



From the
Headmaster

We were delighted to receive confirmation of our Year 8 results from the senior school entrance examinations including a total of twenty two scholarships. Congratulations to all of them on their achievements. They have now started their post exam curriculum which includes the Business Enterprise course.

Eco-Council boys worked with Mr Lawrence to deliver excellent assemblies on the theme of the environment and sustainability. They focused on animal conservation and highlighted several endangered species.

I know the Pre-Prep enjoyed their visit from illustrator Nick Schon, who brought to life stories created by the boys.

Year 3 had a very interesting visit to the Mandir in Neasden and particularly enjoyed catching a glimpse of Wembley Stadium whilst Year 4 have continued on their scientific journey learning about sound.

I look forward to supporting the U9 and U10s rugby teams at the St John's Tournament on Saturday and seeing the boys dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day next Thursday.

S. Roberts

Outstanding Year 8 results



I am very pleased to report that our Year 8 boys have performed impressively in their senior school transfer examinations. They have all worked very hard and thoroughly deserve their success. A good number of them have gained places at more than one school. Twenty four have been offered Merchant Taylors'; six Berkhamsted; five Haberdashers'; four John Lyon; three St. Alban's; two Mill Hill; one Aldenham; one Brighton College; one Harrow and one St. Columba's. This is a fantastic reflection on the efforts they have put in. Very well done indeed to every one of them. In particular thirteen boys have achieved twenty two scholarships at 13+. This is made up of ten boys achieving thirteen academic scholarships and seven boys achieving the following scholarships: four for music, two for design and technology, two for drama and one for sport.

Zain Ahmed, our Head Boy, achieved Major Academic awards from Merchant Taylors' and Haberdashers'. He was also awarded music scholarships from both schools. Shivank Chhabra, Deputy Head Boy, was awarded a Major Academic Scholarship from both Merchant Taylors' and Haberdashers'. Matthew Hodes, Deputy Head Boy, was awarded Major Academic Scholarships from Merchant Taylors' and Haberdashers'. Matthew also gained a Music Scholarship from Haberdashers'. Krish Patel and Shivam Sangani were awarded Academic Exhibitions, both from Merchant Taylors'. Joseph Pressinger received a Major Academic Scholarship from Haberdashers' and a Music Scholarship from St Columba's. Slava Bulin, Mason Harding, Rohan Mangat and Ashok Rodrigo received Academic Scholarships from St Alban's, Berkhamsted, Mill Hill and John Lyon respectively. Shaan Fisher and Joseph Pressinger were awarded Design and Technology Scholarships from Merchant Taylors' and Rohan Mangat received a Sport Scholarship from Mill Hill. Netanel Lawrence-Ojo and Jamie Wood were awarded Drama Scholarships from Merchant Taylors' and Berkhamsted respectively. There were some other boys who were interviewed and tested at scholarship level. Congratulations on even being considered and I hope you enjoyed the experience and challenge.

Once again well done to all Year 8 2019!
One very proud Headmaster!



What a week on the slopes!



Over half term 58 boys and staff travelled to the Austrian Alps for our biennial Ski trip. We had an early 5am start on the Saturday morning but our connections went smoothly and we were soon in our coach travelling through snow covered mountains. Our Hotel Eberlalm was nestled high on the slopes, so we had to transfer ourselves and luggage by a fleet of minibuses for the last leg of the journey. It was a scary journey on ice covered roads up very steep ascents. The snow was so thick the road was like an ice tunnel in parts, with the white walls rushing by in the dark. On arrival we met our host Daniella and had our first meal that started off a week of great food; soup followed by Spag Bol! The highlights of the week were Wiener Snitzel and pizza and there were always great desserts!

The hotel was better than we could have dreamed of, an Alpine style lodge, with clean rooms and all mod cons. The next morning when we woke to the bright sunshine, the views from our rooms were of towering jagged peaks, stunning pistes and pine forests. A breath-taking backdrop for us to have breakfast and refuel for our first day skiing. As always, getting ready on the first day took an extra special effort, but the teachers helped and everyone was eventually ready for the ski instructors. This year we had a large number of first time skiers, so they were split into three beginner groups, with the advanced and intermediate skiers forming two more groups. The skiing conditions were perfect in the cold mornings and there was a good range of slopes from blue to black, which was enough to keep even the advance skiers on their toes. The very warm sunny days did mean that the snow did get heavier in the afternoons but most of our skiing was in our longer morning sessions before lunch, so we got in plenty of good skiing. Lunch was a hot meal each day, each group returning from their skiing on different parts of the resort.

After our first days skiing we also had the first of our evening entertainments, a visit to an Aqua-park, a fun night with waterslides, diving boards and ball games. Even the Headmaster was encouraged to take a high "dive" despite his fear of heights! The other evening activities included a walk to the local town of Maria Alm which was quite an adventure in the deep snow, we also spent a night Ice Skating where the boys got to show off some of their skills on the ice, admirably led by our ski rep Sonya, who was once an Olympic ice skater. The schedule was quite tiring with all the activities so we also had some relaxing evenings in our hotel playing board games and we also had a quiz night.

On our penultimate day skiing, the advanced groups and the one of the beginner groups, skied to another mountain where they had their lunch. Most popular food of the day was bratwurst and chips! On the last day the weather changed and rather than bright sun we woke to thick fog and snow. Conditions were hard, especially on the top of the mountain where the wind added an extra difficulty. The first couple of days on the trip seemed to last forever but as the week wore on, time seemed to speed up and then, all too soon, it was time to come home again. All the boys had a great trip which was made all the more special by the team of staff who looked after the boys so splendidly and helped it run so smoothly. **Mr Lawrence**



Ski trip in pictures



Ski trip in pictures





Eco Council assemblies



This week Mr Lawrence and the Eco Council gave excellent assemblies on the subject of animal conservation. Boys individually prepared a short presentation about the plight of different animals including the white rhino, bees and the sea otter. They explained that human activity was affecting their habitats and making their future unsustainable. Reference was made to the [WWF](http://www.wwf.org) which has more information about this very important topic.

Music and drama festival success



Pranay (Owls) won first place with distinction and a trophy in the Watford Music Festival recently in the piano competition for Grade 1 category. He competed with 16 other children of ages varying between 6 to 10. He then went on to achieve second place and a silver medal in the Ruislip & Northwood Speech & Drama Festival for reciting a Set Poem in the 6 years and under category. Mr Robinson presented his certificates and trophy in assembly today. Very well done to Pranay.



Looking forward to World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. We are all enthusiastic about the dress up as a favourite book character. Year 8 boys will be the judges for the best costume from each Form group. Year 3 and 4 will have fun with activities related to texts studied in class. A number of creative ideas are put in place at the Juniors Department to make this a special day for the boys.

A known author, Frank Cottrell Boyce, will visit Years 5-8 on Friday 8th March. Frank will give talks to the boys and sign books. His books will be available on the day and boys will be able to use their £1 Word Book Day token.

The local bookstore from Northwood will be at St John's on the day and will finance £1 off any book/s. Please keep the voucher received from school safe. Please bring cash. (£6.99 original book price, on the day £5.99 - one book or £11.00 - two books, £15 - three books)

Millions

The Astounding Broccoli Boy

Framed

Sputnik's Guide to life on Earth

Cosmic

Unforgotten Coat (priced at £7.99)

Looking forward to celebrating the great reading ethos shared amongst everyone at St John's and thank you in advance for the effort and enthusiasm with the costumes. Here are some photos from previous years for inspiration...





Visit from Hillingdon Councillor



On Wednesday Year 6 boys had a visit from Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby who came to talk about his work as part of the London Borough of Hillingdon. He explained about the bureaucratic structure of the council and about the different roles he has performed over the years. The boys asked very pertinent questions about how the council makes decisions concerning refuse collection, house building, the loss of petrol stations, how the homeless are helped and, of course, which political party he belongs to! A very informative morning for all.





Celebrating St David's Day



Today is St David's Day. With the Welsh rugby win ringing in her ears, Miss Morgan taught the Pre-Prep boys about this special day. During assembly the boys located Wales on a map, discussed the capital city and talked about traditions and tales. Some boys have been to identify daffodils around the school grounds and thought it very amusing that Welsh boys wear leeks on their shirts for the day! Everyone enjoyed creating their own Welsh flag and trying to say "good morning" in Welsh.





Outdoor play in the Lambs



The Lambs enjoyed the outside play area in the gorgeous weather this week though that feels like a thing of the past now!





Illustrator visit to the Pre-Prep



The Pre-Prep were lucky enough to have a visit from the amazing Nick Schon. He is the illustrator for many of our reading scheme books including the Biff, Chip and Kipper stories. Nick spent the day in the Pre-Prep using the boys' ideas to create illustrations to accompany their imaginative class stories. Each class now has their own individual book written by them and illustrated by Nick. The boys were absolutely delighted to see their ideas come to life in front of their eyes. Both boys and staff had a fantastic time and Nick has left us a signed picture which will be displayed in the Pre-Prep as a memento of an incredible day.





The sound of music!



Once again, the Year 4s have been busy in their Science lessons this week learning all about sound. After discussing how different instruments can make noise by either plucking, hitting, blowing or shaking them, many boys took the opportunity to demonstrate this in class. This week we have looked at how vibrations can move, and how we can see and hear them. This experiment using a tuning fork, water, paper and polystyrene balls was great fun!





Year 3 visit Neasden Mandir



On Tuesday Year 3 boys visited the world famous Mandir in Neasden as part of their R.S. topic. As no food or drink is allowed inside the Temple everyone gobbled up their snack outside before passing through the metal detector and into this beautiful building. Once shoes were safely stored our guide took us into the marble prayer hall to look at the statues of the gods and to admire the intricate carvings. He explained how the temple came to be built and by whom before a very interesting Q and A session during which the boys demonstrated how well they had observed and listened whilst on the trip. A great morning out!





U9 rugby v Orley Farm Tuesday 26th February

U9 New Zealand v Orley Farm

Try Scorers: Oliver W 1, Nishant 3, Shane 3, Satyen 1, Oliver S-E 1, Emerson 1, George G 1

Outstanding performances: The whole squad

On this beautiful warm sunny day it felt like we should be padding up for a cricket match rather than putting rugby boots on. The squad did their usual 'touch' warm up and the handling and overlaps looked impressive before the game.

The boys were sweating even

before the match started. A really solid performance in all key areas we have been working on. The passing and link up play at times were really impressive resulting in a total of 17 tries. Much better communication in the second half compared to the first. Their physicality is another area which is improving and it's great to see their confidence growing in this key area. Really well done in this match and I know there is huge excitement leading up to the St John's U9 and U10 festival on Saturday 2nd March with local clubs such as Ruislip and Chess Valley involved. Looking forward to it!

U9 Ireland v Orley Farm

Try Scorers: Emeka 5, Alistair 2, Adam 1, Daniel 1, Mithil 2, Kush 3, Armaan 1

Outstanding performances: The whole squad

There were a few changes to the previous match played and the squad quickly connected as a team and produced good play with noticeable improvements. They played with strong running through tackles, none better than Mithil, and lots of speed out wide with Emeka and Kush. The improvements shown came with better passing both out of the tackle and into space and improved tackling. There was better talking, again lead by Daniel, and effective alignment both backed up with more robust tackles. Going forward these need to be generally lower but all of the boys played with good all round skills which are fast becoming impressive.





U13 hockey v Aldenham 27th February

U13 A v Aldenham Won 12-2

Scorers: Alex 7, Rohan M 2, Netanel 2, Ashok 2

Outstanding performances: Alex

The Under 13 A team played an excellent game against Aldenham. The boys controlled the game from the outset and demonstrated some outstanding individual and team play. Alex managed to score a number of goals through some well created interplay in attack. The passing, receiving and control displayed was excellent throughout the game. The Under 13 A team showed great determination and effort in defensive and kept the Aldenham team at bay. Many congratulations to all the team. Well done and best wishes in your next game!

U13 B v Aldenham Won 11-1

Scorers: Joe 6, Oliver 4, Shane 1

Outstanding performances: Slava

The Under 13 B Hockey team played exceptionally well from the start of the game and controlled the tempo of the match throughout. The passing and receiving was crisp and accurate, which ended in some excellent finishing on goal. Joe scored some fine goals coming off some outstanding interplay and passing from the outfield attacking players. In goal Slava saved two excellent shots in the seven seconds penalty situations and from Aldenham's creative play in attack. The Under 13 B were organised and solid in defence and this was apparent in the score line in the end. An area to work on for the next game is the verbal and non-verbal communication throughout the team. Congratulations to all the boys involved. Well done and all the best for the next game.





U12 hockey v Aldenham 27th February

U12 A v Aldenham Won 2-1

Scorers: Saam 2

Outstanding performances: Louis, Aaron, Oliver, Saam and Yusuf

On a big pitch we played against a very athletic team in Aldenham who covered the ground very well. However, against the run of play Saam scored a superb goal in the right corner. In defence we were working overtime with Yusuf and Oliver making important tackles and hitting the ball out of the 'D' area. However, in goal Louis was truly outstanding and during the match he made at least 15 saves with some of them were terrific. He also kicked the ball out superbly which helped free us from the constant pressure from the opposition. In the second half, Aaron went into the mid-field which allowed us to pass the ball further and enable the players up front to get the ball quickly. This certainly helped our attacking game. We scored again through Saam hitting another excellent shot on the goal. Eventually after good build up work Aldenham managed to breach our defence and score. A great win from the side. Well done!



U12 B v Aldenham Lost 2-0

Outstanding performances: Charlie

A great team performance despite the result with many individuals stepping up to carry the team forward. Charlie was superb in and lead the team from the goal with some excellent communication skills. Both Zac and Henry in defence stopped many chances for the opposition with some great tackling and interceptions in the whole of our half. Rohan looked very threatening with some good ball skills to keep their defence wary which opened up lots of space which was exploited by both Zain and Sami on multiple occasions. We need to improve on the accuracy of our passes and also work rate off the ball to really open up space. Well done boys and let's go into the next game with some confidence so you can really enjoy yourselves.





Belmont Oti relay race 27th February



In a big cross-country meeting at Belmont the St John's team competed very well in the Oti relay race with each team member having to run a lap in the race. The conditions were excellent our boys ran with great determination. Each pupil's time was recorded and below are the individual times.

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Edward 7:32:08

Rakshaan 7:30:21

Rodrigo 8:20:09

Daniel 7:26:40

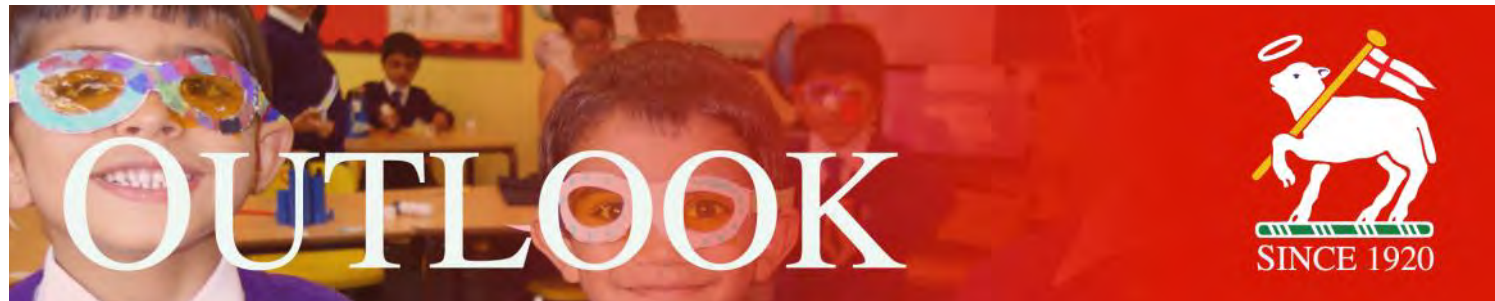
Thomas 7:18:25

Thomas was the fastest runner in the St John's team and was awarded medal for achieving this. Well done to all the boys who took part in this race.





1. Junior Art Clubbers are learning how to paint on silk. **Rehaan** and **Krish** in Year 4 are outlining with gold glue.
2. **Emeka** in Year 4 has enjoyed experimenting with water, ink and salt.
3. It's that time of year again, House Art Competition time! The theme this year is "100 years of St John's". **Ishaan** in Year 3 is redesigning the school logo.
4. **Shivank** in 8L has chosen beautiful glass tiles for his mosaic coffee table.



St John's Association Presents
A Fun Filled Evening of Entertainment on
Saturday 23rd March 2019 - 7.30pm



To book your table please complete the form at the bottom of this sheet and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

This is always a hugely popular night when we set our knowledge and wisdom against that of the teachers and the Quiz Master.

The price per ticket will be £20.00 per person to include a Fish & Chip supper or a Vegetarian Option.

The tables will be set up for teams of eight and we would respectfully suggest that you try to put together your team of 8 competitors. There will be a prize for the winning team.

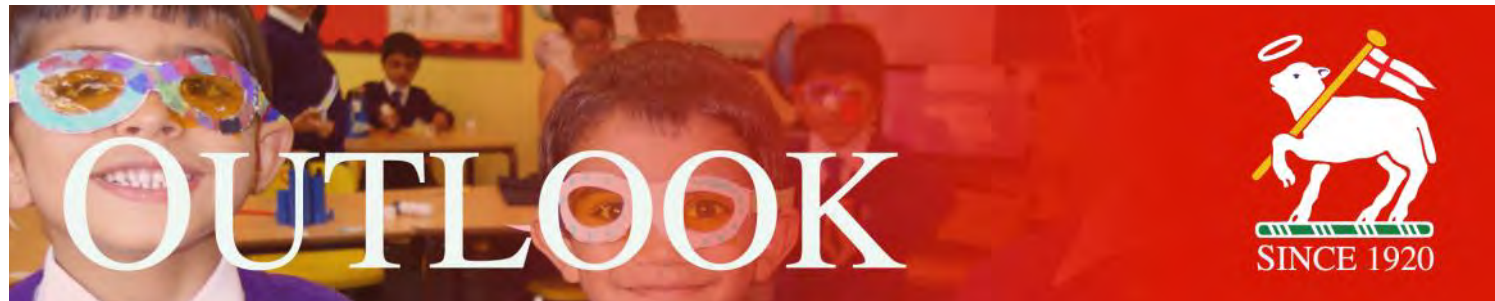
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Contact Number: _____

_____ Tables of 8 £160.00 per table (£20.00 each) _____

Number requiring fish and chips

Number requiring vegetarian option



Calendar and important dates

Saturday 2nd March: St John's U10 & U9 Tournament (9.00am-12.00pm)

Monday 4th March: Joint Merchant Taylors' & St John's Concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall (6.45pm)

Tuesday 5th March: Charity Quiz for Pre-Prep
Year 6 Parents' Evening (M-W) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Wednesday 6th March: Charity Quiz for Years 3-8
Caldicott Invitation Rugby Sevens: U13 VII (1.00pm)
Hockey v Merchant Taylors' Prep: U13 B, U12 A (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
St John's Invitation U11 Cross Country (4.15pm)

Friday 8th March: Sports Photographs
Author Visit—Frank Boyce Cottrell
Year 5 House Hockey (2.00pm)
Hockey v Quanton Hall: U11 A, B (h) (2.30pm)

Saturday 9th March: U13 & U12 A to England v Italy at Twickenham (4.45pm)

Sunday 10th March: Berkhamsted Rugby Sevens Tournament: U11 A (a) (10.00am-1.00pm)

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 [@stjsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjsnorthwood).



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

Notices and Reminders

Sports Photographs. These take place next Friday, 8th March. Please ensure your son has the correct kit in school on that day.

St John's Association Quiz Night. This popular event is on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm. Please see the flyer on the previous page and think about putting your team together. The evening includes a fish and chip supper.

Merchant Taylors' Hall concert. Tickets for this event on Monday 4th March can be obtained by clicking on this link: <https://development.mtsn.org.uk/events> There is no charge for this concert.

St Helen's PHAB Disco. Hot on the heels of our own disco is a similar event to be held at St Helen's on Thursday 14th March in aid of PHAB. Tickets are now available for boys in Years 7 and 8 from the school office.

Magic Breakfast Disco. After the very successful disco just before half term we are pleased to announce that £420 was raised for Magic Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Magic Breakfast charity quiz.

Don't forget that this takes place on Wednesday 6th March. Try to collect as many sponsors as possible and remember to return your form and any money raised by Friday 8th March. Thank you.



House Music Festival. The Grade 5 rounds take place next week. Don't forget your instrument and music (including any accompaniment) on the day you are due to play and invite your friends to come and support you. All rounds take place in Music Room 1.

Votes for Schools. Our question this week has been: **Should uncontacted tribes be left alone?** Yes: 65.4 % No: 34.6%. The question for next week: **Is it possible to treat everyone equally in the UK?** Enjoy discussing this over the weekend.

House Point Totals: Oates 81.56; Churchill 80.25; Lincoln 79.45; Lawrence 77.17

Have a good weekend and all the best to the U10 and U9 rugby teams tomorrow.