

St John's School Weekly Newsletter

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It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective families to our very successful Open Morning on Wednesday. Our senior boys were excellent tour guides, and we even enjoyed some glimpses of autumnal sunshine which illuminated our stunning site. This week we also welcomed Sarah Calcutt, CEO of City Harvest, our School Charity this year. Our Teatime Piano Recital earlier in the week was an inspirational event for boys, parents and staff alike. Elsewhere, clubs and activities as well as sports are thriving - there are so many opportunities for boys, celebrated in these pages. Younger children have been learning about the Sun, Moon and Earth and enjoying using watercolours to paint seasonal squashes. Across the School boys have been performing in the early rounds of the Hunter Jones Poetry Competition. I hope you have enjoyed hearing the boys practise their poems at home!

A Stunning Piano Recital







A teatime treat on Monday

Our Piano Recital on Monday was a wonderful occasion for our pianists, their families and the teachers who attended. It is not easy to step up and perform on your own, but we are so pleased that twenty-four of our boys were brave enough to play the Steinway in the Norman Hall. The programme was very varied, and the boys played with confidence. Well done pianists!











Our School Charity - City Harvest

We were delighted to welcome Sarah Calcutt the CEO of City Harvest to our assembly on Monday. She, Liam, Niam and Noah talked to the School about where our food and money donations would be sent in order to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Please bring your food donations for the House competition to the Norman Hall by Friday 18th October. There is more information in the weekly bulletin. Thank you for your support.











6A welcomed some special visitors

In form time on Thursday, 6A welcomed some very special guests into our class. Mohammed H and his dad brought in their pet turtles from home for a 'show and tell' activity to the class. The boys in 6A learnt about what turtles eat, the various types of turtle that exist and the differences between turtles and tortoises. A big thank you to Mohammed and his dad for helping us learn more about these amazing reptiles!









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Years 3 to 8 enjoy Cello Group together with Miss Bullock



There was something for everyone at Open Morning



Art Club



Chess Club

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The Public Speaking Club have been developing their oracy skills through a choral poem, learning to vary their voices and pitch to communicate mood



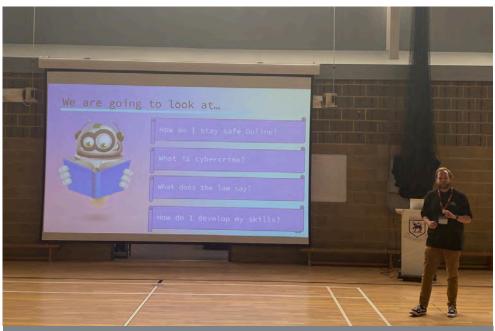
Performing on Open Morning



Congratulations to our newly elected White House librarians. Head librarians Rishi and Agastya have a great deal of experience and have already made a start on key organisational tasks, aided by this dedicated team.

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Years 5 – 8 listened carefully to the wise advice of PC Jonathan Montanarini from the Cyber Choices dept of the Met Police on Friday. Choosing a good password and knowing the law are some of the key foundations to being safe online. He also advised us about careers which might be of interest to us in this field. We all rushed off to change our passwords immediately!



Years 5 & 7 Drama Club

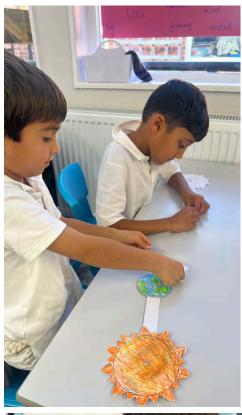


Learning about day and night

Year 2 have been learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon. We made 2-D models to demonstrate their movements.













Autumnal still-life studies in Reception Reception Reception have been discussing all the beautiful changing colours on the trees around us. In Art we have been

inspired to paint seasonal squashes using water colours. We will create a pumpkin patch to be proud of!

















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The theme in Year 3 this year is humour, fun and laughter and in Year 4 it is animals and beasts. All of the boys did incredibly well and it was hard to pick only six finalists from each year group. They are, from Year 3 Ahren, Jai, Rafi, Ryaan, Ayman and Zeeshan. From Year 4, Alessandro, Shaan, Aarav B, Kiaan, Shayan M. and Krish. We are looking forward to next week's final and we wish all of the boys the best of luck.











Halloween is coming in the Art Room

Year 5 have been learning how to paint spooky night skies; Year 3 have been painting tree silhouettes and Year 6 are learning about the colourful work of artist Michael Craig-Martin.











Working together in DT&E











Football against St Margaret's

Our boys have played their first ever fixtures against St Margaret's. Captain Zac scored two goals for the 1st team; Dev's hat trick helped the 2nd team win; Agastya played a starring role in defence for the 3rd team and the 4th team earnt a draw from a tight game. The Under 9 boys played a very competitive internal fixture. Junior football is looking very exciting with lots of competition for places, and boys performing excellently. Finally, Year 3 were beyond excited to host MTP yesterday.













St John's alumni

Former St John's students clashed in a thrilling rugby match at Saracens' Stone X Stadium. Their St John's teachers, Mr Kruger, Mr Smith and Mr Shah were eager to support the next generation under the 'Friday Night Lights'. The match between Merchant Taylors' School 1st XV and Mill Hill 1st XV ended in a 38-36 victory for Mill Hill. St John's Old Boy Charlie S was captaining the winning team. It was great to see so many St John's boys both supporting and playing in the fixture.





