



From the
Headmaster

One of the highlights of this week was the Hunter Jones Poetry Recitation Competition which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the boys and staff in Years 3 to 8. I would like to thank Adam, Ikenna and Archie, sixth formers at Merchant Taylors' School, who judged the competition and congratulate overall winners Liam in 5C and Ansh in 8H.

Our assemblies have included excellent presentations on Black History Month with inspiring stories of courage, determination and positivity. Find out more on page 2.

The Pre-Prep proudly presented their Harvest Festival last Friday in the Centenary Sports Hall. It was wonderful to be able to invite parents into school to watch the boys sing their hearts out and deliver their lines with great confidence.

It was also a pleasure to see so many families at the Astronomy evening. Despite the cloudy skies, we managed to see glimpses of the Moon and Jupiter and enjoy Mr Lawrence's excellent talk.

Fifteen of our boys enjoyed the Maths Afternoon at Merchant Taylors' School and I am delighted to let you know that Kabir in 7B came third in the individual category. On the games field it has been great to see so many boys involved in the fixture programme and able to represent the School.

I hope you have a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming the boys back to a busy and productive second half of term.

S. R. A.

Hunter Jones 2021



Hunter Jones Poetry Competition judges with the winners and runners up

On Monday morning 18th October we held our annual Hunter Jones Poetry Recitation competition. This live event was presented in its full, pre-pandemic glory, with Years 3 to 8 enjoying the finalists' recitations in the Norman Hall. Eighteen pupils from the Juniors and twenty from the Senior School recited their poems in the finals but in the lead-up all pupils from Years 3 to 8 learnt a poem of their choice and recited it in their classroom or their English lessons. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our boys to practice their public speaking, research and recitation skills. English teachers gave feedback to all classes and selected the finalists, who impressed our judges - three Merchant Taylors' School lower-sixth students who study English, one of whom was an old St John's boy. Adam, Ikenna and Archie said that the standards were so high that they found it difficult to select winners. They have, however, shared their final decisions with us. Well done to the following boys who were highly commended: Veyron 3W, Hari 4L, Liam 5W-S, Aary 5M, Otto 6V, George 7B, Ansh 8J, Benyamin 8J

The judges also highly commended Ahaan in 7B and Leo in 8J, who could not attend but sent a video recording of their poems.

The runners up are:

Junior School Hari 4L, Senior School Rafi 7B

The winners in this year's Hunter Jones Poetry Competition are:

Liam 5C and Ansh 8H.

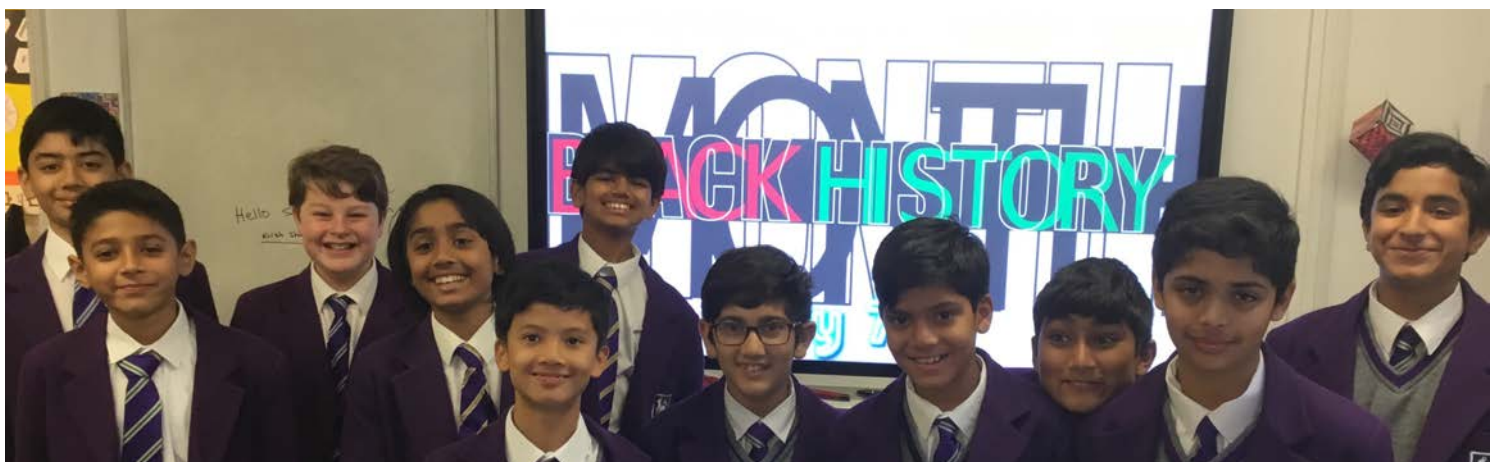
Well done to everyone for keeping the competition standards high with all their hard work and for making this event a memorable experience for us all.



Black History Month October 2021

Throughout the School in the past two weeks we have been celebrating Black History Month. We've had several inspiring assemblies in Senior School, the Pre-Prep have been celebrating good role models in PSHCEE and the Junior Craft Club made beautiful peace doves inspired by their learning. 7B chose to present an assembly on how famous sportsmen and women have used sport to make a positive impact on society. We heard the stories and achievements of great sporting heroes such as

Colin Kaepernick, Muhammad Ali, Jesse Owens, Len Johnson, Althea Gibson, Lewis Hamilton and Marcus Rashford. Mrs Savage also chose to speak about Marcus Rashford's achievements in her assembly. A fantastic footballer, he has never forgotten his roots and used his self-belief and positivity to help others by fighting for free school meal vouchers for children during lockdown. He was awarded an MBE last year for his efforts to end child poverty in Britain.





Black History Month cont...

Ebi in 6L presented a very informative assembly about Nigerian culture. Ebi’s mum comes from the eastern (Igobo speaking) part of Nigeria. He told us that Nigeria is the most populous African country and that 300 languages are spoken. English is the main language because it was once a British colony, but Igbo, Housa and Yoruba are also official languages.

Ancestry research shows that a sizeable number of Afro-Caribbean and African-Americans have roots that trace back to Nigeria and that their heritage is Nigerian. E.g. Lil’ Wayne and Deontay Wilder. Research shows that, worldwide, one-in-four black people is Nigerian or of Nigerian heritage.

Ebi is currently trying to learn pidgeon English, which is a language that many people speak. It is a mixture of Portuguese, English and local languages and Ebi says it is very difficult to learn. In his assembly he gave us an example:

- English: My friend is at work and will return soon
- Pidgeon: My oga dey work and e go soon come back.
- English: You will see me soon!!
- Pidgeon: You go see me now!!

Ebi is proud to wear what is called Isi-Agwu Lion head. It is a very popular outfit of the Igbos.



Inspirational black sporting heroes featured in this week’s assemblies



Astronomy evening

We had a great turn out for the Astronomy Evening on the 14th of October. Many families came equipped with telescopes to see the wonders of the night sky. Mr Robinson, Mr Colgate and I looked after telescopes and helped observers to see through them. Alas, the skies weren't as clear as we had hoped, and we were only treated to short glimpses of the Moon and Jupiter.

However, a lot of fun was had because, as usual, we had the lights of Heathrow airport to keep us entertained and to try out the various telescopes.

Mrs Kalirai made sure that everyone had enough to eat and drink, from crisps to cocoa! There was also time for a short

talk, Getting Started in Astronomy during which the boys asked some great questions about Galaxies and Light Years.

Afterwards there was a second chance to look through telescopes whilst the Year 8 helpers cleared away the chairs and swept the floors.

Thank you to all who helped run and support this event. Especially Mrs Rizava for looking after the boys and Mr Jenkins for taking pictures. We look forward to holding another one in the spring term.

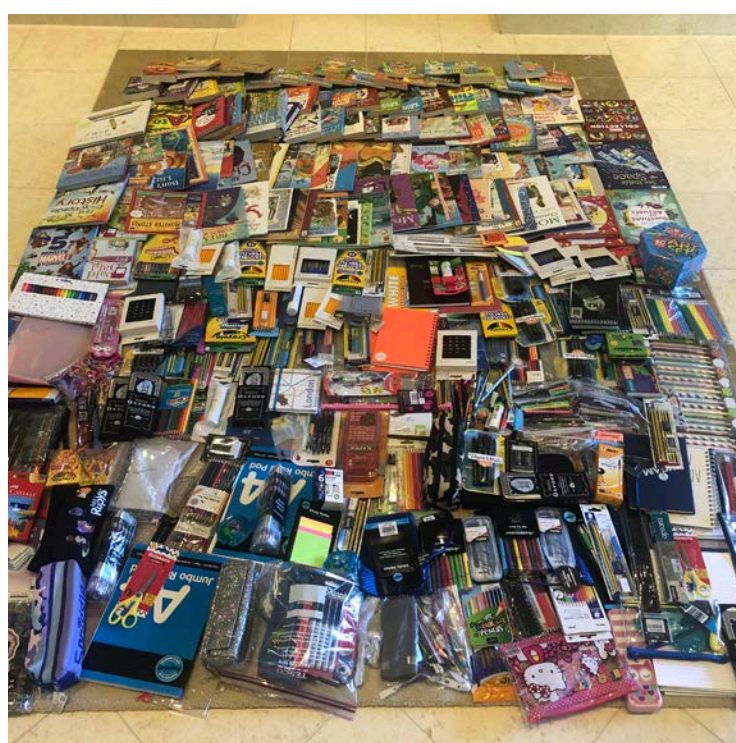
WOLAS have just released the dates for their observing weekend at Ruislip Lido, from Friday 12th November to Sunday 14th. Hope to see you there! *Mr Lawrence*





Aiden is overwhelmed by your generosity

During his assembly last Friday, Aiden began collecting the first donations of stationery to get the Afghan students off to a good start when they begin school in the UK. This week he has been overwhelmed with all you amazing donations. He has collected 21 full pencil cases, an extraordinary amount of pens, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners and notebooks and over 60 books. Thank you all so much.



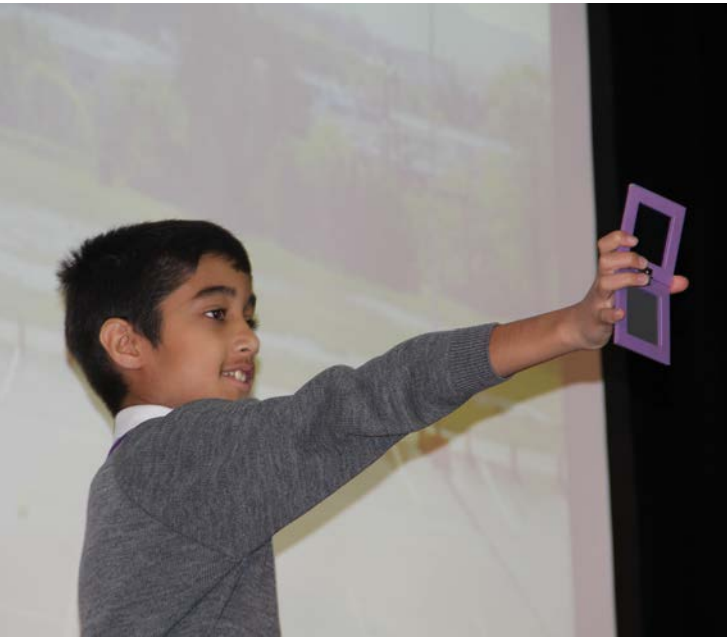


Mr Wilson-Spellward and the ‘Pig of Happiness’

There was an air of expectation last Wednesday morning as the boys from Years 3 to 8 filed into the Norman Hall for Mr Wilson-Spellward’s final assembly on the theme of self-confidence and positivity. The lights were dimmed and boys were holding mirrors that gleamed in the stage lights. We listened to the song “Mirror” by Sigrid and Mr Wilson-Spellward helped everyone examine the words carefully, revealing the message that you can turn anything into a positive experience.

One by one the boys in 5W-S bravely stood centre stage and described the positive aspects of their character that they see when they look in the mirror – well done boys.

Mr Wilson-Spellward finished by saying that he has spent 31 years trying to instil confidence in young people. He then read us a story about the Pig of Happiness whose happiness is infectious. Mr Robinson thanked Mr Wilson-Spellward and the boys of 5W-S and told the boys what a joy it was for him to come into school every day to teach them.





Ronnie's Dad has run 52 half marathons

Ronnie's Dad has completed 52 half marathons in aid of Macmillan this year. Ronnie (3W) has been spending this year supporting his Dad's (Phil) fundraising efforts. Phil who works in digital for Macmillan Cancer Support took on the challenge of running 52 half marathons in 2021 and his last one was the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday 17th October. The idea first began when he took up running again during the first lockdown. Initially a way to protect his mental health during the pandemic, it rekindled a passion for running and provided an opportunity to raise money for a much needed cause. So far, he has managed to raise over £1,400. Please donate if you can: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Phil-Cottrell



Ryan has been volunteering

Ryan in 4H has been busy volunteering for his GP surgery by delivering their magazine to patients.

Ali has been getting artistic

Ali in the Eagles decided to paint the solar system, Mr Lawrence was very impressed.





Merchant Taylors' School Maths Afternoon

On Friday 8th October fifteen boys from Year 7 went to Merchant Taylors' School for a maths afternoon. When we arrived, we put our bags down and started the trail. We followed the instructions which led us to maths questions which we had to answer. It was really good fun with some very challenging questions. Afterwards, we sat down in the dining

hall and we were given some maths anagrams and some more problems to solve which were fun. Finally, Kabir went up and represented the School really well. There were some extremely hard questions, but he battled through and achieved 3rd place with 12/15.

Kian J and Mithil P



THIS WEEK



[Click here to watch a short video explaining the impact of Place2Be](#)

St John's School recognises the importance of everyone's mental wellbeing and we are delighted to be supporting the charity Place2Be this year with our range of exciting fund-raising activities. Let's find out more about Place2Be and the work it does. Click on the logo to visit the website.



Parenting Smart is a new website launched by Place2Be to provide parenting advice from their child mental health experts. They give practical tips to support childrens' wellbeing and manage behaviour. Take a look by clicking the link below.



We hope to see you at some of our charity events this year which include, Pre-Prep Harvest Festival, the Second Hand Uniform Shop, Fireworks Night, Arts Evening and Brass Band in the car park at Christmas...



VOTES FOR SCHOOLS



Votes for Schools climate change and refugees

What a super start to the school year with your thoughts and contributions to this half term's Votes for Schools program. We leave you with a question to think about over the break. Take some time to look through the slides and discuss at home. We will be going through this at school when we get back. Be curious and informed about what is going on in the world by keeping up to date with the news.

Perhaps you could read children's papers such as The Week Junior or watch Newsround on CBBC on a regular basis.

Any queries please contact Mrs McSween vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk



Last week's question

Your thoughts

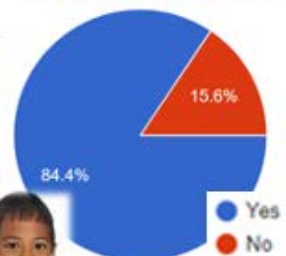
Results

Do we celebrate our differences enough?



No - we do not celebrate our differences enough because there is lots of focus on 'black history', however, the world is made up of lots of cultures, religions and colour which should equally be celebrated.

Deven Year 3



Click on his photo to see what Sebastian says.



Rafay in Year 5 says:

Yes, I think we do celebrate our differences because there is much more awareness from last year's Black Lives Matter movement and in our school curriculum you learn a lot about religion, race, festivals, diversity and more. Even on television you see a diverse of people from different backgrounds.



After half term...

Vocab



Do you see yourself as a leader?



Leadership:

The set of skills that make a good leader.

Qualities:

Characteristic or part of someone or something.

Admire:

Respect or look up to something or someone.

Extraordinary:

Something or someone special; not usual.



PRE-PPREP

International Studies in the Pre-Prep

The Pre-Prep boys are all coming to the end of this half term's International Studies unit, so lessons were spent tasting food, dancing and singing in the fashion of the country they had been studying.

Reception had a go at Indian dancing and tasted barfi, helped along by one of their mums, wearing a beautiful

Indian sari. Year 1 saw two mums dressed in traditional Chinese dress and tried to eat noodles with chop sticks – some were much better than others! Year 2 made their own Japanese sushi, by rolling sticky rice in paper thin strips of carrot and cucumber. This was followed by a karaoke session, with some of the adults joining in! We all had fun.





Celebrating harvest in the Centenary Sports Hall

Last Friday in the Pre-Prep we celebrated Harvest Festival in the Centenary Sports Hall. It was a very special occasion because it was our first event in the CSH and the first musical event we have been able to invite parents in to watch for a very long time. The Hall was full of excited parents, boys and teachers. All the boys sang beautifully, encouraged by Mr Corin and their teachers. The Year 2 boys delivered their lines confidently and Mr Robinson commented on the clarity with which they spoke. Boys brought in harvest gifts which have been delivered to a local Food Bank. The retiring collection will go to our charity for the year, Place2Be. Thank you, parents, for your generous donations.





Cleaning our teeth is fun!

The Lambs have been learning all about looking after their teeth. We looked at foods that are good and bad for your teeth and were lucky enough to have Dr Patel to come and talk to us about looking after our teeth. Learning how to clean our teeth was fun!





Cleaning our teeth is fun!

Dr Amlani visited Robins and Squirrels to talk about looking after their teeth. The boys also made toothbrushes using soft clay and art materials.





Year 3 putting their best foot forward!

On Thursday 14th October, 3L and 3W stepped out onto the roads around the School to practice 'Stop! Look, listen and think'. Road safety officers, Marie and Viki, from Hillingdon council explained basic road safety, including how to use pedestrian crossings safely, before the classes went out to walk. The boys practised walking safely along roads with and without pavements as well as learning how to cross roads without marked crossings and how to cross safely around parked cars.





Junior Craft Club

The boys used a variety of autumn leaves to create their lovely hedgehogs and they made beautiful 3D paper Peace Doves (see p2) while thinking about Black History Month. Lovely work boys.





Our musicians performing in assembly

Highlights in music have included the launch of our weekly assembly celebration performances and superb singing by every boy in Pre-Prep during our Harvest Festival. Boys filled the Centenary Sports Hall with their keen and collective singing. They have worked very hard to produce a highly professional Harvest Festival – see page 12.

Keshav in 6G entertained Years 3-8 with his superb performance of '644 Squadron' on the trombone last week and Ansh in 8H played with strong levels of expression on the piano

in this week's assembly. We are looking forward to performances from different musicians after half term. Many of our guitarists have been keen to contribute.

In class lessons Year 4 have been exploring the instruments of the orchestra, playing typical melodies for orchestral instruments on the glockenspiel. Boys who play woodwind instruments have enjoyed explaining their peculiarities to the rest of their class. Well done to Aubrey, Aditya and Luca who were keen to demonstrate the clarinet and the oboe.





My musical journey – Krish (7B)

When I first started music, I had no idea how much joy it could bring to me. Despite my parents having very little musical knowledge, my mum did encourage me to play the recorder in Year 1. It was only in Year 3 that I really embarked on my musical journey - I borrowed a simple keyboard from one of my friends and from then onwards there was no holding me back. I recall when I played Christmas Carols at my grandma's care home for the first time, when I was not even on Grade 1 piano. At the time I said to my mum "Why are some of the residents not dancing and singing along?" Looking back, it was quite a silly question as we were in a care home after all and some of the residents weren't very mobile. However, it has now made me realise that enjoyment of music can also be experienced without showing it through external expressions.

When I was in the Lower School and regularly listened to Mrs Savage play the piano, it gave me the inspiration to take it up myself as piano is a good learning base for all of the other instruments. With regards to my favourite instrument, the flute, an ex St John's Head Boy motivated me to take it up. During Covid lockdowns music helped me to de-stress and I have now passed Grade 5 with distinction on both flute and

piano. My next challenge is to conquer the saxophone.

I am so happy to be able to contribute to school life by joining the Wind Band, Chamberlain Ensemble, Tabla Tappers, Senior Recorders, and recently formed a musical band with my friends. I felt really honoured and overjoyed at winning the Colley Cup in Year 6 and St John's supporting and acknowledging my musical efforts. I can certainly say that hard work and perseverance does eventually pay off!

Music has the ability to lift my mood and other people's moods around me. When I feel upset, sad, or stressed then playing the piano or my flute immediately alleviates those feelings, and I can be transported into a happier place. Through playing music, I am able to connect with other people at St John's or through other music groups. I was fortunate enough to participate in the Merchant Taylors' Prep School Concert just before Covid hit in 2019. Meeting other people this way is a positive experience as we are all like-minded and have a love for music which joins us together.

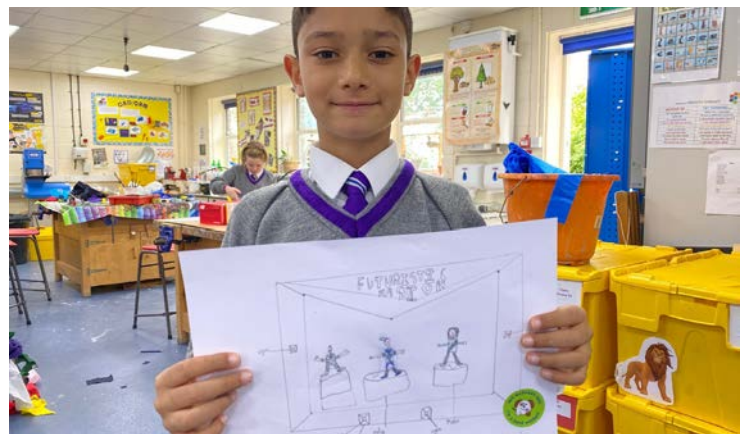
I would thoroughly encourage everyone to take up music, be it singing in a choir or playing a musical instrument as it will not only bring joy to yourself but also to others around you.





A hive of activity in D&T

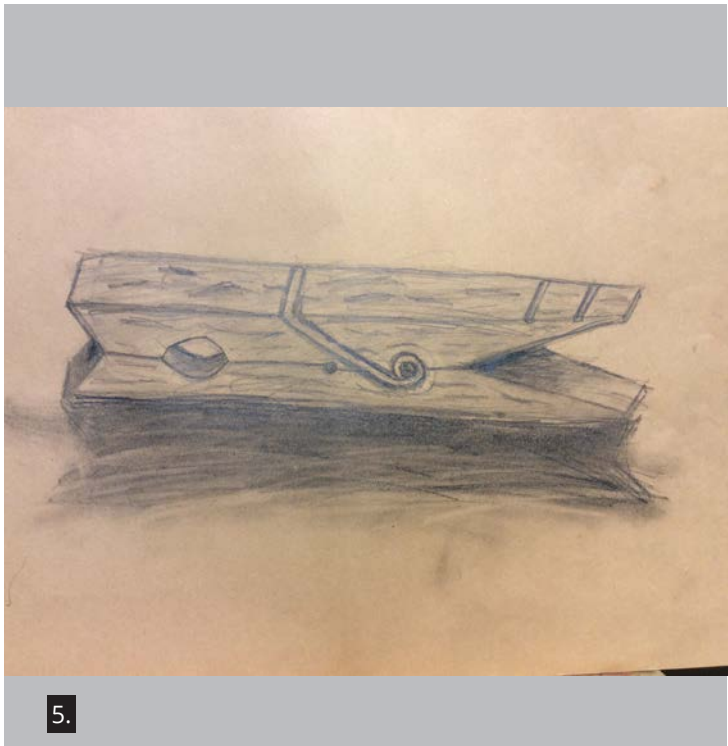
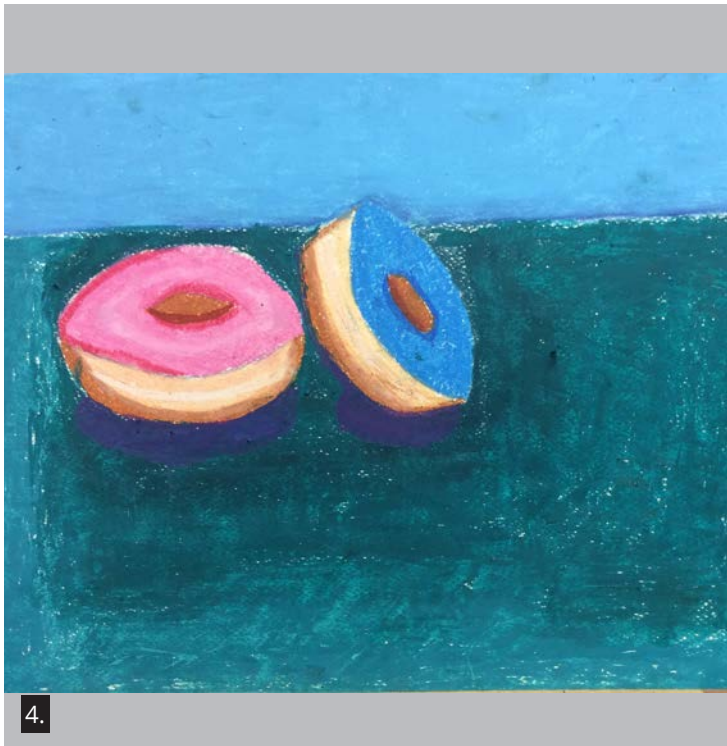
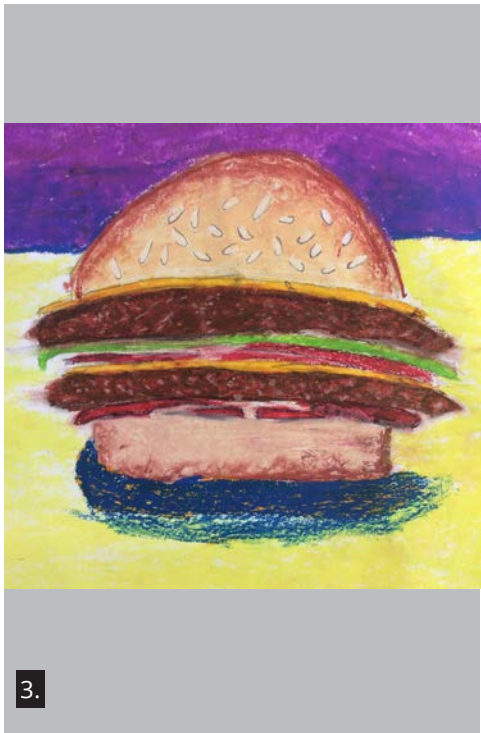
Creative juices are flowing down in the workshop this week in the D&T department. Year 5 are seen making model cakes and manekins ready for their moving shop window displays, while Jamie adds the finishing touches to his fairground ride.





Food inspiration and big patterns in art

1. Year 6 have been recycling eggboxes. Look at Vineel's cute portrait of a cat. 2. Leo B is turning his eggbox into a bunny rabbit. 3. Zac in Year 8 finished his burger drawing this week. Yum! 4. This doughnut drawing is by Sahib in Year 8. 5. Portfolio club have been drawing pears. Here is Albert's in Year 8.





Christmas Card Competition.



The Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Lady Harding needs our help!

Calling all artists and designers to design a Christmas card.



Lady Harding is running a Christmas card competition with the theme of

Peace, Love and Giving

All entries must be completed at home during half term and handed in to Ms Gillen on Thursday 4th November. (Please do **not** email your image)

(This is not a compulsory competition)

Your design must be A5 in size, it can be portrait or landscape and any flat medium can be used to colour.

Get your thinking caps on, be creative and have fun!



Merchant Taylors' Photography Competition up-date

A big thank you to those who submitted entries to the Merchant Taylors' photography competition. The photos have been sent to Merchant Taylors and they will announce their winners before Christmas. All photographs will be on display in the dining room so please take a look. Fingers crossed we have a winner!

With all the entries received we will also hold a St John's photography competition. The winners for this will be announced next term. Good Luck boys!



U13s & U12s enter Cokethorpe rugby tournament

U13A Wednesday 13th October

This was the first time we have entered this Rugby Tournament at Cokethorpe. Stunning grounds and a warm welcome made the occasion very enjoyable.

The first match was against Cokethorpe and whilst we dominated the first half with three chances to score tries we did not take our opportunities. Cokethorpe got a break-away try and we had more chances. Jacob and Amos scored our two tries, but we lost 20 - 10.

The 2nd match against Shiplake College was very evenly contested. We started superbly by Jacob scoring a try in the first three minutes. However, Shiplake never gave up and managed to score two tries. Another very close match. Lost 10 - 5

We played Royal Latin in our 3rd match and again this was

very close. After some excellent play between the forwards and backs, Blake finished off a brilliant team try. Royal Latin had two very good players and individual breaks resulted in them scoring two tries to pip us at the end of the match. Lost 10-5

The Semi-final was another tight contest against Royal Latin. We started brilliantly and as we got near the opposition try line, Zac powered his way over in the corner to score a very good try. Royal Latin got one back and in the second half it became sudden death. End to end rugby with both teams attacking and defending. In the end, Royal Latin made a break on the outside and with some good passing managed to score in the corner. A tough result but all the boys who played in the matches must be congratulated for their fantastic efforts. Lost 10 - 5

A very good tournament enjoyed by all.





U12A Wednesday 13th October

After a long journey to Oxford, the U12 As were ready for the tournament. Our first match was played against Abingdon. We were quite sloppy in the first half conceding 3 tries due to lack of effort in the rucks and tackles. However, in the second half we put it in only conceding 2.

Our 2nd match was against Cokethorpe. We started strongly, staying in formation and passing well and with Shane and Archie being vocal on the pitch. This eventually left us with a 3-2 victory. The try scorers were Kush and Shane.

The next match was against Shiplake. Again, we kept our line speed and put in effort with tackles and running well, giving

us a 2-0 lead with Jimi and Shane scoring excellent tries. In the second half, Shiplake bounced back whilst we tried to stop them from getting past us. They scored 3 tries by the end of the game, giving them victory. This was our tightest game.

Our final match was against The Royal Latin. We cruised through this match scoring easy tries from Kabir, Satyen, Shane and Rafi. We won 5-1 and this match worked well in all parts.

Overall, it was a tremendous effort from all of us. The highlight of the tournament was Shane's courageous run down the pitch to score against Cokethorpe. The men of the match were Shane and Archie for their excellent leadership skills throughout the tournament. Well done everyone.





U11 rugby against Haberdashers'

U11A, Friday 8th October, Won 35 – 20

A second win on the trot against a physical Haberdashers' side. The boys played a fast game, handling and moving the ball consistently with wonderful forwards momentum. One or two loose off-loads resulted in interceptions and gave Habs an early lead of 15 – 5. The squad was quick to learn from these mistakes and follow an 'open game plan' and kept the ball moving. Team tries scored by Bailey, Khyan, Leo, Daanish and Owen secured this second win. A wonderful debut performance by Khyan L with two tries. Time to work on some new targets in preparation for the Belmont rugby festival on Saturday 6th November 2021.



U11B, Friday 8th October

St John's started well scoring 25 points within the first 12 minutes, showing a great display of passing into space. Our defensive line speed created most of these opportunities by building the pressure on Habs within their half so all we had to do was to pass into space and use the overlap we created out wide. In the second third of the match, we struggled to keep our composure and started to make rash passes and tried to force the offload which didn't go to hand. St John's always tried their best during the game and helped motivate each other when it started to get tough. Overall, a good performance from everyone involved. Well done boys! Try Scorers: Thomas M 2, Arjun 1, Owen 2, Thomas C 1, Man of the Match: Ali H

U11C, Friday 8th October

In this away match at Haberdashers' we played two different teams which played 20 minutes each half. In the first half, we battled hard, but the opposition had some good attacking runners who scored a few tries. In the second half, we really lifted our game and Hrishi and Harry ran strongly and scored some super tries. Both enabled the team to go forward, and this really helped the other players. Mehul put good pressure on the opposition players when they had the ball. As a team we moved up and made it much harder for Haberdashers' to score. We set the ball so much better, and this created the attacking and running opportunities for other players in the team. We'll done to all the players.

Try scorers: Vivek 1, Hrishi 2, Mustafa 1, Harry 2





U11 rugby against Haberdashers' cont...

U11D, Friday 8th October

The U11Ds put in a much better performance against Habs than last time out against Belmont. The support runners made our attacking play a joy to watch. Unfortunately, on the day, we were unable to make enough tackles to come away with a win due to Habs having a few strong runners who were able to break through our defensive line. Kayhan led the team from the front with his weaving runs helping him to tally up 5 tries, whilst James fought incredibly hard to win the ball back for the team making tackle after tackle, on many occasions ripping the ball back too. In summary, the boys showed great fight and were unlucky not to come away with a win. However, what was most important was that there were plenty of signs to show that this group can continue to improve over the coming weeks. *Many thanks to Mr Carpmael for taking photographs*





U10 rugby against St John's Beaumont

U10A Friday 8th October

We scored the first try but our opponents came back harder. Although we made an improved effort on tackles especially with our new player Aarush, who is an able defender, we were up against a strong team. Unfortunately, we lost 13-7. Hopefully next time we improve on our game and win. The try scorers were: Zachariah (4), Yuvraj (2) and Liam (1).

Match Report by Rafay Sabir - Team captain



U10B Friday 8th October

This was a tough game where we conceded a few early tries. We fought hard and scored a few tries of our own. St John's Beaumont had a very strong team with some fast, attacking players. In the end, the score was 10-19 to Beaumont. Caiden and Raphael were named Men of the Match for all their hard work in attack and defence. We will learn from this and defend better next time. Try scorers were Raphael 3, Arnav 2, Caiden 2, Niam 1, Neer 1 and Hamza 1.

U10C and D 8th October 2021

We fielded three mixed teams this week due to Beaumont travelling with only one team. Each game was 10 minutes long, with those not playing training against each other on the adjacent pitch. This type of fixture allows players to step up and show some leadership along with their rugby flair. St John's were caught napping at the start of all three games, but quickly woke up and displayed some strong running. We broke tackles and kept the ball in the opposition half, piling on the pressure which, more often than not, resulted in tries. On occasion, we

attacked the space out wide but got tackled into touch – this reflects our need for more special awareness of where we are on the pitch, which will impact our decision making when passing and running with the ball. Many hard tackles were made to keep the opposition pinned in their half, however, a lack of width and pressure as a line allowed Beaumont to utilise their fast boys and go around us to dart down in the corner.

Game 1: Lost 5-3, Man of the match: Shrey

Game 2: Won 5-4: Man of the match: Saavan

Game 3: Lost – 6-2 Man of the match: James





U10 rugby against Beacon

U10A, Friday 15th October 2021, lost 12-3

A tough game for the U10 boys against a very strong Beacon side. St Johns started well with a good early try from Liam. The attacking play showed glimpses of improvement from the last game, with some good passes away from the tackle. Beacon were dominant in defence and their physicality was far superior. We struggled in defence and the tackling was not up to the level it needed to be to compete. Wave after wave of Beacon attack ended up in tries being scored. Try scorers - Liam 2, Maximillian



U10B, Friday 15th October

This was a tough encounter. The Beacon quickly shot into the lead and continued to score tries throughout the game at a regular rate with their powerful running. However, they did not have it all their own way and Tanay, Arnav and Abbas all scored fine tries for St John's. The second half showed a great improvement in the way St John's looked after the ball and it was a credit to the boys that they did not stop attacking until the final whistle. Men of the Match awards go to Arnav for his fantastic running and Theo for his fearless defending. However, a big 'well done' must also go to the whole team for an excellent effort.

U10C, Friday 15th October, Lost 9-4

The boys were eager to get some more game time under their belts before the half term break. We were up against a well drilled Beacon side who knew how to tackle hard and quickly, resulting in us knocking the ball on within the tackle area often at the start of the game. We stepped up to their physicality with strong running from Taarun, Arun and Saavan, drawing in defenders to give Shrey, Rishi and James space to exploit on the outside. Iraj and Neil played a crucial role in distributing the ball from the base of the ruck and allowed us to keep the game flowing. In defence, Dhilan, Charlie, and Neil were vital in stopping The Beacon's strong runners fronting up to take the contact and put them on the ground.



U10B, Friday 15th October, Lost 8-5

The boys played pretty well in what is always a tough fixture. Kyal started strongly and ran in a hat trick of tries over the game. It took a while to get into the match but the second half performance was fairly impressive with tackling from Milan and Kyal, and determined carries from the same pair and Josh, Agastya and Theodore. For their next match the team need to work on forming up with good spacings for each free pass. Well done to all of the boys on their efforts today. Men of the Match: Kyal and Milan.



Vineel's badminton success

I started playing badminton because my mum wanted to find a partner to play with and wanted me to be able to return. So, three years ago, I started playing at Vale Farm sports centre, Wembley for a club called "Brent Juniors". I used to play twice or three times a week, training and playing games. Now I only play once a week due to my upcoming exams. I enjoy badminton as it is a fun sport and I wanted to play against my mum. In The Brent Juniors tournament it was tough playing from 12pm - 5pm and playing singles matches against twelve year olds, but some were fun, especially the mixed doubles and boys doubles. This weekend I am looking forward to playing doubles matches in the under-14s tournament. My sister, who's 7 years old, also plays badminton.



Black Belts for Arjun and Zain in Year 6

Arjun (6G) and Zain (6L) have trained really hard for the last five years and have now earned their Black Belts in Taekwondo. They went through a five-hour physical grading as well as passing a theory exam. Although they did the grading in the summer, they have just received their certificates and name belts. This is an amazing achievement. Well done boys, we are very proud of you.



Mini marathon for schools

Mr Saffer and Mr Kruger would like to suggest that as many boys as possible take part in the Mini London Marathon for Schools. Your son must cover a total of 2.6 miles in a sport or sports of their choice by Friday 29th October. The details are as follows:

- The boys can complete this Mini Marathon either in or outside of school, or a combination of both.
- They can record a mixture of activities.
- The challenge is for boys in Year 3 to 8. If boys want to include their training in school, then we believe that 3 training sessions will be enough to complete 2.6 miles. For example, 3 rugby sessions or 3 football sessions etc. In accordance with the School policy, boys must not bring smart watches into school to record their distance.
- We also ask that the boys try to gain sponsorship for completing the 2.6 miles. The money will be donated to the School's chosen charity for this year, a Place2Be.
- Finally, once they have completed the 2.6 miles, we ask that they share their results with me and Mr Saffer either via the google classroom or the School's sport twitter page.
- We will be tracking both these pages to award an official Mini London Marathon for Schools certificate for all those who are successful and hopefully some pin badges too.

If you would like to find out more information about the London Mini Marathon please check your son's google classroom or www.tcslondonmarathon.com/the-event/mini-london-marathon-in-schools The School's sport twitter page is: @StJohnsNwSport

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OUTLOOK



Pumpkin Competition
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GUY COMPETITION
Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate Stalls

ST JOHN'S FIREWORKS NIGHT Tuesday 9th November 2021

Food served from 5:15pm

Fireworks display starts at 7pm

Ticket includes

**Chicken Hotdog (Halal) or Vegan Hotdog
with chips and a drink**

ADULT £12 CHILD £10

**Tickets On Sale in the School car park
at drop off and pick up from 11th Oct**

Tickets also available to buy online at

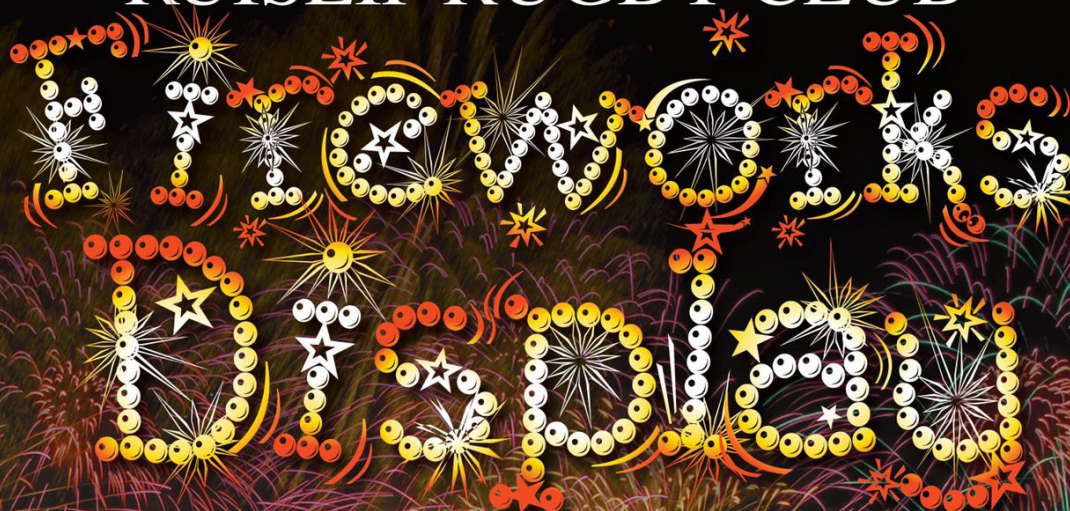
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OUTLOOK



RUISLIP RUGBY CLUB



Saturday 6th November
Gates Open at 17.30
Display from 19.30

No Pets Please • No Sparklers • No Parking on Site
Please respect residents and their property in the area



£7.00 *per person*
£5.00 *members (in advance)*

**Barbeque &
Food available**

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from 6.00 p.m.**



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Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 1st November: Term resumes
8.25am

Year 6 Mock examinations

Tuesday 2nd November: Rugby v
Haberdashers': U9 A, B, C, D, E (h)
(2.30pm)

Wednesday 3rd November: Reception
Reading Meeting (8.00am)

Rugby v Merchant Taylors' Prep: U13A
(a) U12 A (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 4th November: Reception
Reading Meeting (8.00am)

Rugby v Haberdashers': U8 A, B, C, D,
E (a) (2.30pm)

PGL Meeting for Year 2 Parents
(3.15pm)

Saturday 6th November: Belmont
Rugby Festival: U13 A, U11 A
(9.30am)



***Photo of the week:** Noah in 5M is the winner of this year's first Bronze Award for 40 housepoints. Well done Noah.*

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.



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Notices and reminders

Merchant Taylors' Company Christmas Card Competition.

Former Chair of St John's Governors and now Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Lady Harding, has asked for the front of this year's Company Christmas card to be designed by a St John's boy. The theme is Peace, Love and Giving. You can read more about the competition on page 21. Please hand your entries to Ms Gillen on/by Thursday 4th November.

Fireworks Night on Tuesday 9th November: One of the most popular events in the School calendar returns. Please note that from 20th October all tickets will be for the display only (prices are the same.) Tickets are available in the car park before and after school (card payments accepted.) They will also be [available on-line](#)

London Schools Mini Marathon: Mr Kruger and Mr Saffer would like to encourage boys to complete their 2.6 mile Mini Marathon over half term and raise sponsorship money for our School charity Place2Be. There are more details and a link to take part on page 29.

MTS photography competition 2021: A big thank you to those who submitted entries. Merchant Taylors will announce their winners before Christmas. Winners of the St John's photography competition will be announced next term.

Raising Boys in a Digital Age: A Parents' Guide – webinar 29th November 2021: St John's would like to offer all parents an exciting opportunity to hear Dr Kathy Weston talk about this increasingly important topic. Dr Weston is the founder of "Tooled Up" and a sought-after keynote speaker. You can read more about the talk and [register here](#)

Stem Den: places are still available for half term. Take a look at the [website](#) to see the programme of events.

House Points: 1st Lincoln 26.76, 2nd Churchill 26.73, Oates 25.31, Lawrence 25.11

Have a super half term break and don't forget that the clocks go back an hour on the 31st October. We look forward to seeing you all on the 1st November.