



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this week's edition of The Lamb which reflects the many activities taking place throughout the School. We have listened to an entertaining week of assemblies about the Six Nations - there was certainly a difference of opinion about who the likely champions would be this year.

I know that the Year 7 boys benefitted from their 'cyber ready' workshop and that the School Council also focused on being safe online before Internet Safety week begins on Monday.

The Lambs have been learning the colours of the rainbow in a very entertaining way whilst Year 2 conducted an experiment in Science to create plastic.

Year 4 have also enjoyed some practical Science and have discussed the importance of the Union Jack during their PSHE lessons about British values.

On the sporting front the hockey season is in full swing with matches against UCS and John Lyon and the U9 boys played rugby against Wetherby Prep in the true spirit of the game, congratulating each other and posing for joint team photographs at the end of the matches.

Please take note of the new 'Votes for Schools' question as we begin Internet Safety week and I look forward to meeting with the Year 7 parents at their Parents' Evenings next week.

S. Robinson

First School Council of 2019



Our School Council is made of representatives from across all age groups and meets very half term to discuss important topics affecting the school community. This week on the agenda was a timely debate about Internet safety and suggestions for new playground equipment which included a rather chilly site visit! After the February break a new group will convene to take us through to the end of this academic year.





Year 7 are cyber ready!



Ecclesiastical Insurance (a specialist insurer of Independent Schools) sent a group of representatives to lead the Year 7s through a 'cyber ready' workshop in preparation for Safer Internet Day (5th February). The PSHCEE lesson was interactive and the boys worked in groups to look at a series of different stories of things that could happen online and when using social media. The boys analysed the situations and came up with creative ideas to help solve the problems. Some of the feedback received was that the stories were very relevant in today's world – the lesson helped them to understand the consequences of things that happen online and to think about solutions if they are faced with the issue themselves.





Learning through dance in the Lambs



Learning is often much more exciting when it is done in a practical way. The Lambs have been finding out about the colours of the rainbow and what better way to do it than through music and movement. They took their very own rainbows to the Norman Hall and listened and responded to different styles of music whilst having lots of fun.





Creating plastic in Year 2



The excitement in Year 2 science this week was almost as strong as the foul smell the boys created as they mixed vinegar with warm milk. They were aiming to create a primitive form of plastic as part of our materials topic. There was much stirring, staring and eager anticipation to see what would happen as the boys followed instructions carefully to achieve a good result. Many of the boys did indeed create a white plastic like substance which dried and set quite hard. Others were slightly less successful and there were some very sensible discussions as to why this should be. This is exactly how science should be for boys of this age. Some very keen student may even wish to repeat the experiment at home. You have been warned!





There's friction in Year 4!



Year 4 has been looking at friction in Science this term. They have learnt that forces are around you all the time, whether you are moving or standing still. The boys enjoyed working on the 'Wibbly Wobbly' experiment which tested to see if friction was present when moving jelly from one bowl to another. They also discovered that when oil was added to the jelly it could make things a little slippery and harder to move.





Learning about the Ancient Egyptians in Year 3



Year 3 have been learning about Ancient Egyptian clothing this week. After researching what they used to wear as part of their homework, the boys worked in partners to create a colourful information poster. They tried to use Ancient Egyptian colours and patterns in their designs.



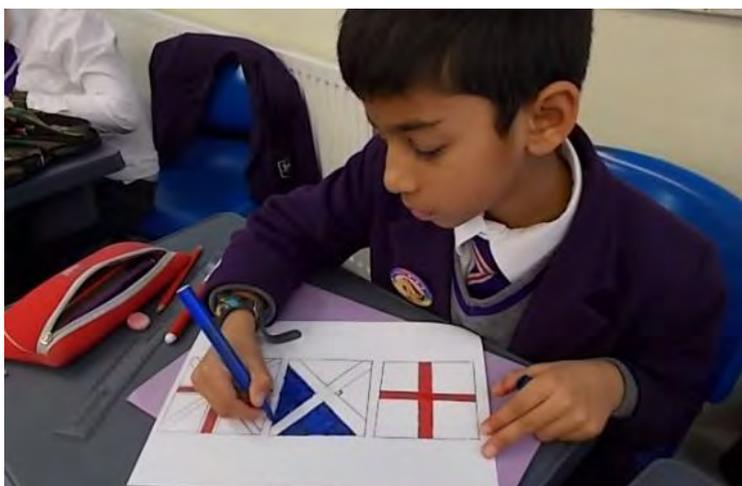
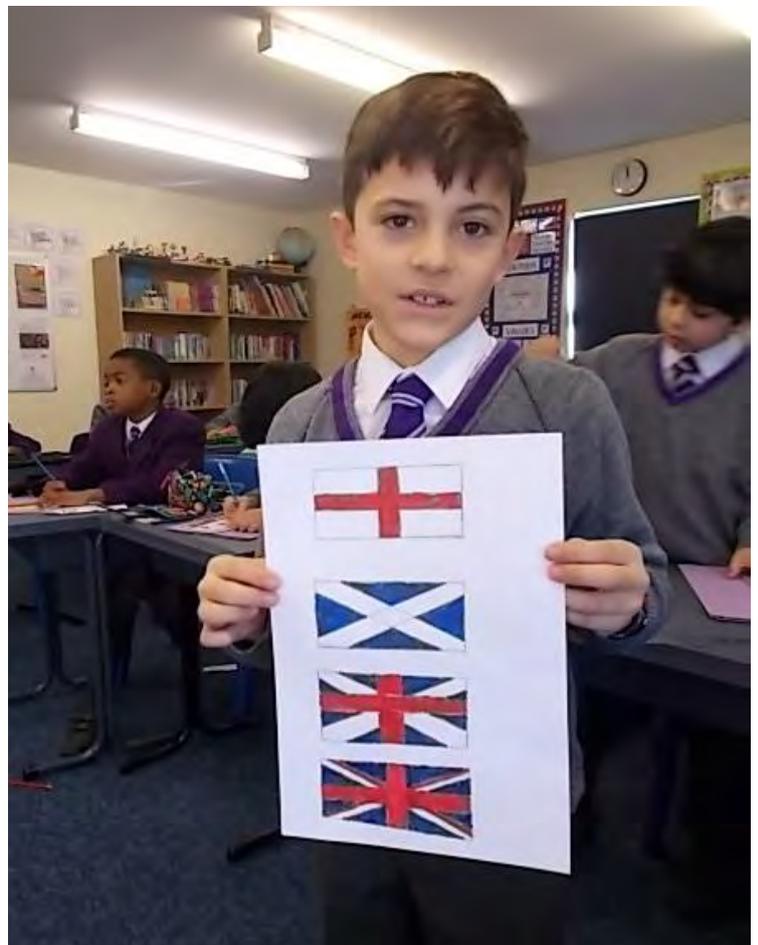


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British values in PSHCEE



How do you feel when you see the Union Jack flag? Proud, a part of the country, happy, it's a family, I am at home, I belong and a part of History. What great answers! We then went on to learn about how the Union Jack flag came to be. This incorporated PSHCEE, History, Geography, English and Art as the boys drew the flags. Religious Studies even entered the lesson after learning that it is believed St. George was a 'high member' of the Roman Army. A very cross curricular lesson indeed.





U11 hockey v UCS Friday 25th January

U11 A v UCS Won 3-0

Scorers: Harman 1, Reece 1, Ethan 1

Outstanding performances: Rodrigo

This was a much more clinical performance, which the boys can be rightly proud of. Our defence was tested throughout the match but held strong with Raffi having to make a few saves and the defenders clearing the D effectively. Rodrigo played very well. In attack several opportunities were created and three finished, which was very encouraging to see. The team has yet to become a goal-scoring machine but shall continue to work in this in the next fixture against Haberdashers'.



U11 B v UCS Won 3-1

Scorers: Jaidev 3

Outstanding performances: The whole team

What we are aiming for as a squad finally started to show in this fixture. We have worked really hard over the last week on 'possession games' which can be quite tricky and forces us to really think what we want to do with the ball. Because of this a 'passing and moving' game was more evident from the whole squad. Jaidev clearly knows where the goal is and is starting to show a natural instinct for when to finish. Well done all. We are certainly looking forward to our next training session and fixture against Haberdashers'.





U10 hockey v UCS Friday 25th January

U10 A v UCS Lost 3-2

Scorers: Sahib 2

Outstanding performances: Aryan

We played solidly and throughout the game we tried to move the ball into space. On occasions we tended to come into the centre and we still need to keep our wide players wider so that we can exploit the space. We scored two goals and in one of the goals we moved the ball superbly which freed up the space for the other attacking players to score. We still need to do this more often. Sahib scored the two goals but it was Aryan in goal who was outstanding and made some wonderful saves. The opposition had one exceptional player who dominated the whole game and he was the difference between the two teams. Things to work on for next match.

U10 B v UCS Lost 4-0

Outstanding performances: Ansh S, Oscar and Aaron

A very tough game for the team especially as we were dominant in territory and possession throughout. Oscar and Aaron limited the opposition's opportunities in defence and worked hard to join the attack and distribute to Lucas in midfield. He put Daniel and Shay into ample space down the wings where we fed the ball to Ansh and Darwin upfront. In attack we threatened with every shot we took but somewhat wasted opportunities by not testing their goalkeeper as much as we could. We were caught out on the counter attack which led to the goals being conceded. However our defence including Ansh did well to track back and halt their chances, well played all.





U12 hockey v John Lyon Monday 28th January

U12 A v John Lyon Won 4-1

Scorers: Aaron 2, Saam 1, Zac 1

Outstanding performances: Louis

This was a great team performance from the U12A team. The boys played exceptionally well throughout the game and there was some fantastic individual and team play. On the pitch we created some fine scoring opportunities, which were finished clinically by Aaron, Zac and Saam. The defence was extremely strong and there were some outstanding saves by Louis in goal. The areas we now need to work on are our passing and receiving of the ball, also our short corners. Many congratulations to all the boys in the game. Well done!

U12 B v John Lyon Lost 7-2

Scorers: Bradley 1, Kamsi 1

Outstanding performances: Charlie

It was great to have the whole year group playing in this fixture. We had a healthy number of subs with many boys learning how to play in different positions. The attitude and approach from the squad could not have been better. Everyone was up for this fixture and got stuck in. A player to particularly commend was Charlie with his leadership and strong communication from goal. Bradley communicated well too and gave support to fellow teammates in terms of positioning and marking. Well done to him and Kamsi for scoring both their goals of '7-second' penalties. Zak was another player who stood out on the day in attack and defence. Well done all.





U9 rugby v Wetherby Prep Tuesday 29th January

U9 Ireland v Wetherby Prep

Outstanding performance:

George

A challenging first half for the boys against Wetherby's A team as we lacked intensity in the first half. Many of the players improved towards the end of the game with notable carries from Oliver, George and Emeka. George also managed the best tackles on the opposition's stronger carriers. As a team we tried to move the ball out wide to stretch the opposition's defence however this didn't work due to the fitness of Wetherby and a more direct style of rugby was needed to get over the gain line.



U9 Zealand v Wetherby Prep

Try Scorers: Shane 2, Rafi 1, Adam 1

Outstanding performances: The whole team

Two very evenly matched sides both in attack and defence. The boys simply improved in all areas compared to the week before, especially spreading out in defence with the wingers calling people out. Good rush defence with big tackles. In attack the passing and handling is starting to look more and more impressive. One aspect we thought we would like to target is for the receiver running onto the ball to run straighter with real pace, meaning and intent.

It is a real joy to be coaching this group of boys. Keep enjoying your rugby with the excitement of the Six Nations upon us.





Pre-audition screening of Joseph



Yesterday afternoon we turned the Norman Hall into a cinema for all the boys interested in the Senior Drama summer production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. We left cold Northwood behind and together journeyed to Ancient Egypt with songs and laughter. It was such fun and the boys seemed to enjoy the experience. It was an opportunity for them to see the show in its entirety before the auditions next Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.





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1. The Chinese New Year starts on 5th February. **Year 5** have been preparing artwork for this spring festival.

2. **Blake** in 5K is hiding behind his dragon mask.

3. **Year 4** are making Roman shields. **Abdullah** and **Luca** are using red paint to prepare their shields.

4. Junior Art Club have been sewing hearts. **Owen** in Year 3 has made a lovely picture for Valentine's day.



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SJA Lite

Have you always wanted to join the St John's Association, but just don't have the time to spare?

St John's Association are excited to announce "SJA Lite". A new way to help out but without the commitment!

We are looking for a team of parents that can help us on a more ad hoc basis, for setting up for events or help on the day, whatever time you can spare.

If you would like more information, please email our Chair of the committee Kara at Karaheward@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome.



Years 7 and 8 are invited to
St John's School Disco!

Friday 15th February

7.00 – 9.30pm



Norman Hall, St John's School

Potter Street Hill

Northwood

HA6 3QY



There will be a DJ and light refreshments

Tickets: £10



All proceeds will go to the charity,
Magic Breakfast



Calendar and important dates

Monday 4th February: Hockey v John Lyon: U13 A, B (h) (3.00pm)
7H Parents' Evening (Norman Hall) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Tuesday 5th February: Safer Internet Day
Rugby v Caldicott: U9 A, B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)

Wednesday 6th February: Hockey v Parkside: U13 A, B, U12 A, B (a) (2.15pm)
7J Parents' Evening (Norman Hall) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Thursday 7th February: UKMT Maths Challenge (Year 8)
TFL Citizenship Talk for Year 6
Rugby v Caldicott: U8 A, B, C (a) (3.00pm)

Friday 8th February: Dr Bike Visit for Year 8 bikes
Year 4 Visit to Verulamium, St Albans (9.00am-1.30pm)
Hockey v Parkside: U10 A, B, C, D (a) (2.45pm)

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.

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

Mr Taylor's Christmas Quiz. If you want to enter your completed quiz in to be marked then you have until today to hand it in to Mr Taylor. Winners will be announced in early February. Should you just wish to check it yourself then an answer sheet will be available from 4th February.

St John's Association Disco. Tickets are selling out fast for this event on Friday 15th February. Please see the flyer on the previous page. Tickets are on sale from the school office.

Merchant Taylors' Choral Society is made up of parents and friends of Merchant Taylors' School. It meets on a Tuesday evening from 8.00-9.30pm and is about to start preparing for a performance on 25th March at Merchant Taylors' School. The Director of Music at MTS, Mr Simon Couldridge, invites anyone who is interested in singing *Vivaldi's Gloria and Pergolesi's Magnificat* to contact Mrs Savage at jsavage@st-johns.org.uk for further details.

Saracens Academy Experience. Please see the flyer on page 14 which is exclusively for Saracens Partner Prep Schools. It is advertising special tickets for the London Stadium fixture against Harlequins on the 23rd of March. Please click [here](#) and use code **ACADEMY2019** to purchase tickets.

House Music Festival. This continues next week with beginner and Grade 2 boys performing. Please see the notices in your form room or the music corridor for your precise time.

Bikeability Week. On 8th February boys will bring in their cycles to be given an "MOT" by "Dr Bike" who will check them for roadworthiness. The following week the boys will be instructed by qualified trainers from Hillingdon Council on how to learn to cycle safely. First they will be taught how to ride properly and make hand signals. If they pass this level they will go on to learning how to cycle safely on the roads around the school, so they are aware of traffic and know how to follow the rules of the road. At the end of the course the boys will be awarded certificates and badges for each level passed.

Votes for Schools. Our question this week has been: **Will the new Holocaust Memorial make a difference?** Yes: 78.1 % No: 21.9%. Next week's question: **Have you ever read the terms and conditions?** focussing on our personal data and how it is shared on social media platforms as next week is Internet Safety week. You may also be interested in looking at the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#), resources from which we shall be using during the course of next week.

House Point Totals: Oates 8.70; Churchill 8.37; Lincoln 8.07; Lawrence 7.98

Have a good weekend, enjoy the start of the Six Nations and wrap up warm.