

## STEM enrichment day at Williams F1 Racing



From the  
Headmaster

The range of educational opportunities has been extraordinary in this final week of the half term. Our senior boys have enjoyed Science, Technology, Engineering and Design inspiration this week. On Monday,

selected students from the MTS family of schools were treated to a day at Merchant Taylors' Hall, programming and testing Mindstorm AV vehicles. The next day Year 8 all travelled to Oxfordshire to enjoy a thrilling day with Williams F1 Racing.

Back at School, Nick Butler, a British Endurance Athlete and adventurer gave an inspirational talk to boys from St John's and St Martin's. The Drum Jam, an exciting new initiative from Mr Corin and Mr Trisk, was hugely successful on Monday. The boys had chance to

listen to each other perform and parents were amazed.

We welcomed members of the Merchant Taylors' Educational Trust and the Master of the Company into school on Wednesday. They had a great time connecting with our boys.

It was wonderful to see so many families taking part in the annual Walk to School initiative, despite the rain, which sadly stopped play for our cricket fixtures this week.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful half term.

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# THIS WEEK

## Merchant Taylors' Educational Trust visit

**On Wednesday we** welcomed the Merchant Taylors' Educational Trust and the Master of the Company to St John's. They spent time with Year 3 in the forest area and enjoyed joining in with the outdoor musical instruments before listening to two Year 8 boys' IPQ presentations. A fabulous time was had by all!

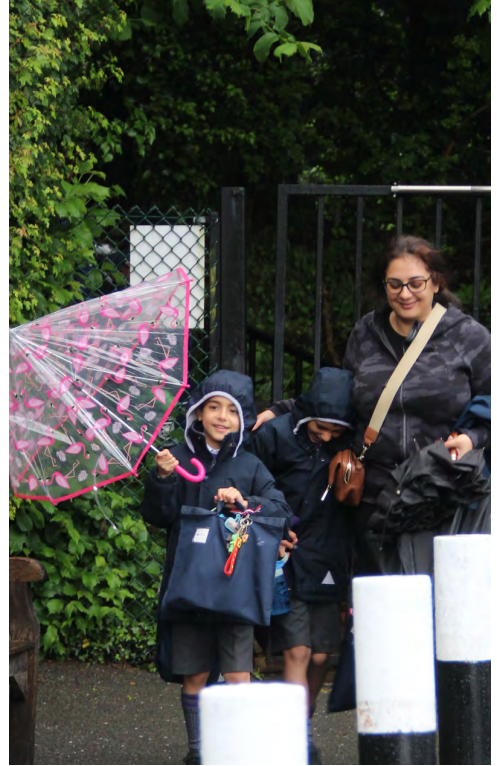






## Walking, cycling and scooting to School

It was wonderful to see so many families taking part in the annual Walk to School initiative. Boys walked with their families, with friends, cycled and even scooted. Congratulations to all the boys who earned Strider badges which contribute to our status as a Green Flag Eco School.







# Northwood Adventure Lecture 2024

**On Friday afternoon,** Year 7 and 8 boys were joined by their peers from St Martin's School to enjoy this year's Northwood Adventure Lecture. Nick Butter, a British Endurance Athlete and holder of some eleven World Records, talked to the boys about his career, which has included many epic endurance

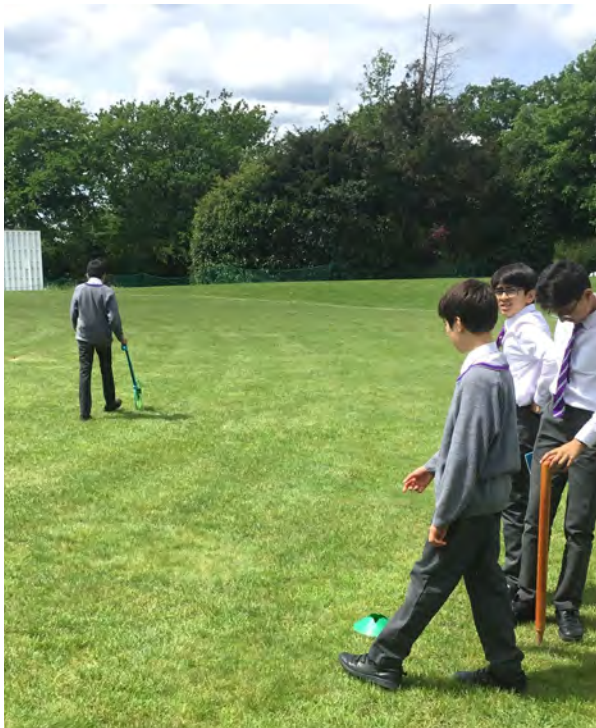
challenges, clocking up a staggering 70,000 miles through 196 countries. A fascinating speaker, who entertained our boys with tales of his adventures, whilst encouraging them to follow their individual passions and seek out their own challenges.







# AROUND SCHOOL

As part of their IPQ preparation, Year 7 have been learning how to use Greek geometry to calculate how far away a boat is from the shore, and the height of tall objects.



Computing lesson in the Wellbeing Garden

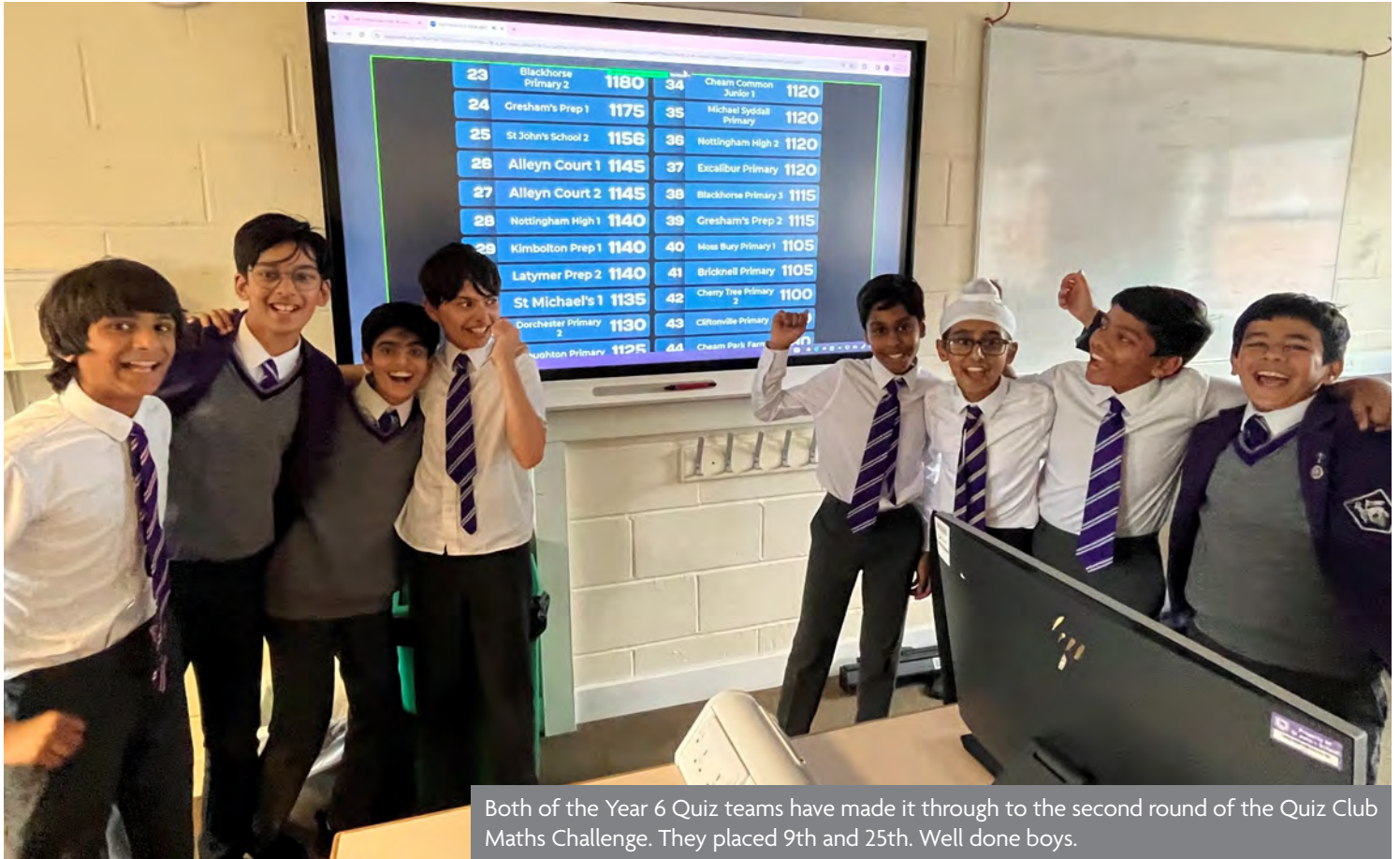


Fabulous hymn practice this morning, with the stage set for Macbeth rehearsals later today.



The latest of our themed menus showcased the tricolore of Italy in a selection of delicious and healthy dishes





## Year 8 Drugs Talk

**On Monday Year 8** boys listened to a presentation about the dangers they may be exposed to as they move through their teenage years and beyond. They heard about the speaker, Simon Leigh, and his personal journey with drugs in the past and they asked pertinent questions at the end of the presentation. Plenty of food for thought...

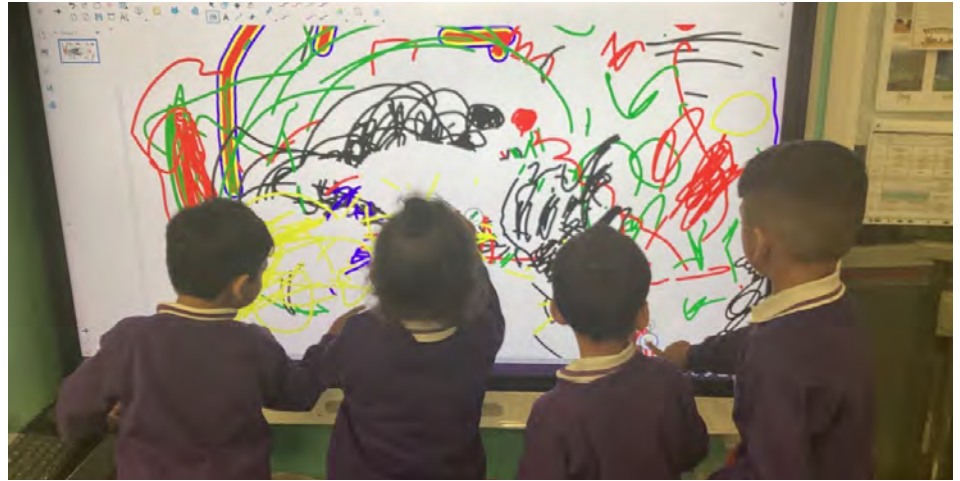






# Aaarrgh, spiders!

**The Lambs** have been learning all about spiders. At first, this interesting creature was met with a bit of distrust but having learnt about them, the boys are now enjoying finding them in the classroom and outside, taking to them with a kinder heart! They have enjoyed learning various spider facts, reading some funny spider stories, and engaging in spider-themed art and sensory trays. The boys have also done lots of exploration with number shapes this week in Maths. They loved making number 10 sandwiches using the different pieces, as well as real 'bread spider sandwiches' with eight pretzel legs! Spiderrastic!







# JUNIORS



## Year 4 Science was hair-raising this week

**Year 4** have been learning all about electricity. First, we learnt about static electricity, and we used a Van Der Graff generator to produce lots of it quickly. “When Miss Little touched the generator, her hair started to rise up and if you

touched her arm, you would get a static shock.” (Hargun, 4 Willow). Next, we learnt how we could make electricity move around a circuit and we completed an experiment to see if we could light a bulb.



*It was a really fun lesson as we were working in a team, and I liked using the equipment. Aaron, 4 Willow*

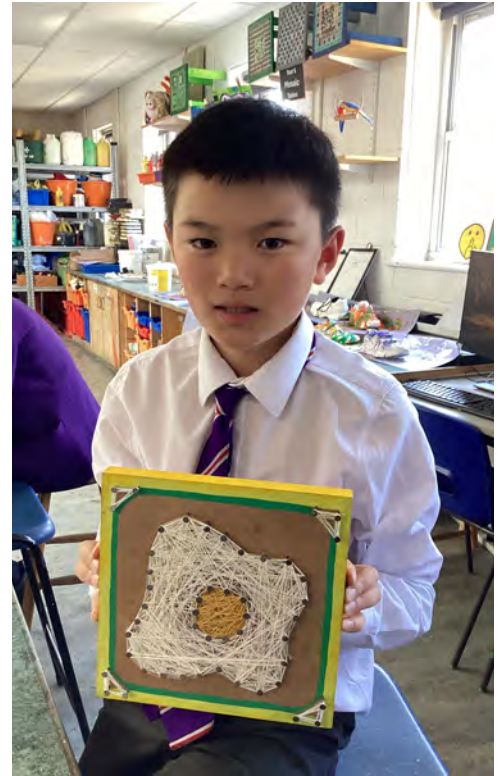






# It has been a colourful week in the Art room

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.

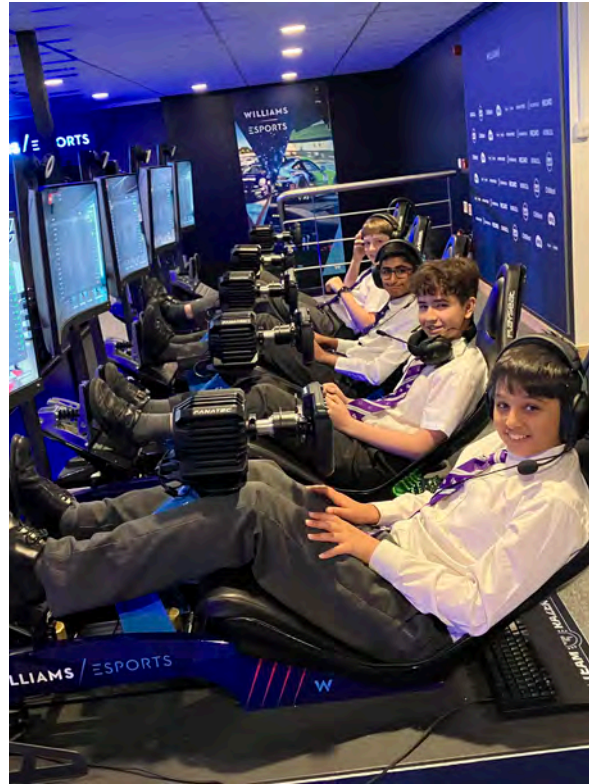






## An extraordinary experience at F1 Racing

Year 8 had an extraordinary day at Williams F1 Racing at Grove, Oxfordshire. The boys enjoyed a tour of the team's historic racing cars, a LEGO Mindstorms challenge and a session on the E Sports simulators. Great fun was had by all!







# Thank you for inspiring us

'Scientists discover the world that exists; engineers create a world that has never been'. *Theodore von Karman*. When Fred from the Smallpeice Trust shared this quote at the beginning of our exciting STEM day at Merchant Taylors', we knew we were in for a stimulating and challenging experience. We worked with Year 7 & 8 students from St Helen's, St

Saviour's and St Olave's to program and test Mindstorm AV vehicles around different courses and pitched our ideas to an interested audience, including the Master. We were delighted to see Shaan Fisher, former St John's boy awarded best design for his Epilepsy Head Protection invention at the Design Awards. *Khyan, Hamza, Matthew, Raphael, Shrey*







## Drum Jam was a huge hit

The Music Department put drums centre stage (literally) for the first ever St John's Drum Jam. It was headphones on and sticks at the ready for an afternoon of rhythmic fun as we were entertained by Mr Trisk's Drum Kit pupils. Cymbolic!







# Colts B v St Martin's 17th May

The **Colts B** team fixture against St Martin's was great fun and extremely close. The level of batting and bowling was exceptional, and the parents enjoyed a thrilling and entertaining fixture. St Martin's won by 2 wickets. St John's batted first to make a score of 94 for 4. It was a close call for St Martin's with us taking 8 wickets, but they managed to beat the innings with only one over left. A special mention to our wicket takers, Alexander (2 for 15), Dilan I, Riaan S, Aarav D and Micah.







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