



St. John's C of E Middle School

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WINTER ISSUE

The Red Sweater

The termly Newsletter from St. John's School

Headteacher's introduction

I write to you as the distant chimes of Christmas approach and there is a growing anticipation and excitement amongst the children. This has been a busy term with many highlights. The Year 7 and 8 children who visited Ingestre Hall were full of their experience and it was wonderful to hear of so many moving beyond their comfort zone and trying new activities such as dance. A number of children found a talent for dancing and singing that they did not realise they had!

The Newsletter again reflects the range and variety of learning experiences provided for our pupils and it is very pleasing to see them taking part in these challenges. As I have communicated separately, Mrs Ireland, Deputy Headteacher, leaves us after 13 years of service at St. John's to take up a Headship at St. Mary's in Studley and we thank her and wish her every success in the future.

Finally, can I thank all staff, parents and pupils for their hard work and support this term and wish all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Mr. G. L. Roberts
Headteacher



English Civil War day

On Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th we welcomed the Colonel back to the school to hold an English Civil War day for Year 8 students. The students had a great day and learnt lots about what life was like during the Civil War and how the conflict was fought getting to actually handle weapons from the time such as matchlock muskets, pikes and swords amongst other artefacts from the time. The highlight of the experience was the actual firing of a musket by the Colonel and the students themselves actually firing a cannon on the school playground, something which they enjoyed greatly.

Update from the Year groups



Year 5

Despite how quickly time has passed since the beginning of the school year, and how unbelievable it sounds to say that Year 5 have nearly completed their first full term, they are now well and truly settled and integrated as St. John's pupils. The transition process was very successful again this year and although there may have been some nerves early on in September and some assessments to complete,

pupils have now comfortably become part of their new classes and year group.

This term has already been action-packed, with our Parents' Expectations evening, which hopefully many found useful to find out more about the way we record and monitor behaviour and achievements. We have also had our Harvest Festival service at the Church with a huge amount of generous donations made by Year 5 and all pupils which was very gratefully received. Parent's Evening also took place in October, with the opportunity to meet class teachers, perhaps for the first time, and to discuss how Year 5 had settled in the first few weeks. More recently, this half term Key Stage 2 had another visit from M&M Theatre group with their lively and fun production of Cinderella and in the same week, Fizz Pop Science gave a brief show to Year 5 to launch their afterschool science club, including a plunger tug of war and a leaf-blower-powered hovercraft! Then in the following week Year 5 took part in our RE enrichment day, recording a song as a year group and creating multi-coloured flags. Not to forget the Year 5 Science trips to the Thinktank in Birmingham, kindly organised by Mr. Luijk and including exploding balloons, bubbling potions and visiting the talking robots.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, excitement builds towards the end of term and even more to look forward to, with the Key Stage 2 fundraising disco, the first terms' Give of Your Best trip, our Christingle service on Monday the 12th December and of course, Christmas Jumper Day.

Year 5 have also made a great effort to make the most of out of school activities already in this first term, with many attending our wide variety of after school clubs but also lots of pupils in the year group returning their forms to attend our trip to Malvern next summer – Luckily we will again be able to take all those who returned their slip, totalling 105 pupils altogether.

So finally, well done to Year 5 for making a great start to their time at St. John's and keep up the hard work and effort!

Mr. D. Owen - Head of Year 5



Year 6

As the nights draw in and the Christmas lights start to twinkle it is an ideal time to reflect on what has been a very good term for all Year 6 pupils. They have really risen to the challenge set to them in terms of the new behaviour policy along with the impending SATs tests that loom large on the horizon but also with the added responsibility that comes from not

being the youngest in school anymore.

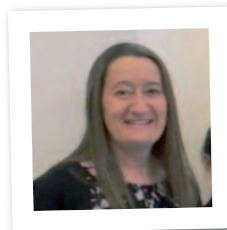
Thank you for all those parents that have given up their time to come into school to support your child this term, either attending the parents evenings or coming to the talk about the new behaviour policy and how you can help your child towards their SATs. Year 6 have been exemplary in the way that have responded to the new behaviour policy that we have brought in as a school and together have amassed a staggering 4,101 achievement points so far at the time of writing, I wonder if we could break 10,000 by the end of July?

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of some important dates for the next term. Our Mock SATs week will take place the week beginning of the 9th January, closely followed by two parents evenings on the 17th and 19th of January. More information will be given nearer the time but please feel free to follow what's going on in Year 6 through our

new Twitter page by searching and following @HeadofYear6 to get regular updates.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Year 6 staff for their continued hard work and dedication through the longest term of the year. I hope you all have a well-deserved rest over Christmas and that Santa brings you something good.

Mr. K. Hirst - Head of Year 6



Year 7

With the autumn term almost complete and the Christmas season upon us I would like to congratulate the Year 7 pupils on completing their first term in key stage 3. They have shown maturity in their response to the new behaviour policy and seem to be tackling the increased work load with diligence responsibility. I would like to thank parents for their continued support in regards to signing

planners and helping to ensure pupils are supported with behaviour and homework. I look forward to seeing many pupils on our upcoming 'Give of Your Best' trip where they can celebrate their achievements and hard work.

At the end of each half term in key stage 3 we celebrate our classes' successes in regards to attendance, house points and stamps through our Year 7 class league tables which are displayed in the Year 7 corridor. I am pleased to announce that 7KRC won all three prizes, having the highest number of all three! Individual pupils were also awarded prizes for getting full stamps and getting their planners signed. Mrs Clarke assures me that the challenge is now on, watch out 7KRC!

Our pupils have taken on many opportunities this term to enjoy activities outside the classroom including regular after school clubs and the recent Ingestre Hall trip. With the PGL trip just around the corner and many other fantastic opportunities, I hope our pupils will continue to enjoy their interests with the wealth of opportunities they have available to them here at St John's.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all the Year 7 teachers for their hard work and commitment this term and wish you all an enjoyable Christmas break!

Mrs C. Hirons - Head of Year 7



Year 8

As well as recently visiting South Bromsgrove High to watch former pupils competing in their annual Eisteddfod, Year 8 have had visits from both North and South Bromsgrove High School this term. I will be working closely with the High Schools throughout the year to ensure smooth transition for all our pupils in September.

It is particularly important in the final year of St John's that we encourage pupils to adopt a mature and responsible attitude to learning and homework in preparation for their GCSE studies, which are fast approaching. We appreciate parental support is vital and our new system for monitoring homework is certainly helping us to spot those pupils who need more support with recording and remembering to complete the tasks set.

Following the success of our Class League Tables last year, we are once again recording class scores for house points, attendance and stamps. Pupils can view where their class stands each week on the league table board in the Year 8 corridor and prizes will be won for the best class overall in each area at the end of this term. We also continue to put names of pupils with full stamps each week into our tombola, with a chance to win a £10 Amazon Voucher and runners up prizes of chocolates each half term. As we tell our pupils, 'You have to be in it to win it!'

Ms R. Bourne - Head of Year 8

Harvest Festival

Our pupils and staff celebrated their 2016 Harvest Festival at St John's Church in October. Prayers and drama on the theme of 'Thankfulness and Living Fruitful Lives' culminated in an impressive collection of foods and toiletries in support of local charities. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and enthusiasm which had produced such an abundance of essential gifts for Birmingham City Mission, New Starts Food Bank in Bromsgrove and Dodford Children's Holiday Farm. The Harvest Festival was another stunning example of the School's fundamental commitment to helping others.



Youth Alpha club is on every Thursday afterschool. The club has been a great success. Youth Alpha allows pupils to learn about Christianity in a fun and enjoyable way. We still have plenty of places for pupils who would still like to join. See Mrs Singh for details.



Remembrance Day

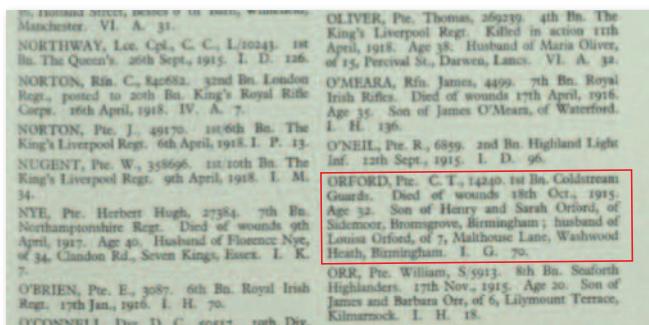
Friday 4th November in our assembly we remembered all those former pupils of St. John's who lost their lives in the Great War. A child stood up to represent each person that was lost. It was a very moving assembly and pupils could see what terrible loss war brings. One of the former pupils we remembered was Charles Orford and Mr. McEvilly, Head of History, provided the following research which was highlighted in the assembly.

Charles Orford

Private Charles Orford attended this school and his name appears on our school memorial.

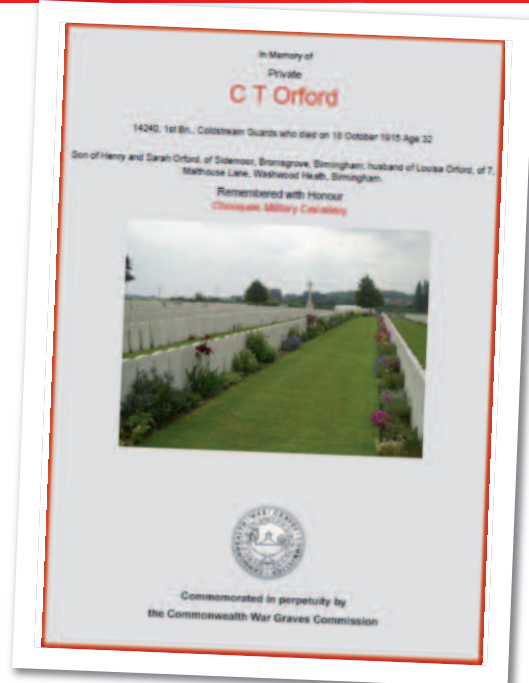
Regiment: Private Charles Orford was in the Coldstream Guards.

Charles died on the 18th October 1915 at the Casualty Clearing Station (basically a field hospital away from the front lines) in Lillers. Most soldiers at this clearing station were from the Ypres and Bethune front. I suspect he was injured during the second battle of Ypre in 1915 and then died of his wounds. He is buried at Chocques Military Cemetery near Lillers in France.



He was born in Sidemore, Bromsgrove to Henry and Sarah Orford 1883 and was 32 years old when he died.

He left behind a wife, Louisa Orford who was from Birmingham.



Small things matter!

The world seems to have gone a bit mad! with Brexit and Donald Trump taking the headlines. It would be so easy to assume that the big things matter. Some of us we remember other similar large events, that made us a fearful of the future (9-11, 7-7. the banking crash or even Cold War) We have lived through those times and we know that the world has the capacity to carry on.

Christmas is coming up and we remember a cosmic event that started really small. A baby born in a stable in a small town in the rough end of the Roman Empire was born, and that birth has the potential to change everything. God started small and Christmas is a reminder to focus on the small things that matter.

Politicians may have the power to make the world less fair, more unkind, more ruthless. But we have the power to bring hope, love, kindness and joy even in the darkest of times. Use that power it can make the difference!

Reverend Ray Khan
Parish of Bromsgrove
Team Vicar

St John the Baptist & St. Andrew's Charford



Faraday Challenge



Parkside Faraday challenge relating to Micro Chips. 5 teams of year 8's from local Middle schools.

The Faraday challenge our school attended was held at

Parkside Middle School. A team of six students were sent to represent the school: Esme Elwell-Thomas, Molly Irons, Hannah Witten, Michael Bray, Ryan Hilton and Joshua Wallace. The team had to create two inventions that would help the Land Rover BAR team win the America's Cup. The two inventions we did were a Capsize Alert, that would alert the crew of the boat when the ship was about to capsize. Our other invention was Environmental Information, which would tell the crew about their surroundings like temperature.

Unfortunately this only got second place. However all is not bad as we only dropped nine marks and although coming second at Parkside we are so far second in the country! So let's keep our fingers crossed that we will stay second, as not every school has completed the challenge yet.



By Joshua Wallace 8MF

Think Tank

The other day we went to the Thinktank in Birmingham and it was incredible. We went on three sections. The first floor we went on was Stage 2 which had the Street, the Human Body and All About Me. The Street was all about what our world is like such as pipes, recycling, crushing metal and more. The Human Body was all about what would happen if we didn't eat healthy, which in some cases linked to the All About Me and using tools that could tell your heart rate and the way your blood works. We even saw a real life brain! The next stage was Stage 1 and it had a theatre where there was a cauldron show and it was amazing and very scientific. We saw a person who showed us that magic is not real but all to do with science. He made some balloons but one of the balloons had hydrogen but the other had helium so one of the balloons made a massive bang and burst into flames, which had hydrogen and the other one had helium it made a much smaller bang we all enjoyed it. The last stage was Stage 0 which had things all to do with the past the floor had loads of classic cars, old trophies, and a massive old fashioned train. After that we went into the Science Garden and explored the garden it was so fun to use the water features and explore different scientific experiments.

By Meisha Taylor-Beard
and Eva Jelfs 5JS



Science Trip Report

On Tuesday 4th October, a handful of selected Year 7 and Year 8 students attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) day at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern. The day began with an engaging presentation surrounding maths (probability) and was shortly followed with exploring the hall with all the inventions/activities/miniature shows, in groups. In the afternoon, we completed workshops revolving around different topics; Year 7 did potential STEM jobs and Year 8 found the best materials to create a space suit. My favourite things were the three dimensional printers, the interactive sandpit (it had a weather map, depending on how high the tower was, depended what the weather) and the workshop. The day was an amazing experience and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Esme Elwell-Thomas – 8NB Head Girl

Maths

Congratulations to all Year 5 and 6 children who were selected to take the Primary Maths Challenge this term. Gold, silver and bronze certificates and medals will be awarded in the Celebration Assembly at the end of this term. The following received medals for the top scores in their year:

Year 5: Abigail Johnson, Umar Rashid, Lucy Stewart, Frank Charlton, Alex Fiddian

Year 6: Luke Windle, Lewis Leddington, Jamie Stewart, Patrick Niedzwiedz, Sam Godfrey, Jack Wright, Adam Furness, Lewis Rickets, Isaac Bridge, Samuel Jenkins

This test is of a really high standard, please see an example question below:

The average of the numbers S, O, M and E is 2016. R is 2016 greater than S. What is the average of the numbers M, O, R and E?

Well done to all Year 6 pupils for completing their first round of practice SAT testing with a really promising start. CGP Revision guides and workbooks are available to purchase from Miss chambers in Room 16 for extra support.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the opening of the 'Maths Christmas Tree Decoration Competition'. We hope for entries as fantastic as those last year!

We Are Europe

Back in September 2015 the school was approached by Worcester University to see if we would take part in a piece of research being funded by the European Union as part of the Erasmus+ scheme involving several schools and educational institutes across Europe. Pupils in Year 8 worked on the 'We Are Europe' project in their Geography lessons and it culminated in a conference at Worcester University where pupils were able to feed back their findings and listen to guest speakers. I had the chance to visit Warsaw and take part in the final conference that involved giving a presentation of the research conducted within St John's to an audience made up of teachers and educationalists from the five other partnership countries. It was a fantastic experience and one that I am delighted to have had the opportunity to have been involved in.

Mr. K. Hirst – Head of Year 6

Art Enrichment Day

All pupils took part in an art and music enrichment day Wednesday 16th November producing work based on the terms values, Peace and Faith. Pupils created artefacts that presented the school values of Peace and Faith. They applied their own ideas to the design process to create an individual and unique piece. It was an extremely successful day for the pupils and teachers



Children worked on mosaics, clay tiles, stained glass windows and textile peace flags. Some pupils in KS3 worked with 'protean art' (an artist in residence) to make a 3D sculpture designed by Year 7 pupil Matthew Lewis.



Fundraising



Save the Children

autism
west midlands



Charities for this year:

Year 5

Save the Children

Year 6

Baby Ava Foundation

Year 7

Autism West Midlands

Year 8

Teenage Cancer Trust

Children in Need 2016

As part of our fundraising on Friday 18th November 2016 for Children in Need, 4 members of 8MF led a bake sale at brektime to raise money for this amazing charity. Cerys Long, Naeve Foy, Mia Donnelly Smith and Grace Daly. The wonderful efforts of these young ladies raised **£58.90**. Well done to you all.

Therefore added to our Non uniform day in which the theme was Heroes a total of **£611.26** was raised.

Maths Department – raised **£155.05** for MacMillan Cancer Charity by selling off text books no longer required by school but that could still be used at home.

Gardening Club

Well we finally have a garden that resembles a garden, even though it is void of all colour and life, roll on spring. We have a new greenhouse full of spring colour just waiting to bloom.

We also have new chickens to go with the new garden. We have three Rhode Island Reds called Billy, Jeff and Rose and we have two Light Sussex called Dab and Orio. All named by the children.

If there are any parents who are willing to help us on our way by donating tools, seeds, plants, pots(of any size) or anything else garden related, then we shall be more than happy to put it to good use.

Many thanks in advance.

Mr. P. Hirons – Teaching Assistant

M&M Theatre Company

The M&M theatre company rolled up to St John's in their brightly coloured van for an incredible performance of 'Cinderella' on November 9th.

Key Stage 2 witnessed wonderful vocal performances from the two leading actors, an engaging set with startling special effects, modern musical twists and two of the most grotesque and gaudy ugly sisters ever!

Amidst the laughter and raucous audience participation were genuinely poignant scenes - you could hear a pin drop during the part where Cinderella watched helplessly as her ticket to the ball was cruelly ripped up in front of her.

A wonderful way to spend a grey, damp Wednesday morning!

JASS

This year the scheme is being run in full, selected pupils from Years 5, 6 & 7 will take part in the JASS programme throughout the year. The four areas are:- adventure, community, get fit stay active and my interest.

Half of the course will be in school and the other half will be out at Upton Warren, Sanders Park and a little of the time in our own school grounds. The course has started with the children going to Upton Warren on a Thursday afternoon to take part in their land based activities consisting of various activities ranging from Orienteering, low/ high ropes, climbing, archery, 3G swing and many other activities to improve and develop old and new skills, for example, spatial awareness, fitness, confidence, co-ordination and team work.



Ingestre Hall

During the weeks beginning the 10th and the 31st October, four separate groups of Year 7 and 8 pupils went on residential trips to Ingestre Hall - a specialist Arts centre. During their time at Ingestre Hall, pupils attended workshops led by expert tutors in very well-equipped professional work spaces, designed to bring out the pupils' creativity. The students spent their time working on one specific art form - either Music (week one), Art (week two), Drama, Dance or Film and Animation. The work produced was absolutely outstanding and we were so proud of all the pupils for their hard work and achievements!

'I loved Ingestre Hall as it was such a beautiful place to stay. Drama was brilliant and we learnt so much in a really short amount of time. My tutor was an amazing teacher and the dormitories we slept in were amazing too! I'd love to go again!' Lauren Moss 7JCL

'I chose Art - we created some charcoal drawings on the theme of our school values - it was really inspiring. The night walk was my favourite activity because it was fun exploring in the dark, everyone was scared which was actually quite funny!'

Beth Jones 7JCL



Year 8 - Eisteddfod

On Thursday 10th November Year 8 went to South Bromsgrove High School to watch the final dress rehearsal for their Eisteddfod talent show.

It was a lovely afternoon and great for our pupils to have a sample of High School Life and the opportunities for those interested in Music and Drama.

Past pupils were pleased to see us and it was fantastic as always to be invited!

Year 6 Visit to Whitley Court

Year 6 visited Witley court as part of their 'sense of place' project. Children had a chance to take photographs, make rubbings and produce observational drawings. All pupils in the year took place in the visit and have produced some lovely work from it.

Sports

Football

Girls Football

We have a huge number of girls taking part in Football this term. They have been working hard to improve with Grassroots Football coach, Jon Newton. We entered an U13 team into the ESFA Cup Tournament. In Round one they had a comfortable win against West Walsall Academy, 5-1, with all goals being scored by Naeve Foy. In the second round, they narrowly missed out to Baxter College. They've also been to a friendly Tournament at Catshill where they won against Parkside, 5-0, drew against Alvechurch 0-0 and drew against Casthill 1-1. There has also been a great turn out in Key Stage 2. Some of the Year 5 & 6 girls also went to Catshill and played some friendly games against other schools in the district. The Year 6 girls took part in a tournament and



Boys Football

Year 8 vs Parkside win 5-1
Year 8 boys vs The Priory Independent School win 3-2
Year 8 Boys vs Astonfields A team win 2-0 B team win 5-1
Year 7 Football vs Stourport draw 4-4
Year 7 boys vs Parkside Lose 4-1
Year 5 football vs Alvechurch Loss 7-3



Year 6 Football Tournament

After the first friendly match we played, confidence was fairly low amongst our Year 6 boy's football team. However, during their first match they roared to victory with a Kyle Shaw hat-trick and a clean sheet to go with it, a 3-0 win. Confidence grew in the boys and, during their next fixture against a talented Witton side, they took the game all the way to the wire; narrowly, they lost 2-1 after two superb solo goals by the same player for Witton. In the last league game, we lost 2-0, again with goals that we could do nothing about. We finished 3rd in our group and ended up in a 5th/6th place play-off which we drew 0-0 and, had the game gone on for a minute or two longer, we think we would have snatched a victory. Never-the-less, a great turnaround from the first fixture.

PGL Netball/ Football weekend

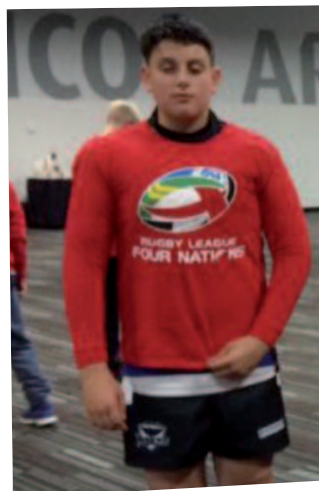
The year 8 Netball team were handed silver medals from an England international after finishing second in a netball tournament. The girls took part in the PGL Netball Tour in Liddington for two days beginning Saturday, November 5.

Pitted against a number of big-city schools and club teams, an unbeaten St John's roared into the final but slipped to second after defeat to Kennett High School in West Berkshire.

The girls, who represent the school in their Year 8 netball team, were awarded with silver medals by England netball international Eboni Beckford-Chambers.

The weekend was a great success. It was fantastic for the students to travel away and play against some different schools. We're very proud of how hard the students worked, even getting out of bed to train at 7:30am on a cold Sunday morning. For a small town middle school they did so well to get as far as they did and being presented with medals by Eboni Beckford was the icing on the cake.

The competition, which is officiated by England Netball, was one many events students from the school took part in over the sporting tour, with boys also partaking in a training camp to encourage support, encouragement, teamwork and communication skills.



Well Done to Josh Leonisio who acted of a Guard of Honour at the Ricoh Arena for an England vs Scotland Match.



New Age Kurling

We recently entered two teams in a New Age Kurling Competition. Some of the children have been practicing Kurling in PE intervention sessions so this was a lovely way for them to demonstrate the skills they have picked up. They had a fantastic afternoon and we came away with both Bronze and Gold Medals. The winning team will now go on to represent North Worcestershire in the Winter Games later this year. Well Done to;

Ethan Bradley, Zakk Bradley, Sam Leonisio, Taylor Phillips, Will Pearson, Adam Westmorland, Rosie Seymour, Hannah Denby – Silver Medallists

Adam Banner, Emily Denby, Olivia Davies, Belinda Tisdell - Gold Medallists



Young Leaders

Our newly trained Year 7 young leaders helped coordinate the New Age Kurling event at the Ryland Centre and helped to organise over 150 students taking part. Twelve of these young leaders have attended football, netball and hockey training are now qualified to support at District events. Well done to Esme Elwell- Thomas who has achieved her platinum young leaders award, which is a great achievement!



World Marathon Challenge

Students in Year 7 and 8 took part in the World Marathon Challenge at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

During this event students take turns to run 200m, the winning team is the first school to complete the distance of the world marathon.

They showed great grit and determination. They completed the distance in 2 hours 3 minutes and 35 seconds. Between them they managed to beat Paula Radcliffe's world record of 2:14:25 and narrowly missed out on beating the men's world record of 2:02:57.

They finished in first place against the other schools also competing at the Alexander Stadium.

Schools all over the country were also competing at the same time and overall they finished in 2nd position out of the 100 schools that competed outdoors.

This is great event which the children love competing in. They worked extremely hard. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to run on a professional track where many famous athletes have trained and thrived.



Team Colours

This year we are introducing Team Colours for students in Years 7 and 8. Students could be awarded with a Badge or Tie if they are selected. The award of colours should be the ultimate accolade for any student at St John’s Middle School. It should be the goal that they strive for and as such are a wonderful motivational tool.

The Teacher in Charge of a sport may nominate a student in their particular sport who has played regularly for the 1st team (A team), noting the following considerations:

- The student has shown particular commitment to the sport throughout their school career.
- The student has shown good leadership skills and qualities.
- The student has shown greater ability to work together well with his peers in a team context than might otherwise be expected.
- The student has shown high levels of dedication and determination to succeed in an individual or team sport.
- The student has to have set an exceptional example: they have been a good ‘role model’ for the rest of the school.
- The student has to have been consistently highly motivated and shown a positive attitude towards his sport in both training and in matches.

More detail is specified in the Schools Colours Policy and can be viewed upon request from Miss Birmingham. We look forward to giving out our first round of badges for Netball and Hockey in December.



Netball & Football House Competitions

All students across the school recently took part in Inter-house cross Netball and Football. The students and teachers had a great time and the results are as follows;

<div>Year 5 Netball</div> <div>1st Stuart 5</div> <div>2nd Tudor 3</div> <div>3rd Windsor 2</div> <div>4th Hanover 1</div>	<div>Year 5 Football</div> <div>1st Hanover 5</div> <div>2nd Stuart 3</div> <div>3rd Tudor 2</div> <div>4th Windsor 1</div>	<div>Overall Key Stage 2 results</div> <div>4th Windsor</div> <div>3rd Tudor</div> <div>2nd Hanover</div> <div>1st STUART</div>
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Inter House Cross Country

Students volunteered to take part in Inter house cross country. Despite the wet and cold weather, many turned out to run the distance and the results are as follows;

Key Stage 2

Girls

Stuart	1st	Tudor	2nd
Hanover	3rd	Windsor	4th

Boys

Windsor	1st	Hanover	2nd
Stuart	3rd	Tudor	4th

Key Stage 3

Girls

Windsor	1st	Hanover	2nd
Tudor	3rd	Stuart	4th

Boys

Tudor	1st	Hanover	2nd
Stuart	3rd	Windsor	4th

House	Score	Place
Hanover	62	2
Stuart	92	3
Tudor	101	4
Windsor	52	1

District Cross Country Team

Well done to the following who will now represent the School in the District Competition;

Year 5 Boys

Miles Beyene
Ethan Butt
Lewis Hart
Henry Parsons
CJ Thacher
Taylor Edrop
Callum Jones
Jack Crawford
William Turner
Fletcher Howard

Year 5 Girls

Charlotte Whitehurst
Cassey Smith
Bethan Jackson
Frankie Harvey
Georgia Lawrence
Layla Yeomans
Meegan Cartwright
Lilly Carless
Olivia Doveston-Hill
Lillianna Hawkins

Year 6 Boys

Isaac Bridge
Kyle Shaw
Sam Godfrey
Reece Jeffreys
Patrick Niedzwiedz
Noah Wallace
Joey Greenslade
Josh McNally
Matthew Wigget
Oisin Donnelly Smith

Year 6 Girls

Charlie Akinson
Josie Ward
Megan Lindsay
Daisy O'Donnell
Isabelle Keavney
Eleri Edwards
Charlotte Lewis
Florance Stewart
Daisymay Millership

Year 7 Boys

Charlie Beaver
Louis Chapman-Hart
Cory Butler
Cameron Crawford
Josh Gumley
Joel Fry
George Copestake
Max Watkins
Charlie Keight
Cameron Jarvis

Year 7 Girls

Mia Powell
Lauren Moss
Katie Griffiths
Jessica Reeves
Isabella Laurence
Jessica Henderson
Isobel Jarrett
Isobel Randle
Aaliyah Harris
Alice Grey

Year 8 Boys

Finton Hutt
Tom Saunders

Year 8 Girls

Naeve Foy
Devan Braumanis
Niamh O'Malley
Ava Freer
Emily Wright
Olivia Turbutt
Mia Scarlett
Maddie Dunster
Nadia Bassinder
Hannah Bullard

Judo Club

Judo has been hugely successful over the past 2 months and the school club has almost doubled in size! Students have learnt how to fall properly using break falls, throw others safely to the ground to score points and hold each other down

successfully! As well as this they've been learning the Japanese names for all of these.

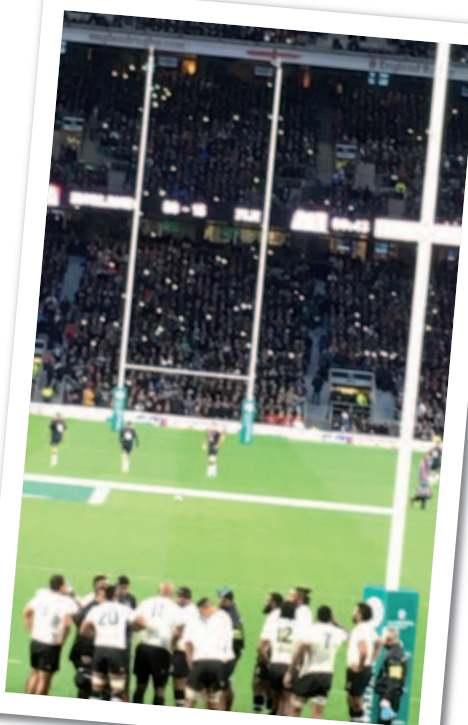
Thanks to the schools links with Redditch Judo Kwai, two of our students, Seb and Dominic Chauhan, also attended a master class with commonwealth gold medallist and Olympian, Ashley McKenzie over the half term break which they really enjoyed!



Twickenham Trip – England Vs Fiji

After an exhilarating start to our rugby season at St John's we had the opportunity to go and watch England take on Fiji in the old mutual wealth series. It was a fantastic day out and we got

fully immersed in match day shenanigans as soon as we got to the stadium with Sky Sports VR section spotting our group as soon as we turned up and recorded our pupils singing "swing low" before we entered the stadium. We couldn't have picked a more action packed game to go to with England running in 58 points to Fiji's 15 and have definitely come away with more of an idea the style of rugby we want to play!



Diary Dates

Friday 16th January 2016 Autumn Term Ends

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 Spring Term Begins

Tuesday 17th January Parents Evening
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 19th January Parents Evening
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday 20th February –
Friday 24th February inclusive Half Term

Monday 10th April –
Friday 21st April inclusive Easter Holidays

Staffing Changes

We said goodbye to Mrs Karen Baxter, Finance Manager, who left earlier this term due to family commitments and we will be saying farewell to Mrs Melanie Ireland, Deputy Headteacher, who is leaving us to take up Headship at St. Mary's Junior School, Studley.

We say hello to Miss Lucy Humphreys and Mrs Nicola Wallace who have both joined the finance department as Administrative Assistants and Mr. Nathan Stanley who has joined is as IT Technician.



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Telephone message

At the moment the school is receiving a lot of calls and visits from parents with messages or items, such as PE kits etc, for their children. Unfortunately the school would prefer not to receive messages from parents to pupils if they are deemed non-emergency. Pupils do not return to their classrooms at the end of the day but are dismissed from their lessons. This means that office staff have to interrupt a lesson to pass on a message or item of equipment which can cause quite a lot of disruption. Therefore can we please ask that you contact the school with a message for your child in the case of an emergency only and to remind or check with your child that they have all the equipment they need for the day.

Thank you for your support.

ParentMail



Attention all parents!

Communicating with you is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and school news that really matters is something we care about.

As you know, the school uses ParentMail, a service used by over 6,000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate to



We'd like to encourage all parents to download the APP as there are a number of benefits both to you and the school:

- You don't need to login to pick up messages or attachments when you use the App.
- The App stores all the messages we send you in one place.
- Every message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile.
- You help save us money!
- You can download the App for free from Apple Store or Google Play Store.

Internet Safety - useful contacts and links for parents:

www.childnet-int.org

leaflet for parents on how to use socialnetworking sites safely

www.myguide.gov.net

on line safety training for parents **www.thinkuknow.co.uk**