



Magnificent and ghostly Macbeth



From the Headmaster

We were treated to a very special production of The Scottish Play this week. A huge cast of talented and dedicated boys from Years 5-8 acted, took responsibility for the lighting, sound effects, music, stage

management and front of house. Mrs Long's production brought the well-known story to life very powerfully. Mr Corin and his pit band supported the action and emotion with great energy and sensitivity. I would like to thank all the staff who have inspired the boys to create this production and say many congratulations to the boys for another epic St John's performance.

From Burnham Wood to the forest in our school grounds. Our youngest boys have enjoyed outdoor adventures this week. Led by a forest school instructor, they let their imagination

run wild, painting outdoors using homemade forest brushes and natural dyes. They also enjoyed stroking and handling the farm animals who visited school this week. The Juniors have played imaginative games on the treehouse and Year 7 had a fabulous time camping in the grounds last Friday.

We are proud to offer all these unique learning opportunities to our boys as they make friendships and create memories to last a lifetime.



DRAMA

A captivating Macbeth

On Tuesday and Thursday, our boys performed William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth.' In rehearsals, the boys explored conflict, movement and body language. Dhruv and Adhiraj confidently took on the roles of Lady Macbeth and Macbeth as part of a huge cast drawn from Year 5-8, delivering a captivating two-hour performance with full and original soliloquies. Many boys said that the performance helped

them to gain a better understanding of The Scottish Play, with its high stakes and high emotion. The Witches, who opened the play as part of a living, breathing tree lurked in and around the audience, creating a menacing and memorable atmosphere. Exceptional imaginative acting made the characters' motivations more understandable and the performances from the entire cast were really first-rate.





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Behind the scenes of Macbeth



Presenting the full cast and crew



Year 7 Night Under Canvas

Despite the inclement weather, Year 7 had a fabulous time in the school grounds together on Friday evening. They enjoyed cooking their own food on campfires and playing together as the sun set. Happy days!





Years 4 to 6 enjoyed “Le Chateau” yesterday

Years 4-6 were visited by a theatre company on Thursday afternoon and enjoyed a play performed in French and English, ‘Le Château’ (The Castle.) Set in 1540, the play told the story of a young English Knight who has been sent to France by King Henry VIII. He is given the task of finding a suitable lady for the king to marry, paint her portrait and return to England. Not an easy task at all! The boys picked up lots of new French vocabulary along the way and some boys even joined the actors on stage.



AROUND SCHOOL






Year 3 having a serious chat during training yesterday



It was Greek lunch day on Tuesday, Nóstimo



We are very proud that two of our boys, Thomas and Ryan, have qualified for the 50th National Prep Schools Athletics Finals on July the 3rd to be held in the prestigious Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Ryan qualified for the long jump in the U12 category and Thomas qualified for the shot put in the U14 category. We wish them the best of luck in their respective events!




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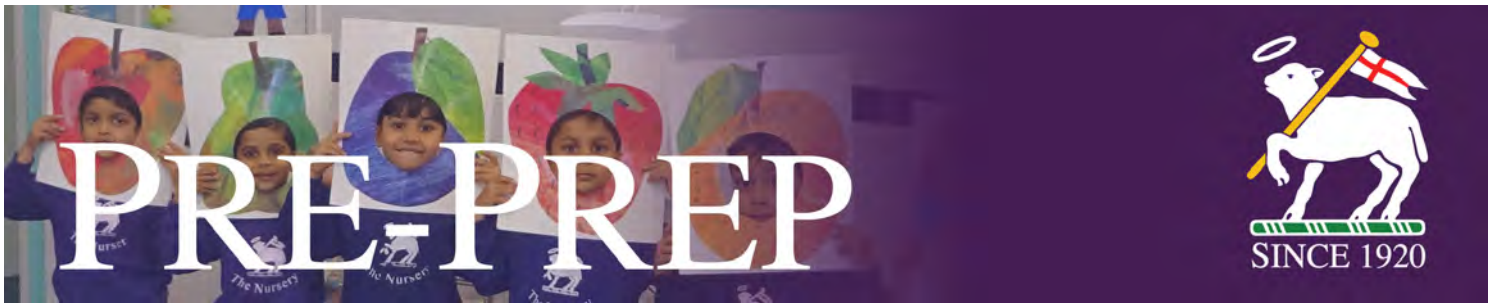
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Farming at St John's

On a lovely sunny June day, the Lambs, Robins and Squirrels were treated to some very special visitors in the St John's grounds...some cute farm animals. It was with great excitement that the boys were able to stroke, handle, observe and feed a variety of farm animals. It was fascinating to find out some facts about these wonderful creatures and ask interesting questions in our own back (farm)yard!





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EYFS forest workshop

Nursery and Reception have had a wonderful time getting messy in the forest. With local forest school instructor, Stephen, boys enjoyed making their own paintbrushes using natural resources. They collected leaves and fastened them to an elder wood stick. Boys used their brushes with homemade nature-dyes and calico to paint their own picture, exploring colour, different brush strokes and effects. We may have a few Van Goghs or Cézannes in the making!





An exciting trip to the zoo for Year 1

Last week Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Hertfordshire Zoo (previously Paradise Wildlife Park). Luckily the weather held out and we enjoyed a day of sunshine. The park was small enough to be able to see all the animals including lions, tigers and a big, black sun bear! After lunch, the boys explored the dinosaur trail, took part in an educational workshop and even had time to play in the adventure playground.





Forest Club

Amazingly, even after a busy day in the Juniors, Year 3 boys still have bundles of energy to run off at forest club. Whether it is through music making, imaginative games on the treehouse or just enjoying each other's company, lots of fun is still to be found.

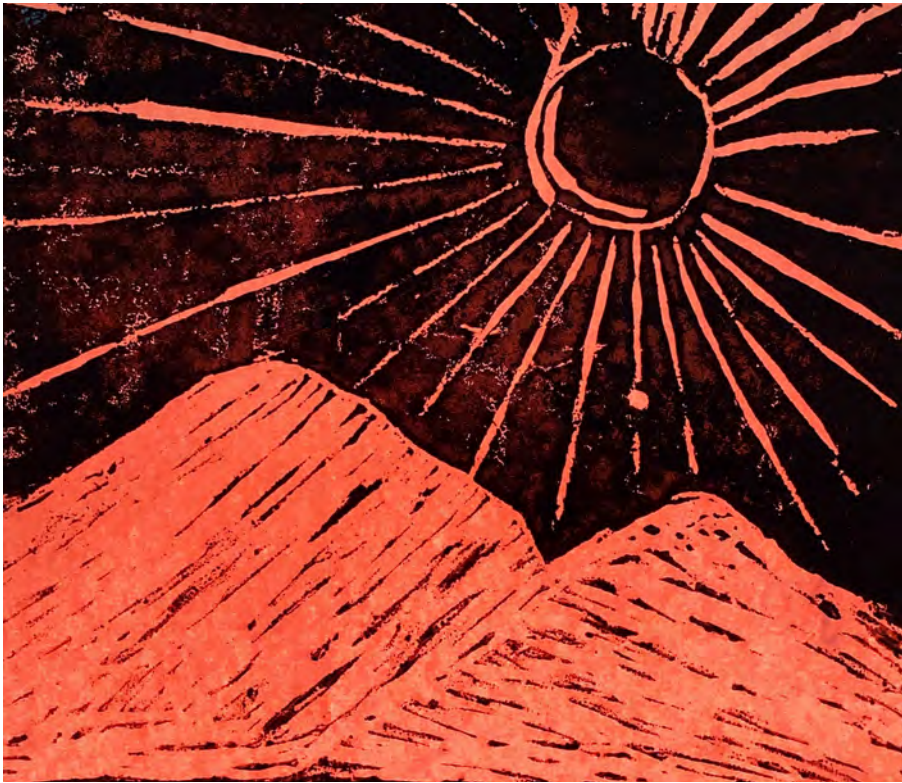




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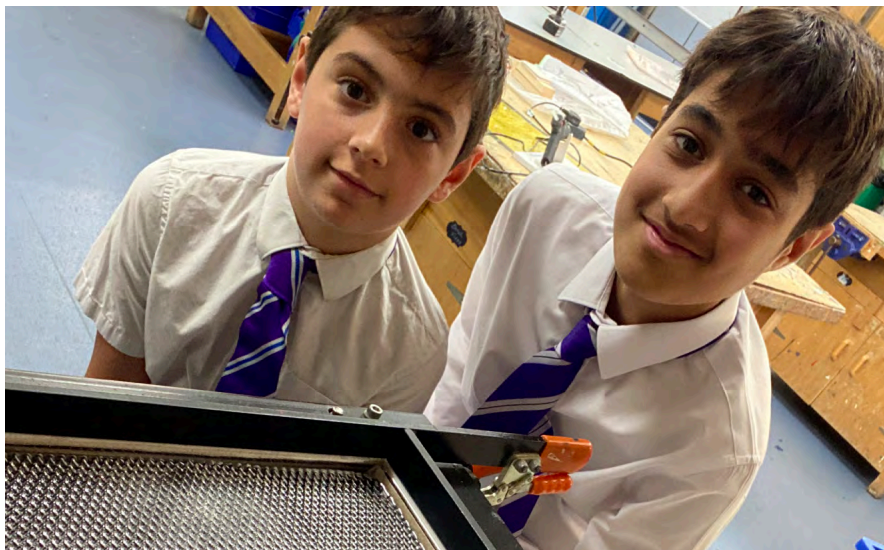
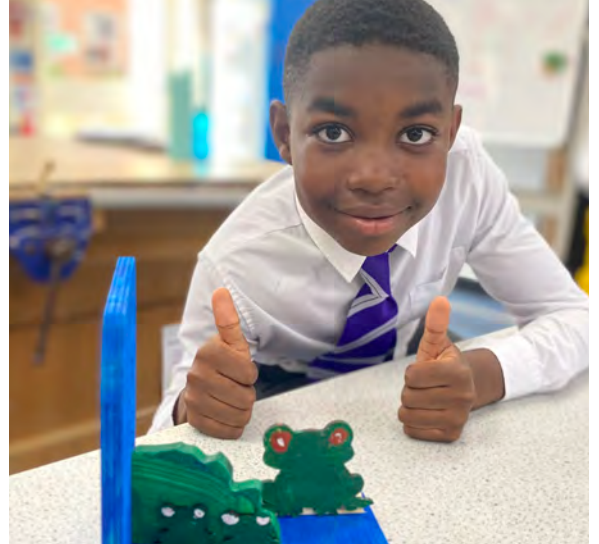
Lino cuts in Year 8

This week in Art, the Year 8 students have been busy creating colourful lino prints, which they will transform into greeting cards.





Expertise and creativity on show in the DT&E Lab





We had a great week of Cricket

The matches against Habs for the Under 9s were immensely positive, with a notable winning performance for the D team. The Under 8 A team won all their matches at the York House 6s, Kian D getting a hat trick! In the Under 11 matches against MTP last Friday, we came out with a good win for the Colts B and narrow losses for the other two teams.



The Colts B team were triumphant against MTP





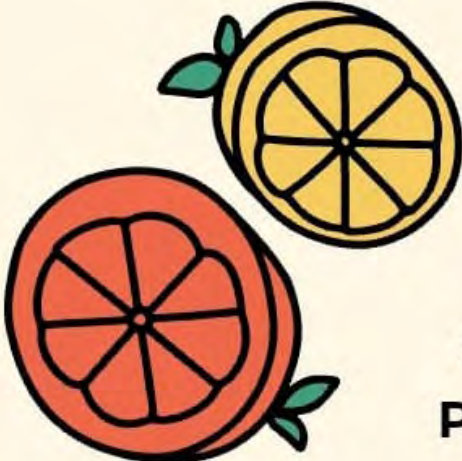
The U9 D team scored a memorable win against Habs



The U8 As played a three-match thriller at York House



Excellent U8 matches against St Martin's



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