



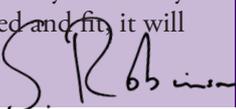
From the Headmaster

This week, I am delighted to reveal our amazing new Centenary Tree House. Boys in school are absolutely loving it and I am really looking forward to seeing everyone exploring this new play area when they get back to school. I would like to thank the Merchant Taylors' Company and the St John's Parents' Association for their generous support, without which this would not have been possible.

It is great to see the contributions to this week's newsletter. I would draw your attention to the wonderful art from Page 18 onwards which celebrates Chinese New Year, the year of the Ox. Please have a look at Page 29 for the events after half term.

Our assemblies this week have focused on Internet Safety. I was pleased to see the boys' sensible replies to questions posed on this important topic. Where would we be without the internet at the moment? I enjoyed announcing our awards this week. Many boys have achieved their silver and bronze certificates, well done every one of you.

We await the next Government announcement on when we can return to school and I can't wait to see everyone. In the meantime have a lovely half term break and enjoy time with your families away from the screens. I encourage everyone to stay happy, well-nourished and fit, it will soon be Spring.



The Centenary Tree House



The Centenary Committee worked hard to ensure that our special anniversary was commemorated with lasting facilities that would benefit all the boys at school. Thanks to the generosity of the Merchant Taylors' Company and the St John's Association, we were able to commission a castle-inspired bespoke tree house in which generations of boys will be able to let their imaginations run wild. It is made of sustainable, energy efficient resources and was constructed by a team of skilled craftsmen. Thanks go to Mrs Wilson for leading this project and Mr Stone for sorting out the practicalities. It is a wonderful addition to our forest area and we look forward to seeing all the boys having a chance to explore it after lockdown. The boys currently in school are already having fun on it as you can see.





The Centenary Tree House



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Happy Birthday boys

Our birthday boys this week are Caiden, Kayaan, Noah, Reyhan, Shaan and Vivek. We hope you had a lovely day and enjoyed all that cake!





Chinese New Year by Joshua 5M

Chinese New Year is one of the most celebrated events in the world! Whilst I have not grown up in Asia, I have learnt a few things about this event from my family and relatives. One of the first things that I discovered over the years is that it is never on the same date and usually occurs between the end of January and mid-February! It's particularly welcoming for me because it means I always have something to look forward to soon after Christmas...

For me, the most significant thing about this time of year is usually a time to catch up with my extended family (which unfortunately won't happen this year), indulge in a lot of delightful food, and I mean A LOT, and wear something red, which is supposed to bring good luck and, as tradition would have it, scare away any monsters! I usually just put on my treasured red football shirt, but my parents sometimes make me wear traditional clothing for photos.

To celebrate, we usually get together with my relatives

and go for a sumptuous meal and on the day, we try to wear something new, to signal the start of a new beginning. It is also tradition for children to receive 'lucky money' or 'red packets'...needless to say, this is a particular highlight as I am allowed to spend some of it on anything I want!

Whilst 2021 is the Year of the Ox, I was born in the Year of the Rabbit. Apparently that means I am supposed to be gentle, polite, tenacious and sincere...I am not so sure!

One day I would love to experience Chinese New Year in Asia. I am told that the atmosphere over the holiday period is special and vibrant. I would love to see the dazzling fireworks illuminating the night sky, the smell of gunpowder permeating through the air, to witness the emotion of the boisterous crowds on the streets and the array of lights and colours on display in the street markets.

Happy Chinese New Year Everyone!





THIS WEEK



Abdullah in 6A loves animals

My inspiration to incubate and hatch eggs came from when I visited a friend's house. That's where I just fell in love with them. I researched and wrote out everything I needed to know about hatching and looking after chicks before presenting and persuading my mum and dad. I was so happy when they said yes but with the condition I cleaned and looked after them properly which of course I agreed to do.

I bought twelve fertilized eggs from Ebay and kept them in my incubator that I had already set up. I had to wait twenty-one long days until they were ready to hatch. On the twentieth day I noticed the first one starting to peck through. It was a day early! I started screaming and gathered all my family to witness this magical moment. After thirty minutes of hard pecking the little chick emerged out of his protective shell. I was jumping for joy and couldn't believe it hatched through. The chick was so exhausted and flopped everywhere. I decided to name it Adam, being the first chick to arrive into this world.

The following day a few more hatched. I had eight chicks in total. Within twelve hours of being wet and floppy they soon became soft, fluffy, energetic and sooo cute. Chicks have different personalities like we do. Some are cheerful, others are

feisty, but the one thing they all like is being held and stroked. Adam seems to be the one who looks after everyone else. He's like the big brother.

The chicks have now started to grow feathers and within three weeks of them being born I'll be moving them from my room to the outdoor world. I want them to roam about in the garden freely and lay healthy free range organic eggs which I hope to eat and share with family and friends and even supply my school with (for a fee!)

I also have a love for my fourteen year-old Welsh Mountain pony called Rosie. I've had her for five months now. I ride and groom her during my lunch breaks no matter what the weather is like. Her favourite treats are polos. I've learnt how to walk, trot and canter on her. I've recently started learning to jump which can be very scary but I do enjoy it very much.

In the future I'd like to enter competitions doing dressage and jumping. Polo is a sport I'd be interested in but that'll take a lot of skill and practice which I hope to do one day.

I have a love for animals and have 2 budgies and 2 cats at home.... who knows what the next animal will be!

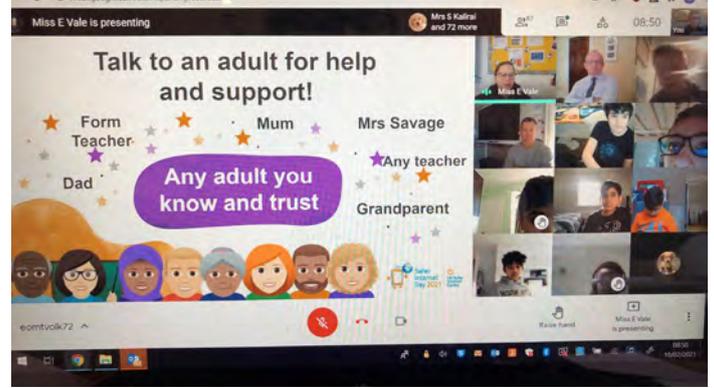




Internet Safety Assembly

Miss Vale and **Cyrus 8B** our Head Technology Boy presented an assembly on the important topic of Internet Safety this week. Safer Internet Day was recognised in 170 countries across the globe on Tuesday 9th February. It's a day when we celebrate all the amazing things we can do online, playing games, chatting to our friends, video calling our family, learning new things, listening to music, watching videos and remind ourselves how we can stay safe online. The theme of the day this year was Trust and we thought about what trust means and who we can trust.

Miss Vale said we should think of ourselves as internet detectives every time we log on. It can be tricky to work out if an advert is trustworthy or accurate. We could ask ourselves "What is it trying to get me to do?" "What are the risks?" She suggested the power of three in checking - asking an adult, looking on another website or app, looking in a book, maybe. Being an internet detective helps us to become more aware and make sensible decisions on whether something is trustworthy online. Finally, Cyrus made the very important point that if you feel upset, scared, curious, angry, worried or confused by something you have seen you should talk to a trusted adult.



Raising money for charity by Kian 6V

After I finished my 11 plus, I wanted to find something to focus on that would really challenge me. I am endeavouring to complete a marathon in two days before my 11th birthday in April! I am raising money for Prostate Cancer UK as my Grandad was diagnosed with it in 2016. This is the most common cancer to affect men above the age of fifty. On average, one in eight men will be affected with it in their lifetime. Prostate Cancer UK's main aim is to fund research to stop prostate cancer killing men by finding better treatments and tests that can find fast-growing cancers.

My aim was to raise £1,000 as this would provide Prostate Cancer UK with fifty hours of research, which could be the difference between life and death. Every penny of the money I raise will be going straight to the charity to assist them in saving many more lives.

I was absolutely delighted to discover that within a day of putting my JustGiving page up, I have raised over £2,000. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Here is the link in case you would be interested in donating:

<https://www.justgiving.com/KianJobanputra>



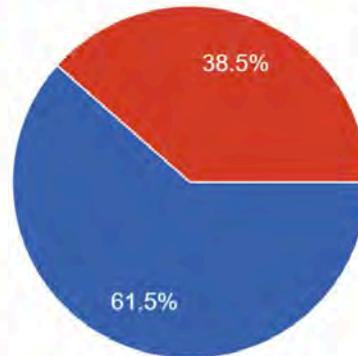


VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Results of last week's poll are...



Will learning ever be the same again?



● No
● Yes



Be curious.

Of course it is! The internet would not be safe to use or fun to use without this privilege of cyber security. It helps us stay safe and helps us make the right choices. I would be surprised if someone said no, as that would make me think that they are careless on the online community. Aayan, Year 7

In line with the national school focus this week on online safety we have been discussing and exploring cyber security.

(Juniors get to vote on this topic in their next lesson.)

Our question of the week has been:

Cyber security is important to us because we are using internet everyday and we need to keep safe doing it. Armaan Year 6

Is cyber security important to you?



Be informed.

Cookie:

A small file that is sent by a website to your computer and that contains information about how you use the site, so that this information is available the next time you use the site.



Word of the Week...

Cyber Security:

The protection of devices, services and networks (and their information) from damage.

I used to not take it for granted although ever since I got "pharmed" I have become much more careful about what I do on the internet and the links I click on so now I no longer take cyber-security for granted, Rodrigo Year 8



Be heard.

Stay informed and we'll see you after half term for more topical debate.



English handwriting sessions

As the school went into a lengthy lockdown, the English Department started having a weekly handwriting session in Years 5-8. This is a lesson where the English teacher meets the class at the start of the lesson to discuss the given task and then the boys spend 30 minutes handwriting their work in their English book rather than their online book. This is an offline lesson and the tasks vary according to the work covered in the online English lessons.

The main purpose of the handwriting sessions is to ensure that the boys' written work is of the standard expected for their

formal examinations and beyond and to practise their writing skills, as much of their work is currently being completed online. Punctuation, capitalisation, grammar and expression as well as presentation should be near perfect. At St John's, we always stress on the significance of being well organised, well presented and giving our best effort and at all times. After all, first impressions matter in written work, as much as when meeting someone in person for the first time. Well done to all the boys for their hard work. Here are some examples from Years 5, 6 and 7.

1st Kush Patel 6V
 It was a beautiful sunny afternoon. It was 5:00, and the sun was setting like molten gold. My sister and I were playing in the fields behind the cottage. Suddenly, I fell. I couldn't see it at the time, but a huge, gaping hole swallowed me up and now I couldn't see or hear anything apart from water drops. Darkness was blanketed over my surroundings. I could see faint silhouettes of dead bodies scattered all over the floor. I smelt stagnant water and a rotting smell coming from the dead bodies. I could feel the cold hard stone underneath my feet, and I could feel crumbling earth from the tunnel. I felt uneasy and anxious, as any person would when they face something like this. Fear gathered up in the tense atmosphere and clung to my legs, slithering up my spine and injecting its poison into my mind. Hope was nowhere to be found, and I expected bad things to come...

2nd However, I could see a tiny speck of light shimmering in the darkness. Perhaps a last ray of hope? I followed the light and as I got closer, I realised that the speck of light was flooding through the mouth of a cave. As I came out on to the entrance of the cave, I witnessed scenery that I couldn't imagine. I could see wispy clouds in an azure blue sky. They were like puffs of happiness, travelling across the sky. The sky was as blue as a millionaire's swimming pool. Birds were chirping cheerfully on the branches of tall trees. Lush green grass was carpeted on the ground and a shimmering blue river meandered its way through the land.

3rd Unfortunately, as far as I could see, there were four obstacles standing in my way: a burning well, a swamp marsh, a fallen down tree, and a long stone wall.

4th As I ventured forward into this mysterious land, I encountered my first obstacle: the fallen down tree. Its hooked branches clawed at me

27th January 2021
 The Necklace Continuation
 Madame Forester returned the necklace.
 'Oh, my love, I am so sorry, take it back, and acquire the money you lost.'
 Madame Loisel was furious. The necklace was like a snake, constricting her for 10 whole years, she had to slay the monster, the necklace had to go.
 She ventured to the diamond shop, every breath she took was more pain, more suffering, more constricting. The necklace whispered savage and ferociously into her ear.
 She stomped open the opulent doors of the diamond shop, charging in with terror. The necklace needed one last blow to end this monster of agony and affliction. Death lurked for death itself. Arms out, clenched together, moving up and down, she begged and begged until she could no more...
 She cried, 'Oh please, give the money I lost, and I will give you this sumptuous necklace. A tear glided down her cheek. Splash! It plummeted to the floor. She looked down, the registers of terror, pain and lament was revealed.
 'Sorry, Madame, a diamond has ceased to be visible, you cannot return it.' Dread slithered to her palm, up her chest, and settled around her neck. Death had been returned to her. The curse could not be broken.



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English handwriting sessions

All this time she was living like a pauper and Madame Forestier was drowning in money. Her money, Madame Forestier looked at her friend's face and held her hands warmly. "Oh my lord! You poor thing." Seeing how distraught her friend looked, Madame Forestier reached down to her and whispered softly "You can have it back. You paid for it so it's yours." Suddenly, Madame Laisel smiled proudly as the sweet smell of success wafted up her nose. Her whole personality seemed to change like a clever chameleon.

When she finally got the soft, velvet, black box from Mrs Forestier, she started to quiver. She took a peak and the necklace sparkled like a shiny coin. Her heart began to race. She closed the box and rushed straight to the jewellers. A hundred thoughts were running through her mind. She started dreaming about having so many riches again. She was as excited as a child on Christmas morning...

In the shop, she was so busy thinking about all the things she would buy with the money she didn't even hear what the jeweller was saying. She noticed his face was serious and he was shaking his head. Then she heard the words that shook her whole world, "I'm sorry madame, there is a diamond missing. I cannot buy it." She wanted to scream, "No! No! No!" but as she opened her mouth, no words came out.

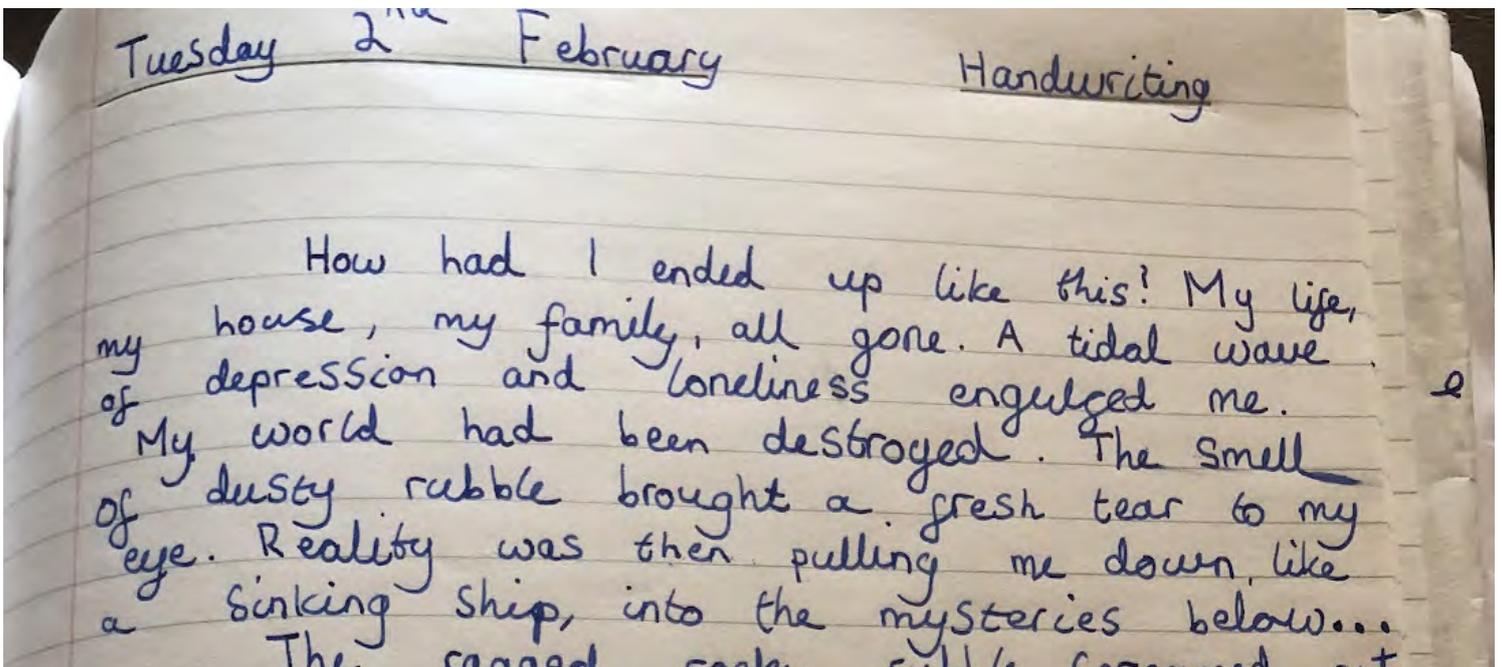
Madame Laisel sighed deeply and fell to the ground, like a deflated balloon. She couldn't believe that the

Ansh Soni 7J

The Necklace Continuation

Mathilde dropped to the floor in despair. She flung her head back, and let out a savage, desperate yell releasing the pains of the last ten years. "Ten years of my life, my elegance, and any prosperity I had, have all abandoned me because of you!" Exclaimed Madame Laisel in a mix of tears and rage. "My dear Mathilde, take the necklace and get your money back. Use it to treat yourself as you deserve." Madame Forestier replied. "You are right!" I shall spend it all on myself." Mathilde whispered, ~~with~~ wiping her tears with the cuff of her creased dress. "Doesn't your dear husband deserve some of the money?" Madame Forestier questioned. For a moment, the image of her husband's aged face and white hair flickered in her mind, but she quickly got rid of the thought and convinced herself she was the one who deserved all the francs. Mathilde shrugged and walked off, after snatching the necklace from her friend.

Madame Laisel walked out of the Champs Élysées, and headed straight for the jewellers with the necklace around her neck. Rejuvenated with hope she realised how beautiful the streets of Paris really were. The sun was low in the sky and the impressive, luxurious jewellery shop started to come into view. Mathilde Laisel was about to get her life back.



PRE-PREP



Miss Morgan's Valentine's day challenge

With Valentine's day looming, Miss Morgan challenged the boys to think about things that filled their hearts with love.

It was lovely to see so many different ideas. Family and friends featured highly, as did sports and food!

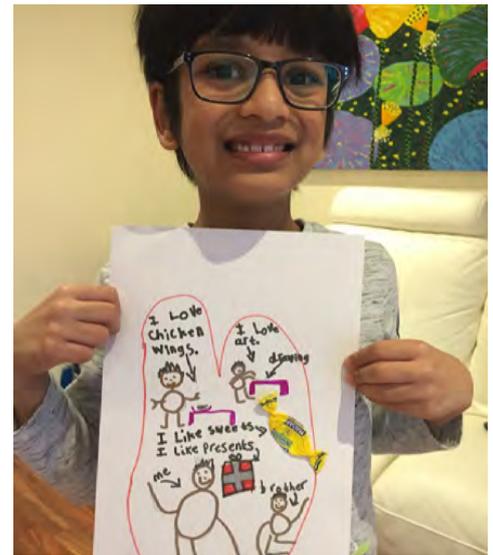
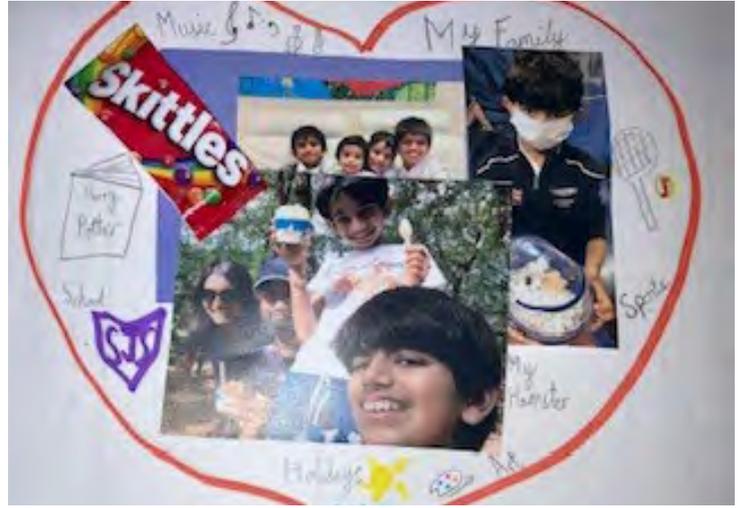
It is always good to focus on positive feelings and remember that there are lots of things to be grateful for and look forward to.



PRE-PREP



Miss Morgan's Valentine's day challenge





Party time in the Juniors

This week, the Juniors have been writing about a party that they remember. Let's hope we are all back to having parties soon.

My best party ever by Yash, 3L

My rock climbing birthday party was the best party I ever had. I turned seven years old and I was so excited. I wore casual clothes and I celebrated my birthday with my family and my outside of school friends. The place we went was in Harrow. The cake was a Man City cake, just what I wanted.

The party was special because I had never gone rock climbing before and I felt nervous when I entered the building. The atmosphere was nice and cool and all my friends were encouraging me to look where we had to climb but I still was closing my eyes.

Once I finally opened my eyes I could see how high we had to climb. I felt so nervous that I was about to run away but I told myself I shouldn't run away because I thought it would be embarrassing. So I climbed the rocks and when I came back down I felt like I was on top of the world and I was also very thrilled. This was one of the best parties I've ever had.

Then all of my friends came to my house and we enjoyed it a lot. Finally we had the cake cutting and I had the whole of the middle of the cake. I had so much cake that I didn't have time to have my favourite ice cream which is bubble gum ice cream. This was the best party ever.



My Best Party ever, by Om 3L

In the morning, I woke up fresh at 6 o'clock. I got dressed and went downstairs and had breakfast. At the wedding breakfast I had a bowl of spicy rice at my grandpa's brother's house. The rice was tangy and delicious. There, I met my cousins Dev, Sonish, Aron and Ishaan and all of my aunts and uncles.

We then moved into the traditional wedding marquee. It was colourful and bright. I was wearing an orange sherwani. The groom came in on a horse and carriage. The horses were wearing pink leather jackets. The horses were very fast. The house where the wedding was happening was called Rupa. The groom was called Amit and the bride was called Rupa as well.

Nobody knew who would be in charge of the shoe stealing ceremony, when the children steal the groom's shoes. So my aunty gave us the job! I took the first shoe and ran at top speed. Ishaan took the second shoe. It was so exciting and my heart was racing. The groom was holding a proper sharp bow and arrow. He sat on a gold throne and looked handsome and over the moon. Twenty minutes later my aunt gave a speech and walked in, she was beautiful. My sister was a flower girl and was gracefully throwing flowers. Me and my cousins played football in the hallway. It was great fun. We all went back to the breakfast house and had lunch. It smelt scrumptious and tasted divine. I went and got my bat and ball and then we bargained for money for the final part of the shoe ceremony. I got £30. The dreamy day ended with my sister stopping the horse and carriage and bargaining for money in the final ceremony.





Party time in the Juniors

My best party ever by Rahul 3L

My wonderful BBQ. This was such a special day to me when my grandfather came over to visit all the way from Birmingham. This was in the summer two years ago. It was scorching hot. I was seven years old and it was my grandfather's birthday. It was in my vast and lush green garden. There was a lovely, colourful blue tit singing happily in the trees. The trees were swaying from side to side. I could smell the delicious, tasty food. I could see the steam coming from where my dad was keeping a close look on the food.

My mum, dad, grandparents, brother and lastly my uncle came. I felt so happy I was feeling joyful, gleeful. I was on top of the world! I was so happy I was smiling from ear to ear. I had enough energy to last me a whole year. Then I played football and I scored way more goals than my brother. As quick as a flash the ball had gone in the net GOALLLLLL!!!! I screamed. I had won!

Then we decided to have our delicious, scrumptious dinner that my dad had spent ages making. It was sizzling hot. I had boiling burgers and yummy chips and the drinks were very refreshing. After food we all played a cricket match. The bouncy red ball cracked off my bat. I was eager to hit the ball. It was a wonderful day. My grandfather said 'I hope I can come soon!' Then I watched them drive away.



My best party by Aditiya 3L

The clock struck midnight. I was over the moon. It was the start of my seventh birthday. I heard clapping sounds and my family shouted in excitement "Happy birthday Aditya." I hugged everyone and we went to bed to be fresh in the morning.

I got up and dressed quickly as today was a fun adventure in the 3D virtual gaming centre with my family. The car journey seemed hours and hours long but finally the wait was over and we were inside the massive gaming centre. It was amazing and all the games seemed so spectacular.

I started with the fruit ninja game. I felt I was inside the game actually slicing the fruits. It felt beautiful and dazzling. Next, I played two different Spiderman games. I was releasing the webs and trying to stick on the steep wall but accidentally my web went on the car instead of the wall and I bumped into it and I fell on the floor. Finally my sister and I played a snowball fight. My sister was so close to defeating me in the snowball fight but near the end I won by hitting her with a massive snowball.

I was hungry and my family gave me a pleasant surprise by taking me to Zizzi for dinner. The delicious aroma of the pasta and dough balls made my mouth water. The chocolate ice cream was a delight to my eyes and my taste buds. I could not wait to return home. cut my cake and open my presents.

We reached home and my sister brought the cake which she baked for me. The cake was two layered and it had a chocolate flavour. The colourful sprinklers looked like confetti. I let out a joyous squeal as I got a sight of my wonderful presents. In the end, we played three games of kahoot, two board games and had a soothing chat on the bed. What a wonderful birthday party day - Goodnight!



Year 3 have been making Egyptian houses

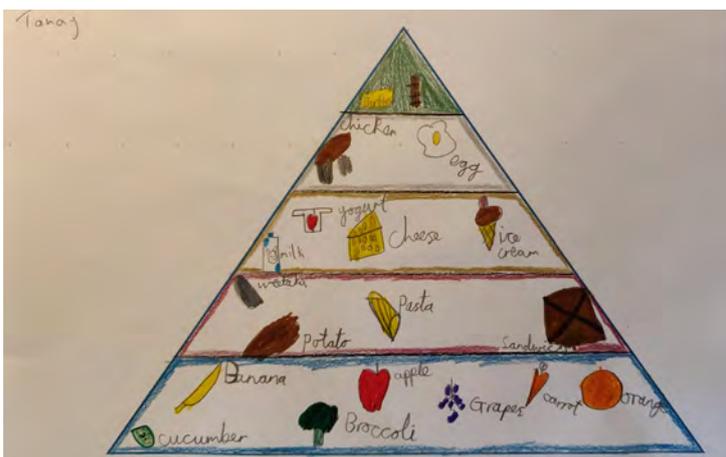
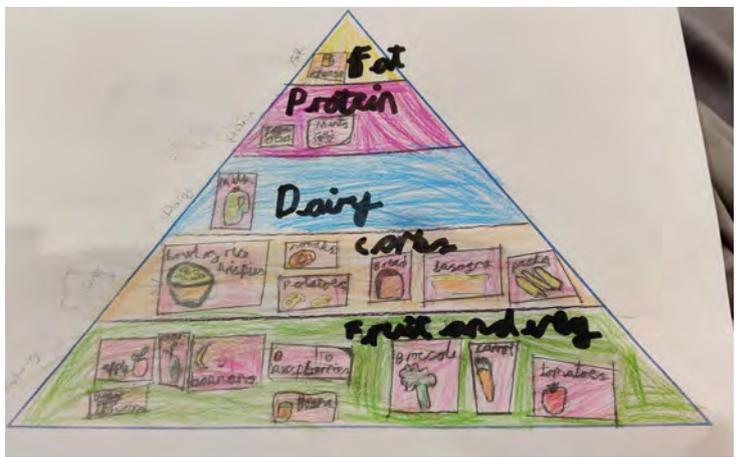
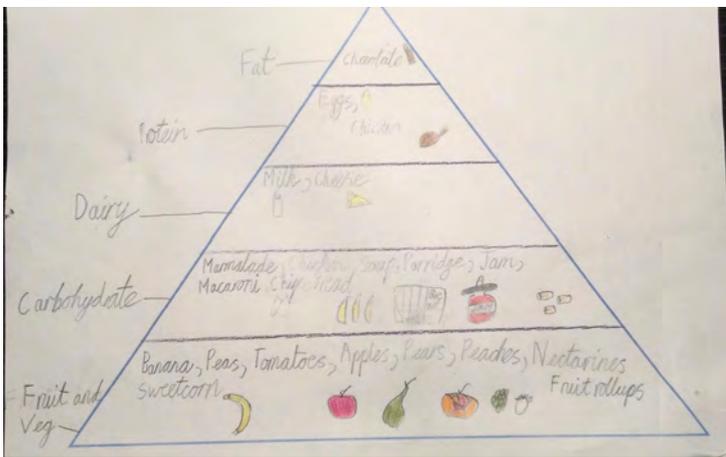
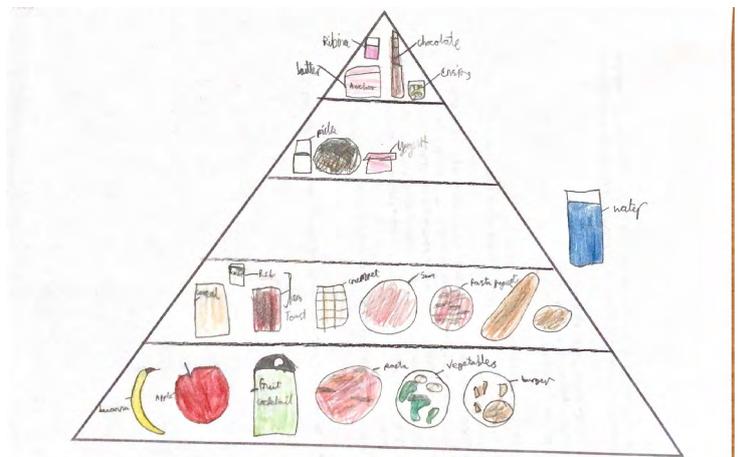
Year 3 are coming to the end of their topic on the Ancient Egyptians. This week they were asked to design an Egyptian house on paper and then make a model out of materials they had at home. We were very impressed with the models that were made. Children paid special attention to the style of houses that the Egyptians had 3000 years ago. Notice the wall around the outside, flat roof and shaded canopies!





Food pyramids in Year 4

There have been moments this half term where everyone has felt that they were climbing a mountain but Year 4 have remained enthusiastic and produced some excellent food pyramids this week. They have analysed the ingredients of processed foods and to decide the food group in which they belong. There are clearly one or two budding entrepreneurs as well as chefs around. Someone expressed incredulity that the main ingredient of some soup was water. You have to pay for soup but water is free someone declared. Mr Heinz should watch out.





Online music is expanding

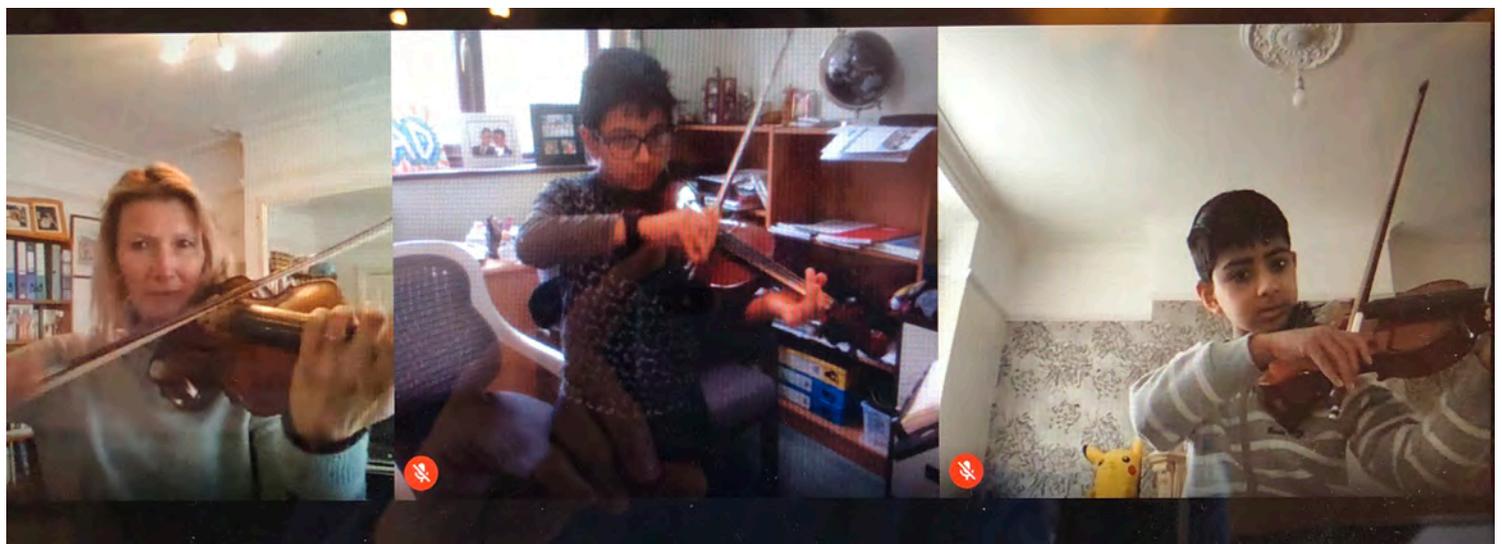
Following the success of the online choirs, we are now running online instrumental groups for the boys. It's really good to see that the boys have continued to make progress on their instruments during lockdown – well done and thanks to all their teachers.

On Wednesday, Mr Gathercole led the first Brass Band session for almost a year. It was fantastic to see the boys playing 'Blue Shift' on their instruments at home while Mrs Savage played the piano accompaniment at St John's. We are planning to teach all the boys their individual parts online so that we are ready to make music together when we are allowed to.

Wind Group enjoyed their first session on Thursday. This week we had a wind trio and the boys sight-read really well. They made a very good job of "When the Saints Go Marching in" and are going to enjoy the challenge of "Cutie Flootie". We hope more of the boys who were invited will be ready to come along after half term.

Mrs Boyle is running the first ever Viola Ensemble at St John's as we have some really keen players in Years 4 and 5. Their bowing arms were very busy today in the "Hen-Coop Rag".

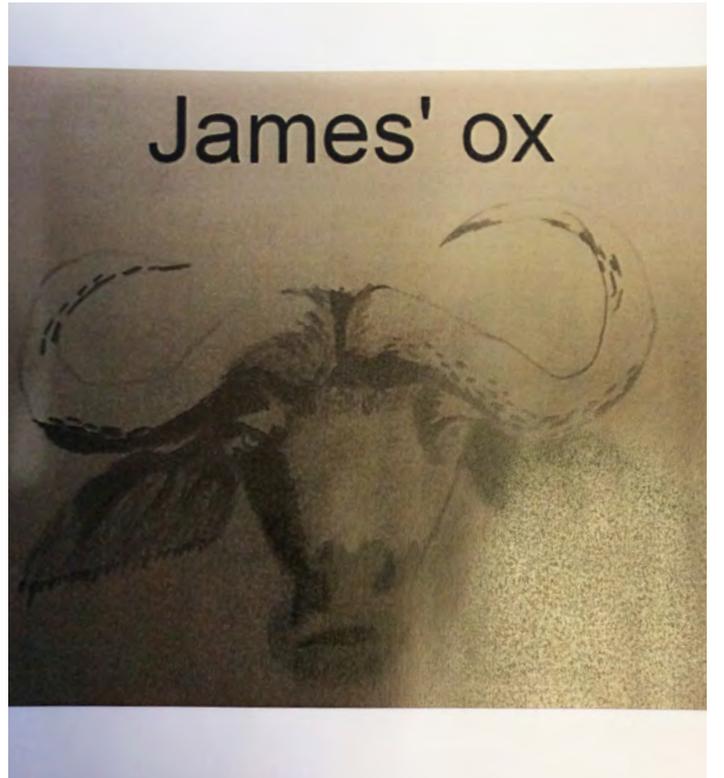
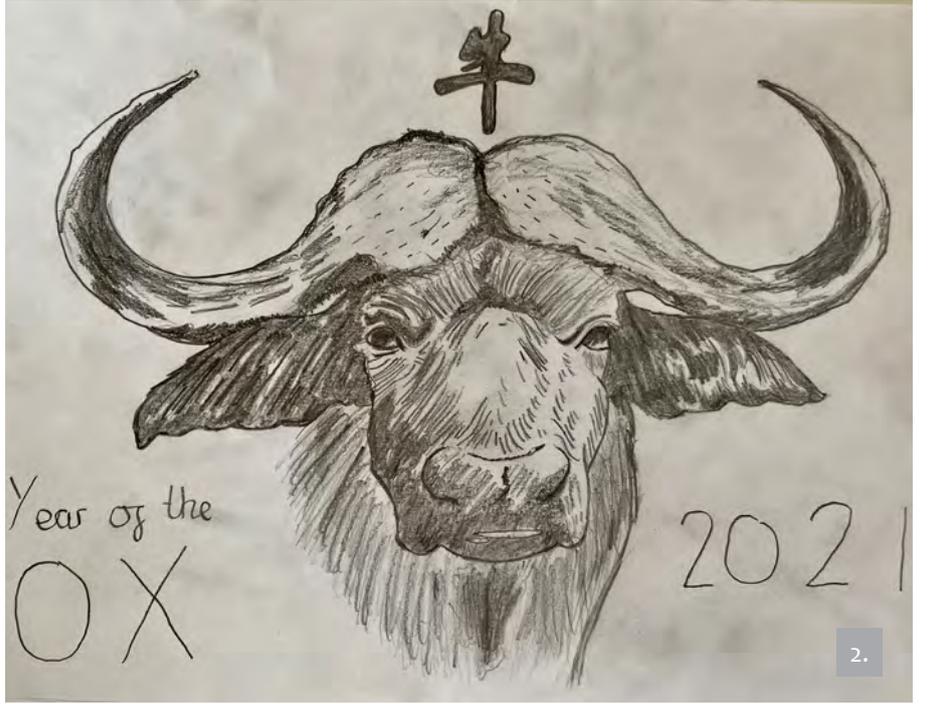
After half term we will be starting a String Group for all our string players on Tuesday lunchtimes.





Happy Year of the Ox

We are celebrating Chinese New Year today and it is the year of the ox. Here are some ox drawings and paintings from Years 5, 7 and 8. On this page 1. Albert 7H, 2. Anek 7J, 3. Ansh 7J, and 4. James 8B





Chinese New Year art continued

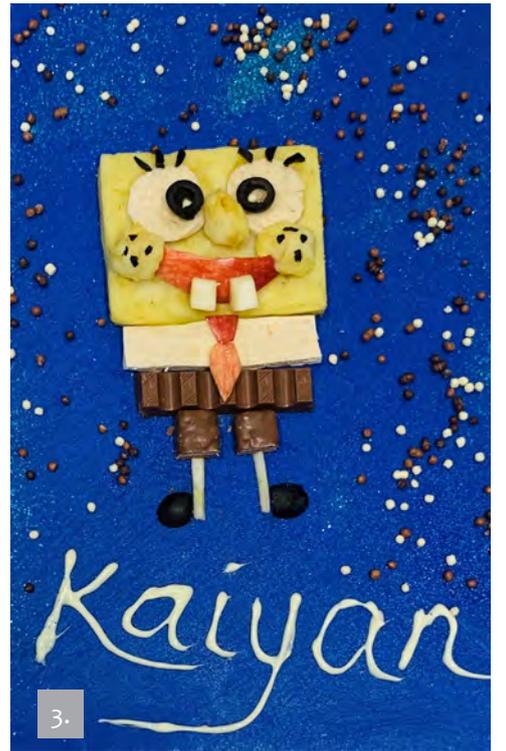
1. Matthew 5M, 2. Aaron 5C, 3. Daanish 5C, 4. Mehul 5C, 5. Otto 5C. 6. Thomas 5C.





Edible art - good enough to eat

Year 3 has had fun creating edible art pictures this week, based on the work of artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Don't they look delicious? 1. Aarav's colourful fish, 2. Alexander's mandrill, 3. Kaiyan's SpongeBob square (chocolate) pants, 4. Sebastian's fruity owl., 5. Armaan's lion, 6. Oliver's boat





Edible art continued

1. Luca's underwater picture, 2. Yousef's tropical beach, 3. Yash's smiley face, 4. Rahul's peacock





The Great Big Art Exhibition

Museums and leading artists are inviting the British public to take part in what they hope will be the biggest ever art exhibition. The Great Big Art Exhibition was launched by Sir Antony Gormley, who is asking people to make an artwork at home and put it in their window or garden. The Angel of the North sculptor said the ambition was to create a country-wide show of imagination and optimism, inspired by the rainbow images people made to celebrate the NHS and keyworkers during the first lockdown.

Every two weeks a different artist will choose a subject for the public to respond to. For half term Sonia Boyce, who is representing Britain at next year's prestigious Venice Biennale, has suggested the theme of portraiture. Directors at many of the UK's museums have suggested paintings and sculptures that might inspire people as they prepare to paint, draw, sculpt or build their own artwork. The Arts organisation FirstSite have organised the exhibition and you can find details of how to take part here, including a free activity pack. This link tells you all about the exhibition:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-55831841>

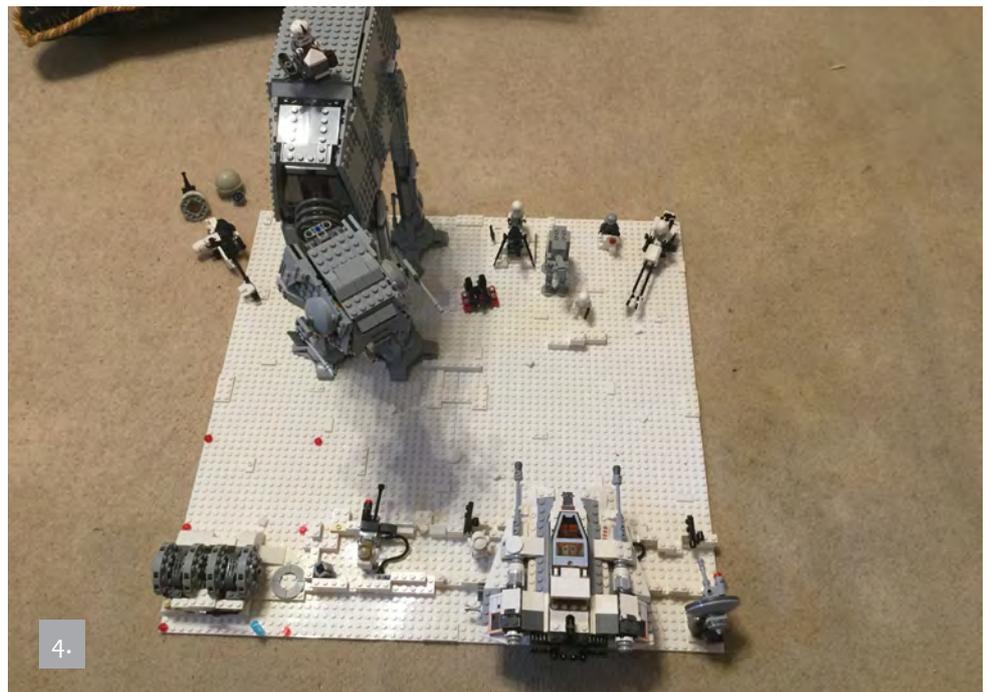
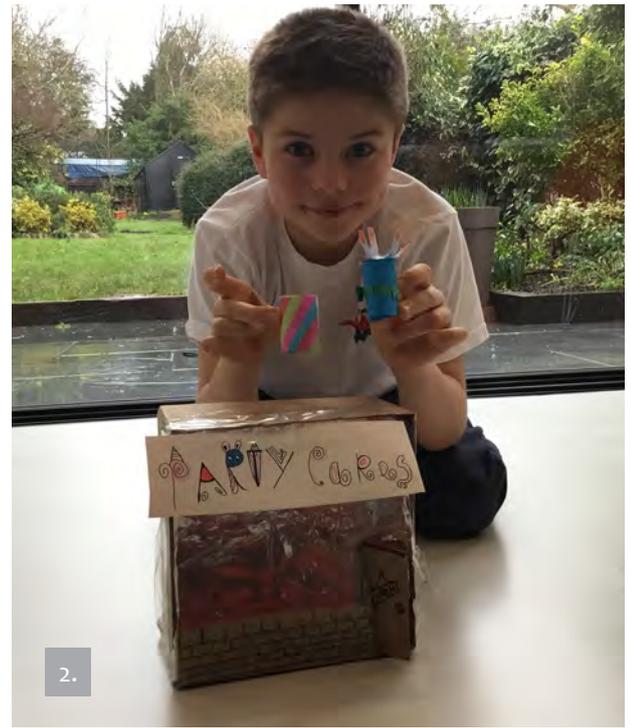
Here are some examples of our possible exhibits from talented St John's boys. Right, George 6M Winter Birch Tree and below, Kabir 6A Winter Painting





DT creations

The boys have been busy finishing their cake shops this week. Harry in 5W-S has made a nature themed shop. He says, "I have finished the lettering. Later we are going to add our decorations. Mine will be trees, bushes and a tomb. All full of cakes of course!" Aubrey 3L has designed some delicious-looking party cakes. Sebastian 3H has made this wonderful bird feeder. Just in time as the birds really need food when the weather is snowy. Matthew 5M has made a Lego version of the battle of Hoth from Star Wars.

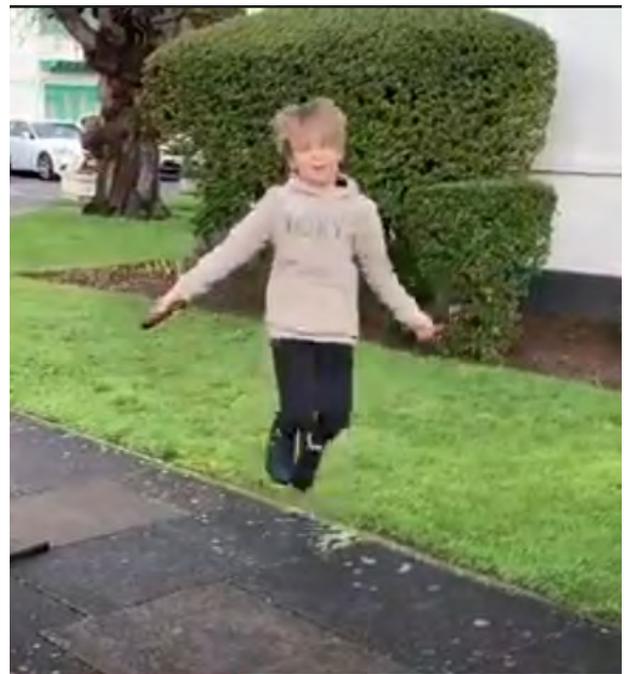




P.E. at home: time to get active

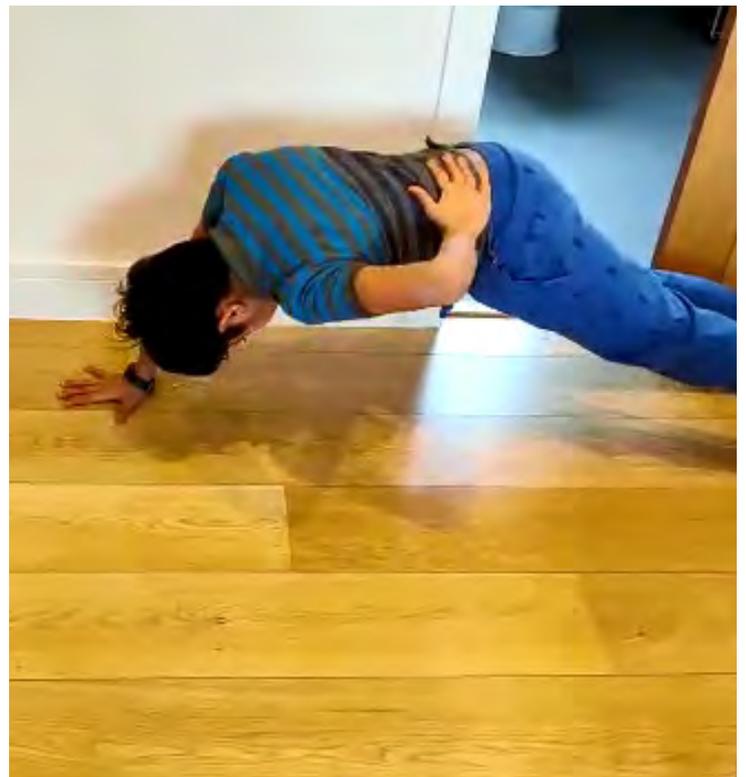
Well done to all our boys who have sent in pictures and videos of their home exercise routines. Whether it's jumping and bumping along with Joe Wicks, getting outside and running and skipping around the garden or doing something whacky and creative, they have certainly not let the grass grow under their feet.

These are just a selection of the pictures we have been sent but do keep sending in your photos and we will put as many as we can in The Lamb while we're all in lockdown. When we all come back to school there will be rugby and hockey which we know means a lot of running. Your efforts to stay fit and active will be very useful.





More home fitness and outdoor activities



OUTLOOK



VIRTUAL

*** PRIZES
TO BE WON ***

FAMILY QUIZ

Night

**SATURDAY 6th MARCH
5 - 6 PM**

£10 Entry per household

Email your sons name and year group to the following:

SJA@st-johns.org.uk

BONUS

**UPTO 20% DISCOUNT
ON THE NIGHT AT THESE RESTAURANTS
WITH EVERY TEAM ENTRY**



OUTLOOK



Road safety competitions over half term

Road Safety Competitions for KS1 and KS2 over half term
The STARS Team (School Travel and Road Safety Education) are running Road Safety Competitions for both KS1 and KS2 over the February half term. Please see below the links with details of both competitions.

KS1 Road Safety Story Book Competition (Early Years and Years 1&2) Please draw pictures to go with the pages of their new road safety book called "Captain Safety!" You can enter drawings for as many pages as you like.

KS1 Road Safety Story Book Competition

KS2 Road Safety Invention Design Competition (Years 3-6)
You have been asked to come up with a new "Road Safety Invention" which could make our roads safer. You should draw the design as well as explain how the road safety invention would work and how it would make our roads safer.

KS2 Road Safety Invention Competition

You should e-mail your entry to stars@hillingdon.gov.uk by Monday 1st March All winners will be announced and contacted in March. Have fun!



KS2 Road Safety Invention Design Competition!



The School Travel and Road Safety Team are holding a borough wide

Road Safety Invention Design competition for **Key Stage 2!**

We already have many ways to make our roads safer such as zebra crossings, traffic lights and cat's eyes. We want you to come up with a new and innovative idea for **how to help make our roads even safer!**

We would like you to **draw and explain** your road safety invention either on paper, on the computer or as a 3D model if you like! (We have included a template to use if needed).

Remember to explain how your invention works and how it makes our roads safer.

Please make sure that however you submit your invention design, that you include your **name, the school you attend and your year group** so we are able to contact the winner.

Once complete, please take a picture or scan in your design and send to stars@hillingdon.gov.uk by **1st March, 2021**.

If you cannot send your entry to us by email direct, please send your design back to your school so they can send it on to us for you. Only email entries will be accepted.



KS1 Road Safety Story Book Drawing Competition: 'Captain Safety'!



The School Travel and Road Safety Team are holding a borough wide **road safety story book drawing competition** for **Key Stage 1!**

We have written a new road safety story book called '**Captain Safety**', but we have no pictures to go with it.

We want you to read through the story and come up with some pictures for the book!

Pick your favourite page and draw a picture to go with it, or you can draw more than one, or all of them if you like!

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The winners' pictures will be printed into the new story book!

We can't wait to see all of your drawings, good luck!



Read through the story text on the following pages and draw a picture of Captain Safety in the box of your favourite page, or all of them if you like! There are instructions highlighted on each page to guide you on what to draw.

Captain Safety has not been described, so he can look however you imagine him!

Please only use colouring pencils, pens or crayons. If you do not have a printer to print the pages, you can draw on any sheet of paper, but please remember to write what page number in the story your drawing relates to.

Please keep all original drawings as we will need these for when we create the book.

Please make sure that when submitting your entry, that you include your **name, the school you attend and your year group** so we are able to contact the winners.

Once complete, please scan in your drawings or you can take pictures of them and send to us by email: stars@hillingdon.gov.uk by **1st March, 2021**.

School: _____ Name: _____ I am in year _____

OUTLOOK



E-meet, Google Meet, Zoom In, Zoom Out....

Virtual learning? Working from home?

Internet running beyond capacity....

devices everywhere!

How about the pupils, who are sharing phones at home while learning in lockdown?

If you have old devices and wish to donate them to schools to help children with their virtual learning, below is some information on this:

For local arrangements of laptops/devices, please contact Sukaina Karim-Hussein: sjaitdrive@gmail.com

***All devices are wiped and donated via <https://ladyfatemahtrust.org/give-it>**

Alternatively, below is a full list of companies and charities who are able to help:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5SqHJMTKZx5sYhlltXJvB1Q/give-a-laptop?fbclid=IwAR0yPDea0Qr9_oEj8uv6anHAJ46q0BrnL3-B1EUdYIUeKIKV-AMompStdO4

OUTLOOK



Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 22nd February: School resumes (8.25am)

Tuesday 23rd February: Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (6.00pm – 8.00pm)

Wednesday 24th February: Year 5 Parents' Meeting (A-M) (5.30pm – 8.00pm)

Thursday 25th February: Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Tuesday 2nd March: Year 5 Parents' Meeting (O-W) (5.30pm – 8.00pm)

The year of the Ox is pronounced "Niu" in Mandarin Chinese. It also means awesomeness. We wish everyone at St John's a very happy, healthy and awesome new year.

新年快乐! Raymond's family.



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 @stjnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

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: We cannot always be on hand every event with a camera and rely on photographs from parents and supporters. Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

Covid-19 testing. Rapid Flow Covid-19 tests for staff in school on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.45am

Ideas for half term: [Here is a link](#) with some interesting ideas for half term activities

Tuesday 16th February Pancake Day. Enjoy and send in pictures!

Parents' Evenings. There are several Parents' Meetings after half term. Please sign up to book your appointments if you haven't already done so.

Saturday 6th March Virtual Family Quiz: St John's Association challenges you to the Family Quiz 5.00pm – 6.00pm. More details on page 28.

Wednesday 10th March Film Night: A night of adventure films for Year 7 and 8 boys and parents, presented by Mr Vince. Keep the date, more information after half term.

Hearing from you in lock-down. Please continue to send any photos or articles to LambEditor@st-johns.org.uk

Sport and PE. Mr Kruger says please send him photos of your daily exercise and sporting activities if you can.

Lunchtime Choirs. Year 4 Tuesday at 13.30, Year 5 Wednesday at 13.30 and Year 6 Thursday at 13.30.

Brass Band. Wednesdays at 13.00pm.

Viola Group. Mrs Boyle's viola group meets on Fridays 12.40 – 13.00 on google classroom. Please try to make sure your instrument is in tune before the session. Have fun!

Wind Group. Mrs Savage is running senior wind group on Thursday lunchtimes 13.00-13.30. Those boys involved have already had an invitation and can find the music on the google classroom. We look forward to seeing you

String Group. String Group will be starting after half term on Tuesday lunchtime 13.00-13.30. Boys can find music to practice in the google classroom.

Votes for Schools: This week's question has been about cyberspace. To find out about this important topic please see page 8.

House Points: Lincoln 54.08, Lawrence 51.98, Churchill 49.72, Oates 47.24

Have a very enjoyable half term break