thank you.



**Parents' Evenings.** The online booking form for the Year 5 Parents' Evenings after half term is now open. Please also note the two Pre-Prep Parents' Evenings which are during the first week after the holidays.

**Centenary Summer Ball.** TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Please use this link to buy yours: [Centenary Summer Ball Tickets](#)

**Stem Den** booking sheets are now ready for Easter and Summer holidays. Book your place early to avoid disappointment. Age 5 to 13 years. Boys and girls. Childcare vouchers taken. For more details visit: [www.stemden.co.uk](http://www.stemden.co.uk)

**RMS Disco for Years 7 and 8.** It's clearly disco season! Please follow this link to buy tickets: [RMS Disco](#)

**Votes for Schools.** The question this week has been: **Do you want to be internet famous?** Yes: 28% No: 72%. The question for after half term is: **Is the UK a tolerant place to live?** Please discuss this at home over the holiday.



**Mr Taylor's Christmas Quiz.** The results are in! Congratulations to our winners: **1st** the Curzon family, **2nd** the Ellis family, **=3rd** the Emery clan and Miss McClenaghan. Well done to everyone who entered what is always a fiendishly difficult quiz.

**House Point Totals:** **1st** Lincoln 81.52, **2nd** Churchill 79.38, **3rd** Oates 77.43, **4th** Lawrence 71.66

Enjoy a relaxing half term holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed on 24th February.