



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this week's Lamb. All of the boys have had an opportunity to visit the Book Fair promoting reading and hopefully inspiring them to try different styles of writing. Both libraries have been full of interest and excitement as the boys have made their selections.

In assemblies this week Charlotte Kohnhurst explained the important work of Playskill, this year's charity and this morning the Eco Council gave a passionate and informed presentation all about climate change. Yesterday Year 6 boys linked the Rugby World Cup in Japan with the importance of giving your best and working together.

I was able to see 3W concentrating on their reading and Art Portfolio Club's fantastic work, but unfortunately missed the Lambs in their pizza making lesson! During my parental tours it has been a pleasure to see the boys so focussed on their work throughout the School.

In sport the rugby teams have enjoyed their first fixtures and I know that our Year 3 boys are looking forward to their opening matches next week.

Thank you for your fantastic support for Jeans for Genes Day in the Pre-Prep which has raised £316. I hope many of you will be able to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning this coming Friday which is organised by the St John's Association.

S. Robinson

Raising money in the Pre-Prep



Today the Pre-Prep boys and staff came to school wearing their jeans. They have been raising money for the charity Jeans for Genes - Genetic Disorder UK. The monies raised will go to help children with genetic disorders around the world. The boys learnt that it is their genes that make them all different and who they are. The Pre-Prep raised **£316**. A big 'Thank you' for your generous contributions.





Meet our new House prefects



Mr Robinson was delighted to present ties to eight boys in Year 8 who have been chosen to be House prefects. They will assist our Head and Deputy Head boys with their duties and lead their respective Houses in all activities and events. Congratulations to them all.



Lawrence
Krish
Saam

Lincoln
Kaiwen
Vishal



Oates
Charlie
Zain

Churchill
Yusuf
Zachary





Launching our new charity – Playskill



On Wednesday morning **Charlotte Kohnhurst**, a trustee of the charity **Playskill** came to assembly to launch our new charity for our Centenary year. This specialist playgroup is based in Watford and Hemel Hempstead and currently helps 40 children with specific physical needs between the ages of one and five who each have a weekly two hour session with fully trained volunteers and a Paediatric Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and Speech and Language Therapist. Charlotte is a teacher and assessor of children with specific learning difficulties and she runs parent training at Playskill. She was able to tell us about the difference this charity makes to the lives of those who attend and how amazing it is that St John's has chosen it as our charity for the year.





Topical assemblies



With the start of the Rugby World Cup today it came as no surprise that the theme of Mr Robinson's assembly yesterday was rugby. With the help of four Year 6 boys (who produced an excellent quiz) everyone learnt some interesting facts about the game and the forthcoming competition. This morning Mr Lawrence and Eco Council members reminded us of the very real consequences of climate change to coincide with Global Climate Strike Day. Whilst there were no walk-outs at St John's the boys delivered a very important message which gave us all much to consider.





Pizza making in the Lambs



Dressed in aprons and armed with knives (plastic of course) the Lambs used muffins, tomatoes, mushrooms, red peppers, cheese and tomato paste to create a 'Happy Face Pizza'. They were delicious!





Jeans for Genes





Boys explore the Travelling Book Fair

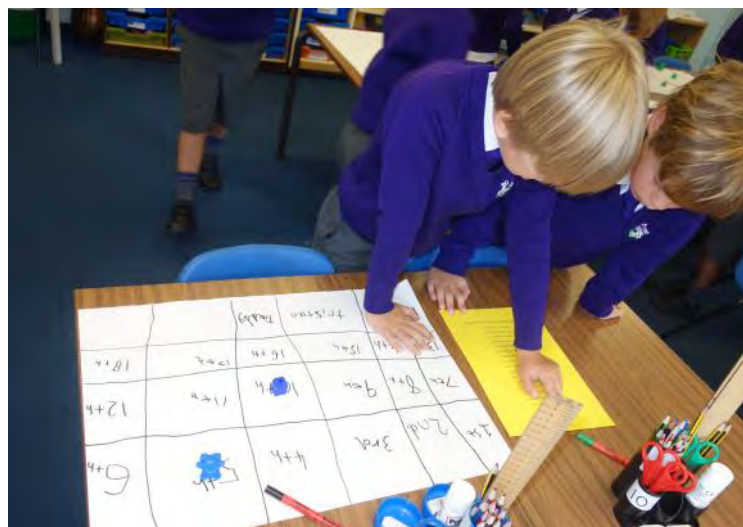


The Travelling Book Fair came for its annual visit to St John's. The boys loved searching through the wide range of fiction and non-fiction to make their choices. If book sales are to go by we have some avid readers in the Pre-Prep. Thanks to your support, we are able to purchase £414 worth of new books to go in each classroom and the library.

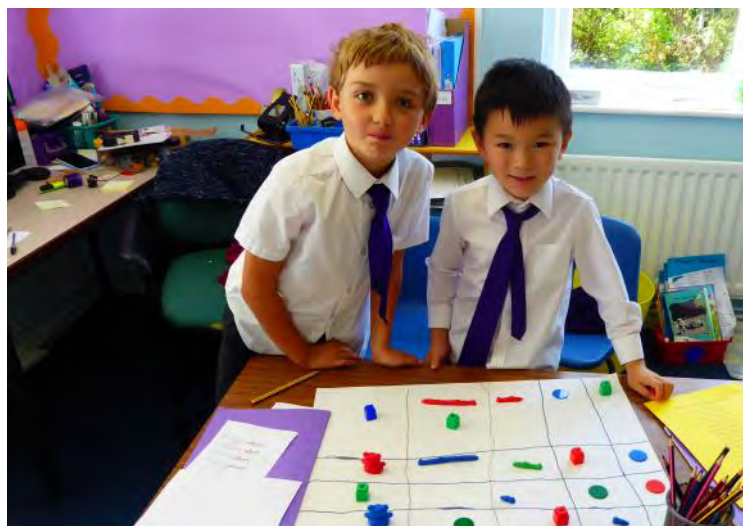




Year 2 mathematicians hard at work



The Eagles and Badgers are a competitive bunch this year and greatly enjoyed an ordinal number challenge. Everyone wanted to be first! The boys following a detailed set of instructions placing items on a grid, but soon realised that taking part and working accurately was the most important part of the challenge. The activity developed team work and mathematical vocabulary. It was an ideal way to end a hard week's maths on a Friday morning in September.





A busy week in the Juniors



1. **In Craft Club** this week boys had great fun making origami Yako San and individual badges to wear.
2. **These proud Year 3 boys** were the first to show their good work in Junior Assembly this week. We saw some excellent Mathematics, History, Geography and a lovely piece of writing to inspire us!
3. **All the Junior classes** went to the Book Fair this week to browse and buy. Here are some boys in 4B enjoying the experience.
4. **Five very satisfied Puzzle Club** boys managed to complete an entire jigsaw puzzle this week. Lots of discussion, teamwork and cooperation was displayed and everyone was delighted with the result. They also had great fun spotting five differences in a Peppa Pig puzzle!





Colts rugby v St Benedict's 13th September

Colts A v St Benedict's (away)

Try scorers: Sahib B, Blake, Oliver, Sahib S

Outstanding performance: The whole team

We started the game well, moving the ball and making strong contact in the rucks. The game flowed with each team scoring 3 tries one after the other. At half time, we talked about making our tackles low and stopping their progress. We also wanted to move the ball into space. Unfortunately, St Benedict's moved the ball better into space and scored a number of quick tries. We kept bashing up the middle and could not keep hold of the ball. We need to work on our tackling and moving the ball more quickly into space next week.

Colts B v St Benedict's (away)

Try scorers: Thomas 10, Daniel 2, William 1

Outstanding performance: Thomas

Beautiful sunny day for cricket but off we went, kick starting the rugby season. It was a good start from both sides attacking, defending and rucking really well indeed. St Benedict's were better at finishing off their tries though, especially because of a narrow defensive line by St John's. Although they had a healthy lead St John's managed to stay in touch with tries from Thomas, Daniel and William with great assists and tackles from Shay, Aryan, Rohan and Benyamin. The boys responded to coaching feedback at half time and were better at closing down runners and aiming for first time tackles. Thomas, known for being a superb athlete and cross-country runner literally must have covered about 5km to score his whopping 10 tries which resulted in the team outplaying St Benedict's in the second. Well done team!

Colts C v St Benedict's (away)

Try scorers: Hamza 3, Rakshaan 3, Nayan 2, Yash 1, Aaron 2, Joshua 2, Ansh 2, Zian 1, Ishaan 1, Vihaan 1

Outstanding performances: Joshua, Hamza and Rakshaan in attack. Ishaan, Hamza and Nayan for tackling.

A great start with the team passing and off-loading the ball along the line. We kept the ball alive and scored numerous tries with great skill and support play. In attack Joshua, Hamza, Nayan and Rakshaan ran strongly and scored some good tries. In defence, Nayan, Hamza and Ishaan made some tremendous tackles in the match. All the other players contributed to a great team performance.





U10 rugby v St Benedict's 13th September

U10 A v St Benedict's (home)

Try scorers: Shane 2, Rafi 2

Outstanding performances: Oliver and Archie for their defensive work

The U10 A team had a tough opening fixture at home on a very hot afternoon. Both sides showed their intent to play physical rugby from the first whistle and St Benedict's used their pace and power to score two well-worked tries. Shane scored two for the home team with typically hard, straight running, as did Rafi in the second half. All of the boys defended extremely well, but quick recycling of the ball and a willingness to compete at the breakdown were aspects of the game which St John's need to focus on in training. However, a really encouraging start to the season.

U10 B v St Benedict's (home)

Try scorers: Alistair 4, Mithil 1

Outstanding performance: Alistair

The U10B team carried on their fine form from last season with some great attacking play including some sharp offloads both in contact and off the floor. In the first half we had the downhill advantage and used it well with some strong running and great handling to keep the ball moving. We finished the first half pretty even with St Benedict's with a try from Mithil and first half hat trick from Alistair as a result of his fast feet. The second half wasn't as successful as the first as we conceded a few tries from a lack of tackling and weak body position in the rucks which allowed them to turn over the ball easily. A very promising start from the boys despite the result. Well done boys!

U10 C v St Benedict's (home)

Try scorers: Kian J 3, George 1, Remika 3, James 1, Kian D 1, Ahaan 3, Kabir 1, Rahul 1

Outstanding performances: Kian J and Ahaan for all-round performance and determination

The boys were a credit to themselves in the way that they played, showing great enthusiasm and will. Their tackling was impressive and bodes well for the rest of the season and we look forward to our next match against UCS.





U9 teams v The Beacon and Gayhurst 17th Sept

U9 A v The Beacon & Gayhurst (home)

Try Scorers: Leo 1, Marcus 1, Owen 1 (v The Beacon),
Leo 1, Bailey 1, Neel 1 (v Gayhurst)

Outstanding performance: The whole team

A fun and beautiful day for rugby leading into the start of the rugby world cup on Friday. The boys were super excited to play. As it was the first year of contact boys were perhaps a bit unsure in the first few minutes against The Beacon but the squad quickly warmed to the contact element of the game, leading to more successful tackles and them running harder and stronger as well. Both matches were played with high tempo and good spirits. Going forwards we'll continue to develop the tackle and add a bit more structure to our attack and defence. Very well done indeed.



U9 B v The Beacon & Gayhurst (home)

Try Scorers: Matthew 1, Rian 1 (v The Beacon),
Daanish 4, Darsh 1, Matthew 1, Rian 1 (v Gayhurst)

Outstanding performance: Daanish

This was a great afternoon of rugby played in glorious sunshine. It was a triangular format with The Beacon and Gayhurst. All the boys played extremely well and there were some fine individual runs and tries. The passing was accurate and the tackling developed throughout the two matches. All the boys had an enjoyable afternoon and should be proud of their individual and team performance. Well done and congratulations to all boys involved.



U9 C v The Beacon & Gayhurst (home)

Try Scorers: Ali 1, Joshua 1, Khyan 2, Arjun 1
(v The Beacon), Vivek 1, Ali 1, Khyan 4, Alexander 1
(v Gayhurst)

Outstanding performance: Khyan

We had two exciting games against The Beacon and Gayhurst. We scored a number of good tries with Khyan running strongly through the opposition defence. Against Gayhurst, we passed the ball much more which allowed other players to score tries. Alexander scored a great try in the right hand corner.





U9 teams v The Beacon and Gayhurst 17th Sept

U9 D v The Beacon & Gayhurst (away)

Try Scorers: Zain 3, Anay 2, Ananda 1, Harry 3, Kayhan 4, James 1

Outstanding performance: James

The boys played two games against difficult opposition. We passed well as a team creating space outside for other players to run into. All players put everything into it carrying the ball hard into contact. Our defence today was much better as we were wanting to make those try saving tackles, which was good to see. We do need to make sure for the next game that we use the whole width of the pitch to make sure we stretch their defence in attack, and to make sure our defensive line fills the field. Well played boys.



U9 E v The Beacon & Gayhurst (away)

Try Scorers: Ayaan 5, Vineel 3, Leo B 1

Outstanding performance: Ayaan

On a lovely sunny day the boys played 4 x 10 minute games. They played with good enthusiasm and focus, improving during the afternoon both their game understanding and some key skills. Ayaan and Vineel stood out as the main ball carrying threats while the other boys showed improvements in their passing and tackling.





U13 teams v Belmont 18th September

U13 A v Belmont (away) Lost 40-20

Try scorers: Louis, Charlie, Aaron, Oliver

Outstanding performance: Louis and Krish M

This turned out to be a very pleasant surprise performance. The team has obvious good ball carriers in Louis, Charlie, Yusuf and Oliver but this performance was made up of determined defence by all, good break down work and strong phases of play. The ball was distributed excellently by Rohan at 9 and Krish M. at 10 bringing all of the team into the game. We saw hard carries from Ka'im and quality off loads from Zac A and Aaron. They dominated the scrum and pulled off three high quality team tries with the 4th from Louis an individual effort straight from a kick off receipt. Well done all on this first performance.



U13 B v Belmont (away) Lost 50-0

Outstanding performance: Kamsi and Saam

On a beautiful sunny afternoon the U13 B rugby team played against a strong Belmont outfit consisting of twenty-five in the squad. The St John's team took a while to get into the game in the first quarter of an hour and were constantly caught deep in their own half and were called upon to defend to keep out wave after wave of Belmont attacks. The last ten minutes of the first half belonged to St John's where they grew in confidence in the contact area of tackling and started some fine individual runs through the backs and forwards. In the second-half the St John's team did exceptionally well and with only twelve players managed to combine well, with fine runs from Kamsi, Saam, Sami, Vishal, Edmond, Zain and Rohan. The boys played out of their skins to prevent the continuous attacking threats of Belmont. However, with a bigger squad and fresh players they were always going to finish the game strong.

Well done to all the players and best wishes for the next match.





U12 teams v Belmont 18th September

U12 A v Belmont (home) Lost 50-5

Try scorers: Ethan

Outstanding performances: Freddie, Jaidev and Ethan

A tough match against a powerful side and they had a number of very good runners. We moved the ball and on occasions we had chances to score to break the opposition line. Freddie ran very well and he made a number of breaks in the match. However, we needed closer support with the ball carrier from the tackle and ruck area. In defence, we needed to move up as a line but this improved hugely in the second half. Belmont had a very good 10 who ran the show for Belmont and out wide they had a brilliant winger whose pace always caused us problems in defence. Near the end, we kept the ball well and Ethan managed to beat a number of players to score the try. Things to work on but a great effort from the team.



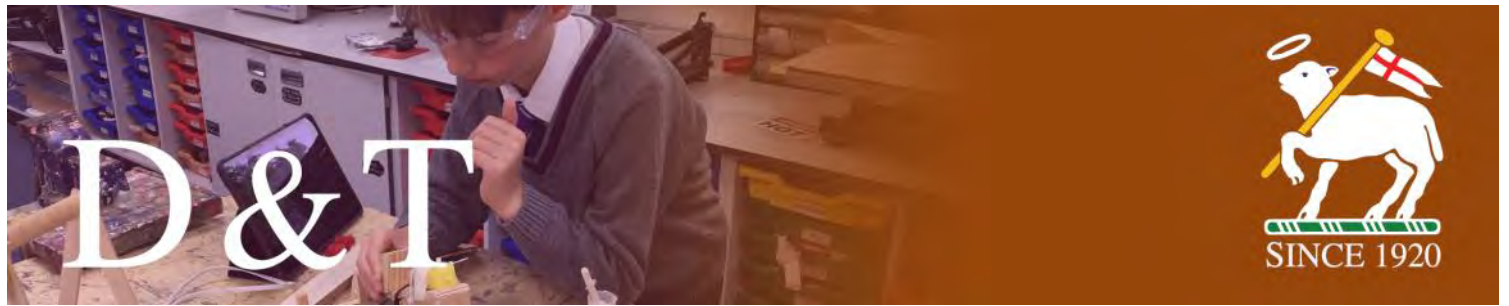
U12 B v Belmont (home) Lost 50-5

Try scorers: Hilkesh

Outstanding performance: Vish for his determined driving and runs

We struggled from the outset and were put under pressure by a quick and well-organised Belmont team. We rallied somewhat towards the end of the first half and by half time we were trailed four tries to nil. In the second half it was more evenly balanced and we managed to score a try from some intelligent passing and good teamwork. Despite the score there were a lot of positives; for improvement we need to work on our tackling and on retaining possession.





Year 4 learn about cams



Year 4 have been busy in the workshop this week learning about mechanism called cams. When we put multiple cams on a camshaft amazing things can happen! Find out where cams can be found outside of the classroom.





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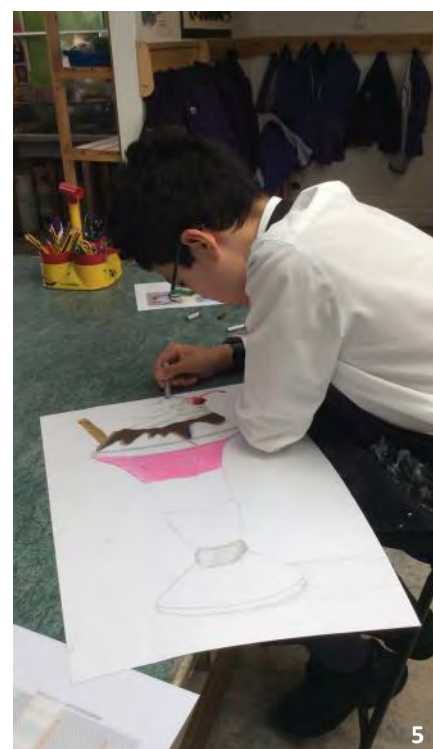
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1. **Theodore** And **Rishi** have been learning all about the Pop Artist Andy Warhol.
2. **Year 7** have begun to experiment with Lino cutting.
3. A lovely picture by **Maximilian** in Year 3
4. **Year 6** have been learning about reflection. **Darwin** has designed and painted his bird beautifully using watercolour.
5. **Year 5** have been having fun with clay making fruit and vegetables.
6. **Year 8** are learning about the artist Wayne Thiebaud who was best known for his paintings of food such as cakes and ice creams!

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Calendar and important dates

Monday 23rd September:

Tuesday 24th September: Individual Photographs (Years 3-8)
Year 7 Information Evening in the Norman Hall (6.30pm)

Wednesday 25th September: School Council
Rugby v Davenies: U13 A, B (h), U12 A, B (a) (2.30pm)
Allianz Park Colts A Rugby Tournament (4.00pm)

Thursday 26th September: Owls Visit to Wenzels (9.00am)
Eco Council Meeting (1.20pm)
Rugby v Gayhurst: U8 A, B, C (a), U8 D, E (h) (2.30pm)

Friday 27th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning (8.15am)
Rugby v Belmont: Colts A, B, C, D (h), U10 A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

Sunday 29th September: Moor Park Fun Run at Merchant Taylors' School

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).



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

Year 7 Information Evening. A reminder that this meeting takes place on Wednesday 25th September at 6.30pm in the Norman Hall.

Moor Park Fun Run. This takes place on Sunday 29th September at Merchant Taylors' School. We hope that many boys are fired up to run as there is a trophy for the school which has the most entries. Details can be found on page 19.

Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday 27th September. Please put the date in your diary and bring cakes and conversation whilst supporting this fantastic charity! The morning kicks off at around 8.30am in the Norman Hall and is always very well attended.

After School Care. It is very important that all boys are registered with Potter Street Hill After School Care. Unless this is in place your son will not be able to use this service, even in an emergency. To register please click on this link:

www.pottersthillasc.co.uk

Individual photographs. Official school photographs of boys in Years 3 to 8 will be taken on Tuesday 24th September.

Trading cards. These have caused some arguments amongst boys since the beginning of term. It has, therefore, been decided that no trading cards will be allowed in school from Monday 20th September.

Votes for Schools. The question since the beginning of term has been **'Are our world leaders listening to us?'** The responses were 93.9% No and 6.1% Yes. Our new question: **'Is gaming good for you?'** Please discuss at home over the weekend and click on the icon for more information.



House Points totals. 1st Lincoln 8.37, 2nd Oates 8.26, 3rd Lawrence 7.62, 4th Churchill 7.55.

Enjoy the warm weekend weather and the start of the Rugby World Cup.