



From the
Headmaster

Welcome back to The Lamb in our Centenary year! There are already many activities to reflect on from the first eight days of the new term. In assemblies I have been able to read some extracts from our Centenary book and boys have been finding out why the first Headmaster, Claude Norman, had the nickname of Rhino. We have also focussed on challenges, perseverance and the St John's Code of Conduct with Henry, Andreas and Oliver leading the discussions.

The next few weeks sees the launch of our House Music Festival with the qualifying rounds. I hope all of our musicians will gain a house point by trying out. Alongside this I know that the Junior boys are working hard in preparation for their production of 'Revoluting Rhymes' later in the term.

As many of the Year 6 and Year 8 parents will confirm it has been a challenging time for their sons in the build up to their entrance exams. Some of the boys have already completed the papers. They have all worked extremely hard and all the staff wish them every success.

The Pre-Prep boys enjoyed an entertaining morning with 'Perform' as they took part in a language themed drama workshop and the Lambs have had fun learning about the different states of water.

On the sporting front the highlight has to be our Cross Country success at York House, in particular congratulations go to Vivek who won the whole U9 race, Thomas who came 2nd in the U11 race and Oliver who was 4th in the U13 race.

Finally, all the best to those boys sitting examinations next week, both internally and at senior schools.

S. Roberts

We are one hundred!



Welcome to the first Edition of The Lamb in this, our Centenary year. As you know we have several important events happening between now and July, beginning with the publication of our Centenary book entitled "The Boys on the Hill" which boys should have received. We have also commissioned special badges for all boys and staff to mark this important milestone in the history of the School. You will be kept informed of all events as they approach and we hope that you will join with us in celebrating a hundred years of St John's.





Quiz Club general knowledge quiz



Yesterday the St John's quiz team participated in the regional round of the general knowledge quiz organised by Quiz Club. Aarush, Aary, Aiden, Ananda, James C, Kabir, Kian and I departed the school at 9:30 in the morning. It was hosted at Haberdashers' Prep School and 11 different schools were involved in this event. Our two teams finished with a difference of 15 points, so the cleverest group could not be decided! Group 1 finished with 1520 points, whilst group 2 finished with 1535 points. Four tough rounds exceeded the high limits set by our brains, so it felt like we were going to finish last. Group 1 finished in 8th place and Group 2 finished in 7th place. St Columba's came first with 2070 points, St. John Fisher came second with 2050 points and Sherrardswood came third with 2000 points. The top 3 teams gobsmacked everyone by achieving and surpassing 2000 points, which is incredible. We would all like to thank Mr Russo and Mr Phillips for allowing us to compete in this rewarding event. Their support and encouragement was exceptional. It was a most enjoyable morning and we will always be grateful for the opportunity provided to us. **Shay 6M**

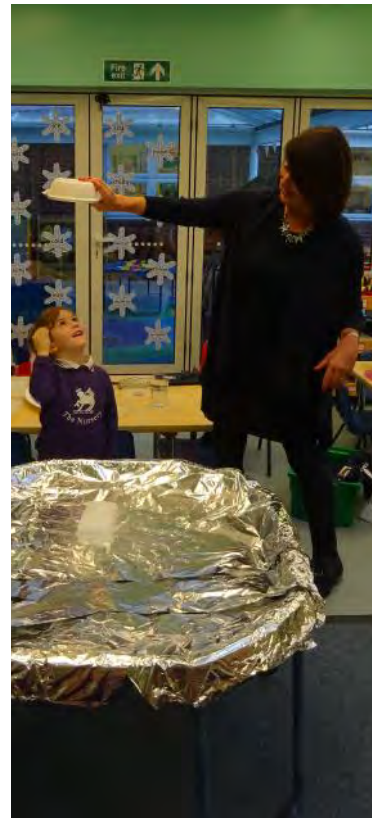




Investigating ice in the Lambs



The Lambs became scientists this week and did an experiment. We poured water into containers and placed them in the freezer. When we took them out they were solid ice and when our warm hands touched them the ice melted. We learnt that a liquid can become solid and then turn back to liquid and we got quite cold in the process!





Perform drama workshop visits St John's

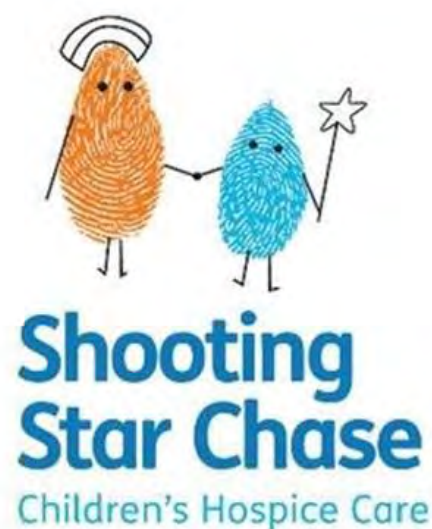


The Pre-Prep boys spent yesterday morning on an adventure to find the missing boomerang. They travelled across France, Germany, England and Spain before heading south to the chilly South Pole. The boomerang was nowhere to be found! Eventually the boys discovered Australia where a cheeky crocodile lived. He had the boomerang! After much fun and excitement the boomerang was finally found and returned. The boys loved the drama workshop and learned to say "hello" in several





Lambs support two charities over Christmas

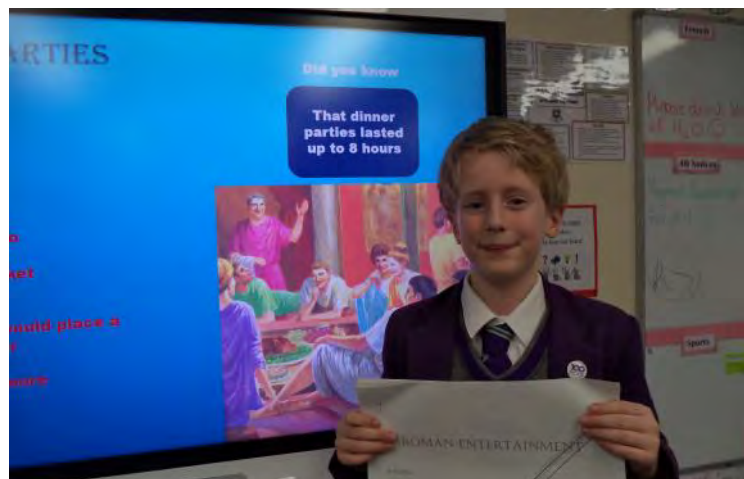


Before Christmas the Lambs helped to collect and store toys for the Christmas Toy Drive organised by Shayan's parents. 150 toys were generously donated which raised £500 for Great Ormond Street Hospital and Shooting Stars Hospices. Both charities were really touched by the quality and numbers of toys and Shayan's parents said that it was evident to see how grateful they were.

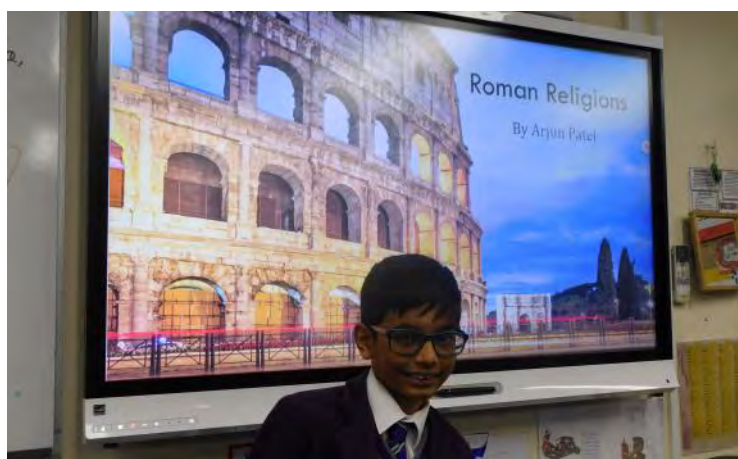




Into the New Year with a Roman information explosion!



Year 4 boys have blown our minds with amazingly well produced and presented Roman projects this week! The boys spoke about what they had found out on specific topics, using visual representation and speaking notes. Eye contact and participation was included and some boys concluded the presentation of their learning with short quizzes or a word search to ensure audience attention! We have learnt about all sorts of aspects of British Romano lives from food to religion. We are all now experts on Roman baths and the sorts of entertainment they enjoyed. We know how the children were taught at school and at home and many of us agree that our system is preferable, a five day week and no beatings for poor work do not sound very enticing!





U9 Cross Country at York House 9th January



A great day for running with warm temperatures at the start of January. The U9s had their first cross-country event at York House against six other boys' schools. We started the race well with Leo, Bailey and Vivek in the top ten positions. As the race developed the runners changed positions but all the St John's boys worked hard to finish the race. From the ten runners who ran for the team only the first eight runners counted. Vivek ran superbly and in an exciting finish in the last ten metres he lead by a metre and kept this winning margin and went on to beat the runner from York House in a tremendous effort to come first overall. Bailey and Leo came 12th and 13th respectively which was a good effort and many of the other St John's runners came in just after. This was a great experience for all the boys and well done to everyone who took part in the race.





U11 & U13 Cross Country at York House 13th Jan



The under 13's and under 11's took part in the York House Cross-country on Monday. The U11's had 9 teams and getting out early with a good start was very important. Thomas and Oliver got in front and ran very well around the course. It was only in the last 800 metres that Thomas was overtaken but to come 2nd was a tremendous result. Oliver W in Year 5 came in 5th which was a great effort as well. Following closely behind were Oscar and Daniel. In the U13's, there were 8 teams and Oliver S was in the top three as he went through the gate at the start and finished 4th overall which was a great effort. Ethan in Year 7 came 14th and was closely followed by Yusuf who came in 17th. All the other boys ran well and everyone who finished should be congratulated. In the team event both age groups came 2nd and we finished 2nd overall which was a great result





U13 hockey v The Hall Wednesday 16th January

U13 A v The Hall Won 11-1

Scorers: Zac 2, Saam 1, Krish D 1, Aaron 3, Krish M 3, own goal 1

Outstanding performances: Louis, Yusuf and Aaron

This was the first match of the season against The Hall and in the first 5 minutes we moved the ball superbly to all areas of the pitch and controlled the match with ease. We scored an early goal and then accelerated the play which enabled us to score 3 more goals to make it 4 - 1 at half time. Louis in goal made a number of good saves and on occasions we were found wanting in defence as we went out all in attack and we still needed to man mark more closely the opposition attackers. In the 2nd half the St John's players played in different positions and we started to score a number of goals through excellent attacking movements with accurate passing. Zac scored a good goal by being at the back post from a quick pass and the goals started to go in quickly against The Hall. Aaron at the back played very well in defence and his superb passes really helped the side to move forward. Yusuf was always strong in defence, winning many tackles to keep the opposition from scoring. A very good start to the season.



U13 B v The Hall Lost 2-1

Scorers: Zac R 1

Outstanding performance: Bradley

A very evenly fought contest for the boys in their first game of the season. St John's controlled a lot of possession but struggled to convert it in to chances. When we did get shots on goal, they were saved by a very good goalkeeper, who was the difference between the teams. Man of the match was Bradley for his work rate and effort.





U12 hockey v The Hall Wednesday 16th January

U12 A v The Hall Won 12-1

Scorers: Arian 5, Reece 4, Ethan 3

Outstanding performance: Arian

The Under 12 A hockey team made a magnificent start to their hockey with an outstanding performance and win against The Hall school. From the first whistle the St John's team took command and had the majority of possession. There was some fine interplay between the outfield players and this created a number of goal scoring chances which the team took. The boys played great controlled hockey, with passing, receiving and movement being evident throughout the game. There was some brilliant finishing by Arian, Reece and Ethan. The team defended individually well and managed to stay strong and firm in the tackle situation. We were not put under too much pressure in our defensive half, but still managed to keep The Hall out until the last five minutes of the game. We now move forward to our next game with great confidence. Well done to all the boys. Many Congratulations!



U12 B v The Hall Won 5-1

Scorers: Yusuf 2, Rohan 2, Alex 1

Outstanding performance: Nikhil

Today we started our hockey season in an impressive fashion. In attack we passed the ball well into space creating a number of good scoring opportunities. Defensively we put the opposition under a lot of pressure stopping their through passes and then counter attacking to score some fantastic team goals. Overall a very good performance, Well Done!!





House Music Festival begins

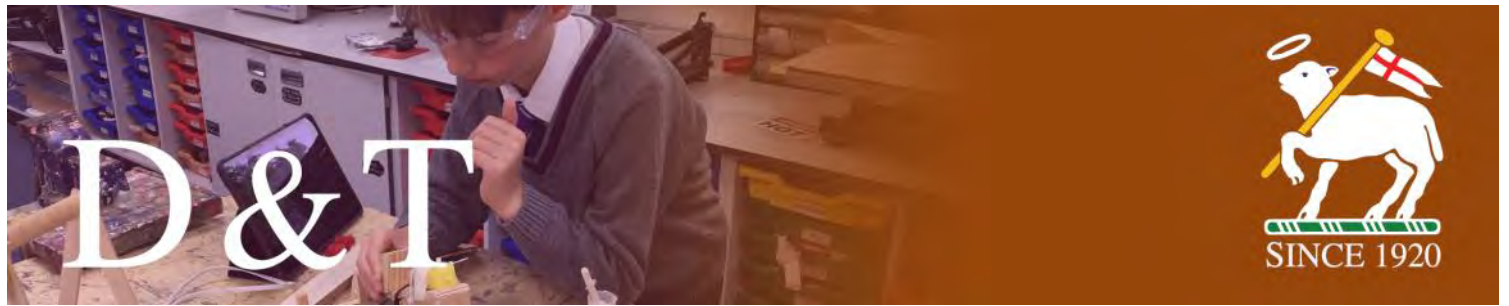


Yes, it's that time of the year when the rounds of the House Music Festival start. This year we have no fewer than 159 entries who will be heard and adjudicated by Mrs Johnson. So far the entrants have brought with them a very supportive audience and it has been lovely to hear how boys have progressed since this time last year. Do check using this link if you are unsure of when you are performing: [Music Department](#)

Piano Festival success for Pranay

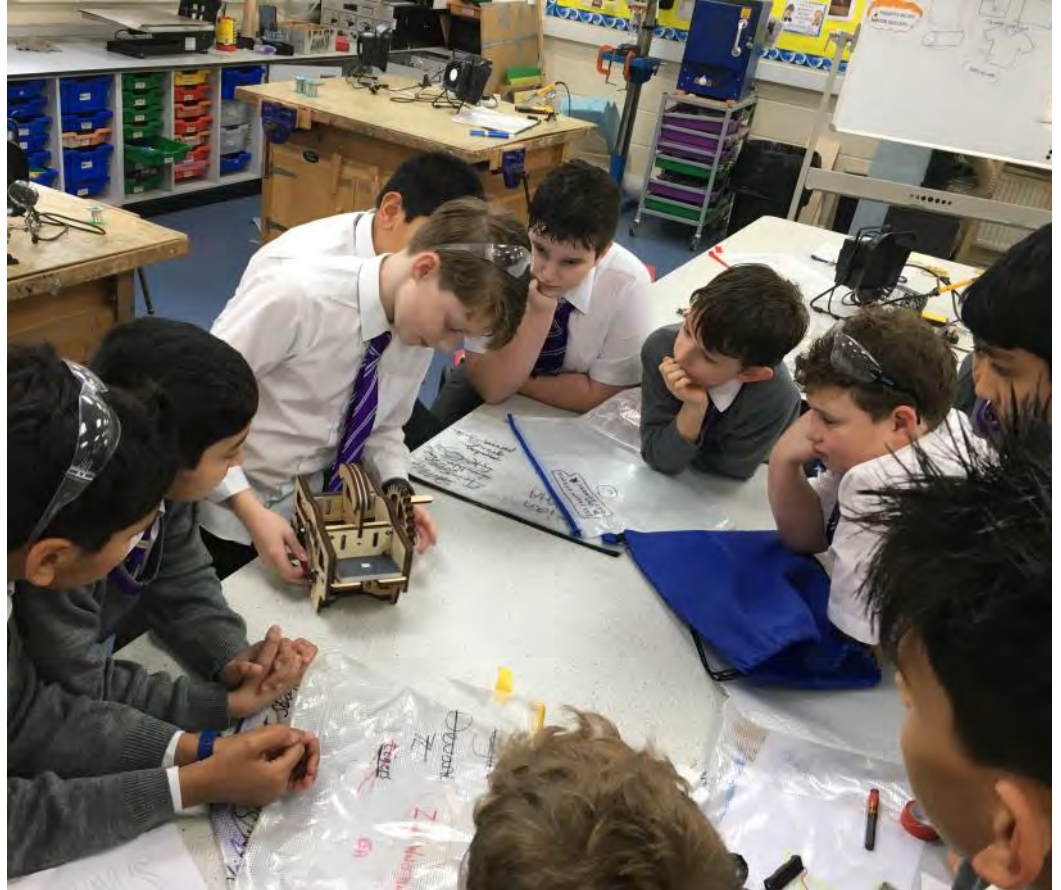


On Sunday Pranay (Badgers) was presented with the Children's Corner Cup for showing the promise in the West London Pianoforte Festival under 6 years category. He played a Grade 2 piece and was awarded first place and a distinction. Very well done Pranay.



Aaron's D&T home adventures

I was kindly invited to **D&T Scholarship Club** and was told about a company called KiwiCo. I wanted to see what this company was as I am keen on Design and Technology. I realised then that it was an opportunity to improve what I love. It was a company that could send kits of different useful items to build. You can choose different ages which suit yourself. I am in Year 6 but chose the 16+. I was hooked in when I saw you could build an electric pencil sharpener. My different kits so far have been a wooden ukulele, a card shuffler machine and a lock box (safe). This all helps with my learning by teaching me, for example, of ratchets and gears on the card shuffling machine. Here is a picture of me showing my project to the class. **Aaron 6A**



‘I can hear voices!’



Today in D&T we were soldering components onto our own Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs). We put components on to it, for example an LED light or an aerial. Once I finished soldering my aerial I asked Mrs McSween if I could take it for a test ride outside with Thomas who came to help. I put my battery in and stuck my headphones in, at first I could only hear buzzing. So the first thing I did was change the frequency, all of a sudden I heard a song on what I thought was the radio. I **WAS SHOCKED!!!** (in a good way). I gave the headphones to Thomas who also heard voices. When I went inside I lent Mr Newman the headphones who could hear it as well! After that I told Mrs McSween I could hear voices... **Ansh 6A**



Well done to our 3 Artists of the week, Charlie, Kabir and Zain.

1. **Charlie** in Year 3 has made a great start on his Egyptian necklace. What a beautiful symmetrical design.
2. **Kabir** in Year 5 has been working very hard on his Japanese blossom tree.
3. **Zain** in Year 8 has been working hard on his mosaic design for a trivet.

Other boys working hard in the Art room:

4. **Year 4** boys have started their Roman shields. **Aubrey** is pictured with his.
5. Boys in **Year 5** have enjoyed painting blossom.
6. This is one of our **Year 6** 'Mona Lisa Project' groups. They have been working on the light box.

OUTLOOK



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM

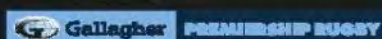
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As a partner school, Saracens would like to invite you to take advantage of this great promotional offer to their Showdown #1 game at this iconic stadium in North London. It will be the first ever Gallagher Premiership Rugby game to be held at the 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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**Years 7 and 8 are invited to
St John's School Disco!**

Friday 7th 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 our
charity, Play Skill**



Calendar and important dates

Monday 20th January: Visit from Reverend Fields (Chaplain of Merchant Taylors' School)

Tuesday 21st January: School Examinations Years 5 & 7
Rugby v Hampton Prep: U9 A, B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)

Wednesday 22nd January: Hockey v Bedford School: U12 A, B (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 23rd January: Merchant Taylors' Entrance Examinations Year 8
School Examinations Years 5 & 7
Church Visit Year 2

Friday 24th January: Merchant Taylors' Entrance Examinations Year 8
School Examinations Year 7
Hockey v UCS: U11 A, B (h) (2.15pm), U10 A, B (a) (2.30pm)

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).



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Photographs: Do please continue to send in any photographs which could be included in The Lamb.

Notices and Reminders

St John's Association Disco. Early warning of this event for Years 7 and 8 on Friday 7th 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 23rd March at Merchant Taylors' School. The Director of Music at MTS, Mr Simon Couldridge, invites anyone who is interested in singing *Mozart's Coronation Mass and Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb* to contact Mrs Johnson at kjohnson@st-johns.org.uk for further details.

Christmas Jumper Day. It may seem like a long time ago but our Christmas Jumper Day on 12th December raised £274 for Save the Children. Tuck shop sales have yet to be added to this total. Thank you as ever for your generosity.

Year 8 Games. On Wednesday 22nd January boys will be able to choose between the normal afternoon games session or a revision period in the Library run by members of staff. Please let Mr Russo know your preferred option by email at mrusso@st-johns.org.uk by Monday 20th January.

School Examinations. In addition to the various senior school examinations taking place at this time, Years 5 and 7 have their January exams next week. Timetables for these have been emailed but please contact Mr Russo on mrusso@st-johns.org.uk if you have any questions.

Attain Magazine. This is the IAPS official magazine which we now receive electronically to help the environment. Please click on the link to read: [Attain](http://attainmagazine.co.uk)

Votes for Schools. Our question to start the new term has been:
Could anyone become homeless? Yes: 86.6%
No: 13.4%. Next week's question: **Would you go vegan for a month?** Please discuss this at home over the weekend.



House Point Totals: 1st Lincoln 64.14, 2nd Churchill 62.91, 3rd Oates 61.14, 4th Lawrence 57.21

Enjoy the weekend and for those sitting exams, sleep and eat well and keep calm.