

St John's School Weekly Newsletter

We hosted a DT&E challenge this week





From the Headmaster We welcomed St Helen's girls to St John's on Tuesday for a challenging and exciting "Wind Power Challenge" DT&E workshop. It was inspiring to watch the creativity and teamwork as the boys and girls shared ideas. It is important to us that we listen to our pupil voice at St John's. In the first School Council meeting of the year, boys from across the School offered excellent suggestions on behalf of their classmates. We have made the most of the late summer sunshine this week, harvesting our honey from the bee hives; playing our first competitive football and hockey fixtures and enjoying each others' company in our beautiful outdoor spaces. The Pre-Prep and Juniors have thought about caring for others and had fun today wearing their jeans to support the Jeans for Genes charity. I look forward to seeing as many children and families as possible this Sunday at the Moor Park Fun Run. Good luck to all runners!





Teamwork makes the dream work!

It was a pleasure to welcome students from St Helen's on Tuesday. We worked collaboratively and competitively to make efficient wind turbines to demonstrate how clean electricity could be provided in developing countries.







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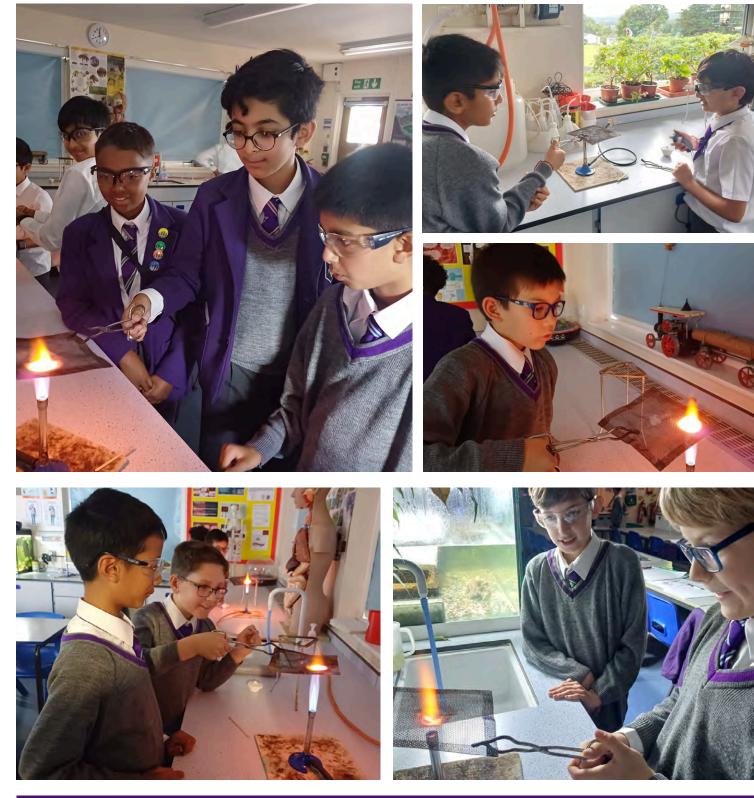






Year 6 were fired up in Science

Year 6 have got off to a bright start in Science this term. They learnt how to use a Bunsen burner safely and then did an experiment to investigate how hot the flame was. As you can see it caused a great deal of excitement.



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St John's honey harvest

The boys in the Bee Club had a busy start to the year. When they inspected the hives, we discovered that one of them was full of honey. It was time to collect the results of the bees' hard work. As you can see, the boys collected the frames from the hives and took them back to the lab, where they uncapped the wax from the honeycombs. Once the wax had been cleared away, they spun the frames to extract the lovely honey, which they decanted into jars. It tasted great!













This week we met for our inaugural School Council meeting with our newly elected representatives. Boys came up with excellent suggestions on behalf of their classmates which will be considered by staff in the coming days. One request was for badges for council members so that they can easily be identified. The good news is that these are now on order and should be with us shortly. We look forward to hearing more from our pupil voice in the coming weeks.



Juniors finding instrumental lesson times on the screen



The Norman Hall was full for the DT&E Challenge





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Jeans for Genes in the Juniors

The Lower School came to school wearing jeans today to support the Charity "Jeans for Genes" who raise money to support people affected by a genetic condition. The monies raised provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, respite and for hosting events where children and their families who have been affected by these conditions can come together and make friends. Jeans for Genes St Johns - Just Giving Link





Pine





Willow



Everything is shaping up in Music

We've had a great time making music together in groups this week. Our tabla group is bigger than ever; we have so much fun on Thursday mornings. We are already getting excited for performances later in the term!









A colourful Art Room

We've enjoyed a rainbow of colours in the Art Room this week. Year 3 have been drawing tigers. Year 4 have been inspired by using glow in the dark paint on their Keith Harding pictures and Year 5 have been drawing Gustav Klimt's cat.





Hockey League

Our Under 12 and Under 13 hockey players got off to a great start in the THL Hockey League on Tuesday. The boys were very impressed by the amazing new hockey surface up at Merchant Taylors' School. The sun shone and the boys showcased some excellent hockey.







Football v Merchant Taylors' Prep

Despite the very warm conditions on Wednesday, our senior boys delivered impressive performances in their first fixtures of the season against Merchant Taylors' Prep. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd teams all secured victories. The boys demonstrated great skill and team spirit.







10^k**funct** + our brand new 5k walk 'March for Mount Vernon'

Sunday 22 September 2024 Merchant Taylors' School



- Junior fun runs £12
- 5k 'March for Mount Vernon' walk £15
- 10k closed road, chip-timed run £20

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