



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this week's Lamb; as you will see the last seven days have been packed full of interesting events including welcoming a number of visitors. This afternoon we were joined by pupils from Northwood School, St Martin's and Merchant Taylors' Senior and Prep for the annual Adventure Lecture. The audience was captivated by inspirational speaker Olie Hunter Smart, who reflected on his walk across India which included replicating the route taken by Mahatma Gandhi's Salt March. Olie was the first person to complete the 4500 km journey from North to South, on foot.

Congratulations to Harvey Road Primary School who were the winners of this year's interschool Design & Technology Challenge.

Two of our governors, Mr Robb and Mr Henson, joined Louis, Krish and Zac for lunch during a break in their meetings.

Year 4 have been learning to learn during study skills sessions with Mr Russo whilst the Otters and Owls have been working out how to escape from the Great Fire of London.

All of the Juniors enjoyed competitive matches with Caldicott and the hockey teams performed well.

I know our senior boys are looking forward to the charity disco this evening.

S. Robb

Northwood Adventure Lecture



We were delighted to welcome Olie Hunter Smart as the guest speaker at our annual Northwood Adventure Lecture today. Olie entertained our Year 7 and 8 boys and pupils from St Martin's, Northwood College, Merchant Taylors' School and Merchant Taylors' Prep with a very informative series of short films about his journey through India. He described the challenges of walking from north of the Himalayas to the southernmost point of the country. He interviewed people along the way about their feelings on the country's journey to independence. Closer to home he talked about his recent walk along Hadrian's wall and how he was able to film his experiences. The afternoon certainly sparked the spirit of adventure in quite a few members of the audience!





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.

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.



Chess v Lochinver Wednesday 6th February



With Anek opening up our account with scholars mate, we thought our winning sequence against Lochinver would continue. Sadly, Lochinver rallied and won the first round by 4 points to 2 with only Nayan adding to Anek's win. However, in the second round we mounted a spirited challenge with super subs Aryan and Richard coming off the bench and both winning their games respectively which saw us draw the second round 3 games all, with James also chipping in with a win in his tight contest but overall Lochinver won this close match by 7 points to 5. All of our boys played with great spirit and skill, so many congratulations to Vivaan, James, Xerxes, Anek, Nayan, Michael, Aryan and Richard.





‘Topping out’ ceremony yesterday



You may be unaware of this tradition within the building industry but ‘topping out’ is a ceremony traditionally held when the last beam is placed on top of a structure during its construction. In layman’s terms it means the roof is on our new sports hall! Mr Robb, one of our Governors, himself an architect, joined Mr Robinson and Mr Stone for a photograph on the newly constructed roof yesterday. They were also able to see the floor being levelled and Mr Robinson personally assisted proceedings by adding a breeze block to the first floor. They were then joined for lunch by Mr Henson, another Governor, and Zac, Louis and Krish from Year 8. We look forward to seeing more of our Governors at our Centenary Thanksgiving Service next week.





Quiz Club Science Challenge



Last Wednesday we sent two teams of boys to the first heats to the Quiz Club Science Challenge at the Science Museum in Kensington. The teams were selected from preliminary tests in their Science classes. Michael, Amos, James C and George R formed one team whilst Jacob, Luke, Kabir and Kian J made up the other team. The quiz was held in the IMAX theatre with about 24 other schools. There were four rounds of multi-choice questions, lasting over an hour. The quiz master was very knowledgeable and kept us entertained with plenty of interesting facts. In the end our two teams were placed 7th and 18th. We have since been informed that the team with Michael as their captain has qualified for the next level at the Dominion Theatre in June. So...lots of science knowledge cramming please boys!





PRE-PREP

Reception's answer to recycling!



Mountains of 'rubbish' were turned into robots, cars and trucks, garages and swords amongst other things. Certainly in the Robins we had one of the quietest Art lessons as everyone sorted through the junk to find appropriate parts for their models. Then there was the challenge of sticking the pieces together - at least until the models made it to their cars.





The Lambs band



The lambs experimented with the different sounds that percussion instruments can make. We played softly, loudly, quickly and slowly! We composed and performed a rock song and called ourselves 'The Lambs Band'. Don't we look cool!



PRE-PREP



Making model boats in Year 1



The Otters and Owls have been learning about how people escaped the Great Fire of London. The boys have discovered that many people used boats to flee the city, along the River Thames. The boys each made a folded paper boat, by following step-by-step instructions. They then added details to match some of the designs that were researched, such as oars, wooden planking, sails and flags. Ship ahoy!!

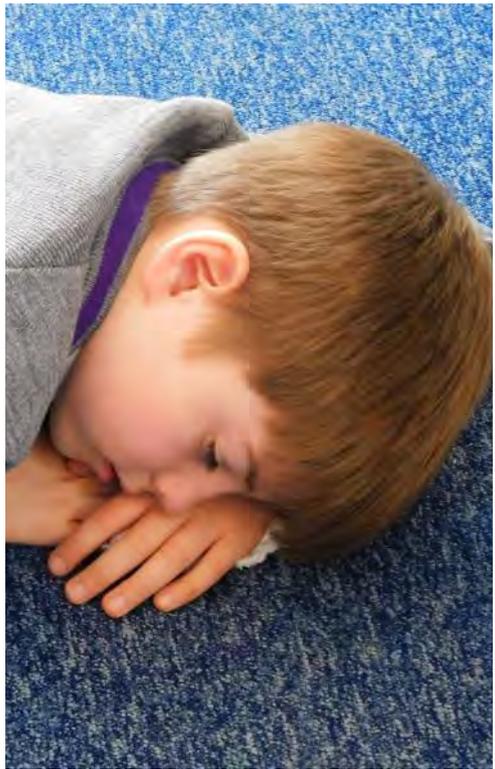




Mindfulness in Year 4



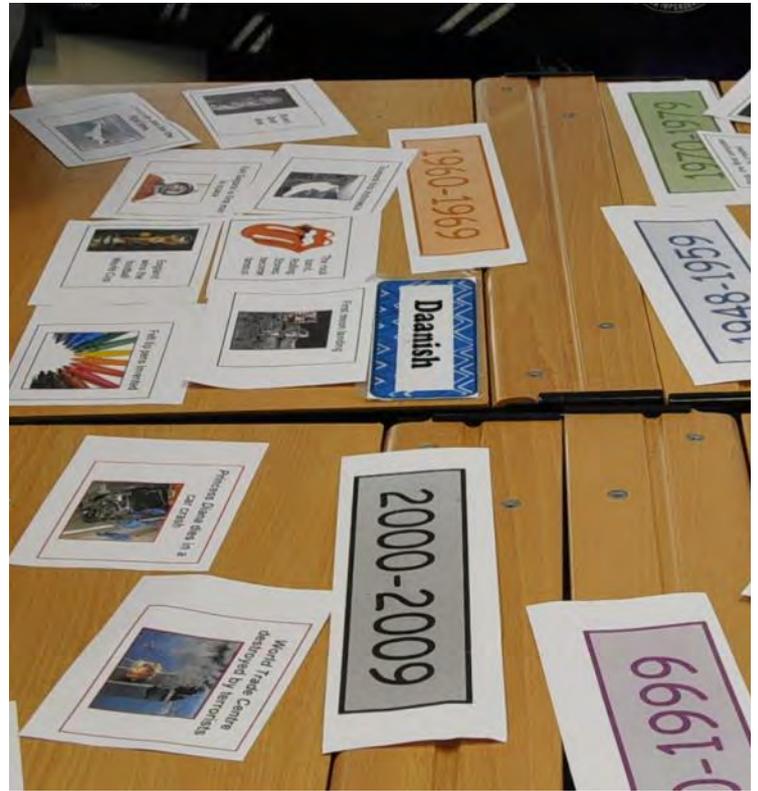
No parents, we are not giving your boys the opportunity to sleep during the day, but, learning the art of Mindfulness. It is the practice which involves activities such as attention-training and tasks that help children focus on the present moment and work skilfully with their thoughts and emotions. It can also help them to slow down and pay full attention. It is something that can help them be stress free and help them to go to sleep at the end of a busy day. Keep practising boys, a good skill to learn.



JUNIORS



Study skills in the Juniors



In Year 4 Study Skills we completed a group work activity looking at major world events and placing these into the different decades in which they took place. Mr Russo is always pleasantly surprised at the broad knowledge that boys possess and the sensible way they work together in groups to solve problems. The boys enjoyed the opportunity and hopefully picked up a little more knowledge of the world from 1948 to 2009.





U11 hockey v Haberdashers' 31st January

U11 A v Haberdashers' Won 5-1

Scorers: Lucas 3, Blake 1, Sahib B 1

Outstanding performances: The whole team

Recent work in training, which has emphasised the importance of pass-and-manoevre and shooting into the sides of the goal, was put into good practice in this fixture. The boys played into the opposition 'D' consistently with Lucas playing very intelligently, creating opportunities for teammates and taking shots when he got the chance. It was pleasing to keep an almost completely clean sheet at the back, thanks to the hard work of Sahib Singh, Daniel, Oscar and Kian. Under the tutelage of the umpire the boys were introduced to short corners, which they will need to become proficient in for the tournaments that are coming up after half term. Well done to all of them on a terrific win.



U11 B v Haberdashers' Won 14-0

Scorers: Amos 3, Zac 3, Zian 2, Thomas 2, Shay 1, Nayan, Ansh 1, Oliver 1

Outstanding performances: Shay and Zian

This was a good match to show off the boys' learning and progress. The coaching in the main has been around not creating unnecessary '1v1' battles and playing 'heads-up' hockey. Because of the focus and more importantly experimenting with this in the match, it is no surprise to note the amount of goals scored. The lesson is simple, pass more and more opportunities will be created. Special mention to Zian, Shay and Oliver for their consistency in keeping possession in these situations when under pressure by the opposition. Well done.



U13 hockey v John Lyon Monday 3rd February

U13 A v John Lyon Won 6-3

Scorers: Zac 4, Arian 1, Saam 1

Outstanding performances:

Aaron, Zac and Louis

This was an excellent game between two evenly matched teams. In the first half both teams passed the ball well. Then John Lyon took the lead and we managed to score a goal from Zac. At half-time, John Lyon were leading 3 - 2. In the second half, we started to play really well and our passing link play opened up the John Lyon defence. We had numerous chances to score but the John Lyon keeper made some great saves. Eventually we scored some good goals with some excellent lead up play. Zac scored 4 goals and Arian at the end got a good goal by beating the goal keeper by shooting between the legs. A very good game and an excellent win. Well done!

U13 B v John Lyon Lost 9-3

Scorers: Bradley 1, Zac R 1, Zain 1

Outstanding performances:

Charlie

This was a well fought game between 2 sides who weren't as mismatched as the score might imply. The game started with both teams passing well and defending in numbers. John Lyon had the majority of possession and once they scored their first goal, they scored four more in quick succession. This galvanised the St John's boys and they responded with three goals of their own. Unfortunately our opponents proved too strong and they finished the game with another flurry of goals.





U9 rugby v Caldicott Tuesday 4th February

U9 A v Caldicott

Scorers: Leo B 3, Bailey 2, Aubrey 1

Outstanding performances: Leo B

This was an important match as the week before against Wetherby Prep our handling and lack of attacking wide let us down a little bit. The first half could not have been better in which St John's scored four tries. The boys were taking responsibility for positional channels, they kept possession more and played through the phases. Even more impressive was their defence in this half. Caldicott played some good rugby too and attacked hard but the St John's defence stood strong, forcing errors or turning around possession through the 'seven tackle turnover' rule. Caldicott expectedly attacked even harder in the second half and managed to score some tries of their own but I was proud to see the team staying calm and they continued to play with confidence and believe in each other. Really well done indeed. A special mention to Leo B who showed patience on the left wing for the ball to come to him in attack. Also for showing some lightning fast running, solid footwork in the right situations and for putting in some strong tackles forcing the opposition backwards.



U9 B v Caldicott

Scorers: Alexander W-M 1, Dries 1, Thomas M 2, Ali 1

Outstanding performance: Dries

The team started well with a good score by Dries and very solid defence with much improved line speed. The opposition had strong tacklers and the team did well to complete their 4 tries with Dries leading the way in attack, supported by Thomas, Ali and Alex. Zain and Mustafa worked hard in defence and Harry again demonstrated good promise. This proved to be a very good match with the St John's team ending up going head to head with a good side.



U9 C v Caldicott

Scorers: Otto 1, Rohan 1, Alexander S 2, Khyan 1, Freddie 1

Outstanding performance: Otto

The boys were up against a tough opposition but fronted up well against them. In attack we looked very strong passing the ball down the line and creating massive holes to run into. A special mention to Otto who would not stop running with the ball and causing some real problems for the defence. Our defence let us down a bit as we made it too easy for them to make yards. Another special mention to Freddie for constantly making massive tackles. Overall a very promising performance. Well done!





U13 hockey v Aldenham Wednesday 5th Feb

U13 A v Aldenham Won 3-2

Scorers: Zac 1, Saam 1, Aaron 1

Outstanding performances:
Louis and Aaron

It was an intense match in which our boys managed to get ahead and then had to endure repeated attacks for the rest of the game. They did well to score the opportunities that came their way when they did get them with some impressive counter-attacks in the second half. Under the barrage of efforts from Aldenham to level the score Louis kept goal brilliantly and hard work was put in by Aaron, Rohan, Yusuf and Oliver at the back to keep them out. Well done to all of the boys on their efforts, and a hard-earned victory.



U13 B v Aldenham Lost 7-0

Outstanding performance:
Zak R

Against a good opposition, we struggled to ever really get started in this game. Aldenham had some very good players and in the first half we struggled to clear the ball and gain any possession in our opponent's territory. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of Zak in defence and Charlie in goal this was too much pressure to take and we conceded goals at regular intervals. This trend continued into the second half as we struggled to retain the ball and mount any real attacking threat. The boys tried hard but were outplayed by a much better side.





U12 hockey v Aldenham Wednesday 5th Feb

U12 A v Aldenham Won 6-5

Scorers: Ethan 1, Nishil 4, Arian 1

Outstanding performance: Nishil

This was a fantastic game of hockey between two evenly matched teams played in a great spirit. The standard of hockey was magnificent throughout and it was certainly an end to end game. Both teams played attractive hockey with fluent and efficient interplay between defence, midfield and attack, which resulted in some great goals and finishing. There were some fine techniques on display from both sides through accurate dribbling, passing, defending and shooting. The game could have finished with a draw and either team and coaches would have seen it as a fair result. However, the St John's team saved the best until last and scored a winning goal with less than five minutes on the clock, to make it 6-5. Congratulations to all the boys involved on a great win. Well done!

U12 B v Aldenham Drew 3-3

Scorers: Alex 1, Yusuf 1, Nikhil 1

Outstanding performance: Hillesh

The boys were up against a well organised opposition today. In the first half we struggled to get forward and kept on losing possession far too easily. After the half time talk we found what we had to work on and executed it perfectly. We started passing the ball well into space and creating good opportunities to score some team goals. A very positive performance by Hillesh as goalkeeper to make sure that Aldenham didn't score any more goals. Overall a very good performance from all. Well done!





U8 rugby v Caldicott Thursday 6th February

U8 A v Caldicott

Scorers: Tanay 2, Zachariah 2

Outstanding performance: Aariz

We started the game slowly letting in a few easy tries early on. The pitch was very wide and we adapted our defensive line well to suit this, however the opposition quickly found our weakness of defending around the touch area. We made the tries we scored hard for ourselves by trying to run around a speedy Caldicott defensive line, when instead the space we needed to run into was closer in. In the second half we improved our defensive structure and made many more metres with the ball. It was an enjoyable game to watch and great to see the strength of our handling skills.



U8 B v Caldicott

Scorers: Arnav 5, James 1, Hamza 1

Outstanding performances:

Hamza and Arnav

This fixture ended up in a very tight high scoring game with some great running on display throughout. We started well by putting in a great defensive shift with some high pressure line-speed resulting in lots of turnover ball. Strong running from Hamza and Arnav put us in a good position on the field with our support play running onto the ball. We lost focus in the second half which is our key take away from this game, as we let the opposition back into the game and made the remainder of the game hard for ourselves especially when organising our defensive line.





U8 rugby v Caldicott Thursday 6th February

U8 C v Caldicott

Scorers: Abbas 4, Liam 1, Caiden 1, Enzo 1

Outstanding performance: Abbas

Today we were up against a tough opposition. Our attacking structure was missing width which made it difficult to pass the ball to our teammates. In attack there was some very strong running by Liam and Enzo which created holes for other players to run into. Our defence got better as the game went on, as we used the whole width of the pitch to close down the opposition. Overall a promising performance, well done!



U8 D v Caldicott

Scorers: Dhilan 2, Neer 2, Josh 1

Outstanding performance: Neer

Whilst the Ds took a while to get started, the St John's boys showed a great deal of tenacity and aggression. Two outstanding runs and tries from Neer earned him outstanding player, but as a team the boys showed how much they can do when they are given space to run.



U8 E v Caldicott

Scorers: Ansh 2

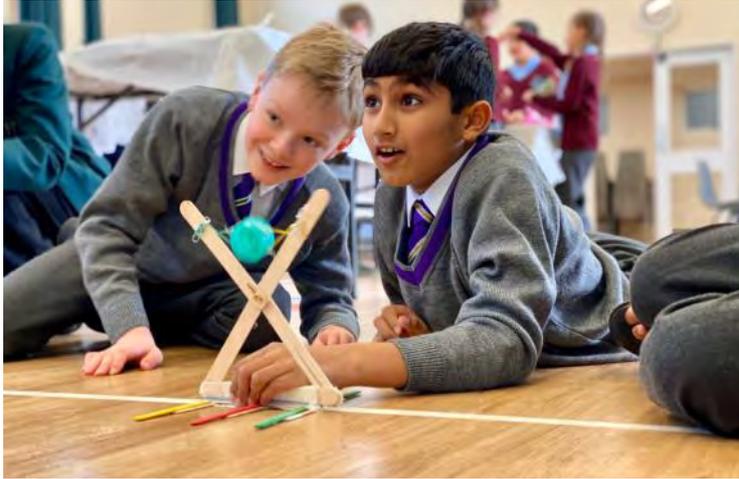
Outstanding performance: Ansh

The mighty U8 'Elephants' are playing better and better each game. The boys are starting to execute passing and catching on the move and this is starting to build some good momentum which has led to some solid forward runs and two great tries from Ansh R. The team would benefit from holding positional channels in defence. Really good effort!

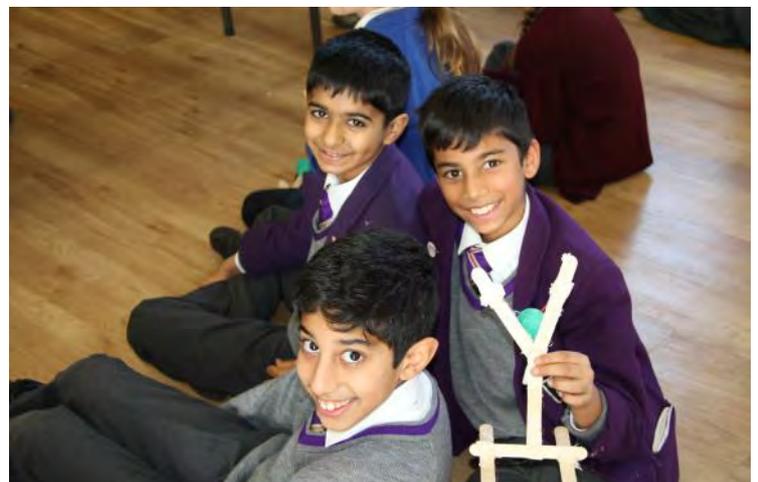


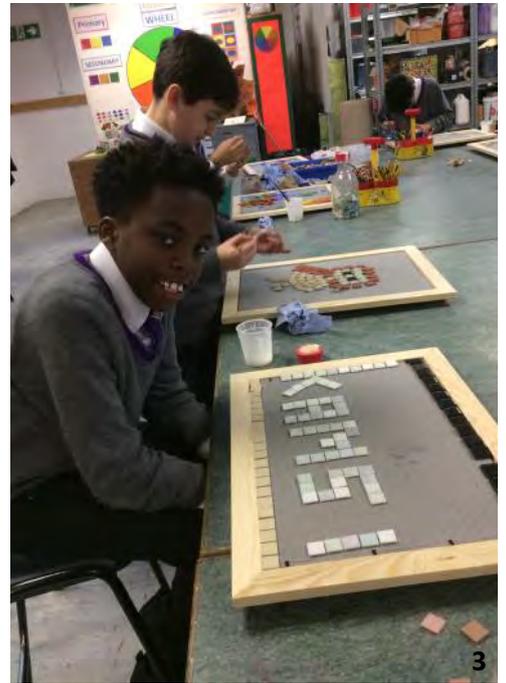


Interschool D&T Challenge 6th February



The Arctic was the harsh setting for our 5th Interschools D&T Challenge which took place yesterday. In this double challenge, boys and girls from schools in the local area pitted their wits against each other to design and make a model igloo to shelter the explorers, they then had to see off a dangerous polar bear with snowballs thrown from a catapult. The absence of real snow meant that competitors had to improvise with marshmallows which made an interesting building material! Everyone was commended for their excellent collaboration skills and for superb designing and making. In the end, Harvey Road Primary School were triumphant by producing most wonderful design drawings, made a super strong structure and saw off Pandora the Polar Bear with style. Huge congratulations to all who took part!





Another busy week in our Art department this week. Congratulations to the Artists of the week; **Hrishu, Yash and Kamsi.**

1. **Hrishu** in Year 4 came up with an original design for his shield.
2. This Year 6 group have **Yash** to thank for lots of Harry Potter knowledge on their Mona Lisa recreation.
3. **Kamsi** has been working very hard on his trivet.

Other work going on in the art room...

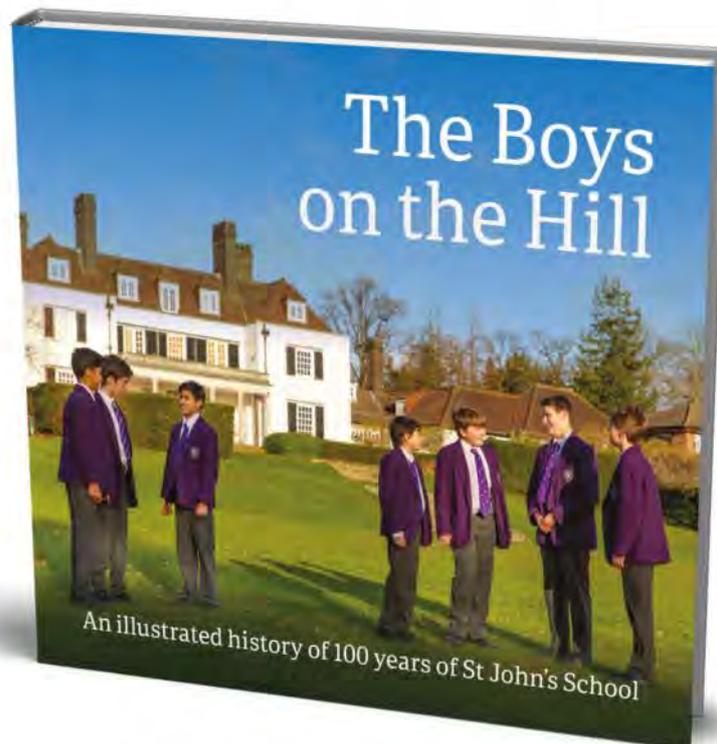
4. **Year 8** boys hard at work.
5. **Junior Art Club** have been creating tin foil art. **Neer** is pictured with his.
6. This handprint drawing is by **Kian** in Year 5.

Please spread the word.....

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

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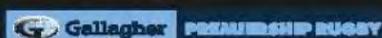
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As a partner school, Saracens would like to invite you to take advantage of this great promotional offer to their Showdown #1 game at this iconic stadium in North London. It will be the first ever Gallagher Premiership Rugby game to be held at the 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 **15th December 2019** or earlier if these discounted tickets sell out.

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require further information: theresabouchier@saracens.net

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

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Krüger Sports Camps



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February 2020

Hockey - Monday 17th February to Wednesday 19th February

Grips / Warm Up Games / Skill Circuits / Moving with the ball / Passing and Receiving / Shooting and Goal scoring / Goal Keeping / Defending Skills / 3D Skills / Technique Videos

Football - Thursday 20th February and Friday 21st February

1 v 1 Skills / Agility / Conditioned Games / Co-ordination / Crossing and Finishing / Defending / Dribbling / Goalkeeping / Heading / Passing and Receiving / Possession / Shooting / Technique Videos

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27TH JUNE 2020

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Calendar and important dates

Monday 10th February: Bikeability Week for Year 8

Tuesday 11th February: Safer Internet Day
St John's Beaumont Rugby Tournament: U11 A (a) (12.30pm)

Wednesday 12th February: Pre-Prep Poetry Competition (9.30am)
St John's Beaumont Rugby Tournament: U13 A (a) (12.30pm)

Thursday 13th February:

Friday 14th February: Centenary Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Church (11.00am)
Half Term Holiday Begins (12.30pm)

Monday 24th February: School Resumes (8.25am)

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 [@stjnsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjnsnorthwood).



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

Centenary Thanksgiving Service. This important event (for Years 2-8) in the history of the School is next Friday, 14th February. You will receive further details of arrangements on Monday but in the meantime please note that any books, kit, instruments etc. required for the half term holiday should be taken home on **Thursday 13th**. Boys should not bring any bags or water bottles to school on Friday. Thank you.

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

Year 5 Parents' Evenings. An early reminder that these are on Wednesday 26th February (surnames A-M) and Tuesday 3rd March (surnames O-W). You will receive an email when the online booking system is open.

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



World Book Day. Parents of boys in Years 3-8 will shortly receive an email from Mrs Rizava regarding an exciting opportunity to pre-order books by the author, Ali Sparkes, who will visit St John's on 5th March for World Book Day. Please use the order form attached to her email to buy books as they will not be available during her visit.

Kruger Sports Camps. Please see the flyer from Mr Kruger on page 23 and sign up soon as places are limited.

Votes for Schools. The question this week has been: **Could you support a friend struggling with their mental health?** Yes: 81.1% No: 18.9%. Next week's question: **Do you want to be internet famous?** Please discuss this at home over the weekend.



House Point Totals: 1st Lincoln 77.22, 2nd Churchill 75.08, 3rd Oates 72.84, 4th Lawrence 67.58

Enjoy the weekend and watch out for Storm Ciara.