



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this week's edition of The Lamb. We have listened to excellent assemblies on the subject of wellbeing which ties in very well with the Merchant Taylors' Photography competition theme. I would strongly encourage boys to enter and details can be found on page 15 of this publication.

I received excellent feedback from Mr Bleakley following the Merchant Taylors' Mathematics Afternoon and from Mr Lawrence after the successful matches at Lochinver. I know the Year 1 boys had an interesting time tasting different foods and that Year 4 have been getting into the World Cup spirit with their cross-curricular work on different aspects of rugby.

In sport all of Year 6 were able to play Merchant Taylors' Prep last Friday and our senior hockey teams enjoyed challenging matches against Merchant Taylors' School. Yesterday the U8 teams showed considerable improvement in their second competitive fixture of the term.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the screening of the England-Australia quarter-final next Saturday and would ask you to buy your fireworks tickets as soon as possible so the St John's Association can be prepared for that evening after half term. Finally, have a super weekend.

S. Rob

Wellbeing assemblies



Taking care of our mental wellbeing is as important as our physical wellbeing as we were reminded in our assemblies this week. As we recognised World Mental Health day, Mrs McSween and several volunteers reminded us some important strategies for good mental wellbeing. In the 'mental first aid kit' we put tools such as paying attention to our emotions, taking time out to do the things we enjoy, pausing to breathe before we react to a situation and, one of the most important things, talking to others. To find out more about how you can support your child [click here](#).





Merchant Taylors' Maths Challenge 4th Oct



On the 4th of October 15 lucky boys got to go to **Merchant Taylors'** and take part in a fun maths event. We all got in the minibus and were all excited about missing school, but the main part was a whole afternoon of maths. When we arrived we went into reception and met the two 6th form boys who were going to guide us around the school to fill out the first booklet. We all worked as one big group. At the end of this, all of our feet were hurting. There was a lot of walking and laughing while we were doing the booklet. Then they took us to a big hall, where we had cookies and juice and there were some sheets we could fill out. There were many other schools in the hall and we each had to pick a person that would go up and compete for the school. For our school it was Yusuf, he had to answer 15 questions. Sadly we didn't come first. But at the end we had all had a great deal of fun.
Nikhil 7B





Chess v Lochinver Wednesday 9th October



On Wednesday we had our first chess fixture of the year against Lochinver. We had a team of 9 but our opponents mustered up 8 players so we had a super-sub in reserve who came in during round 2 (final round) with the match comprising 2 rounds.

Our opening round resulted in 3 straight wins. Lochinver rallied but we completed round 1 with 5 ½ points to their 2 ½ points. Wins were for James, Anek, Vivaan, Nayan, Aryan and a draw for Ansh. Round 2 followed a similar start for us, opening up again with 3 straight wins, Vivaan getting his second scholars mate and it only got better with St John's taking the second round again, to leave us with 8 ½ points to Lochinver's 2 ½. Wins were recorded for Michael, Vivaan, Nayan, Aryan and super-sub Richard. Draws for Xerxes & Anek. An overall win of 11 ½ points to 4 ½, a terrific performance by our boys. Afternoon tea was enjoyed before our euphoric drive home.



PRE-PREP



Food tasting in Year 1



This week, Year 1 have been learning about the sense of taste in their Topic 'Ourselves'. They have learnt that the sense of taste comes from their tongue and that thousands of taste buds are concentrated along the tip, sides and back of their tongues. Each boy used his sense of taste to detect four basic flavours: sweet, sour, bitter and salty. They bravely tasted a variety of foods and liquids, including lemon, coffee, dark chocolate, honey, vinegar and crisps. In fact the boys now feel far more confident in sampling new foods and combinations of flavours... have you tasted anything new lately?





Learning through play in Reception



The Robins and Squirrels enjoy the opportunity to learn through exploration and play during their child initiated sessions every morning. The activities available help the boys practise key skills and encourage curiosity, investigation and problem solving.

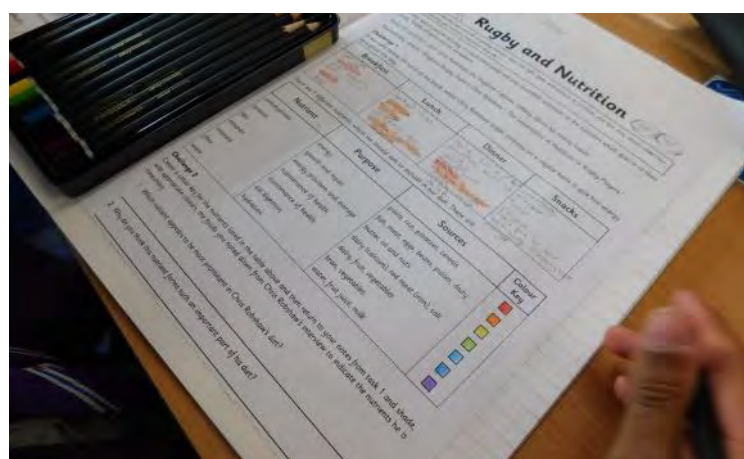




Rugby fever in the Juniors!



Year 4 are thinking about the Rugby World Cup and learning all about it. In History we talked about the origins of rugby and how long the Rugby World Cup has been contested, where it has been held and which teams have won the famous cup. In English a wide range of facts were read and questions about them were answered. In Science the boys discussed the nutrition needed by a rugby player and designed an eating plan. Japan, as host country is being explored in Geography in a project which will continue for another week or so. The RFU values chime very well with our values at St John's and the Year 4 boys related to them positively. Boys in Year 3 designed a new Rugby kit for St John's Centenary Year.





Colts v Merchant Taylors' Prep 4th October

Colts A v Merchant Taylors' Prep (home)

Try Scorers: Zac, Reuben & Sahib B

Outstanding performance: Amos

This was another close physical encounter. We shifted the ball along the line and kept the ball alive at times but we did struggle to keep the ball in contact at times. We allowed ourselves to get held up in mauls and isolated at times.

However, great spirit was shown by all the boys. They kept trying to break down MTP defence, made excellent breaks at times but failed to get the final pass to hand or keep possession at crucial times. Things to work on: speed to the breakdown, when to kick and going forward before shifting the ball along the line.



Colts B v Merchant Taylors' Prep (home)

Try Scorers: Daniel 2, Oscar 2, Hamza 1, William 1, Benjamin 1, Ansh S 1

Outstanding performance: The whole team

A good, competitive and physical match. MTP won the toss and opted to receive. It was important for the team to start strong and so they did, scoring twice in the first ten minutes of the match. Learning about being responsible for certain areas on the pitch has definitely helped to improve organisation and structure. The squad is starting to think more down the line of game tactics, when to use forwards, when to shift it to the backs and even considering other options like a 'crossfield kick'. Physically the team got stuck in and in total managed to run in 8 tries against MTP. A fantastic result and we are looking forward to new lessons on team and positional tactics. Keep up the hard work!





Colts v Merchant Taylors' Prep 4th October

Colts C v Merchant Taylors' Prep (away)

Try Scorers: Vihaan 3

Rakshaan 3, Nayan 1, Yash 1, Aaron 1, Joshua 2, Ansh 1, Aarav 1, Zian 1

Outstanding performances: Vihaan and Joshua

We started very well and dominated the match from the start to the end. We passed the ball to each other and supported the ball carrier on numerous occasions which made a huge difference this week. Almost the whole team scored tries and the team work across the board was a pleasure to see. At the end all the parents were cheering and this was a great team effort. Well done!



Colts D v Merchant Taylors' Prep (away)

Try Scorers: Leon 1, Niam 1

Outstanding performance: Niam for his effort and enthusiasm from the first to the last second giving the team multiple opportunities to score.

This was an extremely thrilling game to both play and watch. Captain Anek chose to kick off first, Niam chased well and ripped the ball straight off the opposition to give us back possession instantly. This was our main strength this game, with Vivaan, Anek and Rian all doing this efficiently. Michael and Leo both helped us gain possession by diving on any loose ball and distributing it accordingly. Hard running from Kian and Aayan kept their defence true but unfortunately we lacked raw pace on the outside channels to finish our chances. They scored a few tries in the first half with a pacey winger and we ended the half scoreless. After an inspirational team talk from Niam and Kian we came back at them and the rest of the second half was played in their half. Our passing was immense where we consistently strung 20+ offloads and passes together at a time to give us a plethora of scoring opportunities especially through Leon on the left wing. Unfortunately we dropped the ball over the try line 5 times and only came away with 2 tries for our efforts which were well-deserved. We finished the 2nd half with 2 tries but more importantly kept the opposition scoreless. Well played boys.





Hockey v Merchant Taylors' 8th October

U13 A v MTS (away) Won 3-2

Scorers: Saam 3

Outstanding performance: Zac, Saam and Rohan

We started very well by scoring a goal in the first few minutes with some great passing amongst the team. This enabled Saam to score the goal in the left corner. Zac played in goal and made some very good saves. We had several chances to score but our passing and shooting skills just needed to be sharper. The game was very evenly poised and at the end Saam scored the winning goal for us to win 3 - 2.

A really good team performance.



U12 A v MTS (away) Lost 4-2

Scorers: Nishil 1, Ethan 1

Outstanding performance: The whole team

The U12 A team played a great game against a well organised MTS team. The St John's boys created several chances to score in the first half, created in the main by the influential Arian in central midfield. The boys went down by 1-0 from a well taken goal by MTS, although a great strike by Nishil which took a deflection made the score 1-1 at half-time. Both teams made a number of changes throughout the game. The St John's team kept passing, moving and running off the ball, but two key chances made it 3-1. However, the boys never gave up and managed to score through Ethan Pryce to make it 3-2. In the end MTS managed an additional goal which sealed their win.



Congratulations to all the boys. Well done.



U8 teams v Merchant Taylors' Prep 10th Oct



U8 A v Merchant Taylors' Prep (home)

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

Outstanding performances: Tanay, Rafay and Aariz

On a smaller pitch the St John's team learnt to run straight and support each other closely in the match. We played 3 x 10 minute matches which gave the boys lots of match time. Our support, team play and general passing has really improved. Henry, Maximilian and Rafay all ran straight and hard and they off-loaded the ball very well to other supporting players. MTP had some brilliant runners but all too often they ran across the pitch and into touch. In defence, we still need to move up as a line and close the spaces between the players. However, the straight running and ambition to pass the ball was the most encouraging aspect of the team's performance. Well done!

U8 B v Merchant Taylors' Prep (home)

Try scorers: Shrey 1, Abbas 2, Noah 2

Outstanding performance: Hamza

We played 3 x 10 minute matches with a break in between. The passing and running with the ball has certainly improved. On a number of occasions, we broke through and scored some good tries. In defence we still need to move up as a line but our cover defence was very impressive in the match. This was a really good team performance.



U8 teams v Merchant Taylors' Prep 10th Oct

U8 C v Merchant Taylors' Prep (away)

Try scorers: Caiden 2, Liam L 1

Outstanding performance: Iraj and Liam L

The boys played exceptionally well today, showing off their line speed putting a lot of pressure on the opposition. When we had ball in hand we looked very dangerous displaying great attacking potential. We need to work on spreading the ball out to the width of the wings to use the space effectively. Well played boys.



U8 D v Merchant Taylors' Prep (away)

Try scorers: Charlie 1, Josh 1

Outstanding performance: Dhilan and Aarush

A great performance from the mighty Ds. In attack the boys were running some fantastic hard lines and through playing phases fast managed to break the MTP defence and score. However, the boys really shone in defence with Aarush and Dhilan constantly in their opposition's face and shutting them down before they managed to get moving. It was for this great defensive play that the outstanding performances went to Dhilan and Aarush.



U8 E v Merchant Taylors' Prep (away)

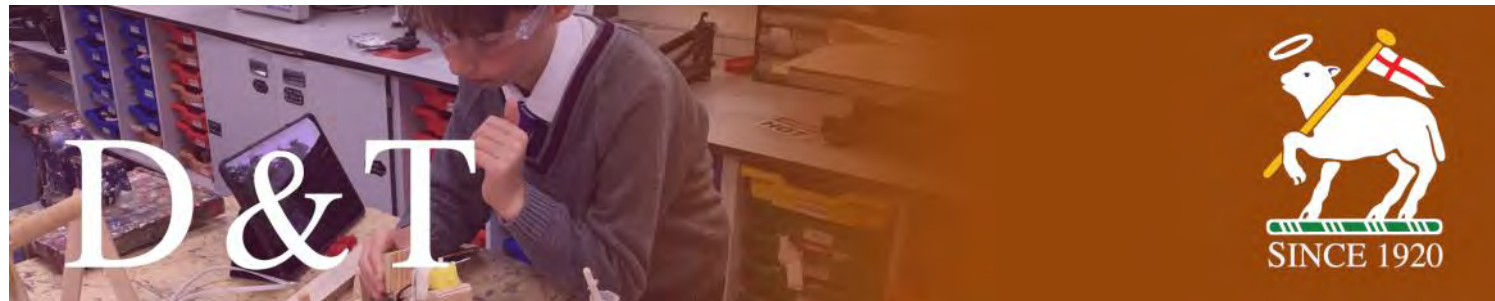
Try scorers: Arun 5

Outstanding performance: Arun

This was a fantastic little match against the MTP D team. So much improvement compared to their friendly fixture the week before against Haberdashers'. The team are getting quicker to regain spilled ball, running forwards, tagging quicker in defence and making decisions.

Really well done, keep it going.





A fantastic week down in the D&T department



1. **Felix** using the pillar drill to build the structure for his lighting system.

2. **Luca** and **Roshan** have completed their wonderful moving hydraulics model of an underwater scene.

3. **Kush's** superb model of a pirate ship is all ready to put on display for Art's Evening.

4. **D&T scholars** show intense concentration as they work on their individual projects.

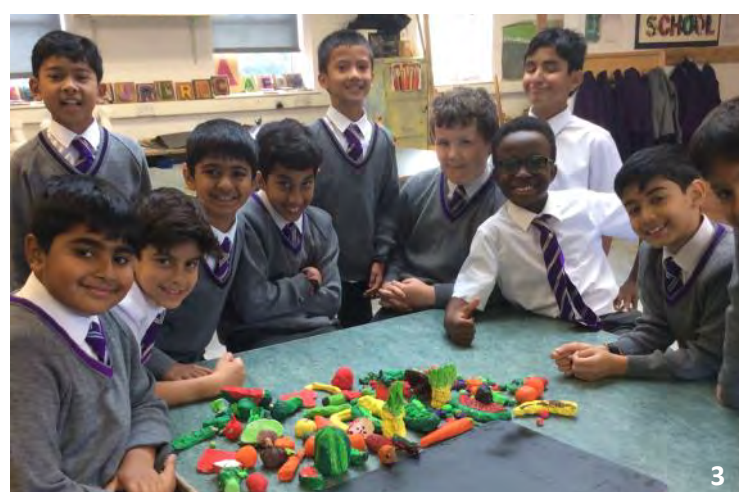
5. **Year 3** now know how to use the tools for measuring, marking and cutting and have been working on improving their accuracy when measuring.

6. **Edmond** has completed his fabulous textiles project to encourage users to stay hydrated.

7. **Year 4** have been working as teams to program Lego.

8. **Nayan** and **Zak** have completed a programmed lighting system which has moving parts and changing lights.





1. **Year 3** have been busy making Egyptian headdresses and mummified cats.
2. **Bailey and Leo** in Year 4 have designed these lovely heated hands using hot and cold colours.
3. **Year 5** have created these beautiful clay portraits based on the Italian artist Arcimboldo. They have also begun to study native American art.

OUTLOOK



SAVE THE DATE

ST JOHN'S
Centenary Ball

27TH JUNE 2020

TICKETS ON SALE IN JANUARY

OUTLOOK



MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY

enter
now

photo graphy 2019 competition

Entries are now welcome from pupils and staff across the school for the Merchant Taylors' Company Photography Competition. This year's theme is **Wellbeing** and photographs should be submitted as unretouched jpegs. Please supply a title for your photograph and, if you wish, a short description (of 12 words maximum).

Our school's selected photographs will be exhibited at Merchant Taylors' Hall in the City of London in December and January, with cash prizes awarded to the winners and runners-up in each category of Junior (Years 1-8), Senior (Years 9-13) and Staff.

For further information and to submit your entries – by Monday 4th November 2019 – please contact

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OUTLOOK



Merchant Taylors' School in collaboration with **St Helen's School**
Presents

A musical by **ALAN BOUBLIL** and **CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG**

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

Performed entirely by students

The Great Hall,
Merchant Taylors' School



Wednesday 27th November 7pm, Thursday 28th November 7pm,
Friday 29th November 7pm

Tickets from <http://development.mtsn.org.uk/musical>

Adults £15 Concessions (Under 18) £10

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MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL and CAMERON MAKINTOSH(OVERSEAS) LIMITED

St John's Association Fireworks 2019

Thursday 7th November

5.30pm to 7.30pm



Tickets available in the school office from 30th September and in the car park at pick up from 14th Oct to 18th October.

- Adults - £12
- Children - £8

Prices include hot food and a choice of drink served from 5.30pm. Please choose from fish & chips or vegan burger & chips

Mulled wine, beer, hot drinks, novelties and treats available on the night!

Guy and Pumpkin carving competition for Yrs 3 to 8. Prizes awarded on the night by Mr Robinson!

**Bonfire lit at 6.30pm
Fireworks at 7.10pm**

As there is limited parking available in the school, cars will be directed to Pinner Hill Golf club from where you can walk. Please avoid parking on Potter Street Hill as it causes congestion and please do not park on the private Gatehill Estate. Thank you for your cooperation.



Calendar and important dates

Monday 14th October: Year 6 Parents' Meeting A - P (6.00pm)

Tuesday 15th October: Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (6.00pm)

Wednesday 16th October: School Council

Rugby v Caldicott: U13 A (h), U12 A (a) (2.30pm)

Year 6 Parents' Meeting R - W (6.00pm)

Thursday 17th October: Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (3.30pm)

Friday 18th Oct: Pre-Prep Harvest Festival (9.30am)

Year 4 Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Saturday 19th October: England - Australia Quarter-Final Screening and BBQ
Breakfast (7.40am)

Monday 21st October: Hunter Jones Poetry Recitation (10.00am)

Tuesday 22nd October: 3+ Assessments - Nursery Closed

Year 5 Visit to Regents Park Mosque (9.00am)

Wednesday 23rd October: 3+ Assessments - Nursery Closed

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 @stjohnswood.



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

England - Australia Screening. As you may know the World Cup match scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled due to bad weather. We have therefore rescheduled the screening in the Norman Hall to next Saturday, 19th October, when England play Australia in the quarter-finals. [Attendance and dietary confirmation](#)

Next issue of the Lamb. The next Lamb publication will be on Wednesday 23rd October. There will be NO publication on Friday 18th October.

Merchant Taylors' Company Photography Competition. This is always a very popular competition and half term would be a good opportunity to take a photograph on the theme of **Wellbeing**. Please see the flyer on Page 15 for more information.

Potter Street Hill After School Care. Please make sure that you are registered for this service by visiting www.pottersthillasc.co.uk

Les Misérables at Merchant Taylors' School. Please see the flyer on page 16. Two of our recent Old Boys have leading roles in what promises to be a fabulous production.

Fireworks Night. This is one of our most popular events in the School calendar. Make sure you put November 7th in your diary. Tickets are now available from the school office. Further details can be found on the flyer on page 17.

Votes for Schools. Last week's question: **Do we expect too much from Sportspeople?** Yes 73.9%, No 26.1%.

New question: **Can music teach us about black history?** Please discuss at home over the weekend in advance of voting which will take place up until the half term break. (Years 3-8)

House Point Totals.

Lincoln: 24.12, **Oates:** 23.14, **Churchill:** 22.60, **Lawrence:** 21.67

Have a good weekend.

