



From the Headmaster

Welcome to the last edition of the Lamb for this academic year, coincidentally the 220th edition in 2020! This has been a very unusual end to a very challenging term but I am sure that you agree the boys and staff have risen to their online challenges brilliantly. It was particularly special yesterday and today to welcome back several year groups for their transition day and to say a proper good bye to all over our leavers. I hope you like this rather unusual photograph of our Year 8 leavers 2020 - we will all be reminded of the current circumstances for many years to come.

Many congratulations to all the boys who have contributed to the success in this year's Word Mania competition and a special mention must go to Andreas who finished 7th in the SATIPS National General Knowledge Quiz, one of the best results I can remember.

I would like to personally thank my leaving staff who have all contributed so much to life at St John's. In particular Steve and Liz Murphy have been such an integral part of the workings of the School and will be sorely missed by everyone - thank you so much for your commitment to the School.

Looking ahead, boys you will have received your school report which will give you an overview of this term and areas to work on going forward. I have read every one and would encourage you to take on board the comments made.

Finally I wish you a super summer break and look forward to seeing all the boys back in school in September.

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Farewell to our leavers



Today sees the end of an era for several boys and staff at St John's. It has been lovely to be able to welcome our Year 8 boys into school for the first time since 19th March and for them to catch up with mates and to be presented with trophies and awards, some of which date back to the end of the Spring term. We wish all our leavers, from those in Reception to our oldest boys, all the very best for the future and please stay in touch.



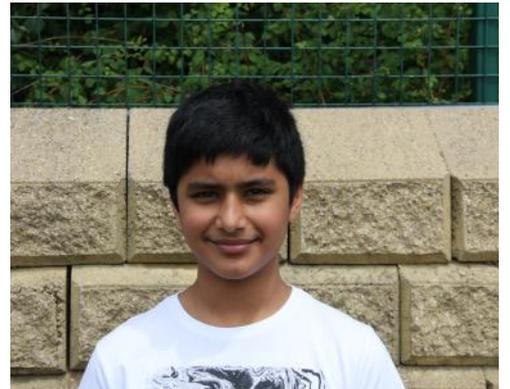
Oliver wins the Hunter Jones trophy



All the best to our Year 5 and 6 leavers



We wish Daniel, Trian, Aarav, Felix, Oliver, Rohan, Zian, Shay, Vivaan, Kian, Leon and Rakshaan every success in their new schools and look forward to hearing about how they are getting on. All the best, boys!





Staff farewells



Six members of staff are leaving us today and we wish them all the best for the future. Mr and Mrs Murphy are retiring after twenty years at St John's and Mr Phillips, Mr Lambden, Miss Bravington and Mrs Conti are moving to pastures new. They have all been an important part of the success of our school and we will miss them.





Word Mania results

Literacy Planet, the organisers of the Word Mania Competition, decided to conduct an exclusive competition to show their appreciation for all the schools who are part of the Literacy Planet family. They also wanted to show their support for schools around the world that are teaching remotely during this uncertain time.

‘Word Mania has proven to not only improve word-building results over time but it has always been the most popular activity amongst children.’

The boys in Years 3 to 6 really enjoyed the opportunity to compete in this competition and watch their collective progress measured against other schools from all around the world.

The Competition Rounds were conducted between 24th May and 19th June. Below are the results of the International Leader Board Competition Rounds:

Year 3: 32nd

Year 4: 19th

Year 5: 34th

Year 6: 38th

In all Year groups, St John’s qualified for the Final Rounds which were held between the 24th and 26th June. Below are the final standings:

Year 3: 19th

Year 4: 12th

Year 5: 15th

Year 6: 23rd

Thank you to all the boys for taking part and I would like to mention a few outstanding performances:

Year 3: Highest Individual Score Zachariah R (2776 points)

Most Games played Enzo D (125 games played)

Year 4: Highest Individual Score Otto W (8232 points) a number of big scores in this year group Arjun P 4002 & Rian M 3009

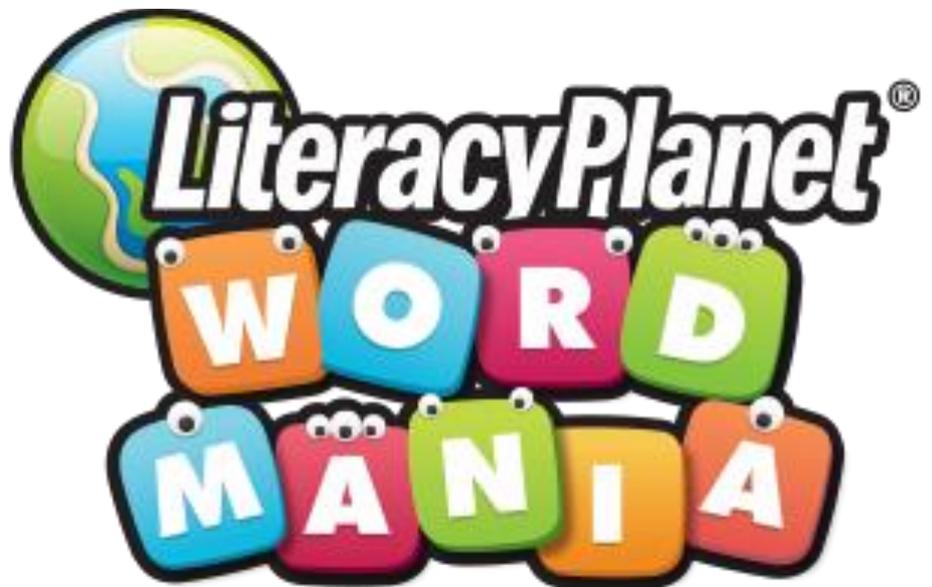
Most Games played Bailey M (125 games)

Year 5: Highest Individual Score Archie P (5298 games)

Most Games played Kush P (104 games) & 3334 points 2nd highest.

Year 6: Highest Individual Score Hamza S (3220 points) 7 Shay P (3179 points)

Most Games played Leo B (62 games)





Jamie's lockdown challenge for the NHS



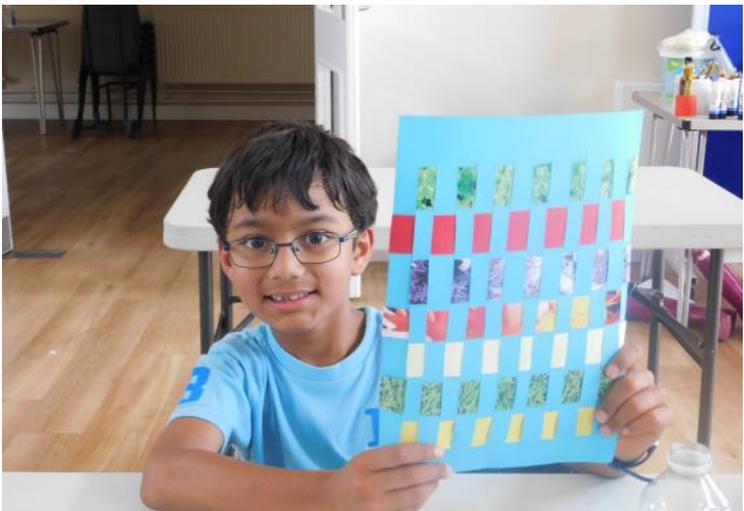
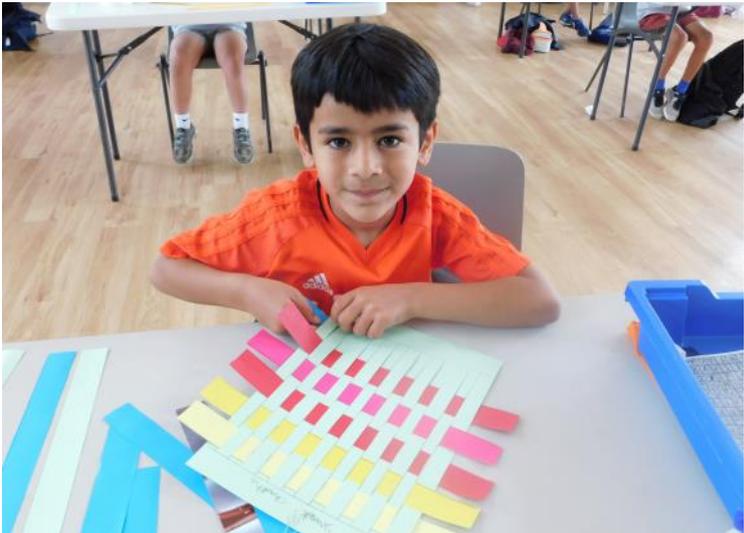
In April of 2020, my sister and I decided to raise money for NHS Charities, by running, walking and cycling around my road 100 times each in 4 weeks. We wanted to show support for all the doctors, nurses and key workers who are working so hard to save lives as a result of Covid 19. Each lap of my road is 2.2km, so in total we both aimed to do 220km each and 440km in total. We started the challenge on 25 April and completed it on 23 May. The challenge was difficult as we got tired very quickly, so we had to motivate ourselves to complete it. We woke up at 7am on weekdays to complete each part of the challenge before school. I found the cycling and running the hardest as we have very steep hills on my road, although riding downhill was lots of fun! We set up a fundraising page and our wonderful neighbours, family and friends sponsored us, so we could raise money. In the end we did 102 laps each to ensure we completed the full 440km. I felt happy as I had managed to stay fit during lockdown whilst supporting the NHS. Also, the challenge gave me something to focus on as I am missing being at school and seeing my friends. I am so grateful to the NHS and all of the key workers for putting their lives at risk for us and working so hard. Overall, we raised £1101 and I am really thankful that so many people supported us and the charity. Now that the challenge is over, I am waking up a bit later, which is a relief! **Jamie Year 5**



Year 2 back in school



The Badgers and Eagles spent their second week in school last week and it looks as though they had a ball. We look forward to seeing you all back in September.



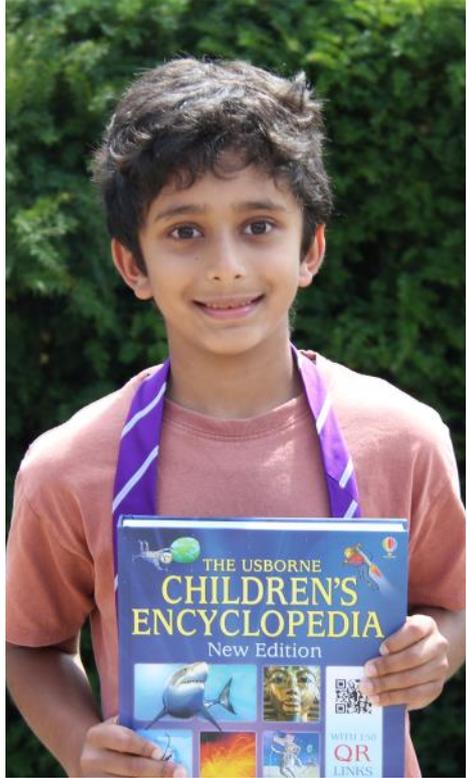


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Fond farewells



At the end of this term we say farewell to some Pre-Prep boys and staff. The boys leaving will, I am sure, leave with many happy memories and strong friendships. We wish them all good luck and hope that they keep in touch. After 14 busy and fun filled years, Mrs Conti is leaving us to spend more time with her family. She has nurtured and supported many of the boys from across the whole school. She will be greatly missed by all those she taught and her colleagues in the Pre-Prep.





Living in a bubble!



We finally managed to get the whole Pre-Prep back to school after what has been the strangest term! It has been lovely to see the smiles on the boys' faces and hear chatter and giggles from down the hallway. We are hopeful that we will be back in classes for September but for now, you have been the best, most sensible bubbles any Head of Pre-Prep could have asked for. Thank you for being brilliant!





Living in a bubble!





What House are you in?



This week our Year 2 boys were very excited as it was the day when they received their house ties. It was a slightly different presentation to usual but Mr Robinson presented each boy with his House tie in a socially distant manner! At St John's we have four Houses, Lincoln, Lawrence, Oates and Churchill and there is much healthy competition between them.





The Covid Games 2020 for Year 6



Yesterday we celebrated the Covid Games with Year 6 and our key worker pupils. We started at 11.30am and the four bubbles enjoyed taking part in a number of sports events including running, throwing the cricket ball and using their socks to perform a number of different tricks which involved throwing, jumping catching, bowling and keepy uppies. In the afternoon, they took part in the memory test, obstacle race, football and the relay. In these times, it was fantastic to see all everyone take part and enjoy all the activities. It was a great way to celebrate with sport for Year 6 and lovely to see almost the whole Year group in school.





Final day at St John's



Today Year 8 came in to finish their time at St John's. There were a number of sporting events such as the cricket ball, track endurance, memory challenge and the obstacle course. Year 8 was split into four groups and they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all the events. The various events counted toward the Mark Jones award and the boys competed very well. This was followed by a social distanced Final Assembly where awards and trophies were presented. What was most pleasing was that the boys so enjoyed being back at school seeing their friends and spending time with them on their last day at St John's. Well done to all the boys and we wish them all the very best for the future.





Hockey success for Lucas



Lucas (6R) was chosen by his coach as the boys' U12 Player of Year 2019/20 at Harrow Hockey Club. He is pretty chuffed given the majority of the team were from Year 7.

Mr Kruger cycles for charity

Local 'Raid Stage 1 - 137km' The Cure Parkinson's Trust

Please support the fight and research into eradicating Parkinson's disease - <https://www.cureparkinsons.org.uk/news/raidlocal>

Distance	Elev Gain	Time	Achievements
138.66 km	1,207 m	5h 41m	104



Congratulations, this activity is your longest ride on Strava!

This week Mr Kruger completed a gruelling challenge cycling 137km for the Cure Parkinson's Trust. William Cook, parent of Old Boy Ben is the CEO of the trust and famous names including Sir Chris Hoy, Shane Williams MBE and Austin Healey also took part.





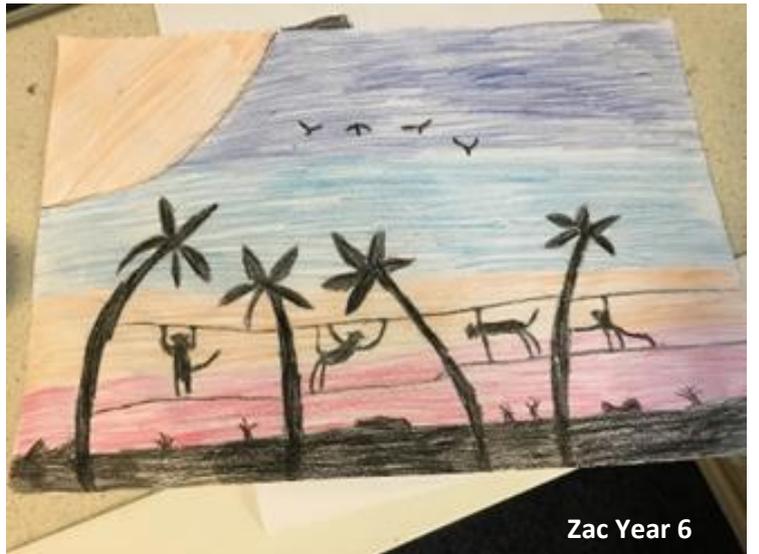
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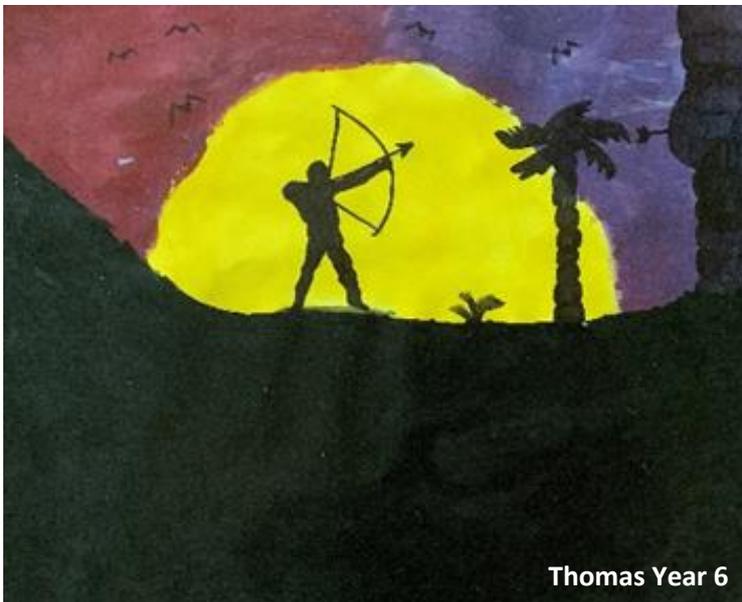
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Thomas Year 6



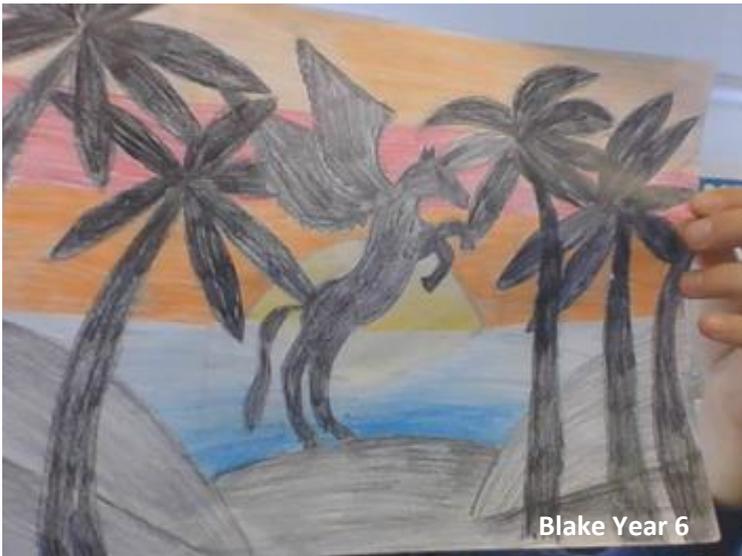
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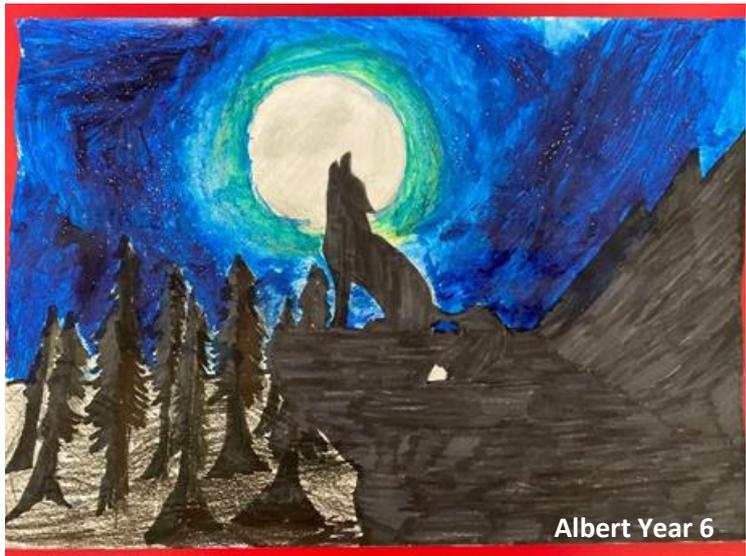
Joshua Year 4



Felix Year 6



Blake Year 6



Albert Year 6



Owen Year 4



Cato Year 3

OUTLOOK



Birthday boys this week

Contact details



Joshua



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Joshua

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Notices and Reminders

E-Portal for pupils developed by Cyrus (7L). Cyrus has just entered the Coolest Project 2020 competition, with his St John's School e-portal for pupils (his extended library ++ project), he has been developing in the past year. Please find the link and write up of the project at the following link:

<https://online.coolestprojects.org/projects/650>

Opro Mouthguard fitting. A reminder that this will take place on 2nd September at school. Please contact Mr Pawson should you require any further information. jpawson@st-johns.org.uk

Autumn Term Calendar. As you can imagine this has been somewhat of a challenge. Once completed you will be emailed and it will be available on the Parent Portal and the School website.

End of term reports. All reports for Years 3-8 have now been published on the Parent Portal for you to look at.

Text books. If your son has any text books which need to be returned to school then please drop them off at the School Office at your convenience.

Votes for Schools. Our final question of this academic year is 'Do causes need celebrities' help to be successful?' 57% of you said no and 43% said yes. Very many thanks to Mrs McSween for overseeing this important link to topical news.



Final House Point Totals for the year. 1st and the winners of the Burton Page Cup are **Lincoln** with 140.66, 2nd **Churchill** 129.73, 3rd **Oates** 127.78, 4th **Lawrence** 123.96. Congratulations to all the boys in Lincoln.

We wish you a relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming all the boys back in September.