



## From the Headmaster

**Welcome to World Book Week** at St John's. The joy our boys discover in reading is evident throughout this week's issue of *The Lamb*, from youngest to oldest. I am really happy to see that boys are talking to each other about what they are reading, sharing recommendations and enthusiasms. Thank you to all the staff, particularly the English Department, and the boys for nurturing this vital life-long interest.

I've enjoyed looking at the model Monuments which Year 1 and meeting some of Year 3's pets.

It's not too late to join the St John's Association Family Quiz tomorrow evening at 5.00pm, you can find all the information on page 22. I hope that Year 7 and 8 boys and their parents will join me on Wednesday evening 10th March for A night of Adventure Films by Austin Vince, which promises to be a very entertaining evening.

This is our final lockdown edition of *The Lamb* and we would like to thank all boys, parents and teachers who have worked so hard to keep *The Lamb* full of lovely photos during lockdown. We are all really excited to see the boys back in school on Monday enjoying school-life as normally as possible. We look forward to a busy week as they catch up with their friends and enjoy their activities.

*S. Robinson*

# Happy World Book Day

**This year the** English Department organised an afternoon of book-related activities with something to inspire everyone. The Juniors have been designing amazing book covers. Years 5 and 6 had an exclusive video presentation by Katherine Rundell, an author who is already popular amongst the boys for her *Rooftoppers* novel. She introduced her newly written prequel *Skystepper*. Years 7 and 8 watched a film about the incredible Michael Morpurgo. He talked about some of his best-loved books as well as reading from his latest book, *Boy Giant*. Below, you can see what fun the Pre-Prep had dressing up as their favourite characters from a book. Boys in Years 5-8 could also enter a competition to have their work published in *The Lamb*. We have announced the winners on pages 3 and 4. Well done to all St John's boys for engaging so enthusiastically with World Book Day. Let's keep reading.

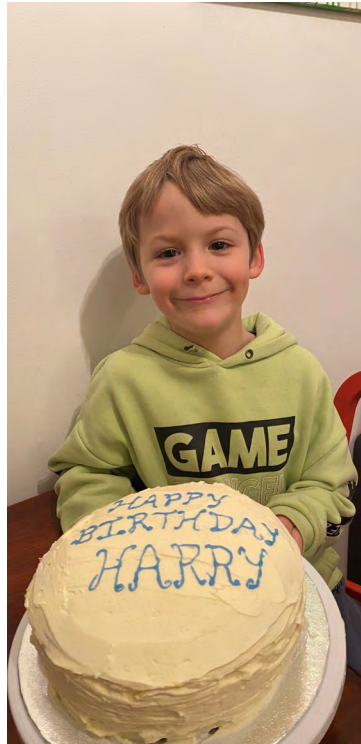






# Happy Birthday boys

Our birthday boys this week are Thomas, Adam, Aiden, Hugh and Ayan. We hope you had a really lovely day and enjoyed all that cake!







## World Book Day competition

**Boys in Years 5-8** were invited to take part in a competition to have their work published in The Lamb. Year 7 and 8 entries have been judged by Mr Russo and Mrs Savage and the Year 5 and 6 entries by the boys in their classes/forms and their English teachers. They chose from the following options: take a photograph of yourself reading a book in an unusual place; draw an alternative front cover of the book you are reading currently; illustrate your favourite character or scene from a book you have read; write a one hundred word tweet book review, using perfect expression; dress like your favourite character and dramatise a short extract with them. The judges were delighted with all the boys' work and found it very difficult to decide the winning entries.

Winner 5WS: Thomas



Winner 6V: Archie



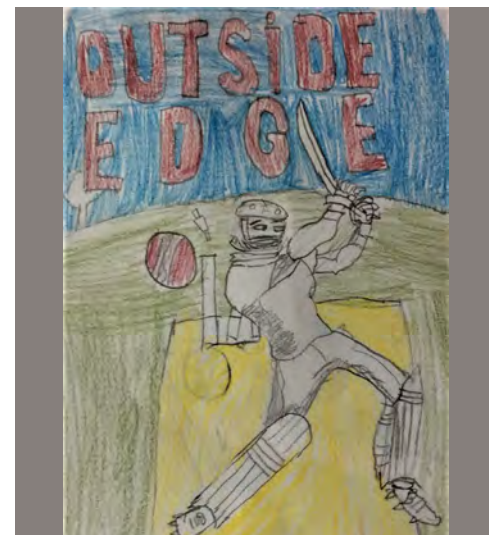
Joint winner 5C: Thomas



Winner 6A: George



Winner 5M: Hrishi



Joint winner 5C: Owen



Winner 6M: Mithil







# World Book Day competition in Years 7 and 8

Winner 7H: Albert

Winner 7J: Daniel



Winner 8B: Neal

Winner 8L: Yusuf

*Alive* by Piers Paul Read

I recently finished the book *Alive* by Piers Paul Read. I really enjoyed it as it was full of action without being unrealistic (as it is a true story). It focuses on the 1972 Uruguayan air disaster over the Andes mountains, where a rugby team and a few others were stranded for months. It explains how the disaster occurred, and even gave some background information on the birth of rugby in Uruguay.

By the end of the book, I knew most of the members of the disaster really well, as the author managed to explain their character through dialogue and their reaction to the terrible conditions they had to live in for so long. I was genuinely sad when some of the characters died towards the end, as their suffering had been documented so distinctly that it felt cruel for their lives to be taken away when they were so close to safety.

The book also raises some ethical questions on the rugby team's consumption of human flesh (they ate the flesh of their dead friends to survive). I personally think that it was alright for them to do so, but if you read the book for yourself you will be told the Uruguayans' reasons for what on the surface appears to be a horrific deed. I thoroughly recommend this novel, as it was one of my favourites.





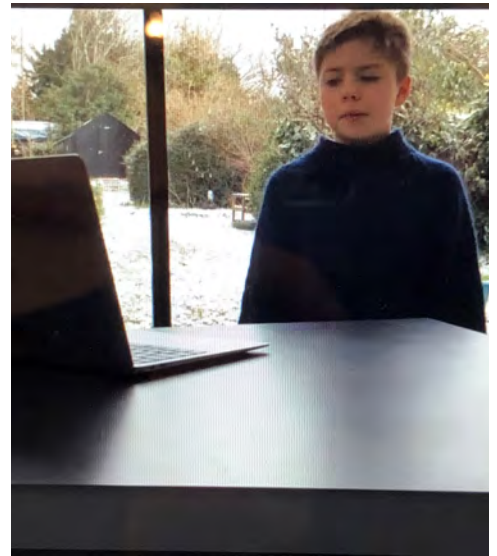


## Joy of Reading assemblies for World Book Day

**Here at St John's** we are all committed to being life-long learners and reading plays a really important role in this ambition. Mrs Rizava told everyone that reading sharpens your mind, increases your vocabulary, lowers your stress, improves your memory and focus, strengthens your writing abilities in all subjects, enhances your imagination, boosts your sleep and brings enjoyment and peace.

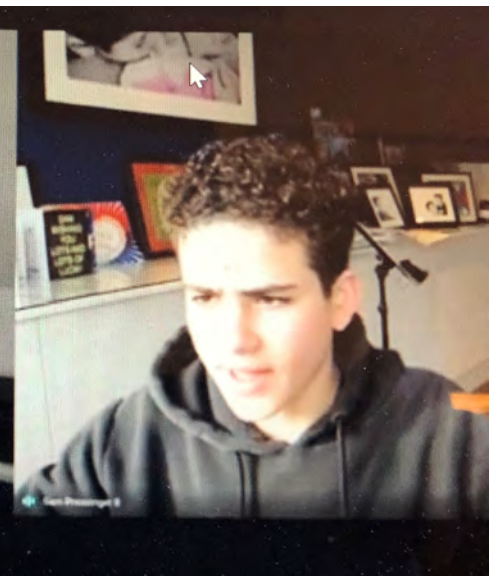
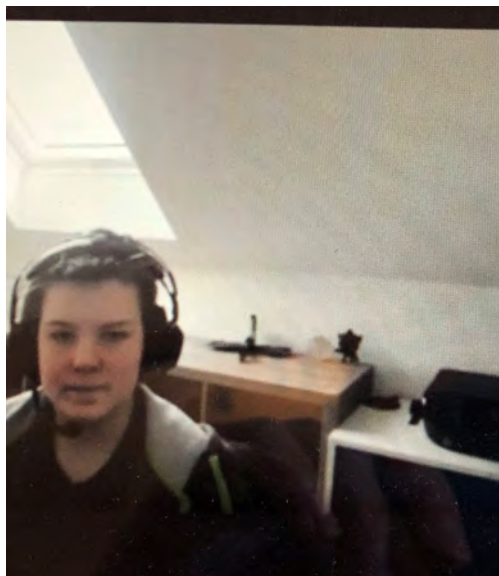
There are many opportunities to get involved with reading

at school including Mrs Rizava's Reading Club, Mr Wilson-Spellward's creative writing club and the drama clubs. In the Year 5 and 6 assembly, some of the boys introduced us to books they have read recently. Khyan suggested War Horse by Michael Morpurgo, Aubrey - The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien, Daanish - The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively, Mehul - The Divergent Trilogy by Veronica Roth and Ayaan - Secret of the Sirens by Julia Golding.



Since their 13+ exams, Year 8 have been studying Macbeth and for the Year 7 and 8 assembly they produced a very imaginative presentation from a range of perspectives, showing how relevant the play still is today. Jesse, Sam and Charlie introduced and acted out part of the Act 2 Scene 1

soliloquy, Rayaan and Zreh talked about the role of women in Shakespeare's time, Xerxes focused on Macbeth's guilt, Rohan took an historical viewpoint about the assassination of leaders and Darius spoke about Macbeth's reckoning with his own actions – actions have consequences. Well done boys.

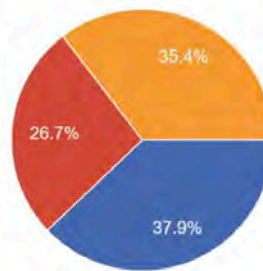
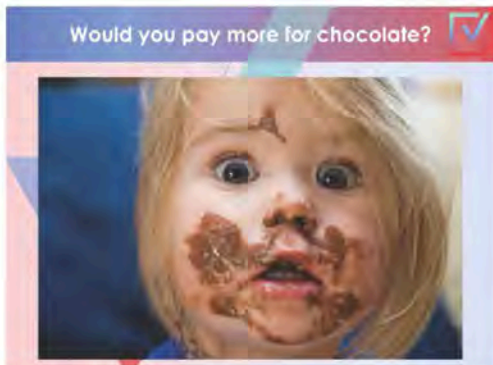






# VOTESFORSCHOOLS

Results of last week's poll are...



● Yes  
● No  
● Maybe



Be curious.

No, because the internet has always been dangerous and extremist views have been around before lockdown.  
Rayaan, Year 8

This week we have been talking about what an extreme view is and the tools we can use if people with extreme views approach us while we are using the internet.

(Juniors get to vote on this topic in their next lesson.)

Our question of the week has been:

In our toolkit for help we have...

Talk to a teacher, parent or trusted adult

Think before you share

Explore your information sources

Check you have the facts

Consider the impact on others



As we are using the internet more, we are learning more about the threats of cyberbullying and online. So, I don't think Lockdown will have got the internet more dangerous. Ethan, Year 8

And next week's question...



Be informed.



Be heard.

Word of the Week...

**Extremism** – The fact of someone having beliefs that most people think are unreasonable and unacceptable.

**Radicalisation** - The action or process of making someone radical (=extreme) in their political or religious beliefs.

Next week is International Women's Week!





# Dragons and a Welsh rugby win to celebrate St David's Day

**St. David's Day**, the celebration that falls on the first of March every year, commemorates the patron saint of Wales and is a popular holiday in Wales. Here at St John's Miss Morgan loves to celebrate and our Pre-Prep loves to celebrate with her. Daffodils have become a National Emblem of Wales and are traditionally worn on St David's Day. Several boys brought lovely bunches of daffodils for Miss Morgan, Oliver in the

Robins made delicious welsh cakes and Aubrey sent this greeting, "Dydd Gwyl Dewl Hapus," I expect you can work out what it means. Miss Morgan was already celebrating the Wales victory over England in the Six Nations' final last weekend and this week's lockdown challenge was for the boys to draw the Welsh flag. The dragon was quite challenging, but as you can see, the boys have done well.







St. David's Day continued



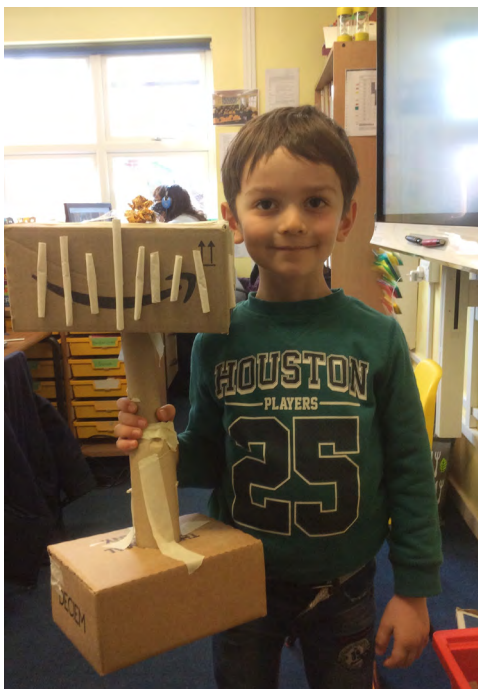


## Great Fire Monument

**The Otters and Owls** have been learning about the Great Fire of London and how the Monument was built in memory of the Great Fire. It was built in 1671, near where the fire started and was designed by Sir Christopher Wren. It is 61.5 metres tall and there are 311 winding steps to a viewing platform, from which

there is a wonderful panoramic view of the City of London.

Here are some of the wonderful monuments which the boys designed and created using recycled junk materials they found at home and lego.





## More monumental monuments







## Looking forward to next week....

**With the boys** finishing online this week Miss Morgan has set a celebratory challenge for the Pre-Prep and Juniors. Party hats, bunting, celebratory food or a picnic have been created to celebrate the end of online lessons and a return to school. There

is a real buzz around school, teachers are preparing to return to their classes, boys are looking forward to catching up in person with each other and we are all looking forward to the corridors being filled with chatter and laughter again.







# World Book Day in the Juniors

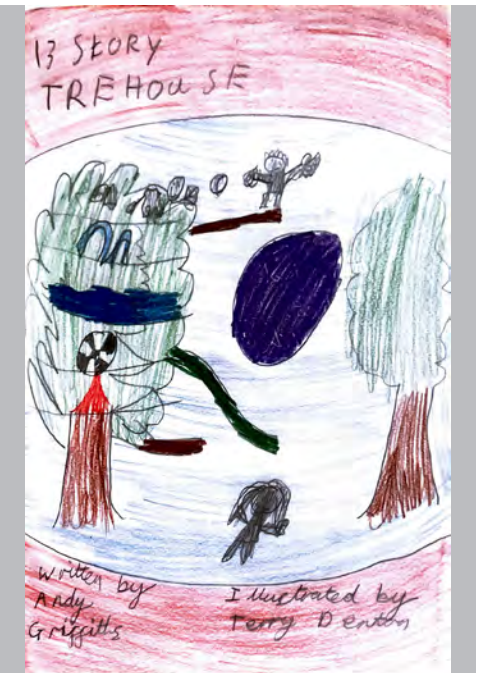
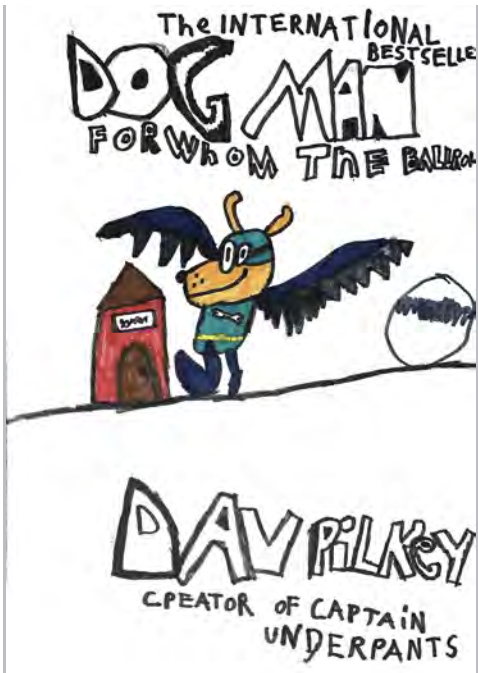
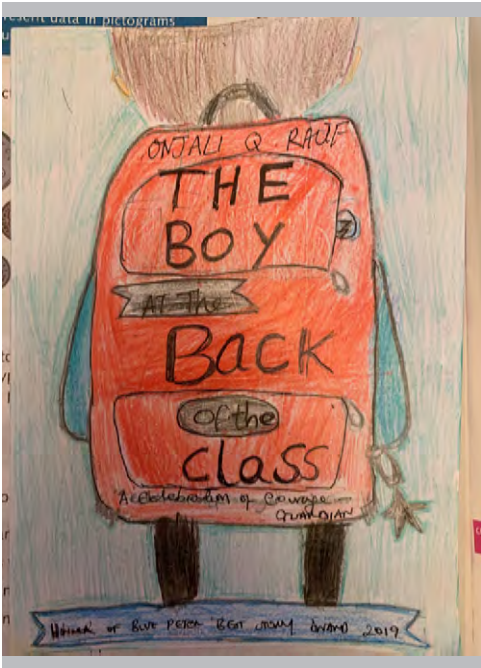
The Juniors celebrated World Book Day by producing some amazing book covers yesterday afternoon. Hopefully they will all bring them into school on Monday to make a fantastic display. The boys have been brilliant maintaining their enthusiasm in the most trying of circumstances and deciding

which of their efforts made it into The Lamb was a really difficult task. This year, we decided that your class teachers would nominate a winner and runner-up for the best cover in each class.

Here are 3L's entries.

Winner: Micah

Runner up: Aubrey



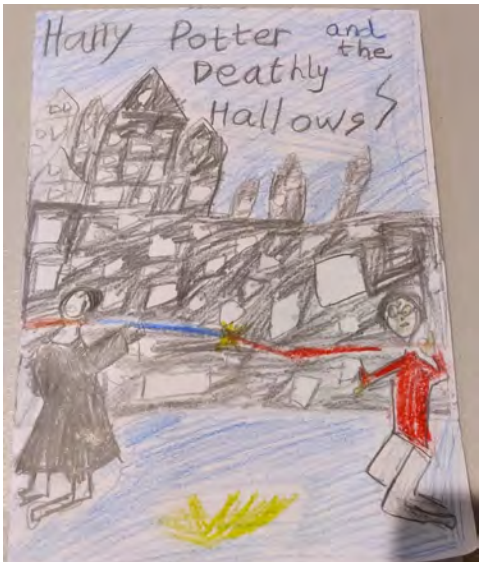
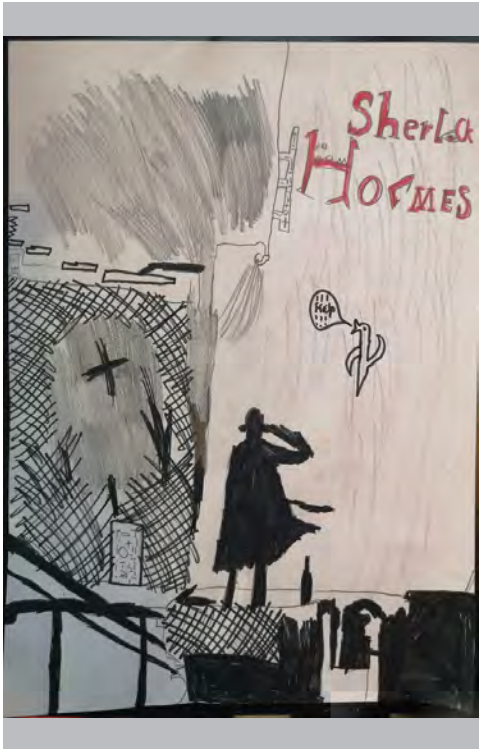
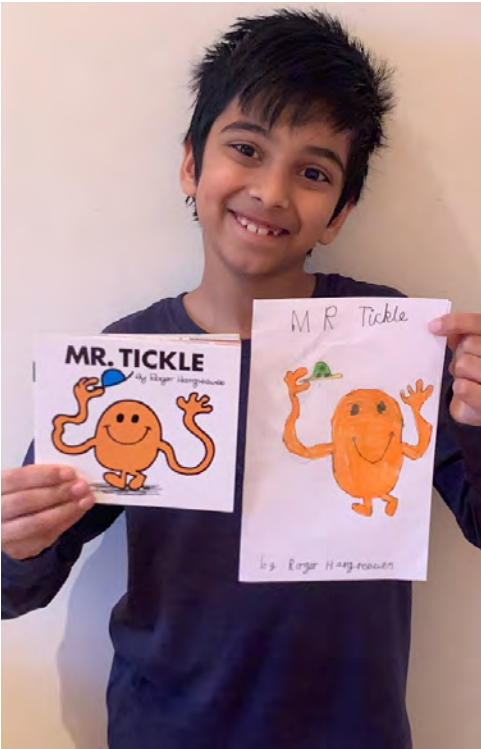




# World Book Day in 3W

Winner: Khyan

Runner up: Paras

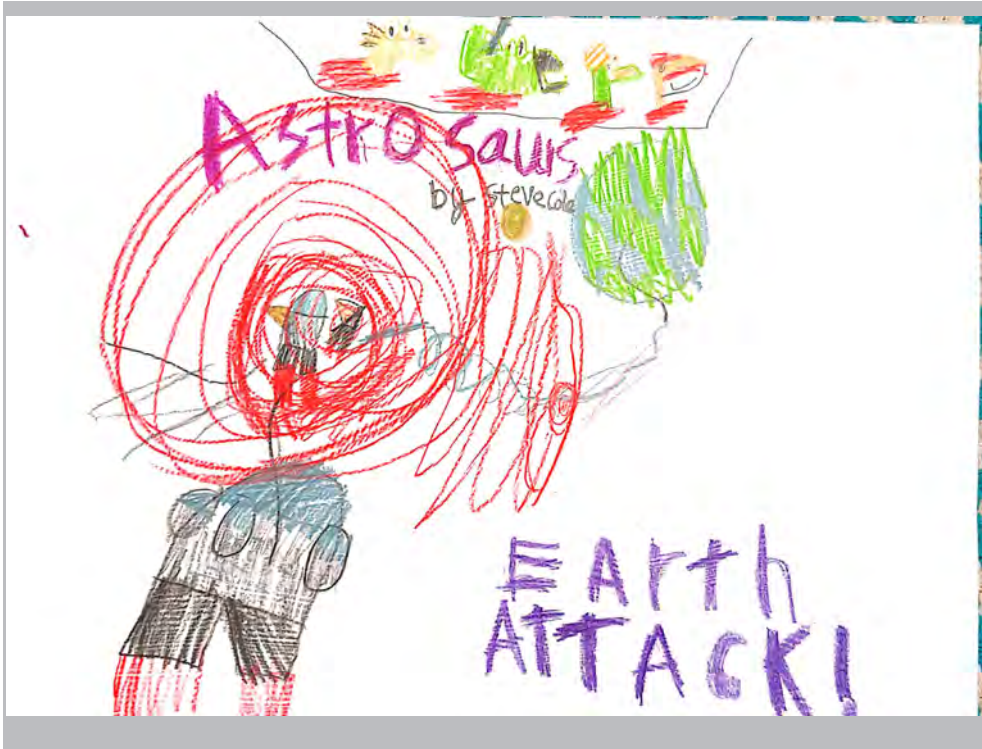




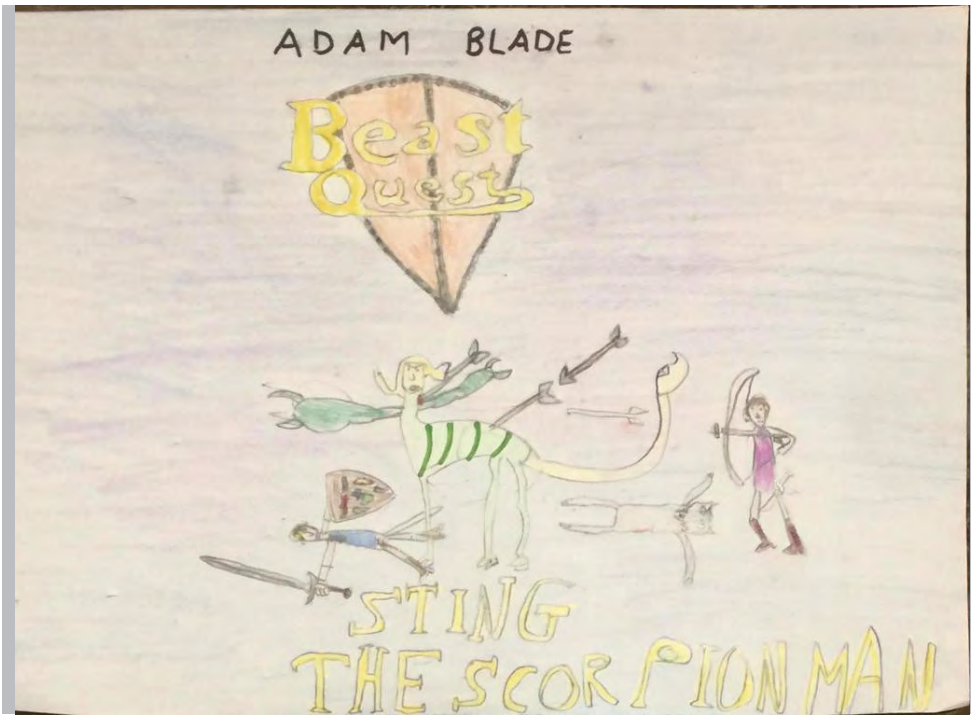


# World Book Day in 4S

Winner: Rafael



Runner up: Iraj



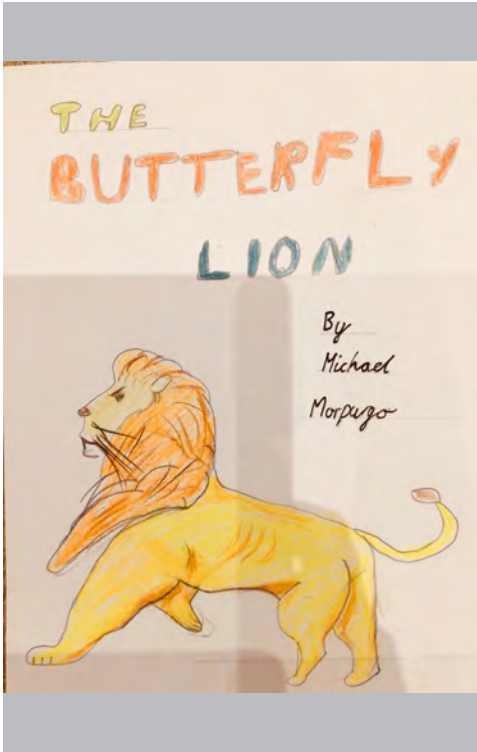




# World Book Day in 4H

Winner: Aary

Runner up: Rafay







# Year 3 and their pets

Boys and teachers have been able to enjoy extra time with their pets in lockdown.







# Art for Happiness

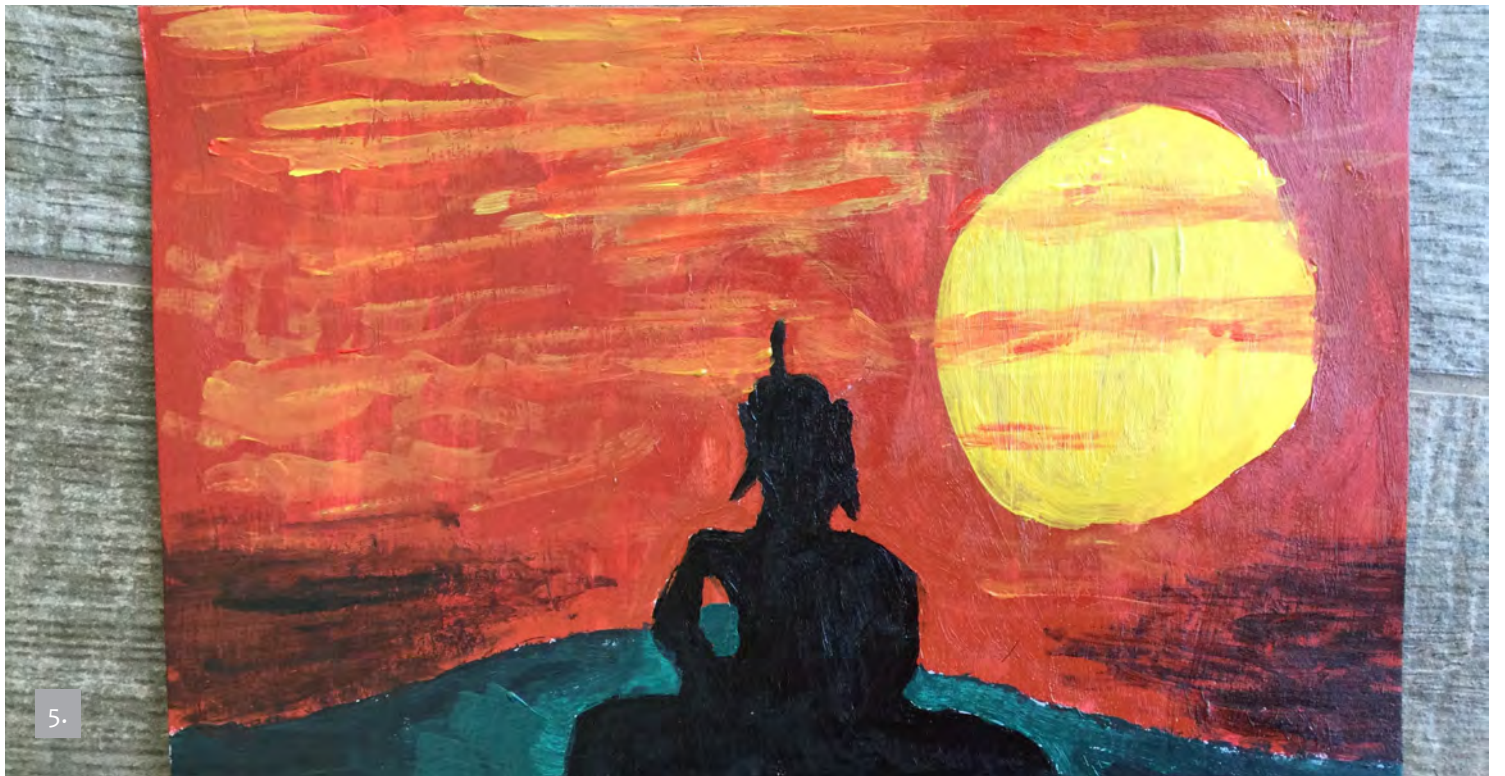
**Here are some** more House Art entries, well done they look wonderful! Please make sure your entry is submitted before your return to school. 1. Aarav Yr 3, 2. Kaiyan Yr 3, 3. Rafay Yr 3, 4. Aryan Yr 7, Overleaf 5. Rehaan Yr 6, 6. Sam Yr 8.







# Happiness continued



Iraj in 4S doing some tie-dye to prepare for House Art





# P.E. at home: time to get active

We are really looking forward to being back at school next week. But in the meantime, well done boys for keeping fit, practising your skills and enjoying the great outdoors.







# SPORT

## Running in Lockdown

**When the Coronavirus** pandemic started last March, I was very sad that all my sports had to stop both inside and outside school. However, one sport I could carry on with was running. I would make sure to do different types every week from sprint practice and longer runs until the summer when we could resume our normal activities.

Right now we are coming to the end of a 3rd lockdown and once again all sports had to stop. So this time, in January, I decided to set myself a difficult challenge which ended up being a 15km run! I would plan to run a few times in the week after school and then a longer run on the Sunday. On the first Sunday, I did 6km. The following week I ran 8km where I was very lucky (and unlucky!) to run in the snow. This really was something memorable and so beautiful to run in. The next 2 Sundays were a 10km and then a 12 km run which was particularly tricky as this was actually the longest I had ever run!

On the big day (Sunday February 14th), the plan was to run to Rickmansworth Aquadrome. Running in this nature reserve was my favourite part because I reminisced about parkrun which was something I did very often before Covid-19. Before I knew it, I was 10km into this milestone distance. All I had to do was run back home and there would be the finish. I started to feel pain at about 12.5km. My legs were really tired but I kept going. My mum then told me we had 800m to go. When I reached the end, my legs thanked me. I was looking forward to a comfortable day of relaxation!

Last week, the good news was announced that parkrun is returning on 5th June. Parkrun was founded in 2004 by Paul

Sinton-Hewitt at Bushey Park, London. This is an organisation where every Saturday morning, lots of people meet in the park and run/jog/walk a 5k. No-one is ever last as there is a volunteer who walks the whole event every week. There is even a junior event for children aged 4 upwards!

Parkrun is done in over 20 countries around the world, I have done 23 runs before they were stopped due to Covid. One of them was even in Oslo, Norway! Children get a white T-shirts at 10 runs, and then there are different coloured ones for 50,100 and even 250...!

The parkrun record holder is Andrew Baddely with a time of 13:48 minutes. He is not just fast but very clever and holds a degree in Engineering from Cambridge! At my local parkrun in Rickmansworth, I was often happy to see teachers from St John's like Mr Smith and Mr Kruger, who also ran very fast times!

My future ambitions for running are to reach 100 parkruns. I would also love to try for the London Mini-Marathon which my brother Zain ran in 2017 and when I am 18, I would like to run the London Marathon. Lastly, I hope to run in as many countries as I can; this has been inspired by a man called Nick Butter who set the Guinness world record for running a marathon in every country in the world.

I enjoy running because it makes me feel free of anything on my mind. I can just focus on the run and what lies ahead. I also love running because I can see every beauty of every place that my legs take me. Running can be fun for everyone and is an opportunity to become healthier, enjoy the fresh air and smile.  
*Rafi 6V*







# OUTLOOK



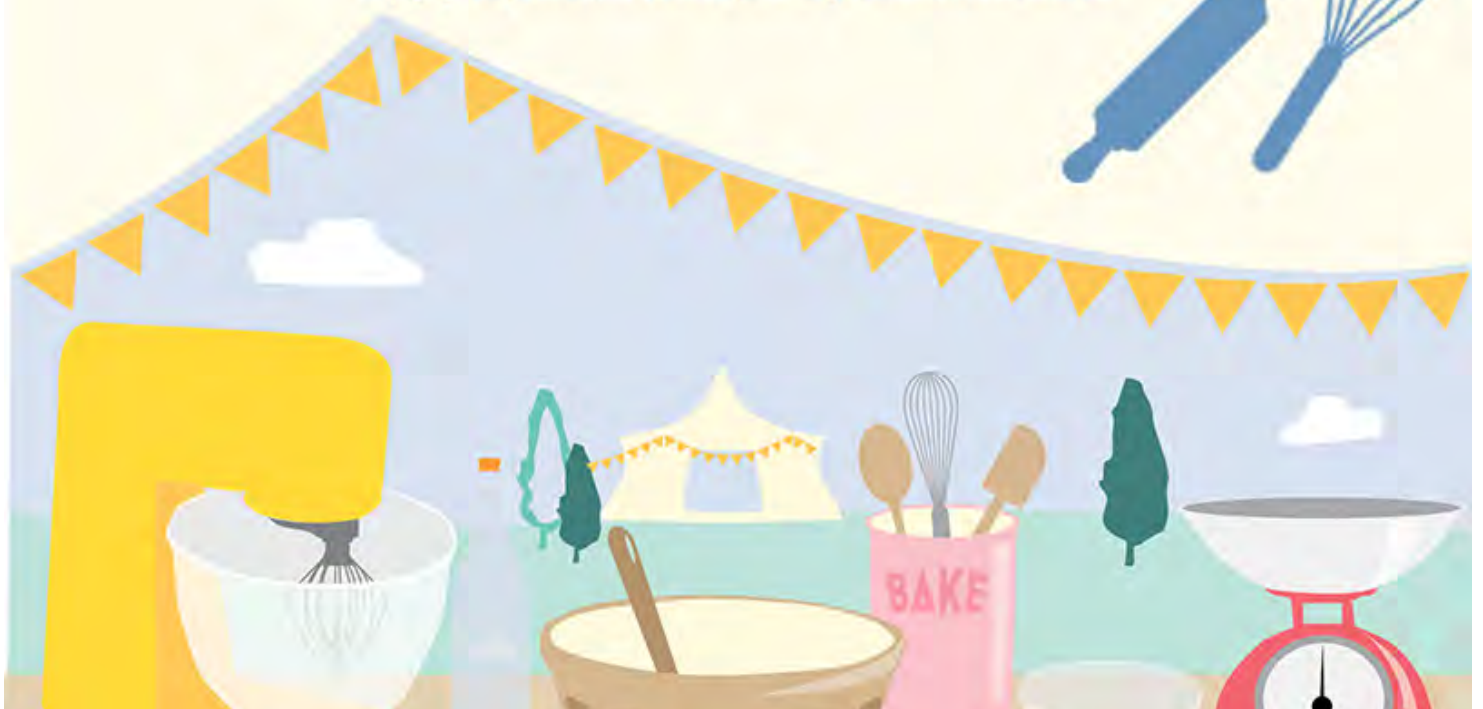
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## ***FAMILY QUIZ Night***

***SATURDAY 6th MARCH  
5 - 6 PM***

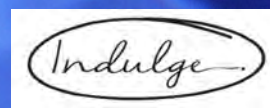
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# OUTLOOK



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## A ONE HOUR FREE ONLINE ASTHMA WORKSHOP

**Friday 26th  
March  
2pm - 3pm**

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- What to do if your child is having an Asthma attack
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## Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 8th March to Friday 12th March: **Science week**

Week commencing 8th March to the end of the year: **Year 8 post exam curriculum**

Tuesday 9th March: **Junior Parents' Meetings (4.00pm – 6.00pm)**

Wednesday 10th March: **Austin Vince's Film Night for Year 7 & 8**

Thursday 11th March: **Junior Parents' Meetings (6.00pm – 8.00pm)**

*Photo of the week (right) Eliot in 3L reading "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" outside the front door of Michael Rosen's former house in Pinner*



**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

**Saturday 6th March Virtual Family Quiz:** St John's Association challenges you to the Family Quiz 5.00pm – 6.00pm. More details on page 22

**Wednesday 10th March Film Night:** This hugely anticipated evening will commence at 7.00pm. Boys in Years 7 and 8 and their parents can join via a link on Google Classroom. The classroom is entitled A night of Adventure Films by Austin Vince. Make sure this event is firmly in your diary – it is not one to be missed!

**World Book Day:** Please remember to order books for your sons using the Chorleywood Bookshop order forms in the letters which Mrs Rizava sent out.

**STEM DEN** opens its doors again over the Easter holidays for parents who are back to work, needing medical care or attend education. To see the line up of topics for the week, to find more details or to place your booking please refer to the website. [www.stemden.co.uk](http://www.stemden.co.uk)

**We can't wait to see you again!**

### Music groups in the Norman Hall from Monday 8th March

Year 3 Choir: Friday 1.15pm – 1.45pm  
 Year 4 Choir: Tuesday 1.15pm -1.45pm  
 Year 5 Choir: Wednesday 12.45pm – 1.15pm  
 Year 6 Choir: Thursday 12.45pm – 1.15pm  
 String Group Years 3 and 4: Tuesday 10.35am – 10.55am  
 String Group Years 7 and 8: Tuesday 12.45pm – 1.15pm  
 String Group Years 5 and 6: Thursday 10.35am – 10.55am  
 Brass Group: Wednesday 10.35am – 10.55am  
 Wind Band Years 7 and 8: Monday 10.35am – 10.55am  
 Wind Band Years 5 and 6: Friday 10.35am – 10.55am  
 Viola Group: Friday 12.40pm – 1.00pm

**House Music Festival** will run next term so make sure you are practising hard. You will receive a new entry form next week. Please return your form by 17th March. Rounds will begin on the 26th April. All entries receive a House Point.

**Votes for schools:** see page 6

**House Points:** Lincoln 78.71, Lawrence 77.42, Churchill 75.63, Oates 73.35

**Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday!**