



From the
Headmaster

Over half term, senior pupils enjoyed a Classics Trip to southern Italy. Highlights of their adventure were visits to Pompei and Herculaneum, a walk up Vesuvius and a visit to the island of Capri by boat.

On Monday we welcomed Year 5 children from ten local schools to join us in an engineering challenge. They worked together with resilience and persistence while having plenty of fun. The next day, some of our outstanding musicians represented the School at a concert in Merchant Taylors' Hall. For most of our young singers it was their first visit to this magnificent venue.

I hope you will enjoy the photographic record of these events in The Lamb and our special pages featuring Nursery life.

Best wishes to all who are beginning their Ramadan fast this weekend.

Boys on the Classics Trip enjoyed crossing the Bay of Naples to Capri





Italian adventures

At half-term, the boys on the Classics Trip travelled to Naples and visited the archaeological sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum. They walked up Vesuvius to look into the crater of this live volcano. The trip to the island of Capri by boat was a highlight. The boys marvelled at the many grottos and crystal-clear waters. There was also time for ten pin bowling and pizza making before visiting the catacombs and returning home. A great time was had by all!





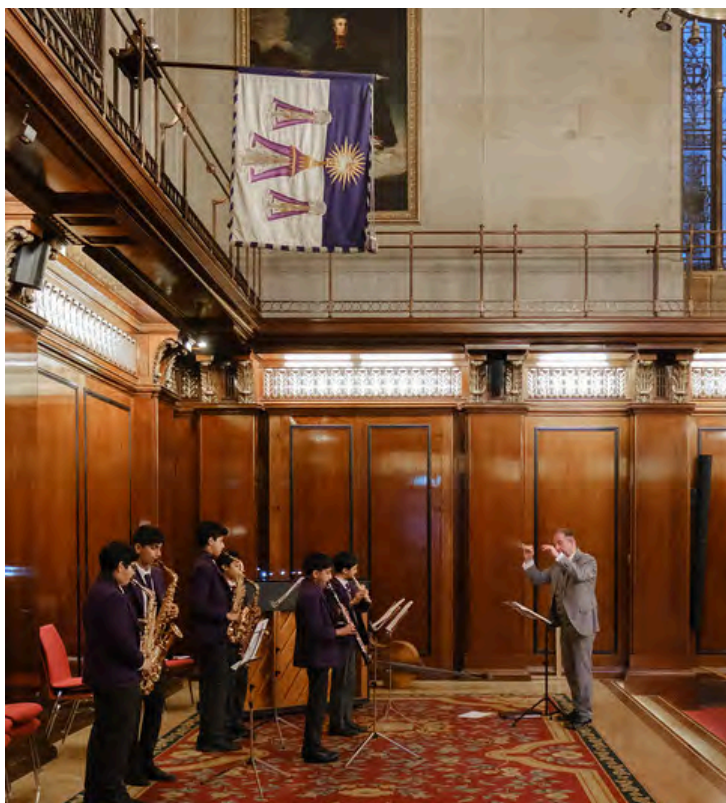
A wonderful concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall

Some of our outstanding musicians had the chance to represent St John's at a chamber concert in Merchant Taylors' Hall earlier this week. It was a first visit to this magnificent venue for most of our youngest singers in the newly formed Chamber Choir who sang a two-part song called "We are One." The Star Wind Ensemble played the theme from the film Chariots of Fire. They all performed brilliantly in front of a very appreciative audience and should be extremely proud of themselves.



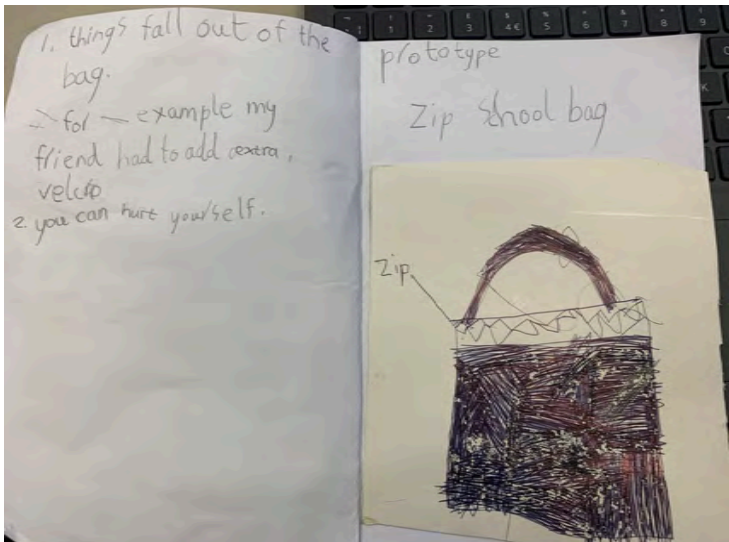


Chamber Choir and Star Wind Band





Our new School Council met this week (albeit with a number of absentees). As ever there were very sensible suggestions made by pupils on behalf of their classes. Year 1 was particularly impressive with an idea for a zipped school bag so that items don't fall out and the velcro doesn't graze their legs. They had even produced a prototype!



Year 1 zipped school bag suggestion



Year 5 have been exploring fractions. They used this knowledge to complete Tarsia puzzles

AROUND SCHOOL



Pre-Prep celebrated St David's Day with Miss Morgan



Ifan met the Speaker during St David's Day celebrations



A fabulous sawfish nose bone for Show and Tell 'n' in the Cygnets



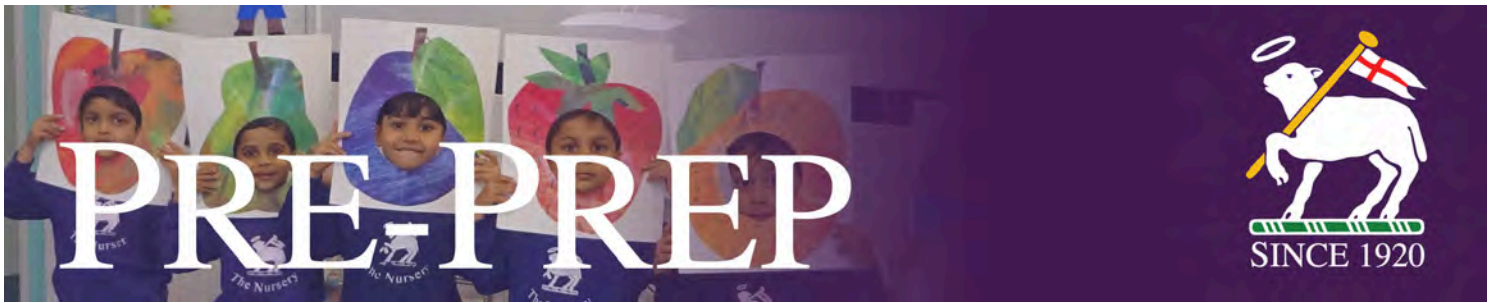
Animation club



The Year 6 Lawrence boys delivered an assembly on Thomas Edward Lawrence. They encouraged us all to speak words of encouragement and act with compassion, remembering that each person is unique and valuable.



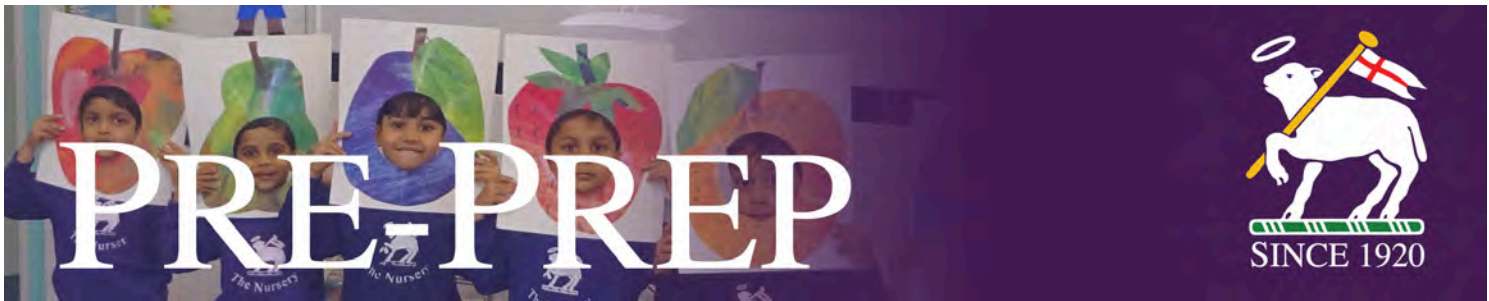
There will be a St John's Association Second Hand Uniform Sale on Friday 14th March in the Library. Please bring your stock in by 7th March. Thank you



World adventures in Nursery

Nursery have soared into the second half of the term with their new topic, World Adventures. We have loved making our own passports, hanging them in our airport role-play area, as well as making our own royal crowns. We have looked at England and London, speaking about their characteristics and identifying famous landmarks. We can't wait for next week when we take flight to our first world destination.... all doors to departure!





We play outside, rain or shine





Maths is fun!





Year 3 archaeologists

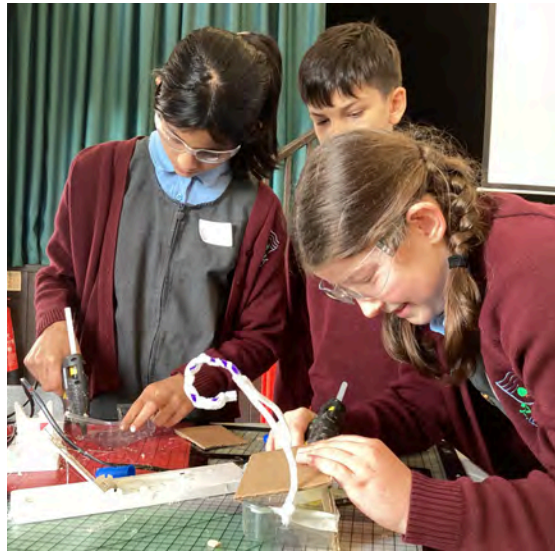
Year 3 have been studying a new book called 'Egyptology'. This week they pretended to be archaeologists and imagined what it would have been like to be the first people to discover the Tomb of Osiris!





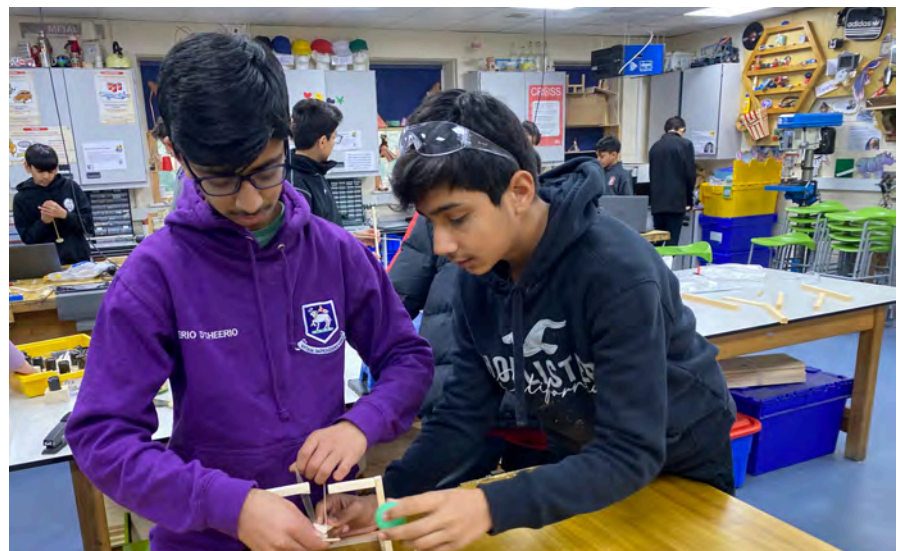
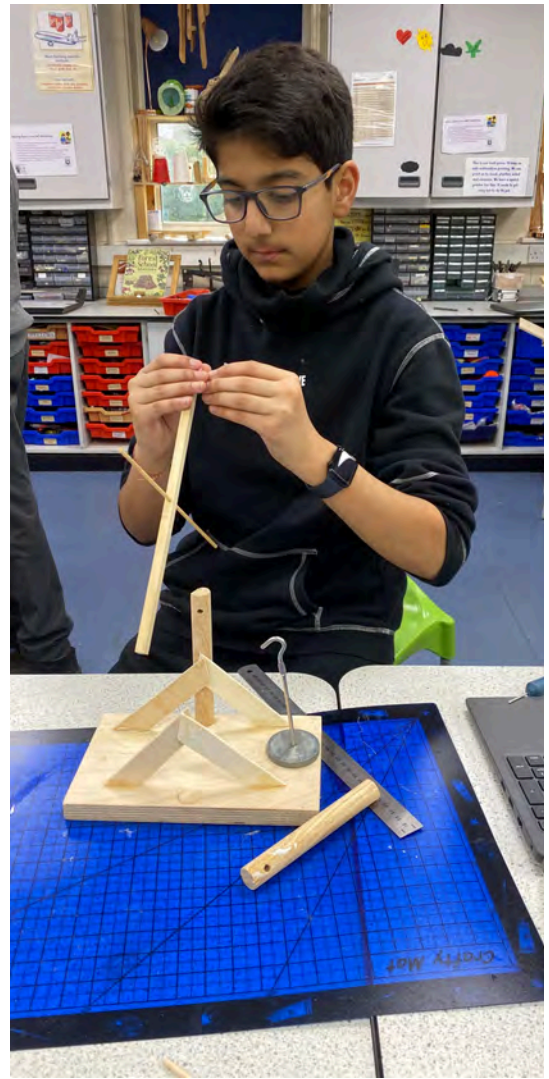
Welcoming 10 schools to a fun challenge

Year 5 children from 10 different local schools worked together to solve an engineering challenge. The children developed their resilience, persistence and teamwork skills as they worked out how to transport a shipment of tomatoes up and down a 'mountain'. Thank you to Mrs McSween for organising such a fun experience!





In the DT&E workshop this week





Cats, carp and the Mona Lisa

Lots of masterpieces are being completed in the Art Room. Year 3 have finished their mummified cats; Year 5 are putting finishing touches to their colourful Koi carp drawings and Year 6 have had fun recreating the Mona Lisa . Year 8 are well on their way with their mosaic tables and some boys have been helping with the Drama prop making.





Battling through the wet weather

Year 4 had a fantastic experience playing a quadrangular at York House against St Martin's, MTP and the host, York House. We won the majority of our matches with some excellent rugby and impressive physicality. The boys applied themselves wonderfully and showed great grit while playing back to back matches



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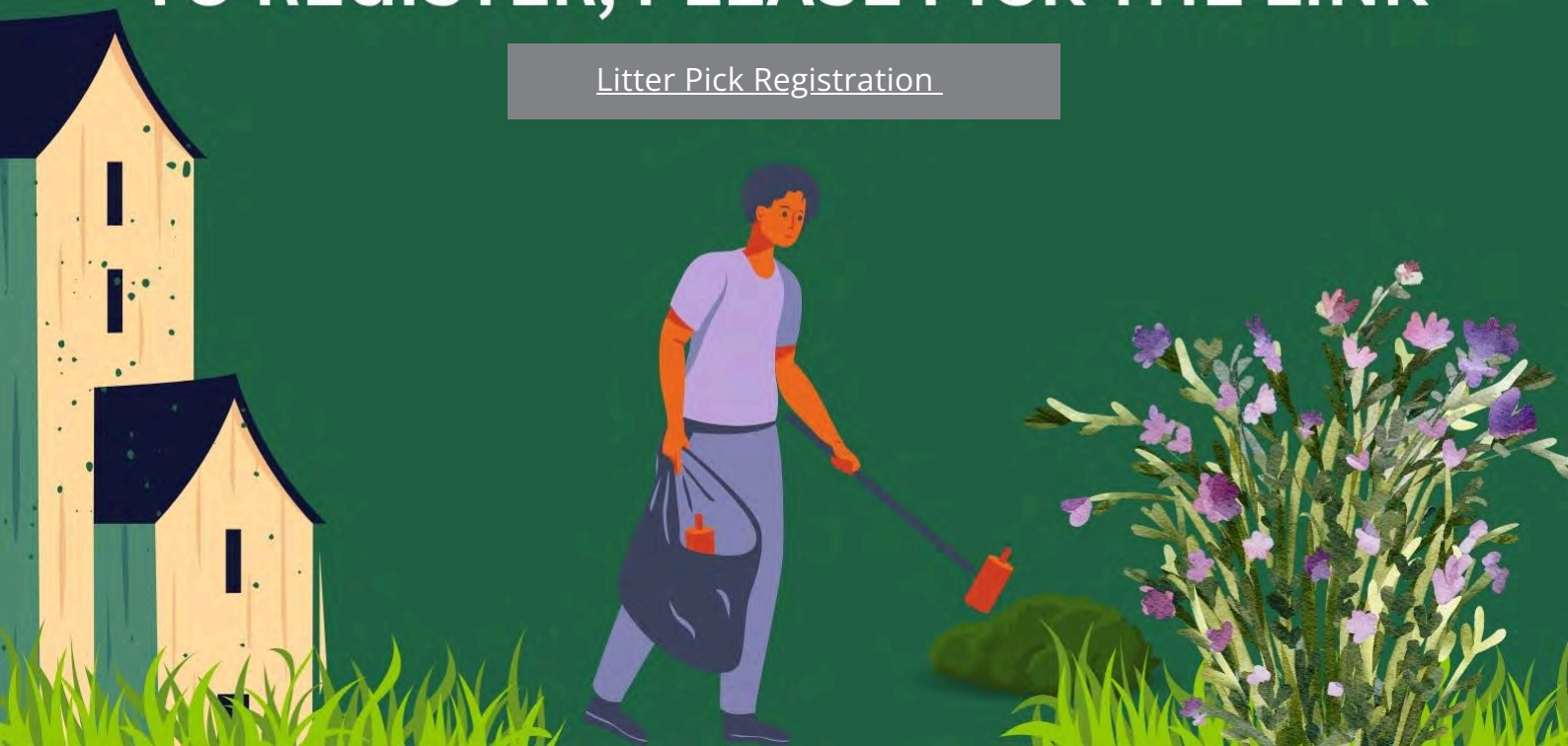
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