



From the
Headmaster

On Sunday Henry, Oliver and Andreas represented the School with pride at the Northwood Service of Remembrance. It was great to see so many St John's families. Oliver and Daniel then played The Last Post for the two minute silence on 11th November.

This week schools across the country have been focussing on 'Anti-Bullying'. Mr Phillips alongside Year 8 boys and the 'Power of One' team delivered interesting presentations on the important messages related to this theme. The boys' interaction and contributions were both informative and thoughtful particularly on the potential impact of cyber bullying. The variety of odd socks was impressive!

The Lambs enjoyed their special visit from Dr Ravi, the dentist, and his team whilst some Year 7s took part in the Science Enrichment afternoon at Merchant Taylors'. Well done to Owen, in Year 4, on completing his first books (see page 12).

On the rugby field the U13A and Colts A gave it their all in the Belmont Tournament and all the teams have had competitive fixtures against Davenies. I am looking forward to seeing our U9, U10 and U11 rugby players represent the Merchant Taylors' Barbarians later this afternoon.

Congratulations to the Chess team in their return fixture with Lochinver and good luck to the Brass Band who will feature in the programme at the Northwood Hills Christmas Lights switch on tomorrow afternoon.

S.R. Phillips

We shall remember them



On Sunday the residents of Northwood gathered around the Northwood War Memorial to remember those who lost their lives in war. Henry, our Head Boy and his two deputies, Andreas and Oliver represented St John's proudly by laying the wreath at the Cenotaph during the service, showing the upmost respect at all times. The service gave all present a chance to reflect on our history and future, and the Padre Peter John Baptiste, the Chaplain at Northwood Headquarters, gave a very poignant and moving speech which addressed many of our current difficulties. A big thank you to the boys, parents and teachers of St John's who showed their support.



THIS WEEK



The Last Post on Monday

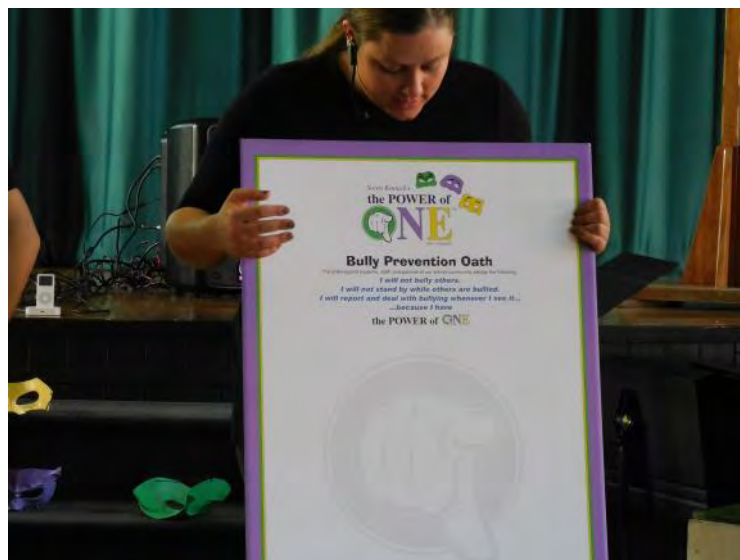


Armistice Day gives us time to reflect on past and present conflicts and it is extremely important we remember the enormous sacrifices made by all members of the armed services. Poppies have been sold in school in aid of the Royal British Legion and Oliver and Daniel performed The Last Post on Monday at 11.00am followed by two minutes silence. It was a fitting tribute that the whole School observed this moment together on the playground.





Power of One



As part of anti-bullying week the 'Power of One' presentation took place on Tuesday for Years 1 to 8. It involved two professional actors who performed a series of different bullying sketches for the boys. There were different bullying scenarios which included the bully, target and bystander, which included pupil interaction. The actors also played out different strategies and ways to deal with a bully and bullying. The Power of One pledge poster board was given to the school, so that all the boys can sign it and then it will be displayed at St John's in the near future. All the boys took a lot from the presentation and were educated in ways a bully operates and great strategies on how to deal with a bullying situation.





Chess v Lochinver Wednesday 13th November



On Wednesday, after last month's victory for St John's, we had the reverse fixture with Lochinver coming to play on our "patch". The team was captained by Xerxes and he was joined by Nayan, Vivaan, Anek, Ansh, Aryan and Yusuf.

We started off very well in round 1 as we fully utilised our home advantage. Vivaan led the way with another quick scholar's mate and was followed by slow, strong wins from Aryan, Nayan and Anek. At the end of the round Ansh added to the score with an adjudicated stalemate. So the first round ended with us getting $4\frac{1}{2}$ points to Lochinver's $2\frac{1}{2}$.

The second round started off well with Vivaan again getting a quick checkmate. However Lochinver turned the screw and won the second round by 4 points to our 3, with our wins again going to Aryan and Anek. Overall a tight win for St John's School by $7\frac{1}{2}$ points to $6\frac{1}{2}$ one of our closet games to date. Man of the Match: **Vivaan**.





Year 7 enrichment afternoon at MTS



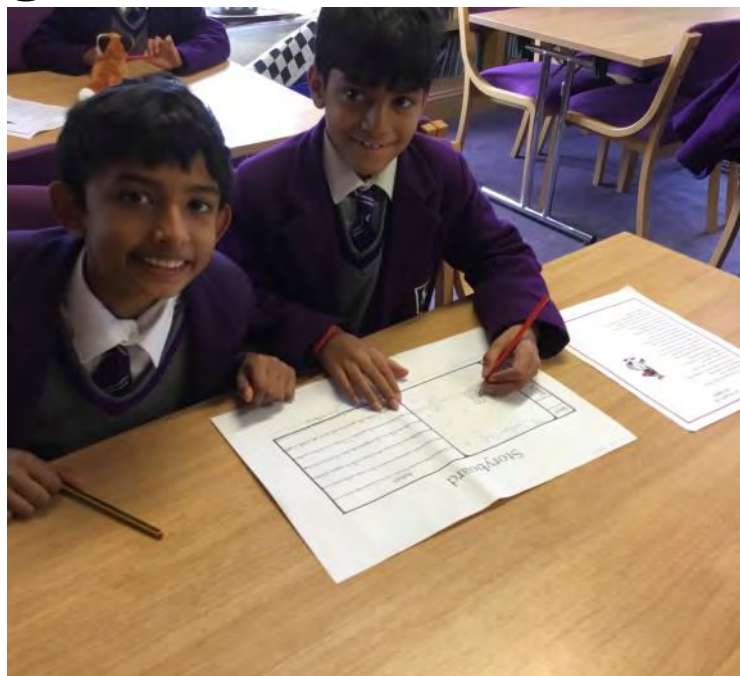
On Wednesday Mr Russo, James, Neal and I went to Merchant Taylors' for an enrichment afternoon. We started by going to the D&T workshop. In the workshop, we used some software to design a keyring which we printed using a 3D printer. The workshop also had other impressive tools such as a laser cutter. Our next session was in the Chemistry department where we learnt about incomplete and complete combustion. We did numerous exciting experiments such as the whoosh bottle practical where we separated carbon and water from ethanol. During our experiments we dislodged a roof tile, made a fireball and we burnt sparklers underwater. Can you believe we did all that? Lastly we went to the Physics department where we proved that air was squishy, surprising, strong and as heavy as 2.4 average elephants. Neal got shot at twice by the teacher, thankfully only with air! We left Merchant Taylors' after having some jam doughnuts and some delicious juice. I am so fortunate that I could go on such an incredible trip. I would like to thank Merchant Taylors' for organising this event and Mr Russo for taking us there.

Vishwadrik 7L





Animal poetry in Reading Club



Boys in Year 5 have exceeded my expectations when exploring traditional English poetry about animals. We used poems like “The Eagle” and “The Owl” by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, “Shimbleshanks” by T. S. Elliot and “The Thought-Fox” by Ted Hughes to explore symbolism in poetry and the boys spoke about power in the world, environment, religion, empires and hidden feelings that animals as well as humans portray. What makes the Reading Club even more successful is the energy of the group to transform these traditional texts to fables, songs, raps, musicals, mini sketches and poems of their own. The group dynamics and the boys’ creativity is superb. It is a privilege to have such a great group to teach. If time allows, it would be nice to go and watch “Cats”, The Musical, which comes out in Everyman cinemas soon as a family Christmas treat and you might find your boy singing “Shimbleshanks”. **Mrs Rizava**





Healthy teeth in the Lambs



The lambs have been learning all about keeping their teeth healthy, we looked at foods that were good and bad for your teeth and were lucky enough to have Dr Ravi to come and talk to us about looking after our teeth. Learning how to clean our teeth was fun!



PRE-PREP



Odd socks in the Pre-Prep



As part of anti-bullying week everybody wore odd socks on Tuesday to show that we are all different but that we all deserve respect. The Prep-Prep really got into the spirit of the day as you can see.





Measuring in Year 1



The Otters and Owls have been busy in Maths lessons this week, focusing on comparing measurements using cubes. The boys chose various objects around the classroom and lined up their sticks of cubes to record the length or height of the items. They recorded their results on whiteboards. They also each made a hand span and foot span by drawing around their hand and foot on card. The boys then cut them out and used them as a measuring tool around the Pre-Prep.



PRE-PREP



Sinking and floating in Year 2



There has been much sinking and floating in Year 2 of late. The boys were very excited to discover which objects would sink or float and very much enjoyed the challenge of working out how to make two similar sized pieces of foil either float or sink depending on the design they created. They then had to try and explain why this happened. The task provided much food for thought in Year 2 and also created an ideal opportunity to splash a friend! All in all it was a terrific afternoon's Science.





Personal tribute from an Eagle



Lucas in the Eagles and his grandma made a personal tribute to honour those who fought in WW1 and has sent it to the Royal British Legion. It will be planted in the Westminster Abbey Field of Remembrance with thousands of other unique poppies.





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A budding author in Year 4



Owen in 4M surprised and delighted us by bringing in a book he had written at the beginning of term. It was funny, clever, beautifully illustrated and inspiring to read. After half term he brought in the second in the series and really made us sit up and take notice. He told us that the idea for the first book had been brewing in his mind for about two years, he had tried a few times to write and complete it, but it hadn't really come together. The books are about a boy with a super power, he has an alter ego, 'Super Glue' who fights evil. His nemesis Pritt Stick featured heavily in the first book 'Super Glue and Pritt Stick' and returns in the second one 'Super Glue and the Giant Glue Gun'! We are left wondering whether Pritt Stick has been vanquished at the end of the second book...we all hope that he has not because we are looking forward to more from Owen, our budding author! Seeing what Owen has done has inspired many boys in our class who are busy writing books of their own, which we can't wait to read.



Practical Science in Year 4



The Year 4 boys have been studying topics based on keeping healthy and keeping warm in Science. This week we looked at how hot or cold the water temperature was using thermometers. We used three temperatures of water – boiling hot, room temperature and ice cold. The boys loved looking at the thermometers and reading off the temperatures to the class.





U10 teams v Davenies Friday 8th November

U10 A v Davenies

Try Scorers: Shane 4, Rafi 2

Outstanding performance: Shane for his excellent attacking play

The team went into this match looking really focused and eager to add to their already impressive season. From the first whistle, they absolutely flew at Davenies both in attack and defence. First up tackling was technically very good and some of the phases of attacking play, especially the way in which St John's switched the points of attack and recycled the ball, were extremely impressive. Shane scored four tries through his powerful, aggressive running and Rafi finished off two in similar style, but the whole team should be applauded for the standard of rugby they produced. Very well done to the whole team.



U10 B v Davenies

Try Scorers: Alistair 2, Rehaan 1

Outstanding performance: Alistair

The boys started this match in lively fashion. They attacked well and Alistair was quick to score in his now usual fashion. Davenies proved to be a good side and the team had to defend for extended periods of the match. There were some missed first tackles but The boys achieved turnovers on tackles a number of times. On the whole the team is progressing well and took their chances to score 2 more tries.





U13 & Colts Rugby Tournament at Belmont

U13 at Belmont Tournament

Played 6, won 1, drew 3, lost 2

Try Scorers: Yusuf

The festival comprised 5 pool matches 10 minutes one way with 13 a-side. The boys throughout the pool stages played with good intensity and a very effective defence with good line speed and solid tackling. This was backed up by a scrum going forward and real determination throughout the 15 man squad. In the pool stages they narrowly lost to UCS and drew 0-0 with Haileybury, Bishop's Stortford and Tring. Their win was 1-0 against Felsted and their loss in the play-offs against Haberdashers'.

These schools mentioned have excellent rugby traditions and with a final pool placement of third St John's U13A team can be very proud of their efforts in the festival.

Colts at Belmont Tournament

Try Scorers: Sahib 3, Thomas 2, Aryan 2, Jacob 2, Oliver 2, Zac 1, Oscar 1, Amos 1

The Colts A squad enjoyed their first festival of the season on Saturday at Belmont. In our first pool, we got off to a slow start against St Cedes. We conceded early and despite putting some phases together, there was too much dropped ball and we conceded another try. We then played UCS and played much better. We kept the ball well, out rucked UCS and scored a good try.

However, UCS fought back strongly and despite some excellent defence, we conceded a try on the last play of the game. A very close match! We then came up against a very slick Berkhamsted team, who moved the ball and controlled the game. In our next pool we managed to win every game. We continued to out ruck teams and enjoyed lots of possession but what we improved on was moving the ball into space which resulted in some great tries for our wingers. In our last match, we finished on a real high, running in a number of tries. It was fantastic to see Thomas and Sahib taking on their opposite winger on the outside and using their pace down the wings. Aryan was awarded our team player of the tournament for his non-stop and no nonsense work ethic.





U12 rugby v Davenies at MTS 12th November



U12 A v Davenies

Lost 50-15

Try Scorers: Ethan 2, Hillesh 1

Outstanding performances: Ethan, Jaidev, Hillesh and Rodrigo

For the first time we played at Merchant 'Taylors' School under flood lights which was a great experience for the side.

We started rather slowly against Davenies who scored a try in the first minute. The opposition then went on to score some more tries but Ethan scored an excellent individual try. We attacked well but on occasions we just knocked on the ball in some of the plays which allowed Davenies to attack and with good handling they were able to score some tries. Hillesh powered over to score in the first half but the referee could not see his try.

In the second half, we continued to battle and from a kick Ethan picked up the ball and scored. Hillesh managed to score a try in the corner. A good effort by all the team.



Senior rugby v Davenies 13th November

U13 A v Davenies Lost 50-5

Try Scorers: Louis 1

Outstanding performance:
Bradley

Second time around the team showed obvious improvement in their effort and opposition to a very strong Davenies side. St John's were under lots of pressure but managed to tackle well, move the ball effectively to midfield and made the opposition work hard for every point.

Charlie, Henry and Kaiwen did well in the scrum, there was good distribution through Rohan and Krish and Louis and Bradley always threatened in mid field. The rest of the team backed this up to the finish.

U13 B v Davenies Lost 50-20

Try Scorers: Richard 1, Vishal 1, Zain 2

Outstanding performances:
Edmond and Zain

Davenies kicked very well and we had to attack from deep. On occasions, we just ran too far with the ball and just needed to pass a little earlier. Edmond, Saam and Zain attacked well with the ball in attack but we still need to support closer to the ball carrier. In the second half we played much better and managed to score four tries which was a great effort by the side. Well done to all.





Senior rugby v Davenies 13th November



U12 B v Davenies Lost 50-15

Try Scorers: Sam 2, Nishil 1

Outstanding performances: David, Nishil, Sam and Edward

In this return game we were up against a well-drilled Davenies team. We were outplayed in the first half and missed too many tackles and by half time we trailed five tries to nil. In the second half we competed better, drove more strongly, and made some dangerous runs - we managed to pull three tries back. A good effort in the second half; we need to still work on our defensive line and tackling.





U8 teams v Davenies 14th November

U8 A v Davenies

Try scorers: Aariz 1, Maximilian 1, Zachariah 1, Henry 1, Tanay 2

Outstanding performances: Tanay and Yuvraj

A much better game by the St John's side. We ran well and managed to score a number of good tries. When we ran straight and into gaps this really helped our attacking game. On occasions we did run across and the opposition found it easier to defend. But a much better team performance and most of the team scored tries. Well done!



U8 B v Davenies

Try scorers: Hamza 2, Shrey 1

Outstanding performances: Hamza

A really good performance today from all of the boys involved. We showed a lot of improvement from last weeks' game. Our defensive line created pressure on the opposition forcing them to make mistakes. We carried the ball a lot better, passing the ball into space and creating overlaps. A very good afternoon of rugby from all.



U8 C v Davenies

Try scorers: Irajdeep 1, Caiden 2, Saavan 2, Abbas 3, Liam 1, Enzo 1

Outstanding performance: Caiden

The C team played with improved defence and attack scoring a very good total of 10 tries and completing lots of tackle turnovers. The highlight was a blistering run by Caiden from inside his own half. The key improvement was in finding longer passes and better spread in defence. This was a very enjoyable match.

U8 D v Davenies

Try scorers: Dhilan 4, Josh 1, Neer 2, Aarush 1

Outstanding performances: Dhilan and Neer

A tough match for the St John's D team against a well drilled Davenies squad. Both teams showed a great deal of effort and determination throughout the game which was a pleasure to watch. While the St John's boys showed great speed in attack and pressure in defence, we could see huge strides in our development if we focus on our positioning and knowledge of the rules. A great performance nonetheless.

U8 E v Davenies

Outstanding performances: Ansh, Milan and Neil

A tough little match on this occasion. Davenies had some fast runners attacking space and as a squad this is certainly what we are aiming for, not to move backwards when faced with a rushed defence and not to run sideways or backwards in attack. As always, excitement, enjoyment and great sportsmanship by all, fantastic! Keep it up. Well done to Ansh, Milan and Neil for showing some real pace and commitment in attack and defence.

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1. **Nayan** and **Zac** in Year 6 have worked hard on their self- portraits.
2. A beautiful Monet inspired watercolour painting by **Oscar** in Year 6.
3. **Year 3** have been busy cutting out snowflakes.

4. **Owen** in Year 4 has made a lovely Celtic torc.
5. **Andreas** in Year 8 has designed this tasty looking cupcake using oil pastels.
6. **Year 5** have been learning how to shade using chalks. Their festive pictures look great.



OUTLOOK



ST JOHNS CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 7TH
DECEMBER 2019
10.30 AM TO 2.00PM**

**Lucky tree - Santa's Grotto - Secrets Room
Bottle Tombola - Chocolate Tombola - Guess the Teacher
Rudolph's rings - Second hand books and toys
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Calendar and important dates

Saturday 16th November: Northwood Hills Lights Big Switch-On (4.00pm)

Monday 18th November: Switch-Off Fortnight Begins

Tuesday 19th November: E-Safety Day for Pupils, Staff and Parents

Rugby v Davenies: U9 A, B (a), U9 C, D, E (h) (2.15pm)

3H Parents' Meeting (6.00pm)

Wednesday 20th November: Year 6 Mock Examinations

St Edward's, Oxford U12 A Rugby Festival (1.00pm)

St John's U13 Rugby Tournament (1.30pm)

Rugby v Caldicott: U13 B (a) (2.30pm)

Thursday 21st November: Year 8 Mock Examinations

Senior Drama Extended Rehearsal (4.00pm-6.30pm)

Friday 22nd November: Year 8 Mock Examinations

Rugby v UCS: Colts A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

Rugby v Claires Court: U10 A, B, C (a) (2.45pm)

Saturday 23rd November: Gayhurst U8 A Tag Rugby Tournament (9.30am)

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  @stjsnorthwood.

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Notices and Reminders

Northwood Hills Lights Switch-on. Please come and see the Brass Band perform outside the Namaste Lounge in Northwood Hills **TOMORROW** at 4.00pm for the official turning on of the Northwood Hills Christmas lights. It certainly kick-starts the festive season! Performers are to wear school uniform (plus festive hats/jumpers) and should arrive 3.30-3.40pm. We start at 4.00pm and will finish at approximately 4.40pm after the Mayor of Hillingdon has switched on the lights.

Arts Evening. The Arts Evening is on 28th November at 7.00pm and you are all warmly invited to what promises to be a great evening. You will be able to view some of the fantastic Art and D&T work which has gone on this term as well as hear our many musical groups perform. The evening will also include the Senior Drama production of 'Sparkle Shark.'

Flu Immunisation Forms. Parents of boys in Reception to Year 6 need to return their consent forms as soon as possible and definitely before Friday 22nd November. Please give it to your form teacher or the School Office.

Christmas Jumper Day. Thursday 12th December is Christmas Jumper Day at St John's and all boys are encouraged to take part to raise money for Children In Need. More details will follow shortly but be on the look-out for those festive woollies or some simple ways of decorating any jumper.

Christmas Bazaar. Please see the flyer on the previous page and put the date firmly in your diary.

19th November after-school activities. A reminder that there are no after-school activities for the Prep School on 19th November because of a full staff meeting.

Votes for Schools. Last week's question: **Do you think it is possible to reduce bullying in your school?** Yes 83.3%, No 16.7%. New question: **Are young people interested in politics?** Please discuss at home over the weekend.



House Point Totals. Lincoln: 44.33, Churchill: 42.86, Oates: 42.54, Lawrence: 39.82

Enjoy the weekend and remember that it's only 40 days till Christmas!