

No weak links: MTS Company Quiz winners



From the
Headmaster

This week we proudly welcomed many visitors to St John's. The sun shone for Open Morning on Wednesday where our Year 7 and 8 boys served as wonderful ambassadors

for the School, leading prospective parents on tours around the site.

In a new initiative, we welcomed the girls of Year 2 at Northwood College to St John's to collaborate with our Year 2 boys in a wonderful music workshop. They sang songs, played instruments and improvised, assisted by our Senior Boys.

In other news, our Year 7 and 8 boys, "The Boys on the Hill", were delighted to win the challenging Merchant Taylors' Company Quiz this year. They competed against ten other schools affiliated to the Company.

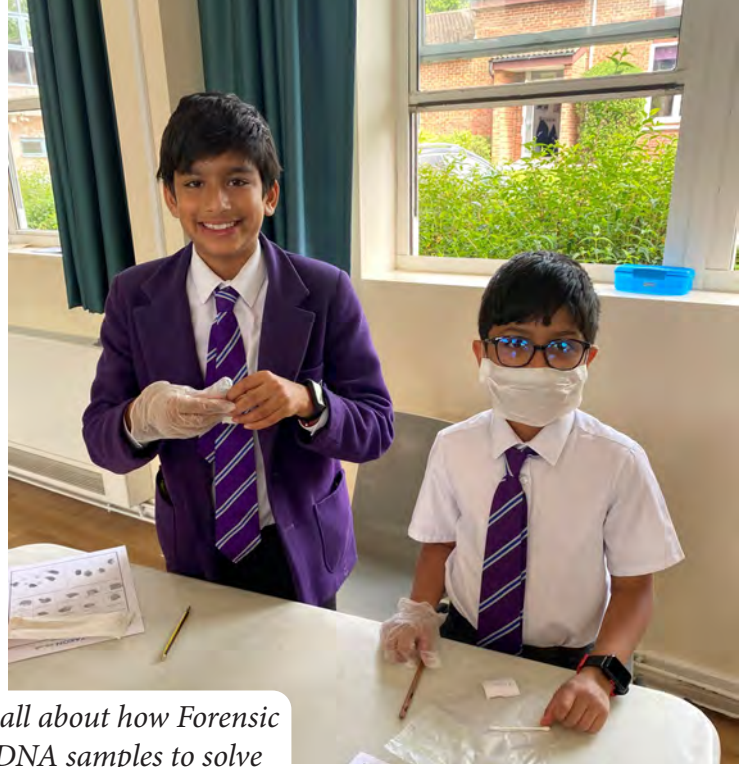
The Lambs have been inspired by our environment, learning about bees, and releasing their newly hatched butterflies into the world.

Our senior cricketers have delivered a series of strong wins, displaying excellent bowling and fielding skills and maturity with the bat. I look forward to welcoming you all to School on foot or by bicycle next week as we take part in the annual Walk to School initiative.

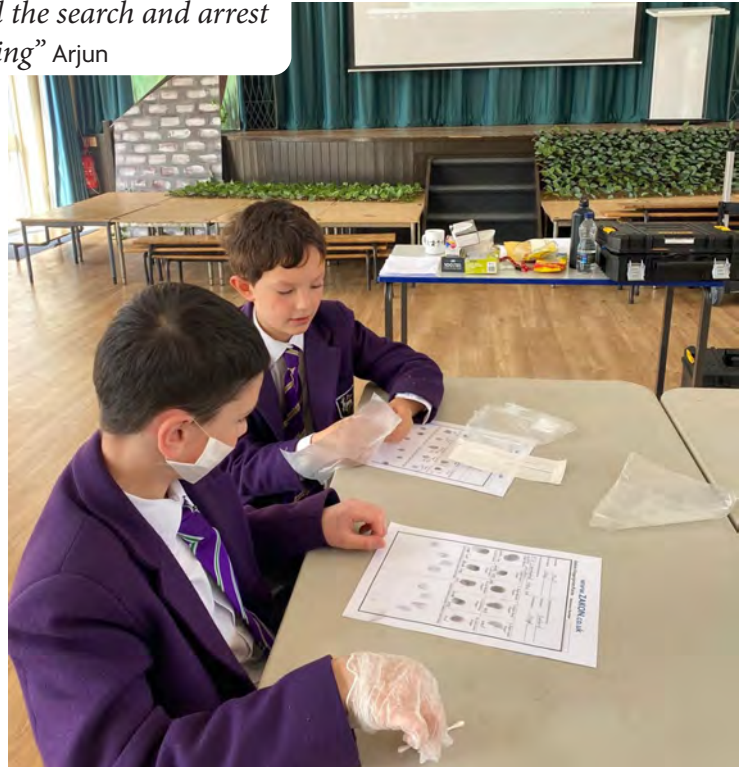


Year 5 Police Forensic Science Workshop

Last Friday, Year 5 learnt about the main principles of the criminal justice system. They discovered that judges investigate evidence very thoroughly in order to give out fair sentences. They analysed the scene of a burglary through a video and collected valid DNA samples. Boys also enjoyed an interactive experience of a search and arrest scenario.



"I loved learning all about how Forensic Scientists collect DNA samples to solve crimes and found the search and arrest scenario fascinating" Arjun





Recently the top scorers in the Primary Maths Challenge sat the bonus round. Nine St John's boys won bronze, silver or gold prizes. Svanik achieved the top score in the School.



Our Year 7 and 8 Tour Guides were proud to talk about our School at this week's Open Morning



The St John's Association prepared some treats to welcome visitors to Open Morning



A hive of activity in the Lambs

This week the Lambs have been learning all about bees. We have discussed what bees do, where they live, as well as what they look like, thinking of interesting adjectives to describe them. We have made our own tissue paper bees and painted bubble wrap hexagons. We even tasted some delicious honey too! On Friday we visited the St John's bee hives with Mr Lawrence and had a look inside. This week we have also enjoyed observing our resident caterpillars transform in beautiful butterflies. On a sunny day we released them back to nature and enjoyed being able to see them fly off.





Where is the treasure?

The Robins and Squirrels had an exciting challenge this week. Having talked about, and studied maps last week, the boys made their own maps. This week they were well prepared to follow the route on a 'St John's Treasure Map'. Would they find the treasure in the grounds?....What do you think?





Solving money problems in Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring a range of activities to solve money problems in Maths. They have used the My Maths programme on the laptops and worked practically with coins. They enjoyed purchasing items from the 'shop', selecting from the café menu and calculating change. The boys discovered different ways of making up the amounts using a variety of coins.





It has been a colourful week in the Art room

Year 3 have been learning about perspective, **Year 4** have enjoyed action painting, **Year 5** have been finishing off animal portraits and **Year 6** have been weaving string onto their nail and string art pieces.





Year 2 Music workshop with Northwood College

We welcomed the girls of Year 2 at Northwood College to St John's on Tuesday this week. Boys and girls collaborated together, singing songs, playing percussion and composing improvisations with added help from Senior Boys. All children enjoyed exploring the forest together at playtime and making music on the outdoor instruments - well done to all.



Mr Jenkin and Mrs Halliday, Head of Junior School at Northwood College, enjoyed the workshop





This week in cricket

After a tough tournament at Belmont on Saturday, following a week of residential trips, the 1st and 2nd XI put in two strong performances, using rotated batting and bowling line-ups, against St Martin's on Monday and won convincingly. The 1st XI put in a tremendous team performance in all areas of the game. The 2nd XI focussed on the application of tactics, specifically when fielding, looking at risk v reward of aggressive fielding. A very successful set of fixtures against Belmont on Wednesday saw our 1st, 2nds & 4ths produce excellent cricketing displays to win. All boys showed excellent bowling and fielding skills and our maturity with the bat was displayed across the board.





This week in cricket





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