

An inspiring author visit for our Juniors



We were delighted to welcome renowned author Christopher Lloyd to St John's this week. He led dynamic workshops for the Junior boys, captivating both students and staff with his vast knowledge and enthusiasm for storytelling. Continuing the literary theme, Years 5 to 8 enjoyed a virtual Q & A with the inspirational writer Tom Palmer, who writes on key themes of war, local history and football. The themes of war and history were also the focus of the fascinating Year 5 trip to RAF Hendon. Meanwhile, the countdown to Christmas has begun for the Pre-Prep boys, who excitedly walked down to the local post box to post their letters to Father Christmas. This is an anxious time for our older boys as they sit senior school entrance exams. We wish them all the best. They can look forward to exciting times with their friends during our Christmas festivities at the end of term.

From the
Headmaster



Stepping back in time at RAF Hendon

Year 5 enjoyed a terrific day out at the RAF museum at Hendon. As well as looking around the extraordinary collection of exhibits, the boys enjoyed workshops; trying on the style of uniforms worn by serving airmen and ground crew from the wartime years, and stepping back in time into a 1940s home and air raid shelter where they were able to learn about and handle items from the period. The boys listened well and a fantastic time was had by all.



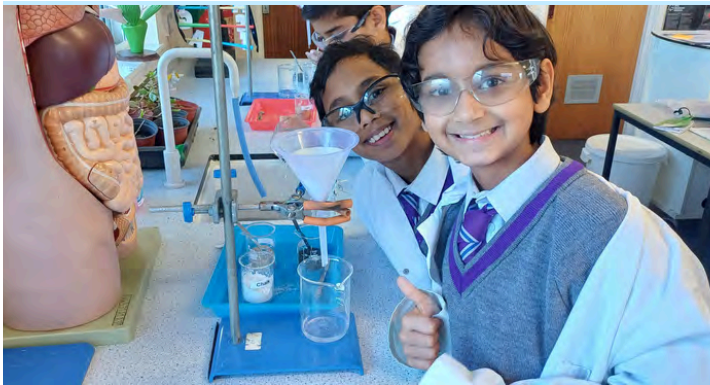
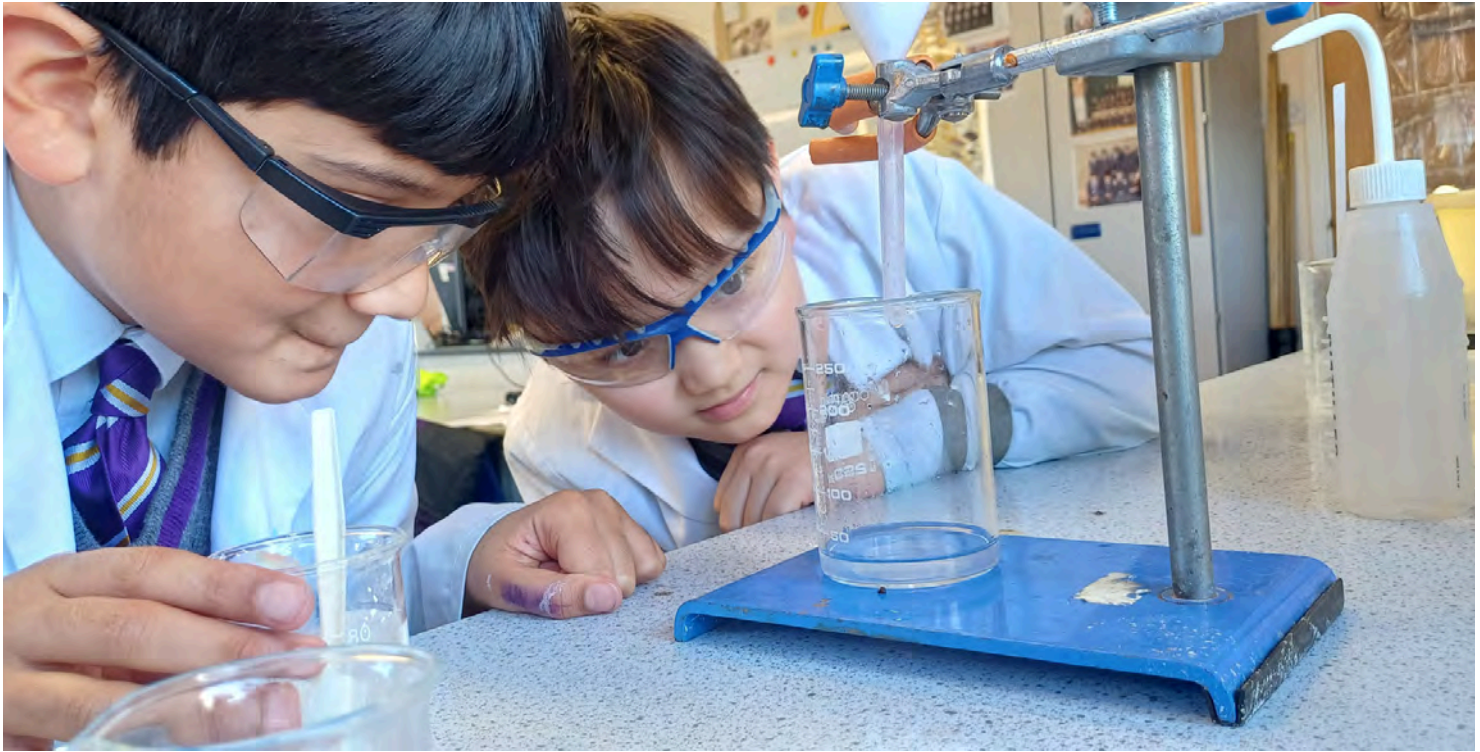
THIS WEEK





Year 5 enjoyed their chemistry lesson

Year Five boys have been getting to grips with some chemistry in their Science lessons. They separated different mixtures of materials by filtration and then observed what happened. They were fascinated by these practical experiments.





Eco Council met on Wednesday. Topics raised included potentially extending Walk to School week, and going paperless in lessons. Many of the candidates would like the weekly Eco Club to be open to more year groups. Our message this week is BE GREEN and switch off the lights!

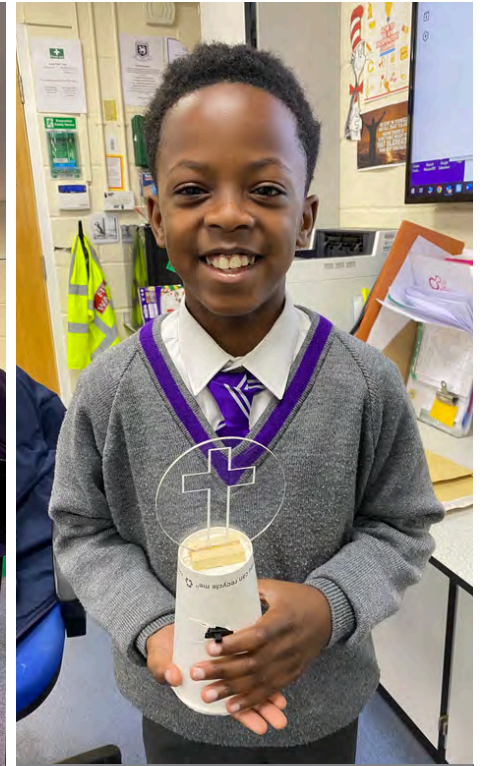


A lunchtime online meetup with engineer Martin Frobisher from Network Rail who talked to us and other schools about how the railway network is becoming more sustainable. We were pleased that some of our questions were answered in this national forum. Look out for our next meeting, boys, and join in!

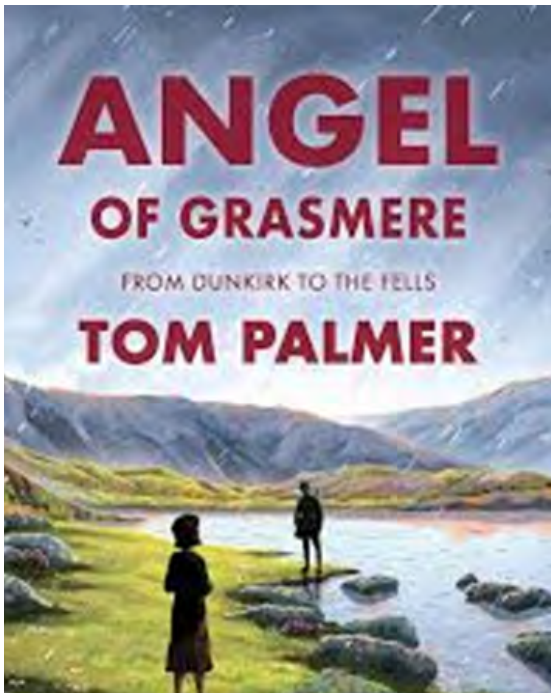
AROUND SCHOOL



An early morning Carol Service practice for our senior wind players



Micah showed us his fantastic LED night light



Boys in Years 5 to 8 interviewed the prolific and inspirational author Tom Palmer about his writing process and his key themes of local history, war and football.



The boys checked on the bees before winter sets in



Learning about owls in Nursery

As part of their night sky topic, Lambs and Cygnets have been looking at owls. They have enjoyed learning about their features, where they live and the fact that they are awake at night. Boys enjoyed creating some of their own beautiful feathery owls as well as making them out of sticks and bits of wood in the forest. What a hoot!



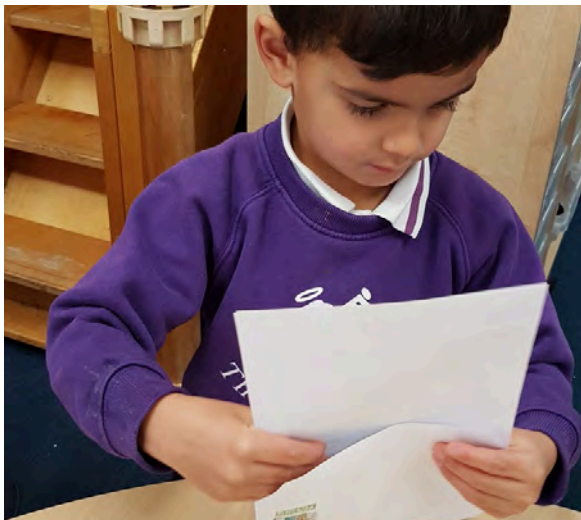


Posting letters to Father Christmas

He's making a list, he's checking it twice...! The Pre-Prep have posted their wish lists off to Father Christmas. Now we are all on our best behaviour in the hope that he will bring us what we wish for.



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Celebrating Non-Fiction November

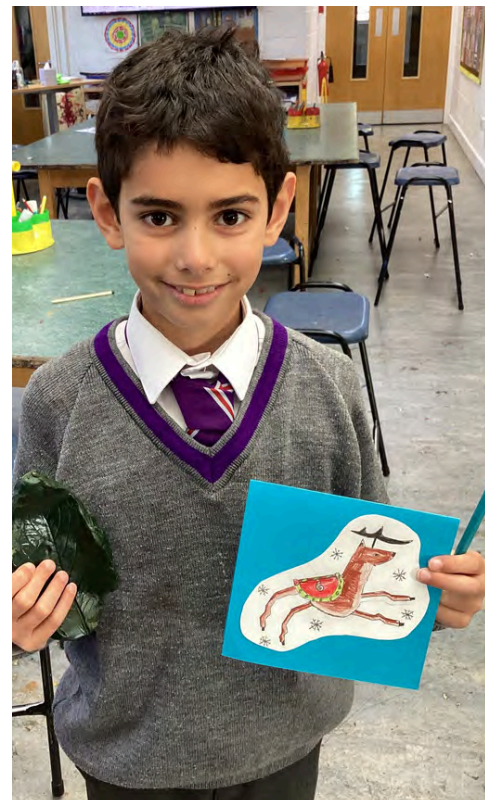
To celebrate national Non-Fiction November, we were thrilled to welcome renowned author Christopher Lloyd to our school. Known for his engaging and accessible works of non-fiction, Christopher conducted dynamic workshops, captivating both students and staff with his vast knowledge and enthusiasm for storytelling. The day concluded with a book signing, where students had the chance to interact with Christopher personally, ask questions and have their books autographed.





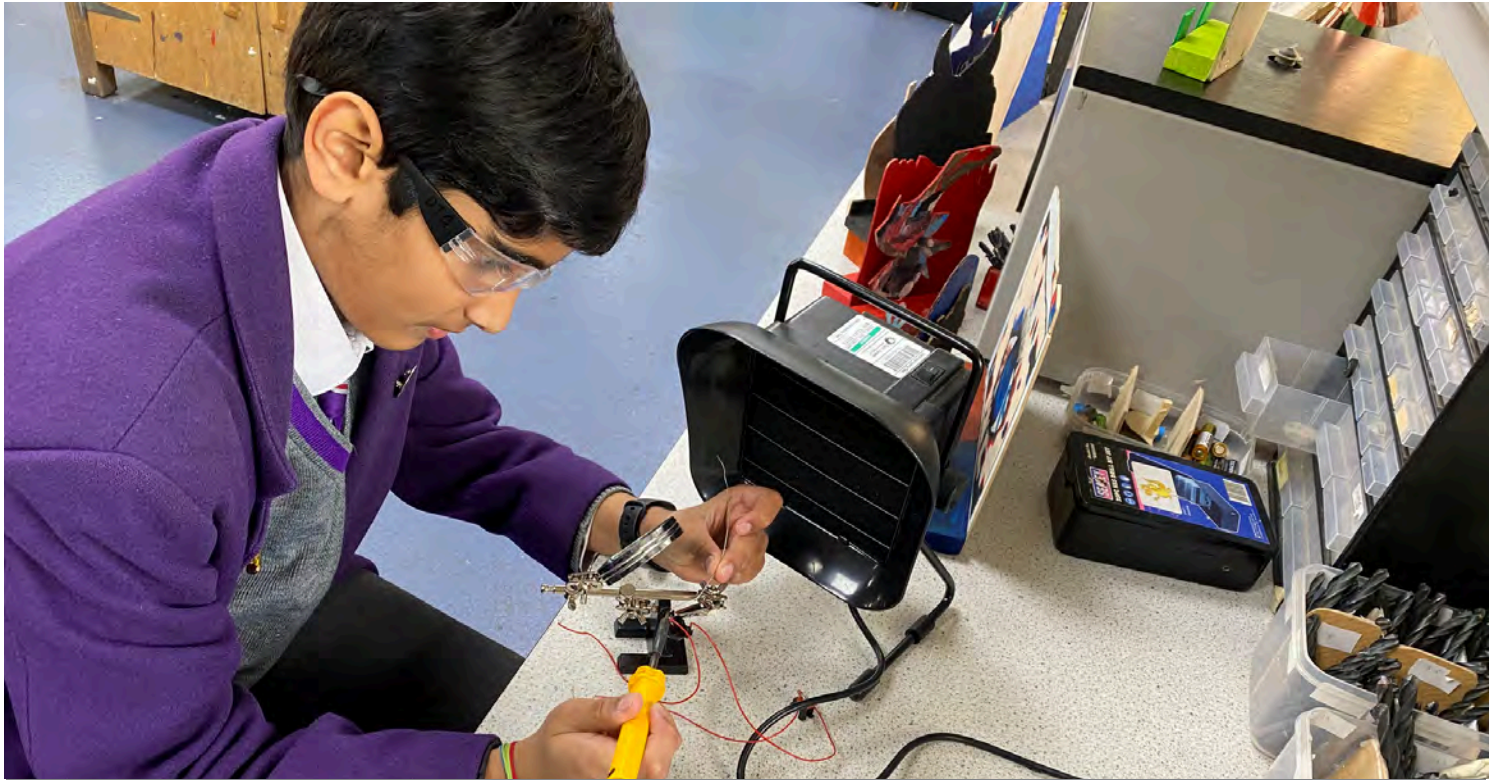
Wintery scenes in the Art room

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Art room. Year 3 have completed their leaf sculptures and Year 5 have been making 3D snowflakes.





Working hard in DT&E



Intense concentration whilst soldering



Year 5 boys working together to design an easy way to get ready for school



Excitement builds for the rugby season

Excitement is mounting for our first rugby matches of the season next week. We have been making the most of every spare moment to fit in extra training. The boys have shown fantastic dedication and commitment whilst working on their skills. The rugby coaches are equally committed, giving up weekend time and breaks to support the boys.

