



From the
Headmaster

The Northwood Hills Big Switch-On was a fantastic community occasion last Saturday and a perfect way to start the festive celebrations.

Reverend Fields, the Merchant Taylors' School Chaplain, led Monday's assembly reminding us we should be proud of our talents. He recounted the history of the Buick, which we all enjoyed, and gave us an insight into some fantastic inventions.

Very well done to the Year 7 boys in their Persuasive Speaking Competition. Mr Russo and I thoroughly enjoyed judging the range of speeches and were in awe of the boys' passion as they delivered their convincing arguments. You can read more from the boys on page 5.

I also enjoyed a visit to 3W as they were discussing deforestation with Mrs Wagemaker in Geography. I would like to draw your attention to the Eco Council packaging survey results on page 30.

This has been another successful week of sport and it is rewarding to see so many boys enjoy representing the School. The Under 8s are starting out on their journey and played with real determination at Gayhurst last Saturday. We are sharing a lot of sport in *The Lamb* this week, including swimming and Taekwondo.

I am really looking forward to our showcase of the Arts next week, watching the Arts Evening concert recording, the Senior Drama Production and enjoying the on-line Art and Design and Technology exhibitions.

Have a super weekend.

S. R. Abner

Northwood Hills Big Switch-On



The festive season officially started last Saturday as our Choir and Brass Band joined many children from Hillside Infant and Junior School and Harlyn School at the Northwood Hills Big Switch-On. This occasion had been much missed during lockdown and was very well attended. The event opened with our Year 7 choristers George, Remika, Krish, Roshan and Mithil singing a solo verse of "Once in Royal David's City." Each school then performed Christmas carols and songs and the Brass Band expertly accompanied the community singing. The Mayor of Hillingdon thanked everyone for attending and led everyone in the countdown to the Big Switch-On which lit up the lovely Christmas tree, donated by St John's and all the lights along Joel Street.





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The Talented Mr Buick

On Monday, Reverend James Fields, Chaplain to Merchant Taylors' School led assembly for Years 3 to 8. His theme was "Talents". He told us the story of David Dunbar Buick who was born in Arbroath, Scotland in 1854 and died in Detroit, USA in 1929. He asked us what a bath tub and a Buick Riviera have in common. The answer was that the man responsible for both was Mr Buick. He began work as a plumber and invented the process for enamelling cast iron bathtubs and he went on to invent the valve-in-head engine

and windshield. He founded the Buick Manufacturing Company and almost one hundred years after his death, the prototype Buick Electra 2022, powered by electricity has been built and the car still bears his family's shield. David Buick followed his talents and proved that if we trust our talents and allow them to blossom and grow we can achieve amazing things - the world is our oyster. We all have different talents and they are all equally important. Mr Robinson thanked Reverend Fields for his inspirational words.





Year 7 Persuasive Speech Competition

Two weeks of studying famous speeches, two weeks of looking at paralinguistic and linguistic devices, all came down to one point in time; the performances. The pressure and nerve of the suspense in the classroom before you know who is next to talk, is quite the feeling. Although, in the end, it was great fun. The excitement for the three finalist boys was a bit emotional for me because I was one of them. Finally, the enthusiasm of waiting to enter Mr Robinson's office was extremely exciting. Once we finished, the relief hit us. Well done to Rafi, the winner, and the other boys in the final. An amazing experience and journey!

By George 7B

The whole process started before the competition when we studied famous speeches and did research on devices that we should use, both linguistic and paralinguistic. Writing the speech took us lots of research and a couple of homework sessions as well as editing in class. Soon we presented our speech to the whole class then received a score and the finalists were selected. When we went to the finals in Mr Robinson's office, we were shaking in anxiety but as soon as the last word was said, a wave of relief engulfed us. My heart was racing when it was time to find out who was the winner. I would like to congratulate the winner - well deserved - Rafi. It was a great learning process and a new skill that we learned.

By Kabir 7B





Quiz Club Science Challenge

This week was the first stage heat in the Quiz Club Science Challenge. Our two four-man teams had a thorough test with a thirty question, hour-long, multiple-choice quiz. The challenge was held virtually again this year and the boys submitted their answers electronically on i-Pads to the quiz master, who kept a constant score of all the teams.

The boys who took part were Thomas M., Ananda, Darsh and Zain from Year 6 and Ansh R, Rafay S, Raphael C and

Josh B from Year 5. As always, the boys were chosen for the teams by an in-class selection quiz, which all the boys in Years 5 and 6 took part in during their science lessons. Our two teams were up against tough competition from schools across the whole of the South of England and we weren't amongst the top scoring schools, but we might still manage to get to the next round if other schools in other heats do not match our score. Fingers crossed!





THIS WEEK

Abbas and Hamza have been volunteering

Brothers Abbas (5C) and Hamza (Eagles) have been volunteering with local charity Hand on Heart, this month, making backpacks for distribution to those who are homeless this winter.

Abbas says: "As the nights get colder & darker earlier, it is important to think about those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This month my family & I took part in the Hand on Heart winter warmer campaign. In total 1300 backpacks were made by 65 volunteer families including the Mayor of Watford and a Watford MP. Each winter warmer pack contained hoodies, t-shirts, thermals, gloves, a woolly hat, a

deodorant, a shower gel, a toothbrush & toothpaste, a hot water bottle, facemasks & hand sanitizer. Once we packed our 20 winter warmer packs we returned these to the base in Watford. These were then distributed in 17 locations nationwide to the homeless & refugees.

"I have found it very interesting & saddening to learn about homelessness in the UK. The COVID-19 pandemic has made things worse with people losing their jobs & struggling with their mental health. This leads to more people losing their homes. Please visit the website www.handonhearttrust.com to find out more or donate to this amazing project."



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VOTES FOR SCHOOLS



Votes for Schools is a way of connecting us to what is going on in the world around us, through topical debate. Use the Votes for Schools Google Classroom to access the material and discuss at home and at school. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs McSween vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk

Last week's question

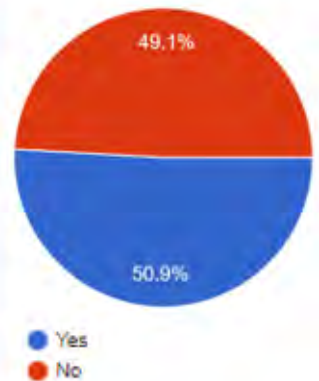
Your thoughts

Results

Was COP26 successful?



I think COP26 was a successful because all the world leaders gathered in one place and lots of countries decided to cut their carbon emissions. China and the USA decided they would cut their emissions as well. To make it more successful the countries need to keep their promises. If we keep on going on this pace, we should be able to have no carbon emissions. Kian P, Year 7



I think the presidents and prime ministers were just saying things. I think Greta Thunberg was right about saying Blah Blah Blah so all I think of COP26 is: Blah Blah Blah. Aubrey, Year 4

I think that COP26 was successful because each world leader agreed that something has to change. Some countries like America decided that they would make 500 000km of their ocean fishing-free. On the other hand, India decided that they wouldn't stop using coal which is a bad thing. Brazil, Russia and USA have promised the world that they would stop deforestation by 2030. This still means that there will still be the cutting down trees but hopefully less of it. Armaan, Year7

Next week's question

Has the pandemic made us more aware of disabilities?



Vocab

Disability:

When someone has a physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory issue (condition) which makes it difficult for them to join in the same way as other people.

Aware:

Knowing that something exists or having knowledge or experience of a particular thing.

Did you know?

1 in 7 people around the world have a disability. That's one billion people!



Getting corny in the Lambs

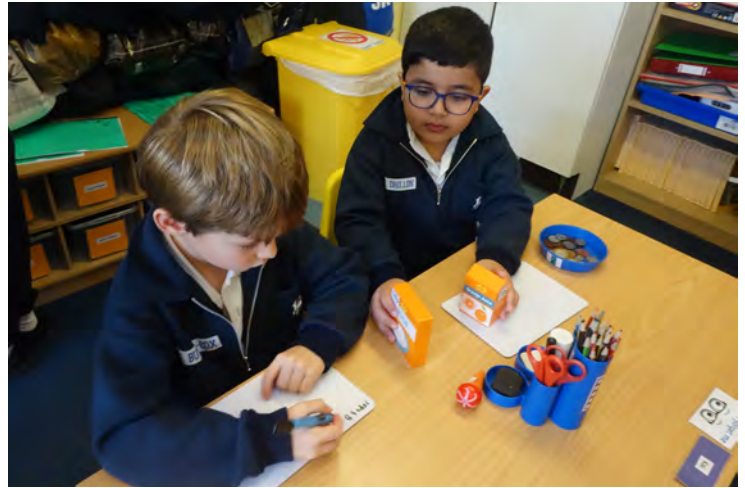
This week we looked at what corn looks like both on and off the cob. Then we watched how heat caused the kernel to pop and change into popcorn. It was very exciting hearing the pops and watching as the popcorn flew out of the duck's mouth! We enjoyed eating the result of our experiment afterwards, Yum yum!





Grocery shopping in Year 1

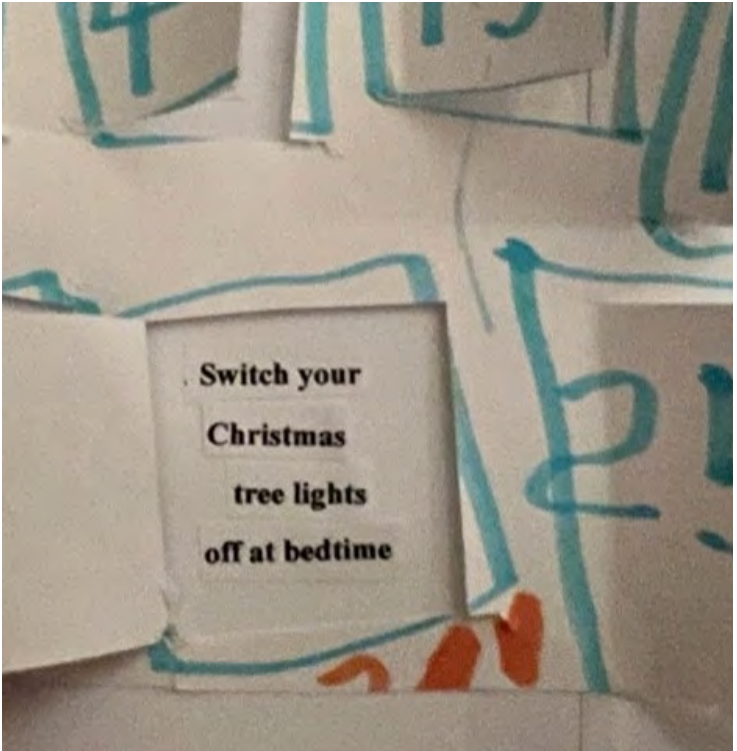
Year 1 have been shopping in their classrooms this week. The Owls and Otters shops sold a variety of supermarket items at bargain prices, for example, a tin of baked beans for 8p and a pizza for 25p. The boys took it in turns to be the shopkeeper and the customer. They had to find the total cost of 2 or 3 items and give the correct money. Some boys used a hundred square to help them add large amounts of money together. The boys all agreed that shopping for groceries was fun!





Ted and Anay's Advent Calendar

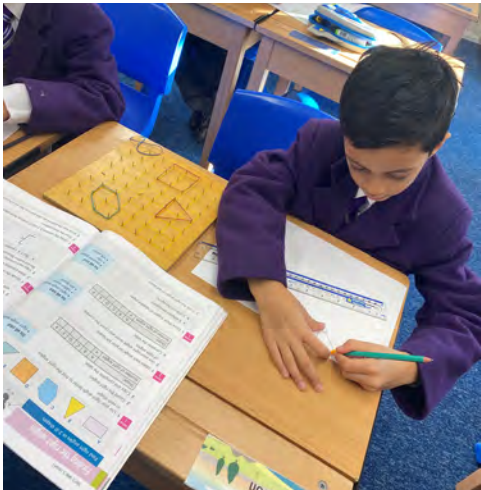
Ted and Anay in the Owls have made a very special advent calendar and they hope that their friends at school will enjoy opening the doors as they count down to Christmas. They've put ideas about how to be eco friendly behind each door. What a lovely idea, boys.





Year 3 learn about right angles

This week Year 3 have been learning all about right angles. We used right angle testers to spot the correct angle on each shape and to look for right angles around the classroom. Then we used pin boards to re-create shapes, using elastic bands, before making our own shapes and drawing them onto dotted paper. This proved more of a challenge for some! Excellent work this week boys.





3L practice their 90 degree turns

The boys in Mrs Luke's maths class got to practise following right angle directions by learning drill. They matched Robbie the Robot's instructions following 90 degree turns with moving forward so many spaces before returning to the classroom and drawing these patterns in their books.





Craft club boys get ready for Hanukkah!

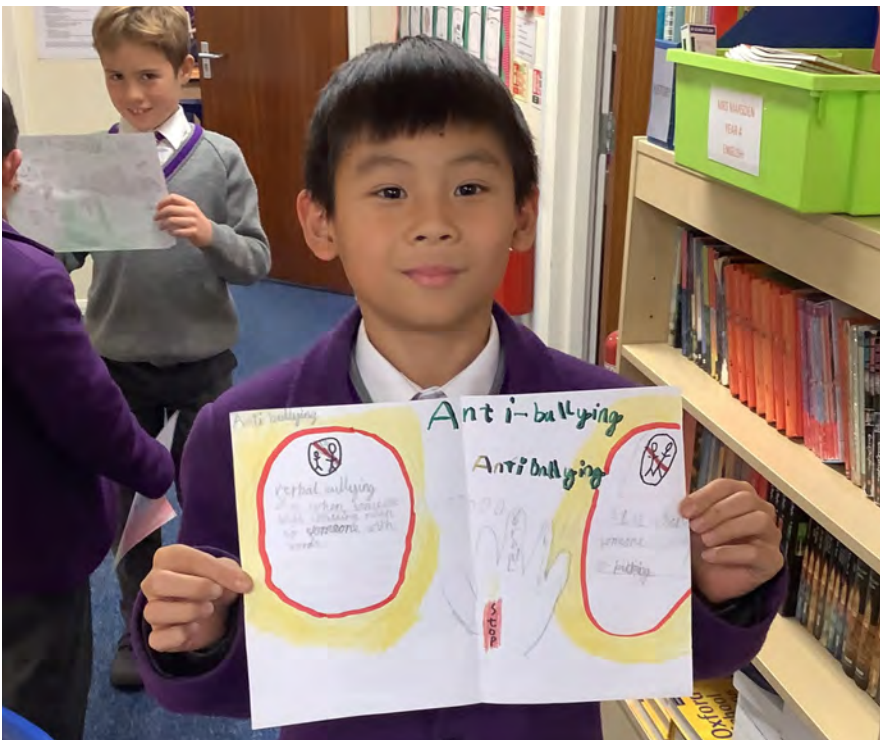
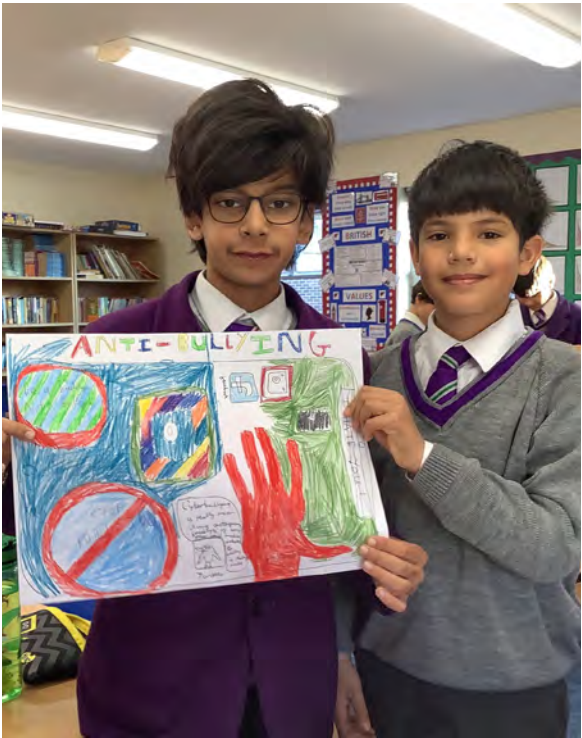
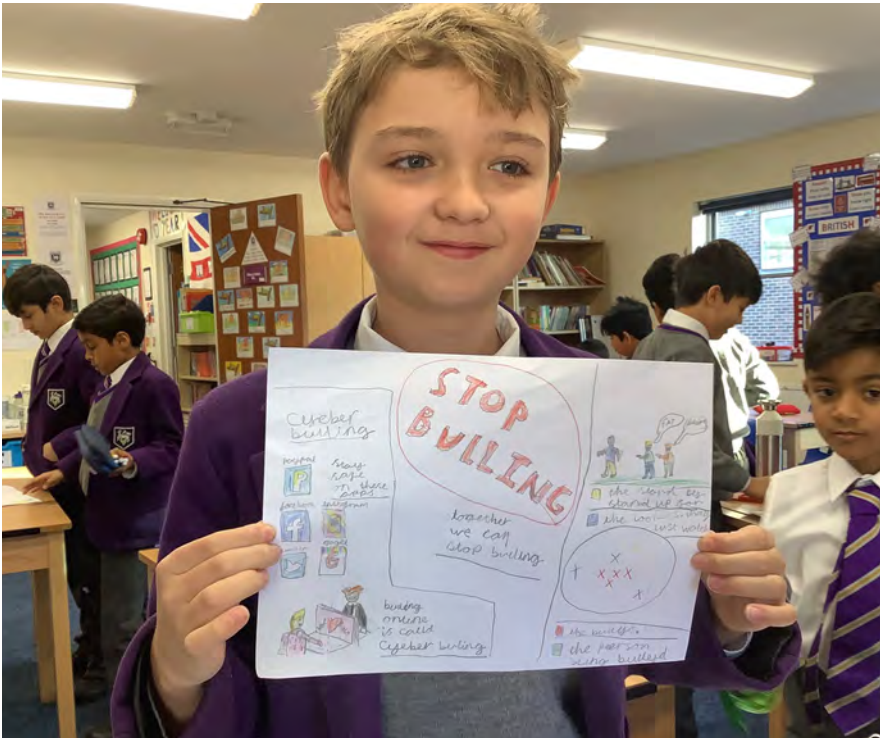
Sunday sees the start of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah so in preparation for this the boys made their own menorahs. It was tricky fitting the nine candles onto our menorahs but the boys shared their knowledge of this celebration and the significance of the candles on the menorah which celebrate the miracle of the oil.





Learning how to behave online in the Juniors

Year 4 have been learning about how to interact online in PSHCEE over the last few weeks, learning how to behave online in a positive way and what behaviours to avoid. They made some terrific posters and spoke to their class about what they had learned. The boys were sensible, well informed and thoughtful. As they grow up they will inevitably spend much of their time online, so learning how to behave in this cyber environment is a must.





Preparing for our Arts Evening

We are proud to showcase photos from the Northwood Christmas Lights Switch-On on the front cover of The Lamb this week. Many thanks to pupils and parents for your support.

Back at school we have continued preparing performances. All ensembles are making good progress towards the Arts Evening recording next week on Thursday 2nd December and we are all practising our singing for the streamed Carol Service on 13th December.

We are receiving many delightful notices informing us that

various boys have passed external ABRSM examinations in recent weeks. If your son has recently passed a music exam and we are not aware of it, please do let us know by filling in the short Google Form at the music department website:

sites.google.com/st-johns.org.uk/st-johns-music-department

This week began with two expertly played performances in assembly. Ayaan (6V) and Albert (8H) played their pieces with confidence on the guitar and piano to an appreciative audience. Here they are warming up.





Learning some new skills in D&T

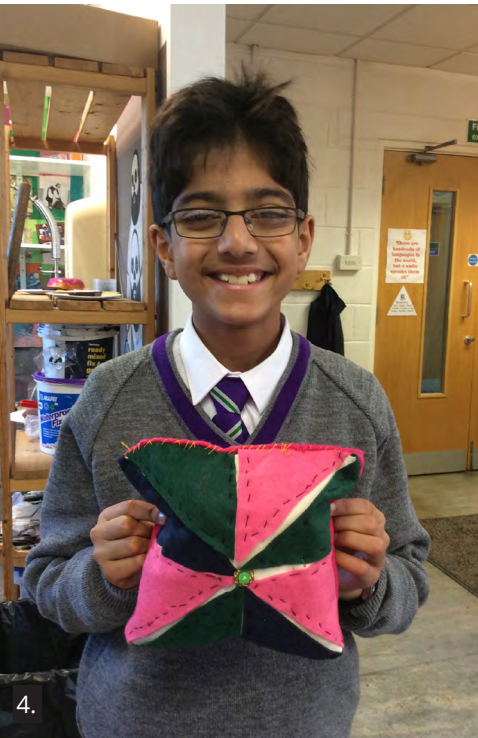
Year 3 have been practising drilling for the first time and Ananda brushes up his wonderful skills using the scroll saw. Bailey and Thomas complete their spinner project which puts the user in the place of a Hogwarts student waiting to find out which House the sorting hat assigns them to. Finally, our D&T scholars have fun testing Ishaan's drone project.





Keeping up the creativity

1. Aaran in 3L has transformed into an Egyptian Pharaoh. 2. This scratch-Art fish has been scratched by Alexander in 4L. 3. Satyen in 7B has completed his mixed-media selfie. 4. Kyal in 5C is delighted to have completed his hand-sewn patchwork cushion. 5. Some boys in Year 5 have made plush, felt Christmas decorations. Tanay and Aary from 5M are pictured with theirs. 6. Many congratulations to Maximilian in 5W-S for winning the Christmas card competition.





Merchant Taylors' School Rugby Week Barbarians

A **special invite** and evening for some of the boys to showcase their rugby development over the last two months. Matches took place on the immaculate floodlit pitches of the MTS 1st and 2nd team. On arrival, the boys were led to the changing rooms where unique Barbarian tops were waiting for them. In true Barbarians fashion, they wore this special jersey with their school or club kit. After the warm-ups, the three Barbarian sides enjoyed matches against each other and I'm proud to say that the St John's boys stood out on the evening with a number of assists and tries scored by Bailey Y6 x 2, Liam L Y5 x 1, Yash Y4 x 2, Micah Y4 x3, Armaan Y4 x2 and Teddy Y4 x5. It was equally great to see and talk to so many St John's Old Boys who were helping, coaching, refereeing and spectating on the night.

After the matches the boys enjoyed a lovely dinner in the MTS dining hall, with thank you speeches led by Mr Luke Foot, the Director of Sport at MTS Senior School. Time to watch the big boys play with the MTS 1st XV vs Reading Blue Coat School. The children were asked to make a lot of noise for the teams and a 'Guard of Honour' for them to run onto the pitch for the start of the game. Boys and parents were invited to spectate the Barbarians matches and the main match between MTS and Reading Blue Coat. Thank you for all the help and support from teachers on the night and to all the parents for attending. It was a great evening! Well done to all of the boys who were invited. Keep it up and keep enjoying your rugby.





U13s vs St Martin's

We started very well against St Martin's and our attacking play caused them huge difficulties, enabling us to score numerous tries. We opened by scoring the first try in the first two minutes. This was really the pattern of the first half where we dominated the contact area. Blake ran the show at 10 with his good passing and incisive running. The forwards, Nayan, William, Zac, Hamza and Ansh all contributed to the attacking play. In defence, we were very good at bringing up the line and putting pressure on the opposition forcing them back. We won every ruck and when St Martin's set the ball, we simply counter rucked superbly to drive them off the ball. What was

most impressive was that we moved the ball along the line and out to the wings. Daniel, Sahib B and Thomas scored excellent tries, but the space was created by the other players. We reduced our players from 12 to 9 to make the game more competitive. This made the team work harder but we still managed to create opportunities and score tries.

This was an excellent win from the side who passed, tackled, rucked, and played the ball with precision and accuracy. Well done!

Try scorers: Benjamin 1, William 2, Aaron 1, Sahib S 1, Zac 2, Blake 2, Thomas 3, Nayan 1, Daniel 1, Sahib B 2, Hamza 2





1st XIII Quadrangular against Haileybury, Caldicott B and Thorpe House

Our first match was against Caldicott B. They intercepted the ball early on and their player ran from the half-way to score an early try. The St John's team re-grouped and started to put the pressure on the Caldicott attackers. The forwards started to drive through tackles with Zac and William proving difficult to stop. Jacob made some excellent runs and scored 3 good tries with Blake cutting through the Caldicott defence on his own to score. A very good start to the afternoon. Tries: Jacob 3, Blake 1



The next match was a much tighter contest with Haileybury moving the ball well and St John's having to make good tackles to stop them from scoring. The physicality of the St John's players went up a notch and Jacob scored another good try. The handling amongst the forwards and backs was a joy to see and led to a breakthrough with William scoring the try to win the match. Tries: Jacob 1, William 1



The final match was against Thorpe House and the team totally dominated in the contact area and defence. The forwards drove the opposition back and the inter-play and passing was excellent. Thorpe House could not defend the multiple attacks and the tries started to come with Jacob and Blake scoring them. However, it was a tremendous team effort with all the players contributing to the success of the side. Tries: Jacob 4, Blake 3



U12 A vs St Martins and Haileybury

On the day, we dominated St Martin's throughout the whole game. We pressed well after every restart and we ended up scoring lots of tries. We tackled well throughout the game and in the end, the score line reflected our dominance. The try scorers were: Shane 10, Rafi 5, Kabir 2, Nishant 2, Satyen 2, Archie 2, Jimi 4, We won 24 tries to 4. Man of the match was the whole team.

Report by Kush



From the first minute against Haileybury the whole team was on the offensive and we all pushed hard. We were not afraid of tackling and seemed to run freely past the opposition's defenders, with Armaan scoring a brilliant try on the wing at the end of the first third. At this stage the score was 7-1, to us. With Shane scoring a great hat trick. In the second third we ended up conceding a couple of tries. However, Archie, Shane and Jimi were vocal on the pitch and ran straight through the opposition. The Score at the end of the second third was 11-3. At the last third though, we cruised through this part by scoring a huge 10 tries. The end result was 25-3 to us. Overall a great win from the team. Well Played Boys! Try Scorers: Shane 11, Kabir 1, Jimi 4, Archie 3, Nishant 2, Armaan 2. Final Score - 23-5 (to us) Man of the Match – Shane *Report by Ahaan*





Colts against UCS

Colts A. An impressive improvement on last week. St John's were slow off the mark and this allowed UCS to find the try line three times. The boys dug deep and scored a well worked try of their own with Leo B finishing in the corner. Momentum, confidence, and the physicality started to grow, and St John's won the second third 5-0. All to play for in the final third of 12 minutes with a score of 15 – 10 to UCS. In the end it was UCS who secured a fourth try to confirm this win. A brilliant game for the Colts A team which once again showed that they have the potential to compete against any side and to play some fun competitive and exciting rugby. Well done. Try scorers: Bailey 1, Leo B 1



Colts C An excellent game against a strong side. UCS scored a try in the first minute but we started making tackles, with Mustafa and Ayaan leading from the front. We scored some good tries with Mustafa bursting through the middle to score from long range and Vivek scored down the blindside. In the second half, we got in close and started to win quick ball which allowed our players to attack. James and Mehul were superb at ripping the ball allowing us to stop opposition from scoring. This was a real team effort and all the boys played well. A super match to finish the season. Scorers: Vivek 2, Mustafa 2, James 1



Colts B UCS were a very well-drilled team with a few good ball carriers. Defensively we let them score a couple tries very quickly as we didn't get in close enough to make the tackles. UCS had a very good defensive line which stopped us from running our structures. We found a way with great support lines to stretch their defensive line. Man of the Match performance goes to Freddie for continuously making tackles and great footwork with the ball to help his team to keep in the game. Great effort from all, Well done!
Try Scorers: Freddie, Thomas, Eliot



Colts D This was a good-spirited game of rugby against a UCS side with both physicality and speed. The result went against us, despite constant strong running from Vineel, Kayhan and Ahmed backed up by an impressive defensive performance from Keshav, fronting up to the physicality of UCS and giving Leo, Aiden and Dhruv the opportunity to rip the ball in the tackle area. Towards the end of the game, Mikey and Ahmed both broke the UCS line and used their pace to score in the corners to bring the game closer. Tries: Vineel 1, Mikey 1, Ahmed 2, Man of the match: Keshav & Vineel



U8s against UCS

U8 A It was a slow start, giving UCS 4 easy tries but we quickly turned this around scoring 2 of our own and holding UCS until the half, not only stopping them from scoring, but driving them back in defence through our amazing pressure. In attack we improved our passing immensely in the second half but couldn't quite get the momentum to break through their defensive line. Well played this season, it has been a pleasure to coach you. Scorers: Ronnie 2, Aikam 2. MoM: Ronnie



U8 C UCS were a very good attacking team showing great speed and agility which broke through our defensive line several times. Our attacking structure has got much better since last week which showed today as we had more depth in our attacking line and we started to run onto the ball with a bit more speed. Great effort from all, well done!



U8 E The Mighty U8 Elephants were up against a very athletic side and their ball handling was impressive too. They listened to feedback on the day and ran forward with the ball. We can find ourselves offside in defence and this is something we will improve on. Fast running from Dhruv, Zoravar and Roman kept us competing, especially in defence. Hugh, Max, Aayan and Jonathan are starting to follow the ball runner more in attack which will provide more passing options going forward. Two great tries from Dhruv in the corners. Very well done indeed. Scorer Dhruv 2



U8 B A good game where our defending stood out. We chased hard and stopped UCS running around us. In defence, Reindra, Niam and Aarav pushed up well putting pressure on. In attack, too often we ran across the pitch losing support. The first time we passed the ball to others in space we scored in the corner. Rishi P ran well, went forward and looked to offload to others. Collectively, the passing was better, but we need to run onto the ball and pass earlier to others in support. But improvement can be seen. Scorer Arav



U8 D A much-improved performance from the U8D boys. They really improved on last weeks performances and the coaching points mentioned. They passed the ball better and spread the play well in the game. They ran forward and had good support runners backing up the ball carrier. It was a fantastic 5-3 victory against a strong UCS side. Well done! Scorers: Arjun 2, Aaran 2, Harry 1





Under 8 A Tag Tournament at Gayhurst

The boys were raring to go on this autumn morning. The first game was a rematch against Davenies, who had got the better of us just two days before. The attitude going into the game was superb, with the entire squad showing urgency and desire to win, resulting in holding Davenies for the majority of the game before a late surge of tries. We were happy with our performance against who went on to win the tournament.

Our second match was against Chesham with Aarav making his A team debut scoring 2 tries early on and Noah getting his first of the season in the corner. The Chesham speedsters were a bit too much for us, and capitalised when our defensive pressure started to dip towards the end of the game.

Our next match was against Habs who we had faced earlier in the term. We made some adjustments to our defensive line from the Chesham game and got stuck in, taking control of the game and forcing Habs to work for every try. Twice we turned

them over through the 6-tag-turnover and scored with some direct running from Aikam, Ehsaan and Deven who each got 2. Ronnie and David looked threatening in the wide channels to keep pressuring the Habs defence and we ended the game with our first victory of the day and a well worked win over Habs.

Having been placed third in a tough group containing the overall tournament winners (on tries scored) and Chesham who finished undefeated after 4 games, we were set to play UCS in our final game. Despite our best efforts, UCS took an early lead, but we didn't let it get to us, and after each try we ran the ball back to the centre through some quick thinking and the referee let us take the free pass quickly. Dillan, who shone in this game, scored an amazing half pitch solo-try brushing off all UCS attempts to tag him which was his first of two during the morning. Despite our best efforts to come back, we came up 2nd best at the final whistle.





Some special achievements from St John's boys

Gold and Silver Taekwondo medals for Maximilian in 5 W-S

On Saturday 20th November I attended the UK ITF South East Regional Taekwondo Championships called STOMP. I competed in patterns (a set combination of Taekwondo techniques) and sparring (combat against an opponent). In patterns I had to win 4 rounds to get into the final. The final was very difficult as I was competing against a boy who was a higher grade than me, but I tried to focus on my own technique. It was close but I was voted the winner by 2 out of the 3 judges and I was awarded the gold medal – Under 11 green belt regional champion. The sparring was very hard and in the first round I got punched in the eye and it really hurt! I managed to make it to the final and fought a very hard fight but lost to receive a silver medal. Although it was very tiring, I enjoyed being able to compete again. *Maximilian*



Swimming success for Yousef in 4L

Last weekend I competed in the Scouts Harrow District Swimming Gala. I train every Sunday with my team at David Lloyd in Sudbury Hill. I had been signed up for two races which were front crawl and a fun race, the races were one width long. I came in fourth in the front crawl, but my mum told me I was only a millimetre behind the boy in 3rd! Luckily, I still had one race left. In the fun race you had to push a ball with any part of your body whilst swimming, I pushed it with my head, and it must have worked as I came in 2nd place! *Yousef*

Swimming success for Mihir in 7B

I have been swimming since I was six and loved it from the start. Swimming can be relaxing or thrilling, as your pulse races with excitement when competing with other swimmers. It is also an excellent form of exercise for your whole body, building strength, endurance and flexibility and can keep you fit for life. I learned to swim at St John's and at David Lloyd Northwood, where my coach suggested that I join Hillingdon Swimming Club. I train 5 times a week and represent the club at galas across London. Last weekend we competed in an open meet at Enfield, where I took part in 6 events and won a gold and a silver medal. It felt like a real reward for all my hard work in training. I hope this inspires you to "dip your toe in the water". Have a swim – you will love it! *Mihir*





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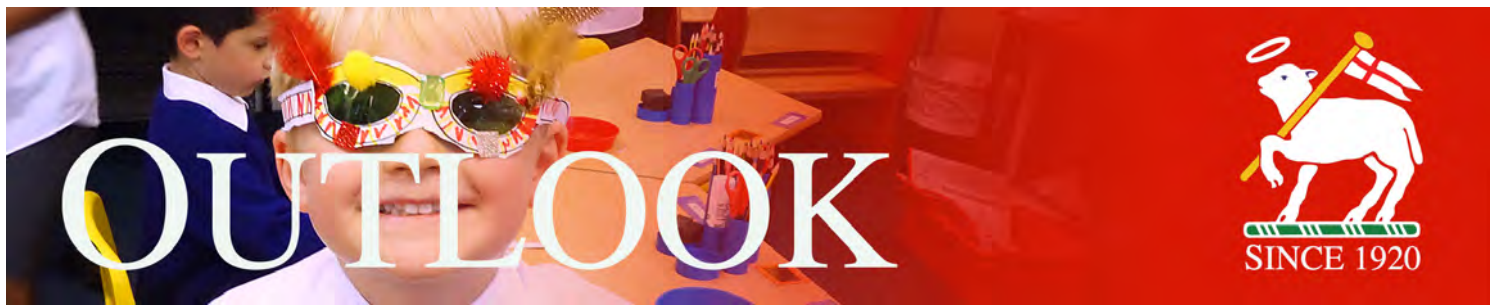
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Calendar & important dates Contact details

Sunday 28th November: Senior Drama Rehearsal (10.00am – 1.00pm)

Monday 29th November: Arts Evening
Drama Dress Rehearsal (10.00am)

Tuesday 30th November: Rugby v Caldicott: U9 A, B, C, D (a) (1.30pm)

Wednesday 1st December: Rugby v Oratory Senior School: U13 A, U12 A (a) (2.15pm)

Thursday 2nd December: Year 3 House Rugby (2.00pm)

Filming of Arts Evening (during the day)
Senior Drama Production (7.00pm) for parents of those in the cast only

Friday 3rd December: Hockey v MTP: U11 A, B (h) U10 A, B (a) (2.30pm)

Saturday 4th December: Merchant Taylors' Qualifying Examinations for Year 6 at MTS



Aryan, 8H, was awarded his Black Belt in Taekwondo by the TAGB and Taekwondo International.

Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.

You can also follow us on twitter [@stjohnsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjohnsnorthwood) and our sports department [@StJohnsNwSport](https://twitter.com/StJohnsNwSport)

Mailings: If you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy 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

St John's Association AGM: This will take place on Tuesday 14th December at 9.00am and is open to all parents should you wish to attend. Please use this link to join meet.google.com/uwg-shwx-qvw

St John's Association Christmas Raffle: The SJA needs your help. Please donate gifts, vouchers or hampers for the Raffle. You can drop your donations into the School office. Contact Gaby - gaby222@me.com or 07970 954521. Thank you.

Arts Evening: Please make sure that your son has his instrument and music with him in school this Thursday, 2nd December for the concert recording.

Carol Service: The Carol Service will be streamed from Emmanuel Church at 2.30pm on Monday 13th December. There will be no congregation and no service in the evening.

Senior Drama: Whilst this will be filmed during the day on 2nd December, it will also be performed again at 7.00pm for parents of those in the cast only. Boys should be at school by 6.40pm at the latest and remember to bring their PE Shorts!

Christmas Jumper Day: Tuesday 14th December is Christmas Jumper Day. All boys are encouraged to take part and raise money for Children in Need. You don't need to buy

a special jumper – you could just decorate one in a festive style. We look forward to seeing you all looking Christmassy!

Eco Council: The Council carried out a survey of packaging used for our snacks, following our assembly on plastic waste and recycling. The results show the best year group overall was year 3 where 54% of boys had no wrappers. Year 4 were best for reusable tubs. We will be carrying out a survey again in the next week to see if every year group can do even better.

	No wrapper	Disposable wrappers	Foil	Reusable Tub
Year 3	54%	16%	11%	16%
Year 4	40%	20%	0%	40%
Year 5	24%	34%	7%	34%
Year 6	8%	50%	8%	33%
Year 7	8%	33%	25%	33%
Year 8	5%	55%	20%	20%

Raising Boys in a Digital Age: A Parents' Guide – webinar 29th November 2021: There are still places available. Find our more and register [here](#)

House Points: 1st Lincoln 49.81, 2nd Churchill, 49.07, 3rd Oates 47.61, 4th Lawrence, 46.81

Happy Hanukkah if you are celebrating this week.