



From the  
Headmaster

Yesterday all the boys and staff came together for a fun walk to raise money for Sport Relief. I was very impressed with the empathy shown by all the boys as they mixed age groups and looked after each other. I am sure you will enjoy the photographs. The St John's Association provided an excellent tuck shop as well!

The boys have lead all the assemblies this week: Felix and George delivered an interesting introduction to geology, 8J entertained us all with their celebration of our diverse planet and Year 4 boys gave us many important facts about different countries in the world.

Year 6 visited the National History Museum; some of Year 7 became designers for the day over at Belmont; Year 2 enjoyed their day out at Reveley Lodge, the Victorian Museum in Bushey. I was very pleased to hear how much all the boys got out of their trips.

In sport congratulations to our U13A rugby team who played with some real resilience in the tough Caldicott Festival. Our U8s have also been busy with their matches against Orley Farm and local primary schools as part of St John's Tag Festival.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the Merchant Taylors' Joint Concert this evening.

*S. Robinson*

## Sport Relief Day yesterday



**We had a brilliant day of fun and fund raising yesterday** as boys across the School dressed up for Sport Relief Day. We enjoyed walking around the school grounds as a whole school community. The Pre-Prep staff commented on how caring and engaging older boys were as they took the young boys round the course and the tuck shop, of course, was a huge hit! On a more serious note in assembly this morning we watched a film about life for a ten old boy living in Ghana and the daily challenges he faces. It certainly made us all realise how fortunate we are. Thank you once again for your generosity and support of our charitable events.





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## Centenary Events

With our School Centenary now in full swing we report on the series of special events being organised to celebrate 100 years of St John's. At the start of term boys were given badges and a commemorative book. Mr Robinson took the opportunity to read extracts in assembly to help boys discover more about how and why the School was founded. But that is not the end of the story. Keep reading The Lamb to follow developments as they take place. Meanwhile, below are some dates for your diary.



Our first Centenary event: the Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Church Northwood

**Centenary Dinner** at Merchant Taylors' Hall on Thursday 26th March from 6.30pm. This black-tie event in the City of London is primarily for Old Boys but is also open to parents of boys in Years 6-8. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained by visiting [www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary](http://www.st-johns.org.uk/centenary).

**The Centenary Ball** at St John's on Saturday 27th June. Organised by the St John's Association, this event is for all current and past parents and staff. Interest is already intense and the Association has already arranged for a bigger marquee. Tickets are going fast and places are limited so make sure to buy your tickets early. See the advert towards the back of The Lamb for full details.

**Old Boys' Day** at St John's on Sunday 28th June. A special day for Old Boys from throughout the years to visit and celebrate our Centenary alongside past and current teachers and parents.

**Centenary Charity Day & Pageant** on Monday 29th June. This is an all-day event for pupils, staff and parents (in the afternoon). Join in the celebration of ten decades of St John's.





# New School Council meets for the first time



**Our School Council is made up of pupils from Pre-Prep (Year 2) Junior (Year 3 & 4) and Senior (Year 5-8).** The new School Council assembled for the first time on Wednesday to discuss important topics affecting the school community. We went over the last minutes, discussed the new Sports Hall, food suggestions, House events and pupil prepared questions. There were some interesting discussions, ideas and suggestions and Mr Phillips looks forward to working with the boys on the new initiatives in the future.





## Year 6 visit Natural History Museum 10th March



**On Tuesday it was the turn of Year 6** to take their part in Science Week, they went on a trip to the Natural History Museum. As soon as we arrived we headed for the Anima-tronic T-Rex exhibition, pausing only to take in the size of the largest animal to have ever lived, the skeleton of a Blue Whale which is hung in the main entrance hall. After we had our fill of dinosaurs, if that is possible, we went on to see the large mammals room and then made our way through the Human Biology exhibit, which supported a lot of work that the boys have done recently on cells in their science classes. We had an early lunch and did a quick bit of shopping then the boys were split into smaller groups for workshops. One workshop was on how life on Earth has evolved over time and looked at how natural selection can bring about these changes. It was a tough topic but the boys listened well and developed a good understanding. The other workshop was called Dino Scene and discussed how palaeontologists work to excavate and identify fossils. The boys had their own replica fossil to identify. This workshop was fun as well as educational. Altogether a very successful trip.





## Individual success out of school



**Enzo** (3W) has been awarded two Silver medals at the Watford Festival of Speech, Music and Drama, one in the Verse Speaking Set Poem class and the other in the Verse Speaking Own Choice category. Very well done to him. In the same festival **Ahaan** (5V) came second in the Years 5 and 6 Song from Musical Theatre or Film class which is an excellent achievement. **Aarav** (6R) has been selected to become a member of Mensa after sitting two IQ tests. In one of these he scored in the top 1% of the UK population. This is an exceptional statistic. Congratulations Aarav.





## Special assemblies



On Monday Felix (6R) presented an assembly about geology and his interest in rocks. Boys asked lots of questions which he was able to answer with confidence and authority. He was ably assisted by Leon (6A) and George (5 WS). To round up Science Week on Wednesday 8J presented an amusing and educational assembly on 'The Circle of Life' where each boy became an animal directed by compere Sir David Attenborough (AKA Charlie). All the boys enjoyed the acting and jokes whilst learning about some of the world's most amazing animals.





## U13 & U11 Chess at Lochinver 11th March



14 teams competed in this tournament with many schools (like us) taking both an under 11 and under 13 team, so competition was fierce with one school even having a Chess Technical Director. They were taking it very seriously! There were 3 rounds for each year group comprising 3 matches in each group. There was 1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw and zero points for a loss. Undaunted, in the under 13's round, Vivaan stormed to the first victory in the tournament, hopefully a sign of things to come but alas, despite our boys competing well this was the only victory in the under 13's round. Matters were better in the under 11's however, with wins for Michael, Aryan and Anek. A terrific tournament expertly organised by Lochinver, who made all teams most welcome.



# PRE-PREP



## Year 2 visit Reveley Lodge 9th & 10th March



Both the Eagles and Badgers visited Reveley Lodge in Bushey this week as part of their history project. They really got into the spirit dressing as Victorians, experiencing a lesson in a Victorian classroom and using a genuine Victorian mangle whilst undertaking some laundry in the servants' quarters of the house. As a reward for all their efforts they were served an afternoon tea of bread, jam and a Victoria sponge cake. Even better the boys got to eat a picnic lunch on their return to the classroom! The trip was enjoyable, educative and, taking up only a morning, a very efficient use of time. The good manners of the boys was noted by the staff at the house. Well done Year 2.





# New equipment for Lego Club

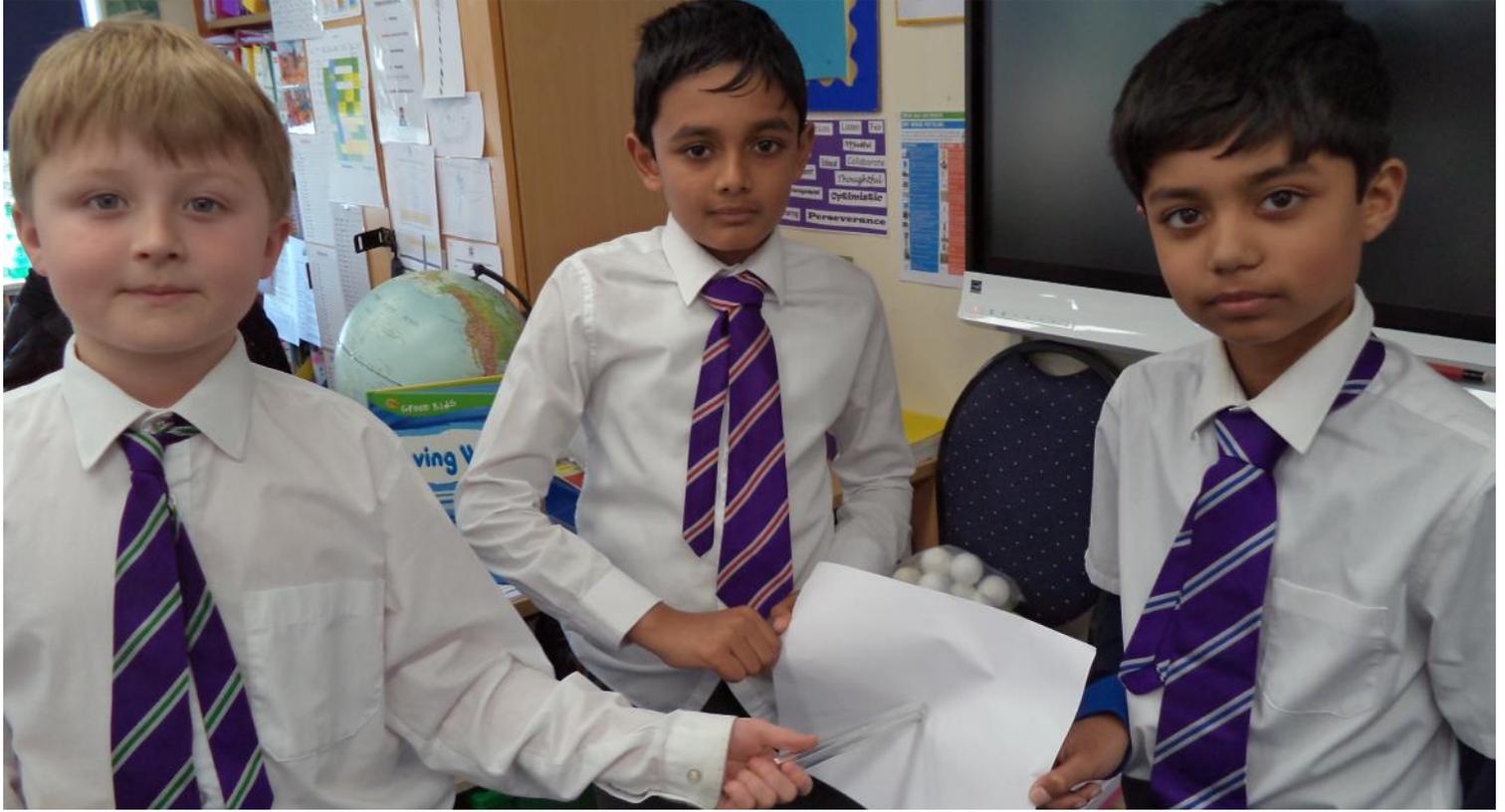


With this club being popular and the boys becoming so creative we were on the verge of running out of Lego for them to add to their buildings each week. They were delighted to receive two new boxes, one mainly of figures and the other of building blocks this week. Now their imaginations can continue to thrive. For several weeks the boys have added to their work rather than start afresh, keep on inventing boys!





## Sound in Science



**Year 4 have been studying Sound in Science this term.** We have looked at how sound is made by certain instruments. This week's experiments were all about how vibrations move. We used a tuning fork, paper, a polystyrene ball and a bowl of water to see how the vibrations move. The boys were really interested to see how the polystyrene ball bounced back and forth away from the tuning fork. It was a surprise to hear a buzzing sound as the tuning fork was placed against the paper. The best part of all was when the tuning fork made the water ripple and then splash them!





# JUNIORS

## Lots of activity in Craft Club



The Craft Club were busy this week making a model Stegosaurus with moveable parts. There was a lot of tricky scissor work as well as the need for dexterity when making the holes and placing the split pins. We all felt the results were well worth the effort.





# Caldicott U9 Rugby Tournament 10th March

**U9 A v Summer Fields, Northcote Lodge, Kings House, Shrewsbury House, Caldicott, Hampton Prep and St Benedict's**

**Scorers:** Leo 5, Arti 3, Bailey 2, Rian 2, Marcus 1

**Outstanding performance:** Leo

The boys played 7 games at the Caldicott tournament on Tuesday. They played Summer Fields, Northcote Lodge, Kings House, Shrewsbury House, Caldicott, Hampton Prep and St Benedict's. I can't fault the boys' effort during this tournament, they gave it absolutely everything they had. The boys desire to work for each other really showed in their performance in every game. Our attacking structure proved difficult to stop at times but we stumbled a few times close to the line which was costly. Defensively we improved as the day went on and regained possession by forcing the errors due to our line speed. Great effort from all, you should be proud!

**U9 B v Summer Fields, Northcote Lodge, Kings House, Shrewsbury House, Caldicott, Hampton Prep and St Benedict's**

**Scorers:** Otto 2, Neel 2, Alex 2, Mustafa 3, Zain 1, Khyan 3

**Outstanding performance:** The whole team

This was a fabulous tournament where the boys played 7 x 8 minute matches, 7 a-side. In the first 2 matches against Summerfield and Northcote the team struggled to get their team work in place scoring just 2 tries by Otto and Mustafa and making 2 tackle turnovers. There were signs of coming more alive in the next 2 games against Shrewsbury and King's House with a good try by Neel against Kings House and much improved defence They were fully alive from there on: 3 tries against Caldicott, 2 against Hampton Prep and 6 against St. Benedict's . This came from better offloads and confident running. The performances had a much more rounded feel with much improved tackling and passing to back up their attack.





## U9 Rugby v St Martin's Tuesday 10th March

### U9 C v St Martin's A

**Scorers:** Alexander 2, Ananda 1, Ahmed 1, Arjun 1

**Outstanding performance:** Ahmed

We played against an A team and when they had the ball we had to work very hard in defence. However, a number of players made some super tackles including Freddie, Arjun and Harry. When we had the ball in attack, we went forward but we still needed to move the ball earlier to other players in space. Ahmed scored a glorious try from 50 metres out. In the second half, we showed great spirit and battled back against St Martin's. We started to move the ball to others and our attacking game improved hugely. We scored an excellent team try near the end of the match. Well played to all those boys who played for the C team.



### U9 D v St Martin's B

**Scorers:** Thomas C 5, Hrishi 4

**Outstanding performance:** The whole team

This was an evenly matched game with end-to-end action. The U9D's were impressive with their handling and running into space from the start. In Year 4 it is all about developing the tackle and it was great to see how this group is coming along in this area. St Martin's had some pacey runners which was a good challenge for St John's to content with. Great enthusiasm and energy on the pitch played in the right spirit. Excellent stuff! Well done team



### U9 E v St Martin's

**Scorers:** Michael 1, Keshav 2, Kayhan 5

**Outstanding performances:** Keshav and Kayhan

This was a thrilling game to watch which resulted in 20 tries scored between the two sides. The boys went into the game with high spirits and lots of confidence, which showed throughout the game. All the boys carried the ball well, always moving forward and keeping hold of the ball well. Despite the windy conditions, the ball rarely hit the floor when we were attempting passes which is a credit to the concentration shown by the boys. Both Michael and Dhruv scored wonder-tries by going through the entirety of the opposition to both score in the corner. Kayhan used his agility to find space in the opposition's defence to score his quintet of tries. Keshav showed his supreme physicality in both attack and defence making some huge tackles to save numerous tries. Aiden and Ishaan both displayed their distribution skills and their ability to make metres on the pitch no matter where they receive the ball. Well played all, I hope you enjoyed the game!





## Caldicott Invitation Rugby Sevens 11th March

U13 A v St Paul's Lost 35-0

U13 A v Down's Won 25-0

U13 A v Oratory Won 10-5

U13 A v Shrewsbury Lost 15-5

U13 A v The Dragon Lost 35-0

U13 A v St John's Beaumont Lost 30-10

**Scorers:** Louis 6, Oliver 1, Bradley 1, Charlie 1, Yusuf 2

**Outstanding performances:** Louis, Yusuf, Oliver and Charlie

The first round was a good marker for how this team is at its best. Playing with fresh legs the boys secured 2 excellent well fought and constructed wins. The opening match against the tournament eventual winners was always out of reach but the squad stayed positive and supportive of each other. The defence tightened and with good ball carries by Charlie, Louis and Bradley they recycled the ball well and Louis in particular finished brilliantly. At the end of round one the team were left in second place and so due to play all the other second placed teams in round 2. With natural attrition, injuries and playing out the whole squad, more wins did not come. The team did though stay in good spirit finishing in the last match with a brilliant team effort finished off down the wing by Yusuf, adding to the earlier score by Louis.





## U12 Hockey v St Anthony's 11th March

**U12 A v St Anthony's U13 A Lost 5-3**

**Scorers:** Nishil 2, Ethan 1

**Outstanding performance:** Raffi

This was a competitive game played against St Anthony's U13 A team. The St John's team started slowly but began to grow into the game against physical opposition. The boys showed great determination and effort throughout the game and never gave up. There was some excellent interplay and we managed to score three very creative goals. All the squad got game time and this proved vital to hold off a strong and determined St Anthony's team. Well done to all the boys involved!

**U12 B v St Anthony's U13 B Won 11-0**

**Scorers:** Yusuf 2, Edward 3, Nikhil 1, Rayaana 1, Saam 3

**Outstanding performances:** Saam, Edward, Vishwadrik

We started well and we had Hillesh playing in goal for St John's and Alex playing in goal for St Anthony's for a half-each. We started very well and moved the ball expertly from the back to mid-field and to the players up front. In defence, Vishwadrik attacked and defended superbly and Yusuf and Saam played very well in the mid-field. Up front Rayaana played his first match for the U12's B team and scored 3 goals. Edward scored a great team goal with a number passes which was a pleasure to see.

A really good team performance.





# SPORT



## Primary Schools Tag Rugby Tournament 12th March

It is an annual tradition where St John's host West Lodge in this U8 rugby festival. A windy but hugely successful and fun afternoon with three teams from West Lodge Primary School. St John's also had three teams and everyone played each other on the 1st and Colts rugby pitches. It was really good seeing West Lodge play touch rugby against the St John's teams. Spectacular running and off-loads were on display with some very good tries scored. The St John's teams all played really well indeed, showcasing what they have learned since the start of this year. I know they are looking forward to contact rugby next year in Year 4. I would like to thank all the parents and West Lodge who came to watch and play in the matches yesterday. Mr Kruger

**Try Scorers: C Team** Caiden 9, Abbas 4, Liam L 2, Enzo 2, Saavan 1

**D Team** Rishi 4, Aarush 2, Dhilan 1, Arun 1, Charlie 2

**E Team** Neil 3, Ansh 1, Shay 1, Milan 2, Liam 1, Thomas C 5, Hrishi 4, James C 1





## U8 Rugby v Orley Farm Thursday 12th March

**U8 A v Orley Farm and Edge Grove**

**Scorers:** Aariz 1, Zachariah 4, Henry 2, Tanay 2, Maximilian 2,

**Outstanding performances:** Zachariah, Aariz, Maximilian

On a small pitch we started slowly but we managed to string a few passes together. However, too much running across the pitch and when we were touched we tended to stop. In the second half, much better defence as we moved up as a line and started to put more pressure on Orley Farm. We managed to score some good tries.

Against Edge Grove, we had a number of chances to score but were just stopped with good defence. We still needed to run onto the ball but our defence was much better. Zachariah scored 3 tries but he was helped greatly by the others. A really good effort against a strong Edge Grove side.

**U8 B v Orley Farm and Edge Grove**

**Scorers:** Arnav 1

**Outstanding performances:** Aary and Raphael

The boys played with great enthusiasm against strong Orley Farm and Edge Grove sides on a very small pitch. We were slow to adapt to this as we kept

passing into the space and running wide towards the corners, which made it easy for the opposition to tackle us. In the second game, we started to run straight down the middle at pace, into the gaps created by offside players that had just made a touch/tackle. We found this space well and started to exploit it, however, on occasions we were slow to make these passes and all the gaps were sealed up by the opposition's defence. Our defensive game was superb, putting pressure on the opponent from first phase to the 6th touch, which quickly turned over possession as we forced errors from the opposition.

Well played to all the boys and good luck for your last game of the season.

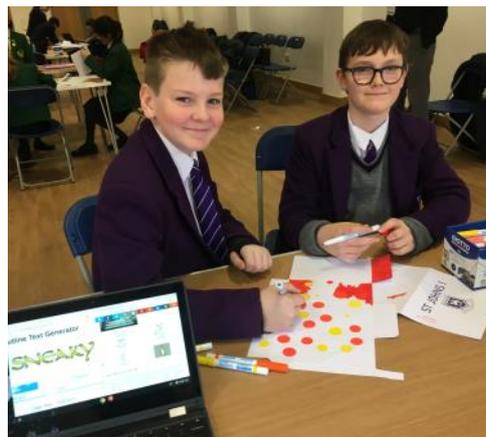




# Designers Day at Belmont Tuesday 10th March



On Tuesday I was lucky enough to have the amazing opportunity to go to Belmont and take part in their Design and Technology day along with Cyrus, Vish, Nikhil, Aydin, Charlie, Jesse and David. At the start of the day, we had a really fascinating talk from someone who works and helps design products for companies like Oreo, Cadbury and Snapple. The talker was very intriguing as he revealed some of his business ideas for Cadbury and Oreo. I was amazed to find out that all of his packaging from his ideas were reusable and how amusing he made them for children. I also learnt that you should always plan a project then sketch it then make it into a prototype. After that, we took pleasure in making our own Easter egg design and packaging. We made the Easter egg out of Styrofoam. I really was amused by the foam cutter, which I used to sculpt shapes out of the foam, as it really gave a smooth finish which I could not get using any other tool. Then we designed our packaging and came up with the name Choco Hit, as to retrieve your tasty treat you needed to throw a ball at the target. **Sam 7L**



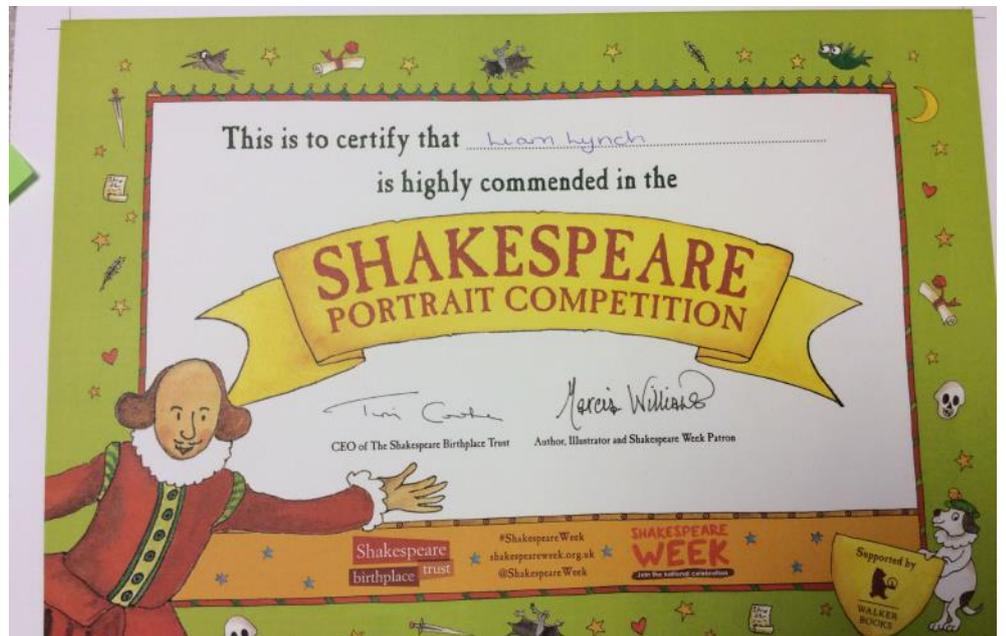
Designers Day at Belmont was a great experience for me and the other boys who had this privilege. We met a designer who was in the packaging industry and we found out that there is a lot more to the design and imagination behind the packaging of your Easter eggs. Some of the ideas he talked us through were really creative. He showed us how to make our designs look good and more appealing to the market. We got to design our own packaging in groups. We came up with an idea for a target on the box and every time you hit the target with the balls provided a mini bunny or egg will come rolling out for you to munch on. This way people will reuse their package and it won't be thrown away, hopefully. We made our chocolates out of styrofoam. We designed our own boxes. Belmont were great hosts and even let us use some of their playing facilities. I gained a great experience from this and I hope my peers did too. It was great for young designers who are looking into the future like me. **Nikhil 7B**



## Hot off the press!



As part of National Shakespeare Week some of our boys took part in a portrait competition. We were delighted to find out this week that Liam in Year 3 was awarded a 'highly commended' certificate. The judges; Korky Paul, Marcia Williams and CBBC's Art Ninja have also congratulated Albert in Year 6 and Rahul and Rafi in Year 5 for being shortlisted through to the final stages of judging. Huge congratulations to all the boys who took part in this competition. Liam's Shakespeare portrait, along with some other portraits are on display in the library for you to look at.





Another busy week in the Art room. A huge congratulations to our Artists of the week; **Theodore, Joshua and Edmond.**

1. **Theodore H** has been very determined to create the perfect little owl family.
2. This futuristic Mona Lisa is by **Joshua and Darwin.** Joshua worked hard on this up until the final minute before it was handed in.
3. **Edmond** constantly works hard on his art.

Our recycling theme has continued this week. Here are some boys in action...

4. **Keshav** is making a cable car out of cardboard.
5. **Emerson** is using plastic and permanent markers to colour in his wolf picture.
6. **Oliver** is making a MacDonald's drive-thru model and **Archie** is using plastic to make a sleeping dog.

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## Calendar and important dates

**Monday 16th March:** Hockey v UCS: U13, U12 VII (h) (3.00pm)

**Tuesday 17th March:** Junior Drama Extended Rehearsal (4.00pm-6.00pm)

**Wednesday 18th March:** Aldro School Rugby Tournament: U13 A (12.00pm)

Hockey v St Martin's & MTP: U12 A (h), U13 B (a at MTP), U13 C & D (a at St Martin's) (2.30pm)

Normandy Trip Information Meeting (4.10pm)

**Thursday 19th March:** Rugby v St Martin's: U8A, B (h), C, D, E (a) (2.30pm)

**Friday 20th March:** House Meetings

**Sunday 22nd March:** Rehearsal for Joint Concert at MTS (2.45pm-5.30pm)

## Contact details

**Updates:** please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://www.st-johns.org.uk) for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

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

## Notices and Reminders

**Aquadrome litter pick tomorrow.** Mr Lawrence would like to make you aware of this event happening tomorrow. Please click on the link for further details: [Litter pick](#)

**Year 7 Normandy Meeting.** Year 7 parents and boys are invited to the French trip meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm in the Norman Hall. An outline of the nature of the trip and travel details will be gone through. This is an opportunity to ask any questions you have. An information booklet will be available. Please let me know if you are unable to attend and the booklet will be given to your son to take home. Mrs Marshall.

**Junior Drama Club.** The Junior Drama Club are adapting three of Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes'. The boys will be performing Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs, Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and The Pig. They are all working hard to learn, and deliver their lines which are written in rhyming couplets. Will they all live happily ever after? Why don't you come and find out on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Norman Hall.

**Votes for Schools.** The question this week has been: **Does modern life make it harder for diseases to spread?** Yes: 43.4% No: 56.6%. The question for next week is: **Should petrol and diesel cars be banned?** Please discuss this at home over the weekend.



**Year 6 Trip to Merchant Taylors' Hall.** A reminder that this trip has been postponed until after the Easter holidays so Monday will be a normal school day for Year 6.

**House Point Totals: 1st Lincoln 93.64, 2nd Churchill 91.81, 3rd Oates 90.77, 4th Lawrence 83.26**

Have a relaxing weekend.