

Celebrating our love of reading



We celebrated our love of reading yesterday on World Book Day. The School was a sea of colour as we had all dressed as book characters. It was delightful to watch boys connecting across the School, with younger and older children reading together and sharing their favourite books. Keep up your daily reading boys! Year 6, meanwhile, enjoyed a stimulating trip to the Natural History Museum. The focus of their day was evolution. We have enjoyed a sunny week for a wide range of outdoor learning and sporting activities: fantastic hockey at John Lyon for Years 7 and 8; competitive House Rugby for Year 4 and our challenging St John's Rugby Sevens Festival. I forward to seeing you at the SJA Quiz tomorrow evening. May the best team win.

From the
Headmaster



World Book Day fun

We celebrated our love of reading yesterday on World Book Day. Staff and boys from Nursery to Year 8 dressed up as their favourite literary characters. The older boys helped to organise the School Book Fair in the sports hall, which offered a wide range of books to appeal to all tastes and interests. It was delightful to watch the older boys reading and sharing books with the younger children during form time. Throughout the day, the buzzer signalled time for DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) which caused great excitement. It was an enormously memorable and enjoyable day. Keep up those daily reading habits, boys.



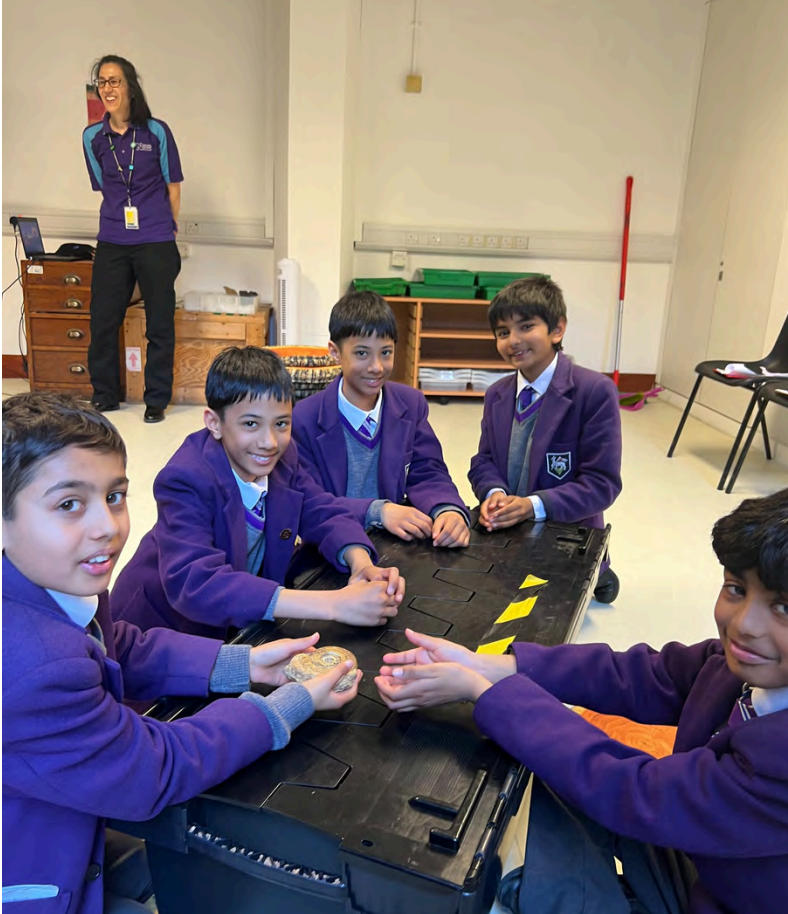
THIS WEEK





Year 6 paleontologists at work

Year 6 were inspired by a fascinating trip to the Natural History Museum in London yesterday. The boys had the chance to work as paleontologists, excavating dinosaur bones. They learnt all about evolution and how living things adapt. Their explorations were a fitting introduction to the theme of Science Week which is "Change and Adapt".





Year 2 enjoy forest time



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



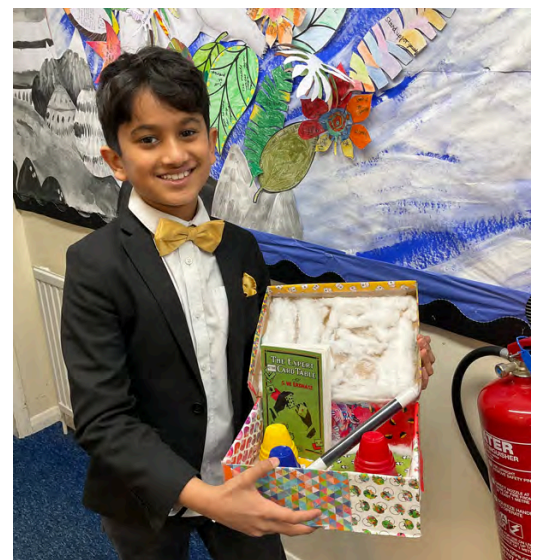
Wizards and superheroes

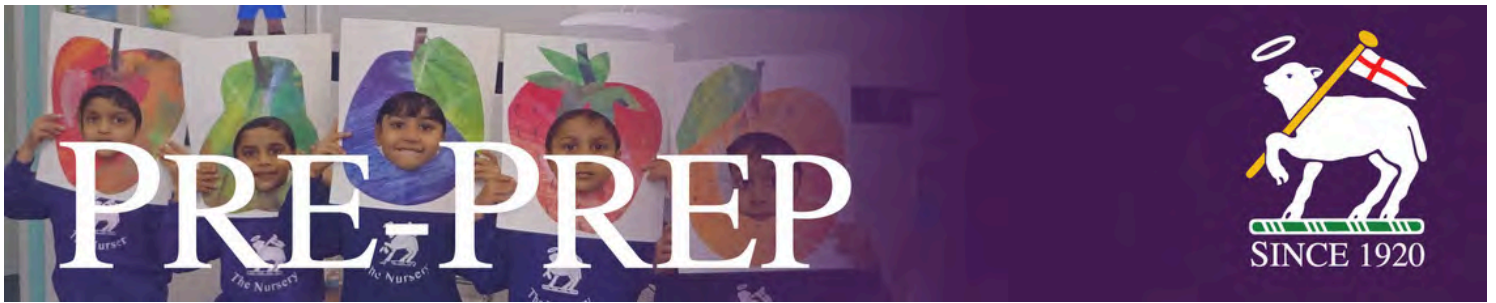
The Juniors celebrated World Book Day in true literary style this week. Wizards and superheroes were roaming the Junior block, which was adorned with the boys' story shoe boxes. The boys also enjoyed seeing photographs of their friends being caught reading in some very unusual locations. The winner was Rafi, who was photographed reading in a zero-gravity room! Other activities included role play, scheduled "drop everything and read" sessions and a Footy and Booky Quiz hosted by the National Literacy Trust. It was a day full of books and fun, fostering a love of reading for pleasure.





Wonderful, imaginative story shoe boxes

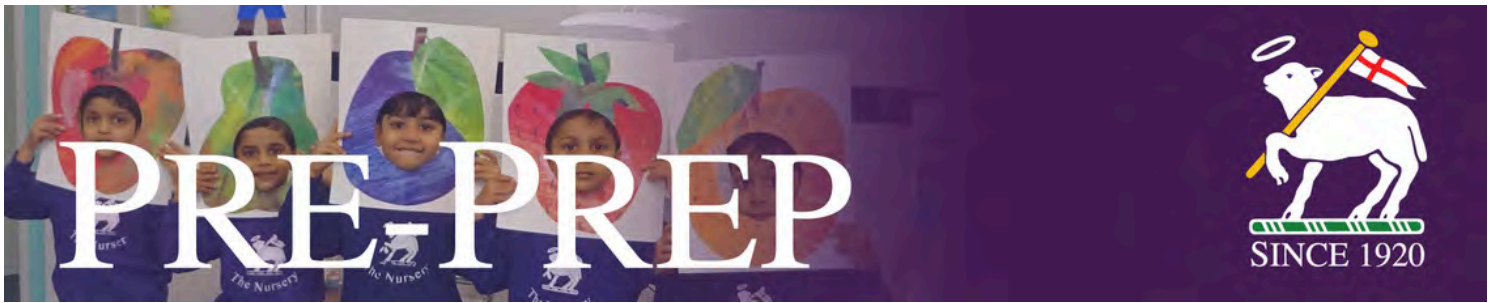




World Book Day in the Pre-Prep

With great excitement, a delightful array of Paddington Bears, Gruffalos, Dogman, and many other beloved book characters arrived at school yesterday morning. The Senior boys joined in to read stories and discuss the characters the boys had dressed as. Across the morning we looked at all the beautiful story boxes created and guessed the books. During assembly the boys from the Public Speaking Club came to perform scenes from different children's books. In the afternoon, the boys enjoyed a variety of book-themed activities – from creating bookmarks to trying their hand at becoming authors. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.





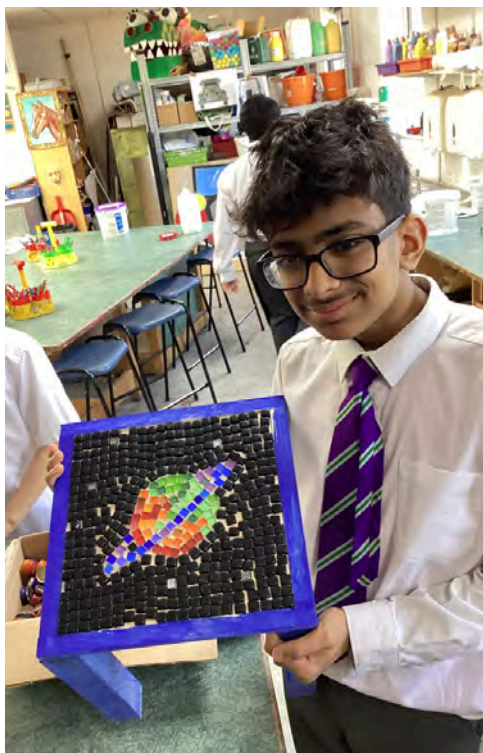
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Artists proudly presenting their work

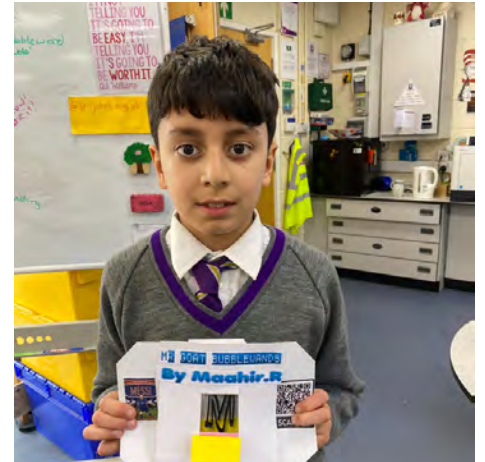
Year 3 have taken their mummified cats home this week. Year 4 had fun creating the testudo formation with their Roman shields. Year 8 Mosaic tables are coming along beautifully. A big thank you to the boys who are helping out with the prop painting for our Bugsy production.





Fostering a love of design

Year 3 boys are taking their finished bird feeders home ready for testing. Will they get many visitors? Year 5 are continuing to build their fairground rides, while Year 8 have been putting finishing touches to their catapults. We are delighted with the completed bubble wands projects which were all ready in time for World Book Day.





Enjoying sport in the sunshine

The boys were tremendously busy on the sporting front this week. Years 7 and 8 enjoyed some fantastic hockey matches against John Lyon on Monday; Year 4 competed enthusiastically for their House in the House Rugby matches and on Wednesday we hosted our St John's Sevens Tournament. The sport on display was almost as dazzling as the sunshine and fun was had by all.





St John's Under 13 Rugby 7s Festival





Year 4 House Rugby





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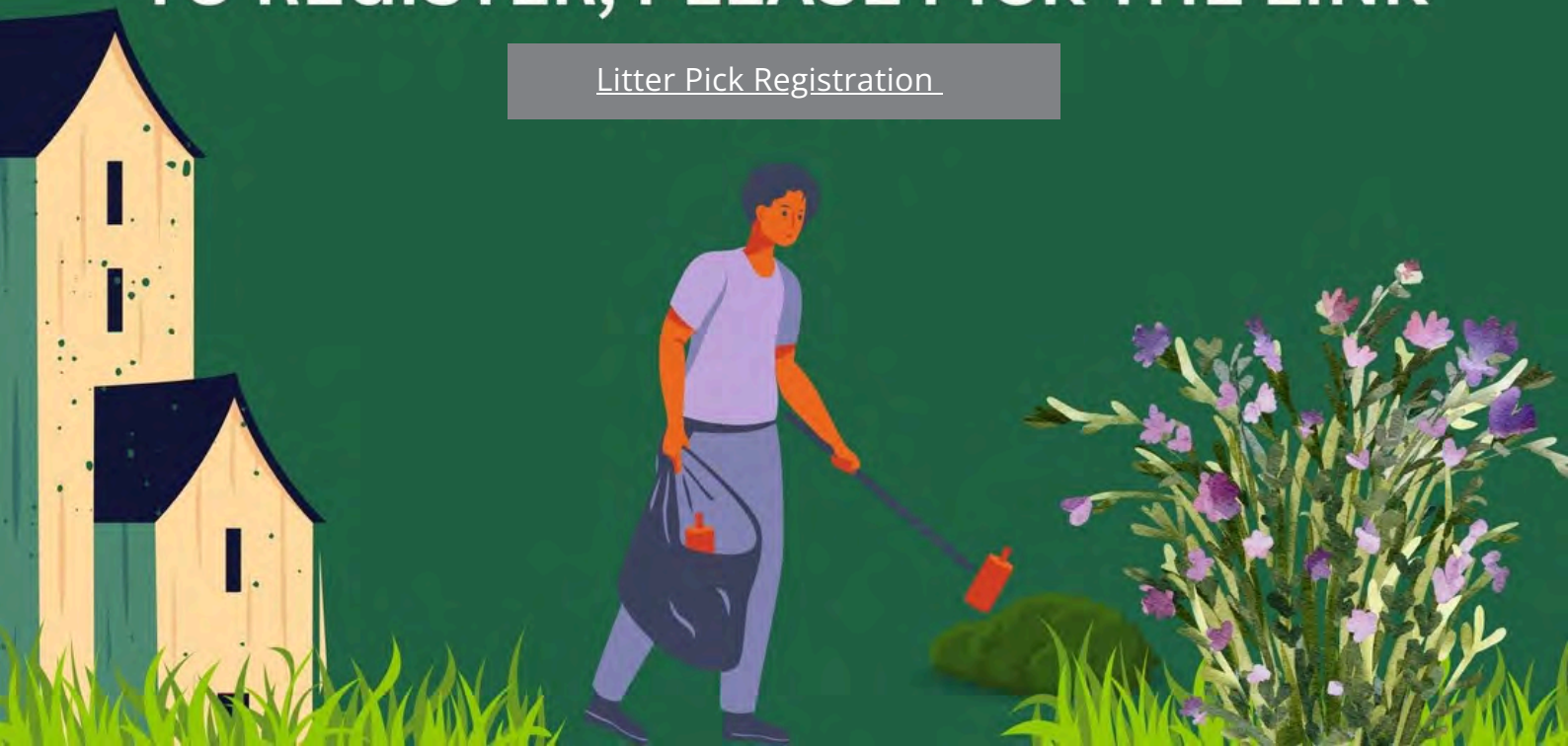
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