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St John's School Weekly Newsletter



From the Headmaster

Our Head Boy and Deputies joined the community in Northwood at a Service of Remembrance last Sunday, laying a wreath on behalf of St John's. On Monday 11th November, we gathered on the playground to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those involved in conflicts around the world.

To mark anti-bullying week, we invited Alex Holmes, an award-winning antibullying ambassador to work with all year groups. The boys were inspired by his story and ideas. We also welcomed our Governors to School on Thursday. They enjoyed meeting new members of staff in addition to formal meetings. We have almost reached the end of our football season, and we marked it with the St John's Under 13 Football Festival. We hosted six local Prep schools and a great afternoon was had by all. All the best to our Year 5 Choir and Wind Band who are leading the music at the Northwood Hills lights switch-on tomorrow and to our Under 13 and Under 11 boys who will enjoy preseason rugby training this weekend.

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Remembering with our local community

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We will remember

Last Sunday, our Head Boy team joined the local community at the war memorial in Northwood to lay a wreath in gratitude to all those who have given their lives for our country. On Monday morning, Year 8 with Mr Horrocks led a very moving assembly and at 11.00 the School community observed two minutes silence together on the playground. Aary marked the beginning of the silence by playing The Last Post and the end with the traditional Reveille.



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Anti-bullying week

Alex Holmes, an inspirational speaker and advocate for mental health and anti-bullying ran an interactive workshop for every year group. He spoke about his own experiences and explained the crucial role that everyone plays in creating a supportive and inclusive environment. He focused on empathy, respect and the power of positive action. Teachers and pupils from Nursery to Year 8 also wore odd socks on Monday to celebrate how unique we all are.











Oates won the competition for bringing in the most donations to our City Harvest Festival competition after our House Prefects counted the items. Overall, we donated enough food for 1320 meals. Well done, everyone.



Year 8 and Mr Horrocks presented a very moving and informative Remembrance Assembly





Year 6 enjoying PSHE with Mrs McSween in our wellbeing garden on a beautiful autumnal morning



Thank you for bringing in your motorised car to show us in DT&E



Year 5 rehearse their choir moves



The autumn colours look dazzling in our grounds in the sunshine





Learning about Festivals in Nursery

Lambs and Cygnets have enjoyed learning about all the wonderful different festivals, celebrations and events which happen at this time of year. From Diwali and Halloween to Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes. They loved creating their own representations of fireworks with lots of glitter!



















Boys have also discussed and explored Remembrance Day, giving time and thought to remember the soldiers who fought so bravely during the war.















Working together to make a bonfire in the wood











Year 1 practise their new Art skills

This term, the Otters and Owls have been learning all about colour and how to use their tools for painting. The boys demonstrated what they have learned by applying their knowledge to complete a range of creative tasks.







We wore odd socks to show we are unique

















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A busy week in Year 3

This week Year 3 enjoyed presenting to their classes as nature reporters. They have been looking closely at their book, "The Rhythm of the Rain", and have been practising their freeze frames. The boys have loved performing to their peers.





Junior musicians composing together









A colourful week in the Art Room

Inspired by Remembrance, Year 6 have been painting poppy fields; Year 3 have had fun creating colourful collage patterns and Year 4 have enjoyed messy fun with clay!















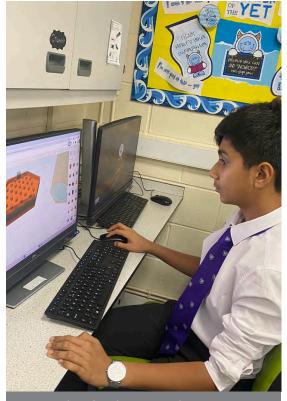




Does Cyril the Squirrel fit in the 3D printed seats we made?



Good work!



Putting the finishing touches to CAD marble run



Sewing lamps in Year 6





St John's Under 13 Football Festival

St John's welcomed several of the top Prep Schools in the area for our Senior Football tournament. Our Under 13 A and B teams played in the event, displaying courage, positivity and good progress in their development. The star moment of the day was Arnav's goal to clinch a last minute win against St Martins. A lovely way to round off the Senior football season.





Scoring the winning goal







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Year 4 House Football

Our Year 4 boys enjoyed a glorious House Football event on Tuesday. The sun shone and the boys enjoyed the challenge of playing against each other for their House. The standard was very high.



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