



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this bumper end of term edition of The Lamb. I can't quite believe how much we have done in the last ten days of term!

It was a pleasure to welcome the Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Mr Eggar, and St John's Governor, Mrs Cavanagh, to our Prize-Givings. In particular the contribution from our boys made me feel very proud indeed.

The final of the St John's House General Knowledge Quiz involved tackling an excellent range of questions set by Mr Taylor. Congratulations to Lawrence, the overall winners of the Kelly Shield 2019.

It was great to see all the families at the St John's Parents' Association Fun Day and at the Year 8 Leavers' Evening.

In sport, all of the boys competed well in the Sports Days with great support and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Lawrence and Oates, the respective House Athletics Champions.

It was a pleasure to present Vir with the 'I did my best trophy' in Pre-Prep assembly this morning. Final assembly, which was led by Year 6 leavers, highlighted the importance of friendship and staying in touch as this week we have been saying our farewells to those staff and boys who are leaving today. I wish them all the best for the future.

I hope you enjoy the photographs from the various outings. I would like to wish all St John's families a relaxing summer holiday and I look forward to hearing how the Golf Team progress at the Stowe Putter 2019.

S. Robinson

Final assembly this morning



Today we formally said good bye to all our leavers in final assembly and Mr Robinson presented the last trophies of the current academic year. The House cricket award was won by Churchill and the Activities Cup for all extra-curricular House Activities this term was awarded to Lawrence. The Burton Page Cup for the most House Points awarded since September went to Churchill. Our new U13 rugby captain for next season will be Louis Rosenbaum and our new Head Boy is to be Henry Carpmael, assisted by Andreas Georgiou and Oliver Southon as Deputy Head Boys. Many congratulations to all our trophy winners and very best wishes for the future to all our leavers.





Final assembly in the Pre-Prep today



During Pre-Prep final assembly this morning we thanked the School and Eco Council boys for their hard work this year. We announced and congratulated the winner of the 'I did my best' cup, who this term was Vir in the Squirrels. We had to say a sad farewell to five boys. Harrison, Giles, Kayan, Dhillan and Joseph are off on exciting adventures to new schools. We will miss you all and wish you success and happiness for the future. Mrs Moran is also leaving us today and we will all miss her very much but we hope that she will stay in touch. Don't forget to come back and visit! Have a great summer everyone.





Final assembly in the Pre-Prep today





Year 5 have fun at Whipsnade



Last Thursday Year 5 went to Whipsnade Zoo. The first animal we saw was the beautiful giraffe. This magnificent creature roamed around the enclosure longing to go back to the Savannah Plains. I felt empathy for these poor creatures but then later realised that this is for their own good as their habitat back at home might be in imminent danger. All of us stared at the baby giraffe, who was only two months old, as he galloped around. We had a few sheets to do, one of which was a behaviour study. After we headed off to the “Griffin Room” to do an education session on adaptation. In the afternoon we went to a bird show. There were some amazing birds that we saw from hawks to parrots. These birds put on a show that we will never forget. After we made our way to the tiger enclosure. Some of us could not see this remarkable creature that blended in with the grass. Finally everyone saw the tiger and we then moved on to our last destination, the Seal Show. All of us enjoyed watching the seals swim and dive into the water. They were all trained and listened to the man who ran the show. The man stated that there was a baby seal. All of us wanted to see it but it was time to set off back to St John’s. Before I could end this review I would like to give a special mention to some teachers who took us to this phenomenal destination. The teachers include Mr Wang, Mrs Rizava, Mr Jenkins, Mr Lawrence, Mr Gregory and last but not least Mr Spellward.





Year 6 spend the day at Chessington



Last Thursday the Year 6 boys went on their annual trip to Chessington World Of Adventures. It was a perfect day for the visit and although we arrived a little later than usual after heavy traffic, the boys were quickly into their groups and off to sample the attractions. They showed that they could keep to time by reporting back to base perfectly after the first twenty minute trial session and were given a longer time slot before the next check-in. This system continued for the duration of the trip, with the groups returning excitedly each time to tell each other what they had been up to and recommending things to see and do to their friends. A slow journey back to school slightly spoiled the end of the day, but the boys all confirmed how much fun they had had and how they would go straight back again given half a chance. A big thank you needs to go out to all the boys who behaved themselves so well, the adult helpers and in particular Mrs Dadhania and Mrs Mehta who gave up their time to join us.





Year 7 off in search of history



The sun shone brightly as two minibuses ferried our Year 7s over to St Alban's Cathedral, the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in the kingdom. After an introductory talk from Mr Gurton and a short explanation of the seven martyr statues on the nave screen, the boys split into three groups and conducted further studies of the once magnificent monastery and its history. The visit finished with a tour of the shrine of St Alban and the Lady Chapel. Afterwards the boys enjoyed their picnic lunches by the lake and many seized the opportunity to buy an ice cream. With hunger sated, everyone piled back into the minibuses for the ride to Mountfitchet, a Norman motte and bailey castle near Stansted. The presence of many animals and the authentically replicated huts and buildings fired imaginations, which lit up further when a member of the Mountfitchet team announced that they were going to operate the catapult. Chortling with glee the boys made the most of the opportunity afforded by the huge medieval trebuchet to launch substantial water balloons at Mr Horrocks, who then joined forces with Mrs McSween and Mr Gurton to take revenge. Mercifully the hot sun dried everyone out before we started the long journey home. A good time was had by all, and thanks must go to Mr Gurton for organising the trip, and Mrs McSween and Mr Newman for driving the minibuses.





Year 8 Leavers' Evening



On Thursday evening Year 8 parents and staff were treated to a wonderful evening of entertainment. All day the Year 8 boys and a few staff had been busily preparing for Leavers' Evening. The Norman Hall was transformed into a bustling market of post exam stalls as the Year 8 boys proudly demonstrated the products of the post exam curriculum. Parents were greeted by the smell of freshly cooked pancakes and moved on to see hand-made board games and mosaic tables. They were also treated to displays from various groups including: politics, pioneering and debating as well as a range of languages including Spanish, German and Classical Greek. Some parents also enjoyed a quick hand of bridge before the gathering finished with a live performance by Zain on his violin. Whilst the parents enjoyed refreshments in the dining room, the Norman Hall was transformed into a theatre for the Year 8 Revue. The Revue included a number of light-hearted sketches as the boys reflected on their experiences of St John's.





House General Knowledge Quiz 8th July



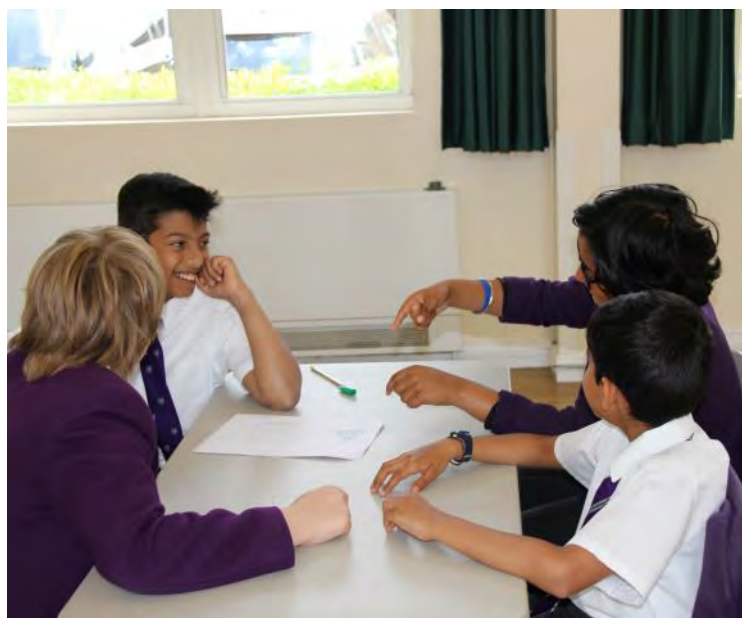
This year the quiz to decide who would be awarded the coveted 'Kelly Shield' for general knowledge was divided into two parts. The junior section, completed in Activity Week, consisted of a class quiz and an individual quiz with all of the points being combined. Lincoln were first, Lawrence were second, Churchill third with Oates finishing fourth.

The senior section, consisting of 50 random GK questions, took place in the Norman Hall yesterday between four teams of four with one representative from each year group. First were Lawrence, second Oates, third Lincoln with Churchill bringing up the rear. Very well done to Lawrence. Combining the two sets of results means that **Lawrence** have won the Kelly Shield, with Lincoln second, Oates third and Churchill fourth. Examples of questions:

What is a gharial? A type of crocodile (one boy knew)

Where would you wear a sporran? Around the waist (no one knew!)

Name either of HMS Titanic's sister ships. Olympic and Britannic (two boys knew)





Senior Prize-Giving Saturday 6th July



Senior Prize-Giving is always a highlight of our school calendar when we celebrate success both in and out of the classroom. It is also an opportunity to review the year and say good bye to our leavers. This year was made even more special because we were able to use the Great Hall at Merchant Taylors' School as our new gymnasium is being built. We were honoured to welcome Mr Eggar, Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company who presented the prizes, Lady Harding, our own Chair of Governors and other distinguished guests including Mr Everson, the Headmaster of Merchant Taylors'. Mr Armstrong, our previous Chair, was delighted to present the trophy which we recently won at the Company Schools General Knowledge Quiz. Lady Harding spoke very warmly of St John's and of the importance of trust before Mr Robinson guided us through some of the many highlights of this year. His speech was interspersed with words from Year 8 boys who all focused on a particular aspect of school life. Our Year 8 String Trio performed to the packed Great Hall before our Year 8 Brass players led us in singing the National Anthem. It was a fitting way to recognise talent and to say good bye to all our leavers. We are very grateful to Merchant Taylors' for allowing us the use of their school for the day.





Senior Prize-Giving Saturday 6th July





Senior Sports Afternoon at Merchant Taylors'



This was a hugely enjoyable day at the Merchant Taylors' athletics track on Saturday with some good weather and lots of eager pupils. Oates won the Athletics shield with a score of 353. 10 records were broken on the day which was aided by the track at MTS being much faster than our regular grass track at St John's. Well done to all the boys who stepped up to fill the spots of absent pupils without hesitation. This year it was compulsory for all Year 5's and 6's to race in the 800m and it was great to see them all giving it their best efforts and seeing that nobody gave up despite it not being everyone's cup of tea. A big congratulations to the Lincoln year 7's who only had 4 competitors on the day and still managed to compete with 2 athletes in every event working through their exhaustion and still getting valuable points for their house. Each athlete displayed both perseverance and sportsmanship on the day and hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves.

Records:

Skye Yr 8 200m
Thomas Year 5 300m
Oliver Year 7 300m

Year 8 Relay (Lawrence)
Ansh A Year 5 Shot
Harman Year 6 Shot
Taiga Year 8 Discus

Louis Year 7 Discus
Harman Year 6 Discus
Ansh A Year 5 Discus

1st Oates 353

2nd Churchill 396

3rd Lawrence 406

4th Lincoln 497



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Fabulous Fun Day Sunday 30th June



The St John's Association excelled themselves once again as the whole school community enjoyed a fabulous day outdoors having fun. The sun shone over us as we chose our jazzy jars, played 'beat the goalie', bought raffle tickets, fought in the tug of war and ate delicious food. The cricket was showing in the background with much support from Anek and his dad, though they were gunning for different teams! Well done to Zain, Sami, Albert and Benyamin who prepared and manned stalls raising money for charity. It was great to see boys of all ages including some Old Boys taking advantage of our grounds on such a social occasion. Very many thanks to our Association headed up by Mrs Heward, Mrs McLeod and Mrs Gower who made the day so successful.





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English lessons beyond the classroom



7J focused on analysing autobiographical extracts and poems of famous people like Barack Obama, Anne Frank and Maya Angelou to enhance their exam skills. The boys were then asked to write their own autobiographical incident with the aim to entertain their audience, their peers. Using internal rhyme, alliteration, sound, imagery and above everything hyperbole was second nature to all the boys, who willingly shared great moments of their school and travels. As the boys' reading had to be equally exaggerated with voice intonation, facial expression, body language and gestures, we took our lesson in the open air, under the great oak tree. With stunning views and great weather on our side, the boys got inspired and filled the great outdoor spaces of St John's with their wonderful narratives, which not only entertained, but brought everyone happily together at the end of their schooling academic year. Well done for all the hard work boys!





Year 7 short story competition



To honour Mr Taylor's forty years of teaching, inspiring many generations of St John's boys, the English Department is inaugurating the award of the Scott Taylor Cup to the winner of the Year 7 Short Story Competition. For this year's competition, boys worked on how to create stories with a twist. They read a variety of short stories and explored how authors build tension, climactic action, characters and setting in short stories. Inspired by authors like Guy de Maupassant, Ronald Dhal, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, all Year 7 boys got busily engaged in creating dramatic stories, exciting twists and interesting characters for a short story competition run by the English Department and with the collaboration of Merchant Taylor's Sixth Form Literature students. Mr Russo, who introduced this competition, welcomed an old student of his, Joseph Rich, to St John's on Monday morning, who announced the winner and gave personalised feedback to all the finalists. This year's winner is Vishal - many congratulations to him.





Year 7 night under canvas



After school on Friday 28th June the Year 7s changed and made their way to the Nicholson Woods to set up camp for this year's night under canvas. A motley collection of tents of various sizes and colours was hastily assembled with good teamwork ensuring that everyone had a stable shelter to sleep under for the night. The boys collected firewood and soon the woods resounded to the echoes of snapping twigs, breaking branches and physical exertion. From the undergrowth they sourced waste bricks and breeze blocks to build platforms for their grill plates. After a briefing on the hazards of open-fire cooking of raw items and the sheer patience that is often needed for it, the ignition phase of the evening went ahead relatively smoothly with most groups successfully fanning their collections of twigs and sticks into flame in a relatively short time. Many had to battle through the smoke released by the moisture in the wood before their fires became hot enough for cooking. A delicious array of various meats and fish were prepared with varying degrees of carbonisation. After tidying up and clearing the woods of packaging, and extinguishing the embers, the boys enjoyed time to play games on the astro-turf until everyone was called in to the camp fire, which lasted until a little after 11pm. Between renditions of various well or lesser known songs, jokes, marshmallows and the opportunity to see Jupiter through Mr Lawrence's telescope, an excellent time was had by all.





Learning all about bees in Reception



Last Tuesday afternoon Mr Lawrence, Alex and Matthew very kindly gave us a talk about bees. Mr Lawrence showed us the frame, where the bees lay their eggs. He also let us touch some beeswax. Everyone visited the beehives and wore a protective hat and veil.





Year 2 hit the bowling alley!



Year 2 had a fantastic day out as their end of term treat last Tuesday. Bowling and burgers are always a winning combination and everyone had a terrific time. There was little more than a purposeful hum at the Hollywood Bowling Alley in Watford as balls were lobbed down the alley with varying degrees of accuracy. Everyone was keen to do his very best and the boys were very supportive of each other. Hardly anyone needed the loo which is always a good sign that minds are well and truly occupied and by 12.15pm every one was ready for lunch. Reflecting over lunch one small chap gave the day 11 out of 10. His friend agreed and declared it was a 15 out of 10. Not to be outdone another boy piped in announcing it was definitely a 10 out of 20..... There is still clearly some maths to be done in Year 3 but for the moment Year 2 draws happily to a close.





PRE-PREP



Teddy bears' picnic in the Lambs



The sun was shining as the Lambs went on a teddy bears' picnic last week. We played on the field with our bears and then enjoyed eating crisps and cakes, followed by a cool carton of juice.





Junior Prize-Giving and Sports 2nd July



The annual Speech Day and Prize-Giving on Tuesday 2nd July was a lovely, celebratory occasion. Mrs Cavanagh, our newest governor, and herself mother of two St John's boys gave out the prizes to a host of happy boys. She spoke with enthusiasm about the efforts of every boy in the department, praising all for their achievements. The day was sunny and fair, perfect for Sports! Every boy took part in all the events watched by cheering classmates, parents and friends. Many experienced the joy of standing on the podium to receive a medal. It is fair to say that every boy enjoyed being part of a very happy and successful afternoon.





Junior Sports Afternoon Tuesday 2nd July





Delancey UK Chess Challenge Giga-Final



Saturday 29 June was the day of the Giga-finals – the “semi-finals” of what purports to be the world’s largest chess competition. Of the 40,000 children from across the country who enter the UK Chess Challenge, less than 7% qualify for the Giga-finals and our very own Marcus from Year 3 was one of them!

Kicking off at 9:30am, the Giga-finals involves competitors playing multiple rounds of chess across the whole day. Not only was it was the hottest day of the year so far, but the competition was very hot too! While several of the competitors across the age groups found the going too tough and withdrew, we’re extremely proud of the resilience and determination Marcus showed. He held his nerve and played his heart out, right up until his last game of the day. While he isn’t among the 200 children through to the final stage, Marcus only learned how to play chess in the Christmas holidays, so to getting this far in the competition is an amazing achievement. He represented St John’s School with great pride!





U11 A & B teams v UCS Friday 28th June

U11 A v UCS St John's won by 9 wickets

St John's, UCS

Outstanding performance: Arian, Harman, Nikhil, Nishil

A strong performance against UCS and in the end a comfortable win. St John's won the toss and opted to field first. A clear message of intent, claiming three wickets off the first two overs by Arian and Nikhil. This momentum continued and UCS were all out by the 18th over. Rodrigo and Harman made some great catches. Very impressive bowling from Nikhil with 3 for 8 and Arian 2 for 3. Yusuf, Aaryan, Ethan, Freddie and Vish also claimed. UCS were restricted to 80 runs. The St John's batting spell was opened by Nishil and Arian with an impressive partnership 52 off 88 balls. This was quickly backed up by Harman and Freddie in the 3rd and 4th order to see St John's claim victory by the 18th over. Very well done indeed.



U11 B v UCS St John's St John's lost

St John's 67 for 8, UCS 68 for 5

Outstanding performance: Panagiotis and Sam P

UCS won the toss and elected to field. Our boys made a cautious start to their batting but soon settled in with Sam P staying in for most of the innings and making our highest total by far. In practices we have been working on hitting the ball along the ground to avoid being caught out, which previously had occurred quite frequently. With the boundary quite far and the slope it was difficult to hit fours and most of our runs came from singles. The boys closed on 67 and made a super start in the field. Panagiotis' bowling was sensational, taking four wickets for one run off two overs. As a team the boys showed real improvement in keeping the extras down but ultimately aggressive running from the UCS batsmen meant that they reached our total in the fifteenth over. In spite of the loss our boys should be pleased with their efforts and progress.



U11 C v MTP

We played a pairs match and everyone got to bat and bowl. MTP batted first and scored a total of 125 runs. Varun took 3 wickets, Alex 2 and Gigi 1 wicket. On the whole, we needed to get a few more wickets and bowl less wides. Raffi was outstanding in the field, taking some fantastic catches. We needed to hit more boundaries and concede fewer wickets. Despite David hitting a few boundaries and Alex taking lots of singles, as a team, we needed to hit more runs. We finished on 59 runs. MTP won the match by 65 runs.





U10 A, B & C v Belmont Friday 28th June

U10 A v Belmont, St John's Won

St John's 109 for 6, Belmont 48 all out

Outstanding performance: Hamza for his excellent batting and bowling, and the bowlers for all the pressure they applied.

Belmont won the toss and chose to bowl first on a hard, flat wicket. Zac and Ruben opened the batting and played some lovely shots. However, it took until Sahib S, Ollie, Aryan and especially Hamza before the runs really started to flow, the last two working out that they could take quick singles off almost every ball. This pushed the score to 109 for 6 in the twenty overs. Belmont started off well when it was their turn to bat and it looked like they too were ready to take quick singles at every opportunity. Uncharacteristically sloppy fielding from St John's resulted in boundaries also being scored, but the bowlers really upped their game and began to take wickets at a rapid rate. Ansh took two fine catches and Ollie produced the run out of the season with some excellent fielding. Nayan's two wickets in two balls for two runs in the tenth over to finish off the Belmont innings was the pick of the bowling, but all the bowlers deserve a special mention for their efforts.

U10 B v Belmont, St John's lost

St John's 121 for 1, Belmont 88 for 9

Outstanding performance: Amos

St John's went into bat first and Yash and Amos opened the batting and we were scoring runs at a good rate. Yash was bowled in the 6th over and Amos continued to bat really well. Vihaan supported Amos very well and they both began to run superbly between the wickets taking quick singles. The run rate was going very well and with the extras (78) from Belmont we reached 121 with the loss of only one wicket.

Belmont came into bat and our front line bowlers made it hard for the opposition to score runs. Amos and Yash were the pick taking 3 wickets each with Rakshaan taking two wickets. Shay and Aaron took great catches but it was a real team effort. The boys should be very proud of the way they have fielded, batted and bowled this season.



U10 C v Belmont, St John's lost

St John's 142, Belmont 144

Outstanding performance: Zian and Kian

We played a 16 over game of pairs cricket and opted to bat first. Our main source of runs came from Zian and Kian who punished their weaker fielding with some sharp running to gain many doubles which saw our score tick over nicely. We finished on 142 runs only losing 3 wickets from some dominant batting. Our bowling was a bit inconsistent with some great overs coming from Benjamin, Niam and Darwin. Wickets came from multiple run outs and catches by Zian, Albert, Benjamin and Niam. We took 10 wickets in total but our bowling was a bit too expensive as we bowled more wides than they did and they finished their innings on 144, winning the game by 2 runs on the last ball of the game.



Tennis v Edge Grove Monday 1st July



U13's won 3 and drew 1; U11's won 9

Edge Grove only had two pairs for the U13's with a late call off so this took a little longer to complete all the matches as one of our pairs waited. Trian and Alex won all their matches and looked very good. Taiga and Matt had very competitive matches and Joseph and Slava had some tough games but they managed to compete. In the U11's the pairs really dominated the matches with all the pairs winning 6-0 and 6-1. The pairs were Oliver and Hamza, Ethan and Rodrigo and the last pair was Panagiotis and Sahib. This was a great way to finish the tennis season.





Senior Cricket v Davenies 3rd July

1st XV v Davenies St John's lost

Davenies 132 for 7, St John's 121 for 9

Outstanding performance: Shane Patel

On a gloriously sunny afternoon two well matched teams played their last fixture for the season, and for most of the players their last match for their respective schools, in the attractive setting of Beaconsfield C.C. The match was fittingly competitive until almost the end when the St John's innings ran out of steam. Earlier Davenies had won the toss and sensibly chose to bat. They made a good start against some tidy bowling from our opening bowlers Ashok and Aaron. In the tenth over we finally got a wicket from a run out, and for the next few overs spin twins Shivam and Krish turned the screw on the scoring rate but failed to make a crucial breakthrough meaning that Davenies reached 93-1 by the nineteenth over. In the final frenetic overs we suddenly took wickets whilst not altogether preventing an acceleration of the scoring rate. Shane bowled especially well at the death getting 3-17, all clean bowled, whilst Aryan 2-5 and Shivank also chipped in with wickets. Davenies score of 132-7 was always going to be competitive on a ground with long boundaries and a pitch with uneven bounce. Nevertheless, after the early loss of Aadil Shane and Shivam batted very well, with Shane in particular showing aggressive intent hitting a number of lofted straight fours. At 63-1 after 13 overs we were well placed but the turning point proved to be Shane's dismissal when he was rather unluckily adjudged run out for 29. Thereafter, St John's gradually fell behind the asking rate and lost wickets steadily, mostly to careless shots and crazy run outs. When Shivam went for a hard earned 45 in the 24th over our last hope went and we eventually ended up 12 runs short in what was nevertheless a thoroughly entertaining game.

2nd XV v Davenies St John's lost

Davenies 127 for 5, St John's 96 all out

Outstanding performance: Ollie A

In their last game of the season the 2nd XI played a strong Davenies team in what turned out to be a tightly fought contest. Davenies were put into bat first and some good early bowling from Oliver A and Oliver S resulted in breakthroughs. Despite this, a few strong Davenies partnership resulted in increasing run rate. The boys kept at it with everyone getting a chance to attack the Davenies' batsmen with some great bowling coming from Saam and Zac. A special mention should go to Saam who produced a run out with a direct hit to break an important batting partnership. By the end of the innings St John's had to chase a total of 127 runs. Early wickets meant we put under pressure to increase the run rate right from the start. Some resilient batting from the likes of Saam, Oliver A, Joe, Zac and Yusuf meant we were in the game and even above the required run rate. Sadly however, wickets continued to leak and we fell 30 runs short of the Davenies total. It was brilliant to watch the camaraderie of the boys in what will be, for some, their last match in St John's colours. Well done!





Senior Cricket v Davenies 3rd July

3rd XI v Davenies St John's won by 11 runs

Davenies, St John's

Outstanding performance: The whole team

On a lovely warm Wednesday afternoon we played Davenies for what was to be a close game. We won the toss with our Captain Mason choosing to bat first. We batted well with some good performances by Zak scoring 17 and Charlie scoring 15 which got us to a commendable score of 99 runs. We started strong in the field picking up 2 early wickets which gave the boys more motivation to do well for each other. Wickets came from Zak, Bradley, Kamsi and Vishal who all bowled superbly well. The game came down to the wire as with the last few overs of the game Davenies needed 15 runs to win. With good bowling and superb fielding we made it difficult for the opposition to score any runs. We managed to hold on and see out the win and it was a great team display from everyone involved. A special congratulations to our Captain Mason who played his last match for St John's and lead by example. Well done to the team for a great season, you should all be proud of yourselves.

Colts v Davenies Wednesday 3rd July

Colts A v Davenies St John's lost by 3 wickets

St John's, Davenies

Outstanding performances: Harman, Nishil, Rodrigo, Arian

St John's lost the toss and Davenies opted to field first. On this occasion the attack was opened by Harman and Freddie. Both started well. Harman looked determined to make a good score and were batting really well ending his attempt on 32 of 14 balls. It's fair to say that St John's were facing some pacy bowlers which meant wickets kept falling but as a whole the boys are starting to look better in batting technique and decision making. We finished the innings on 69. Once again we were determined to send a message through our bowling and fielding, dismissing their top three order in the first three overs. A strong start indeed. St John's continued this pressure with Harman, Rodrigo and Nishil all claiming wickets. There was a glimmer of hope that we could claim the last three or push Davenies the full innings through some tidy bowling and fielding but in the end with so many balls in hand, they were patient and saw out the match in the 17th over. This was a great effort though with quality batting, fielding and bowling from both sides keeping the parents entertained. Well done.



Colts B v Davenies Lost by 40 runs

St John's 91, Davenies 131

Outstanding performances: Jaidev, Edward and Yusuf

A good start to our batting was made by Jaidev and Asikoo, who set the run rate ticking over nicely. Noah and Jaidev had the best innings with Jaidev reaching 23 runs and hitting several boundaries along the way. Sadly several of our batsmen fell to some very accurate Davenies bowling and we closed our 20 overs with 91 runs made - our highest this season. Edward and Xerxes made a very promising start to the bowling with Edward opening with a maiden over and Xerxes taking two wickets in his spell. In their middle order Davenies had some batsmen of considerable quality who made crucial runs, resulting in them closing on a very impressive total of 131 runs.



More success at London Youth Games

Josh (8C) and Ashok (8L) represented Hillingdon in the finals of the under 14 hockey competition at the London Youth Games on Sunday. They had played qualifying matches in Redbridge a couple of weeks earlier coming top of their group. Finals day saw the top 8 London boroughs competing at Crystal Palace where they were greeted by the Mayor of Hillingdon and given a little pep talk, which clearly had an affect as, after a thrilling semi-final penalty shootout which they eventually won 13-12, they went on to play the competition winners over the last 4 years, Bromley, in the final. They came away as silver medalists having been narrowly beaten by one nil in a nail biting match. They were presented with their medals at a special ceremony afterwards.



Taekwondo success for a Robin



Last week **Theodore (Robins)** took part in the regional Taekwondo championships for South East region. He competed in patterns and sparring and he won the championship's gold for his age/belt group for Patterns. He also did very well in his sparring, winning the Silver medal in his category.



1. **Aayan, Vivaan and Leo** have created these beautiful birds.
2. **Ka'im** has worked hard on his tonal study of a shoe.
3. **Ahmed** designed this super kaleidoscope pattern.
4. It's pom-poms galore for **Shane** and his cushion!
5. **Year 3** have finished their kaleidoscope patterns. What a beautiful array of colour!



RPLF Summer Activity 2019

The RPLF has a single goal, **TO BUILD LEADERS**. The RPLF have run many events where we have taught young people;

- How to do some basic first aid, that could one day help you be a hero!
- How to navigate the old fashioned way, using a map and compass!
- How to be a leader, leading a group of people a similar age as you to try and solve problems.
- How to work as part of a team, solving challenges you can't solve on your own.
- Important survival skills.



And now we are back!

With the RPLF Summer Activity, our biggest event yet, we are running four days of exciting outdoor activities where young people work together to become leaders. It is during these days they will save the world, bring criminals to justice and meet new people.



At the end of the four days, these new Beginners will achieve a RPLF Command Task badge, get a great t-shirt, and will be equipped with skills for many years to come!

Our events have been described by attendees as 'The best holiday camp ever! Can you run it for the whole summer?', with parents saying 'My kids loved it! They were so tired they slept the whole way home!'

So why not come along?
We can't wait to see you!

Dates: 27th to 30th August 2019
Time: 10:00 - 16:00
Location: Mill Hill School
Costs: £100.00 for four days, or £30.00 a day
Ages: 10 – 14 years old

If you want to help create the Leaders of tomorrow, then why not come along! Contact us;

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Calendar and important dates

Wednesday 21st August: Stowe Putter Golf Tournament
Thursday 29th August: SLT Meetings
Friday 30th August: SLT Meetings and New Staff Inset
Monday 2nd September: Staff Inset
Tuesday 3rd September: Staff Inset
Wednesday 4th September: Beginning of Term (8.25am)
Friday 6th September: Year 3 Information Meeting (4.00pm-4.30pm)
Monday 9th September: Moor Park Fun Run Assembly
 Swimming Begins at Merchant Taylors'
 Year 4 Information Meeting (4.00pm-4.30pm)
 St John's Association Meeting (7.30pm)
Tuesday 10th September: Reception Information Meeting (3.15pm-3.45pm)
Wednesday 11th September: The Dragon U13 A Tournament (9.00am-4.00pm)
 Year 2 Information Meeting ((3.15pm-3.45pm)
 Years 5 & 6 Information Evening (7.00pm)
Thursday 12th September: Whole School Panoramic Photograph
 Year 1 Information Meeting (3.15pm-3.45pm)
 Year 6 Information Evening (7.00pm)
Friday 13th September: House Meetings
 Rugby v St Benedict's: Colts A, B, C (a), U10 A, B, C (h) (2.30pm)
 Second Hand Uniform Sale (2.45pm)

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  @stjohnsnorthwood.

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

Magic Breakfast. Thanks to your generosity throughout the year we have been able to send a cheque to Magic Breakfast for **£10,800**. THANK YOU.

Moor Park Fun Run. Please see the flyer on the previous page and don't forget to register your entry online.

Second Hand Uniform. The second hand uniform shop is running low on stock. If you have any unwanted uniform then please bring it to the school office. Thank you.

The Lamb. We hope you have enjoyed reading The Lamb this year and thank you for the many photographs which you have sent in. The next issue will be published at the end of the first full week of school next term on **Friday 13th September**.

School Reports. These will be available to view via the Parent Portal by the end of today.

Autumn Term School Calendar. This is available to view via the Parent Portal and on the School website. Your son has also brought a paper copy home with him today. Please note the end of the autumn term 2020 should read **Wednesday 16th December**.

Votes for Schools. Thank you to all those who regularly cast their vote. The current question is **'Should borders exist?'**. The results are in: **88.5% Yes, 11.5% No**. Watch out for new topical questions in September.

House Point Final Totals. **Churchill:** 135.11 (1st), **Lincoln** 132.28 (2nd), **Oates** 130.64 (3rd), **Lawrence** 124.14 (4th)

All the staff at St John's wish you a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing many of you in September. For our leavers we wish you all the very best and do keep in touch with news of the next stage of your education.