

Senior Speech Day was inspiring



From the
Headmaster

We have had a wonderful year at St John's and in the past ten days have been celebrating the efforts and achievements of all our boys at Junior and Senior Speech Days and on the athletics track. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Cole-Fontayn, The Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, our Chair of Governors Mr Fowler and our guest speaker Mr Richard Whitehead MBE to Senior Speech Day last Saturday. It was a memorable occasion, which recognised the achievements of our boys; we had a chance to say

farewell to our leavers and their families. Everyone did their best on Sports Days, supporting each other and their House. Very well done to Oates who were the House athletics champions this year. We hope you will all enjoy celebrating with us as you read this bumper edition of the Lamb. I would like to thank you for your support of the School, and wish you all a pleasant summer.

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Speech Day was a memorable occasion as we reflected on some of the highlights of the year and celebrated so many of the wonderful activities and achievement of the boys. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Cole-Fontayn, The Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, our Chair of Governors Mr Fowler and our guest speaker Mr Richard Whitehead MBE. We watched Mr Whitehead's incredible winning performance in the 200 metres at the London 2012 Paralympics and he showed us his gold medal. He then gave us all an inspirational talk about pursuing our talents with perseverance, determination and focus.





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Summer Fun Day

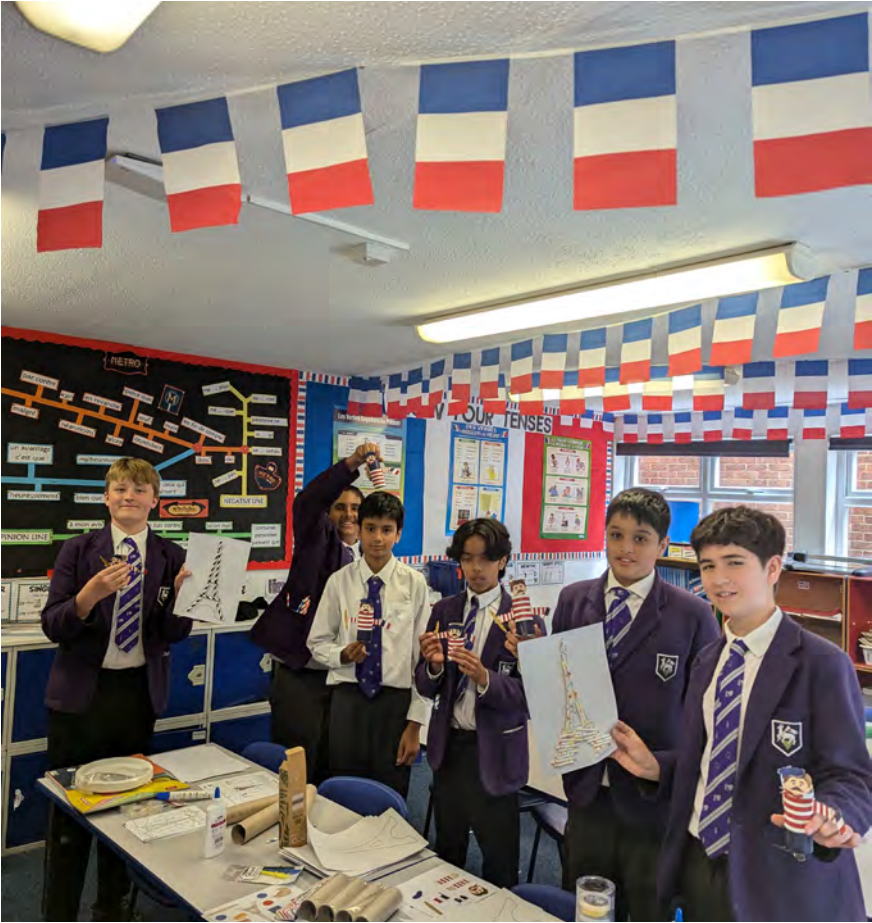
The St John's Association Fun Day was a huge success. The sun came out and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying our beautiful grounds. Many thanks to Mr Coxhill and all the members of the SJA team, to St John's grounds, maintenance and kitchen teams, parents and staff for all their hard work.





Year 8 learnt about Bastille Day

In our Year 8 French lessons, we have been learning about ‘Bastille Day’, which is a national holiday in France, celebrated on July 14th. The boys have been busy researching and learning about the events that led up to the French revolution and how Bastille Day is celebrated not only in France, but in other Francophone countries. In class, we celebrated by listening to some French music and taking part in arts and crafts.





Animal studies in Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo this week. The boys took part in a learning activity to support their classwork on habitats and adaptations and carried out behavioural studies of the giraffes in their enclosure. The boys saw a range of interesting animals including the lions, lemurs, bears, cheetahs, penguins, not forgetting the chimpanzees.





The Under 9 Premier Chess Coaching Champions who showed resilience and teamwork against schools from across London. This is a fantastic achievement.



Yuvan in the Robins won the "I did my best" cup



Many thanks to Mrs Majeবাদia for awarding the trophies on Sports Day and to our Head Boy for all he has done this year



Last Wednesday we held a special assembly to celebrate this term's Shining Stars and boys 'Caught doing Good'. Boys won awards for their excellent efforts in lessons and exemplary behaviour around school.



On Wednesday, the four Year 6 boys pictured took part in the National online final of Maths Quiz Club. They gave it their all, solved some really challenging problems and demonstrated excellent teamwork skills, finishing joint 16th with a team from Habs!



Thank you, Puja, for all you have done for the St John's Association



Last Thursday, the Year 6 boys enjoyed a great day at Chessington. The weather was perfect and they thoroughly enjoyed the freedom and independence which we promote on this trip. They all behaved beautifully and 'checked-in' with the teachers at the correct times.



Ioan entertained everyone at Junior Speech Day



Cooking Club chefs graduated last week



This week the boys who won the Merchant Taylors' Company Quiz and their parents were invited to Merchant Taylors' Hall where they enjoyed a celebratory afternoon tea with the Master of the Company



Paralympic champion Richard Whitehead, MBE was our special guest speaker at Speech Day



Miss Gilders said farewell to the Pre-Prep after 21 years. She has donated a beautiful piece of artwork for the future generations of boys to enjoy



Election fever hit the Pre-Prep!

The Year 2 boys campaigned hard: their rosettes blowing in the wind, flags flying and posters all around the School. Discussions around which Mr Man to vote for was the hot topic at break times. Finally, the big day arrived. Boys queued to go and cast their votes in the polling booth before carefully folding their ballot paper and slotting it into the box for counting. The count began, anticipation grew and eventually the winner was declared as The Mr Cheerful Party. Their manifesto of an afternoon with a film, teddy and popcorn was enjoyed by all.





Years 1 and 2 made pencils in the forest

Years 1 and 2 loved their time in the forest with local forest school instructor, Stephen. Boys created their very own pencils. First, they carefully whittled an elder stick using a peeler. Then they made a hole in it and filled it with charcoal. They were delighted to be able to write with their pencils! The boys then learnt how to arrange logs to make a campfire. They were captivated by the flickering flames when the fire was lit. Bear Grylls, we are ready!





Junior Speech Day

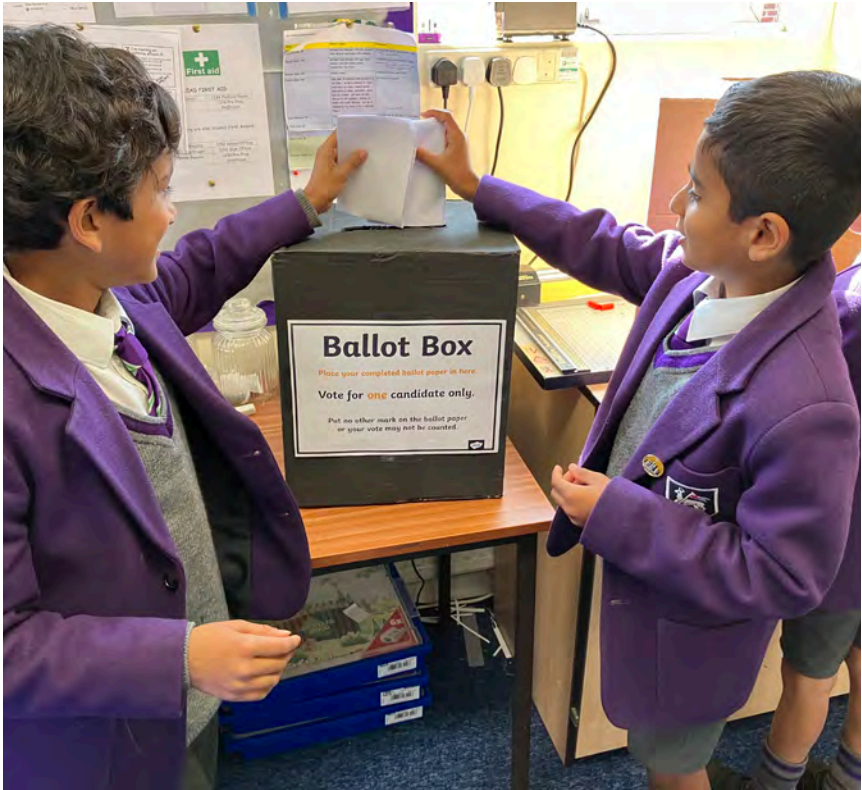
Our Junior Speech Day ceremony was a memorable event filled with pride, excitement and inspiration. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as the boys, their parents and staff gathered to celebrate the achievements and hard work of our Junior boys over the past academic year. A highlight of the ceremony was the presence of our special guest, Mrs Halliday the Head of Juniors at Northwood College. Mrs Halliday delivered an inspiring speech that resonated deeply with everyone in attendance. She emphasised the importance of breaking the mould and encouraged the boys to think creatively, embrace challenges and pursue their passions with determination and courage.





Celebrating Our Junior General Election

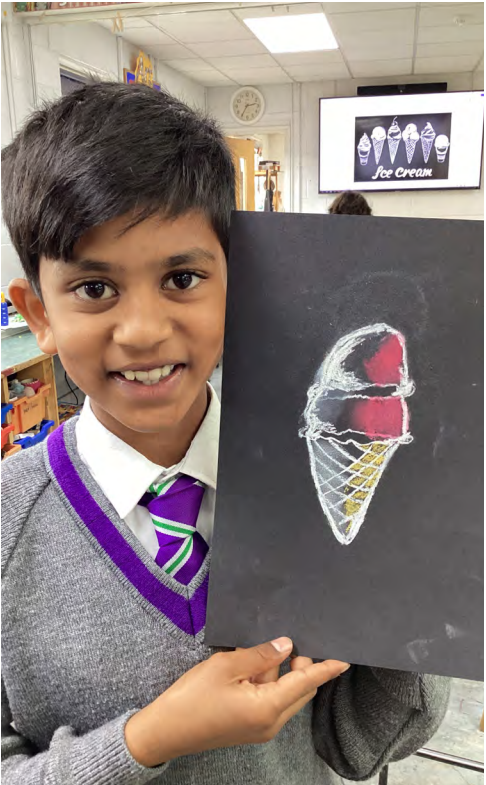
The polls in the Junior Department closed on Thursday night and the ballot papers were counted. Our winners were The Green World Party with 49% of the vote. Congratulations to their leader, Ahad and party members: Ivan, Ali and Avik. They pledged that they would plant more trees, provide more medicines for the NHS and arrange more school trips. We are proud of all the candidates who participated in the elections, their dedication and hard work throughout their campaigns was truly commendable.





In the Art Studio this week

What a fun term we've had in the Art room! Liam completed his Nemo screen print this week, Year 4 enjoyed making emoji squishies, and Year 5 created ice cream drawings using chalk-yum!





Junior Sports Day

We were proud to see all the boys do so well in the Junior Sports day last week. All boys competed in a carousel of events with multiple medals to be won and lots of fun to be had. Jaden managed to break the Long Jump record, whilst all boys raised their game for the events and cheerfully supported each other. The day culminated with a close combined Year 3 & 4 House Relay just as the heavens opened and the boys did really well to finish in such a strong and positive manner.





Junior Sports Day cont...





Senior Sports Day

We were delighted to hold our Senior Sports Day last week. The standard of athletics was extremely high, as was the behaviour of all the boys. Three records were broken, and all the boys had a marvellous time competing against their friends. Thank you to all staff who helped to run the events from grounds staff to academic staff, PE staff and catering. The boys were supported in great numbers and the atmosphere on the day was one of excitement and support for those doing their best.





Senior Sports Day cont...





Year 5 & 6 House cricket was competitive

The Year 5 & 6 House cricket was a hotly contested affair. Both the A & B competitions were incredibly close. Lawrence and Oates tied across both competitions. In the end the results between the two Houses were the deciding factor with Oates coming out the victors, followed by Lawrence in honourable 2nd place. Churchill and Lincoln also did very well across the afternoon and won 3rd and 4th respectively.





Our week in cricket



The 3rd XI enjoyed a brilliant win by 9 runs over a talented Davenies team. Aariz claimed a hat-trick and ended on 4 wickets in total. James not only claimed 2 wickets, but he also ran out 3 batsmen.



The Under 8 Es love playing cricket