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Issue 03





Welcome from the Head

Christmas at MTP is always a magical time and we have been treated to so many enjoyable Christmas events, including the Y1 & Y2 Production, the Nursery and Reception Concert, the Christmas Concert and today's Carol Service.

The Sports Department has highlighted some important news and we congratulate our 1st XII Rugby and U12 Hockey teams for their unbeaten season. It is brilliant for the boys and their coaches to have this kind of success.

Thank you to the Parents' Association for this week's Secrets Room and to all parents for their understanding when we had to close the school on Monday because of the heavy snow. Our school is a happy and successful place because of the partnership that we have with parents and I wish you and your families peace and relaxation over the Christmas period.

Best wishes

Dr Mc Nerney

**Dr Mc Nerney |
Head of Merchant Taylors' Prep**



Snow Day



House News December 2017

The Carol Service provided a fitting end to a busy and rich Autumn term. We congratulate the Choirs and Readers for this seasonal gift. Recent festivities enjoyed by the boys include three Spelling Bees, House Quizzes, House Cross Country, a Christmas Concert, an Evening of Poetry and Prose (LAMDA), a Johnson Year 8 Pantomime, a Paper Chain Challenge (pictured below) and a traditional Christmas Feast. The older boys ate in their Houses as usual and Y8 thanked the kitchen staff on the occasion of their last Christmas lunch at Merchant Taylors' Prep. Talking of last occasions, both The Prep School and Newton House would like to thank Miss Marshall for her contribution as she heads home to Australia.

Heads of House



Paper Chain Challenge 2017



Inter House Quiz

Simon, from Quiz Club, hosted our annual Inter-house general knowledge competition, the results of which are below.

There was a very high standard all day. Congratulations to all the boys, especially the Livingstone Year 5 and 6 boys whose big victory made all the difference in the end, and brought the trophy home.

The best individual quizzier was James Ward (8J3).

Years 3 and 4: House Competition

	House	Points
1	Johnson	699
2	Newton	697
3	Livingstone	664
4	Wren	651

Years 7 and 8: House Competition

	House	Points
1	Wren	625
2	Johnson	611
3	Newton	575
4	Livingstone	574

Years 5 and 6: House Competition

	House	Points
1	Livingstone	776
2	Wren	682
3	Johnson	608
4	Newton	573

Overall: Trophy

	House	Points
1	Livingstone	2014
2	Wren	1958
3	Johnson	1918
4	Newton	1845



It is so hard to believe that we have reached the end of term. All boys in Pre-Prep have done so very well and I can see that they are all ready for a rest during the Christmas holiday! The last few of weeks have flown by in a flurry of exciting activities. To round off their topic about animals, Nursery and Reception enjoyed a visit from Jester the Guide Dog and her owner Julie. Nursery also made wonderful pictures of animals using natural materials. Reception children walked to Moor Park Post Office to post an envelope containing a Christmas 'surprise' for their parents and enjoyed a visit from 6th Formers from Merchant Taylors' School who spent the afternoon reading with groups. Year 1 and 2 concluded their topic about Pirates with an exciting hunt through the school grounds, following clues to find Pirate Treasure! As part of Forest School they helped to harvest and weave the willow from the dome on the field. Mr Ray was delighted to have such willing assistants and the boys enjoyed learning how to use tools safely to help maintain our outdoor area.

Our Christmas performances have been a great success and the photographs give a flavour of both performances. Y1 and Y2 performed with such confidence in 'Manger Mouse' and we were delighted by the Nursery and Reception Concert. It was a great effort from all the boys and thank you for all your support supplying such wonderful costumes. On behalf of all of the staff in Pre-Prep, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for everything that you do to help with your sons' education and for supporting us so whole-heartedly. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that you all have a wonderful time together with your families over the holidays.

6th Formers Reading



'Manger Mouse'



Nursery and Reception Concert



Guide Dog Visit



Nursery Woodland Animal Pictures



Reception Walk to the Post Office



Mrs Carritt at Thanksgiving



Treasure Hunt



Swallows Treasure



Swifts Treasure



Y1 Painting Treasure Chests



Willow



Willow Weaving



Willow Harvesting



Penguins Willow



Puffins Willow



Swallows Willow



Swifts Willow

From the Prep SLT corridor

We would like to congratulate the following boys on their achievements during the first half term:

MVP	MIP	Dispositions Trophy
Rahul Patel (8J3)	Oliver Johnson (8W3)	Filippos Kyriakou (8J2)
Sahil Shah (8L1)	Tyler Horsfall (7L2)	Amaan Kassam (8J1)
Dev Kamesh (3OG)	Mark Humphrey (6N3)	
Harry Morgan (4S)	Max Little (8N1)	
Amaan Sawani (5J2)		
James Ward (8J3)		

We wish all of our boys and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to an exciting 2018 MTP.

MTP MFL



The Year 7 French Spelling Bee has started. Remember to learn your words over Christmas.
Mr R Kopel

December saw the terms remaining Rugby and Hockey fixtures completed, with success across the age groups in Y3-8. Our 1st XII Rugby team completed an unbeaten season with a victory over St Martins and the U12 THL Hockey side completed an unbeaten season by sharing the trophy in an end to end final with St Johns. The remaining development groups playing their final fixtures meaning that every boy in Y3-8 has played a competitive Rugby match against another School this term.

We move into the Football season when we return in January, please can boys bring their Football Boots and astro trainers to each session. It is even more important that boys bring extra layers for Games sessions also, hats, gloves and tracksuits plus a water bottle each week.

Thank you to all parents that have been able to come and support on the touchline this term, it really does make a difference to the boys. We look forward to seeing you all in January.

Merry Christmas from the Sports Department.

U12 THL 2017 Champions



Keep up to date on MTP Sport here: [@MTSPrepSport](https://twitter.com/MTSPrepSport)

1st XII Rugby 2017



Development Squad Rugby 2017



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U9A Rugby 2017

Congratulations to the undefeated U9A squad 4 convincing wins over Habs, Belmont, St.Johns & UCS, and a thriller win over Berkhamsted. A very proud coach indeed, hope your form continues next year, Mr Horne.



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Link to hope shoebox appeal

This MTP tradition once again gave the boys the chance to feel part of something bigger that helps others. By filling an ordinary shoe boxes with gifts for needy children the boys ensured that some children might have their most memorable Christmas ever. Over a hundred shoeboxes were collected by the boys, as you can see from the photograph it was quite a sight. These shoe boxes will be added to the million plus shoeboxes that will be sent from the UK to impoverished children in hospitals, orphanages, displaced persons camps and homeless shelters in some of the world's most deprived areas. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

Please click on the Link to Hope clip below to see them being distributed.

So a huge thank you for all the time and effort that was put in to the boxes. Judging from the beautiful gift wrap it was clear that a lot of time and energy were spent on putting them together. Your time and effort was much appreciated!

Mrs S Gadd, Mr R Kopel, Mrs P Steed
School Charity Co-ordinators



Link to hope shoebox appeal



Our Year 8 boys carrying the shoeboxes for the whole school



It is collection time for all the shoeboxes of our Pre-Prep boys



And here is a van full of shoeboxes!

Poppy Appeal certificate



The Royal British Legion
Rickmansworth & West Hyde Branch
Ebury Road
Rickmansworth
Herts
WD3 1B"H
Website;
<http://rickmansworth.legionbranches.net/>

This Certificate

is issued in grateful thanks to

Merchant Taylors' Prep

in recognition of raising

£261.70

towards the 2017 Poppy Appeal

Suzanne I Harding

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser
Rickmansworth and Central Watford



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We can't believe how fast this term has flown by...the holiday season started with the smell of mulled wine and mince pies at the Christmas Concert. The boys were magical as always and truly got us in the festive mood!

Even the snow didn't stop us having fun at the Family Secrets Room this year. The look of joy and excitement on our boys' faces as they chose their special gifts was so beautiful to see. Your "secret" gifts were chosen with much care and attention and we hope that they all reached you in one piece!! As always the boys were eager to purchase their raffle tickets with their shiny pound coins. We are pleased to announce the winners of the MTP PA raffle were; Aryan Ashar, Nathaniel Williams, Reeyen Rupereila, Ruben Rudrakumar and Neeyam Kutmutia.

Thank you for your kind donations towards our uniform sale (without which, we would not have any stock). The recent sale in November was extremely popular and we hope to hold another sale in the Spring term. As always, there is no need to wait for an email regarding uniform drop off, please pass on the MTP uniform that the boys have outgrown to one of the members of the PA.

We have had a fantastic year organising many events for you, all with the aim of bringing our MTP family together. We will be hosting some new and exciting events in the Spring term...but more about that later!

We wish you all a very happy Christmas break and best wishes for the New Year.

Anila Shyam & Aarti Bahanda
on behalf of the MTP Parents' Association



Digital Science Resources

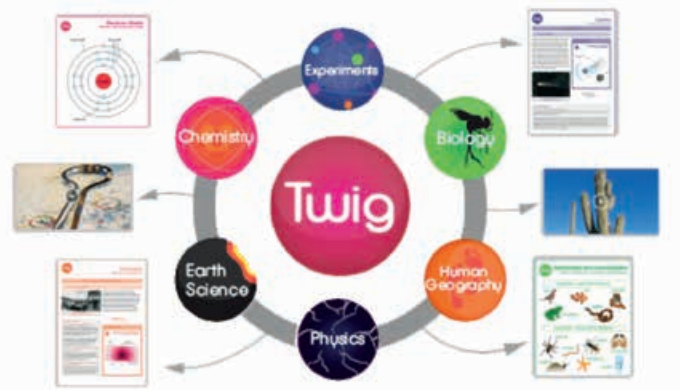
The school subscribes to some wonderful digital resources to supplement Science learning. These cover topics and age related content for use from 4 to 13 years of age.

To access tigtagworld.com or tigtagjr.com the username is 'npscience' and the password is 'science'. Twig-world.

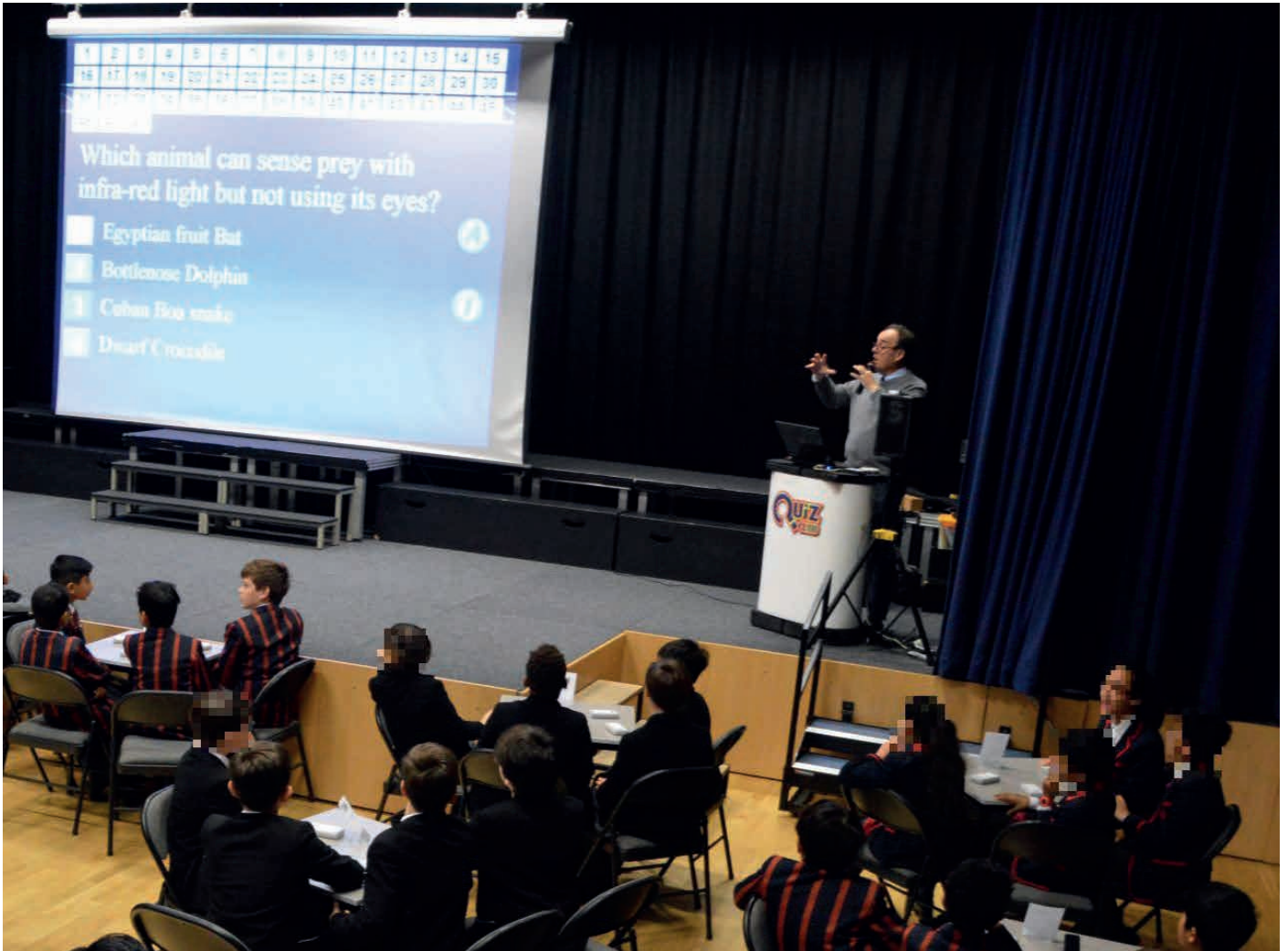
com is available to boys from Y5 to Y8 and they should use their school log in data to access this site.

If your son has any issues with accessing Twig he should please come to see me.

Hans De Vynck
HOD Science

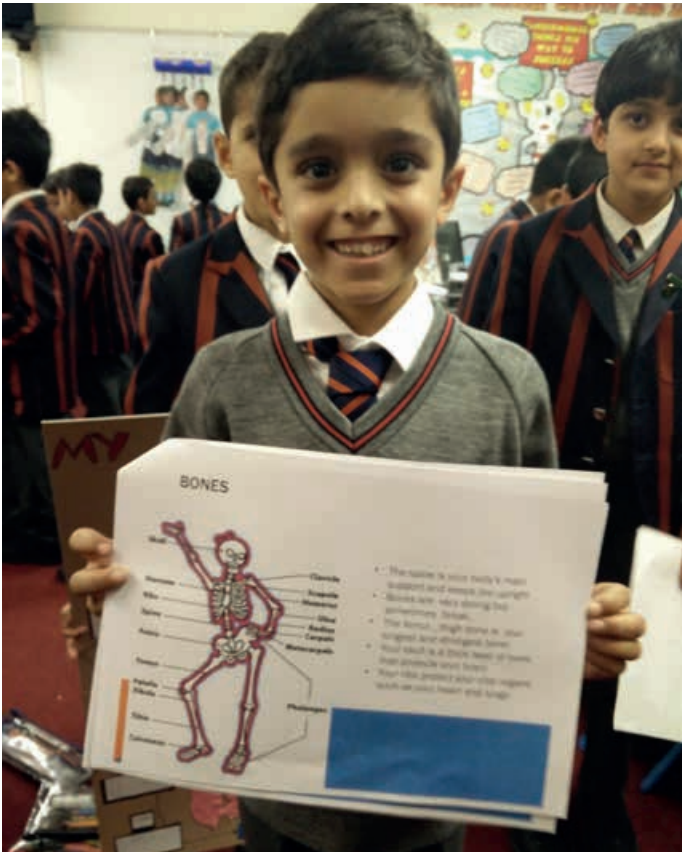


National Science Quiz Heat



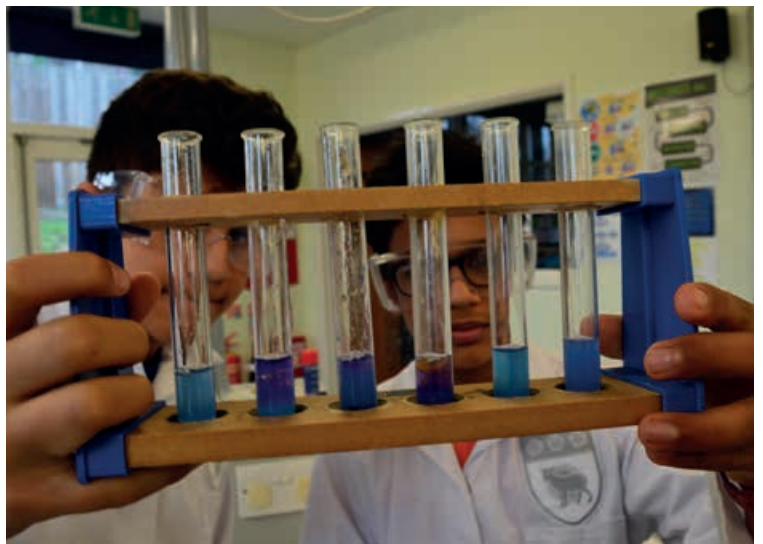
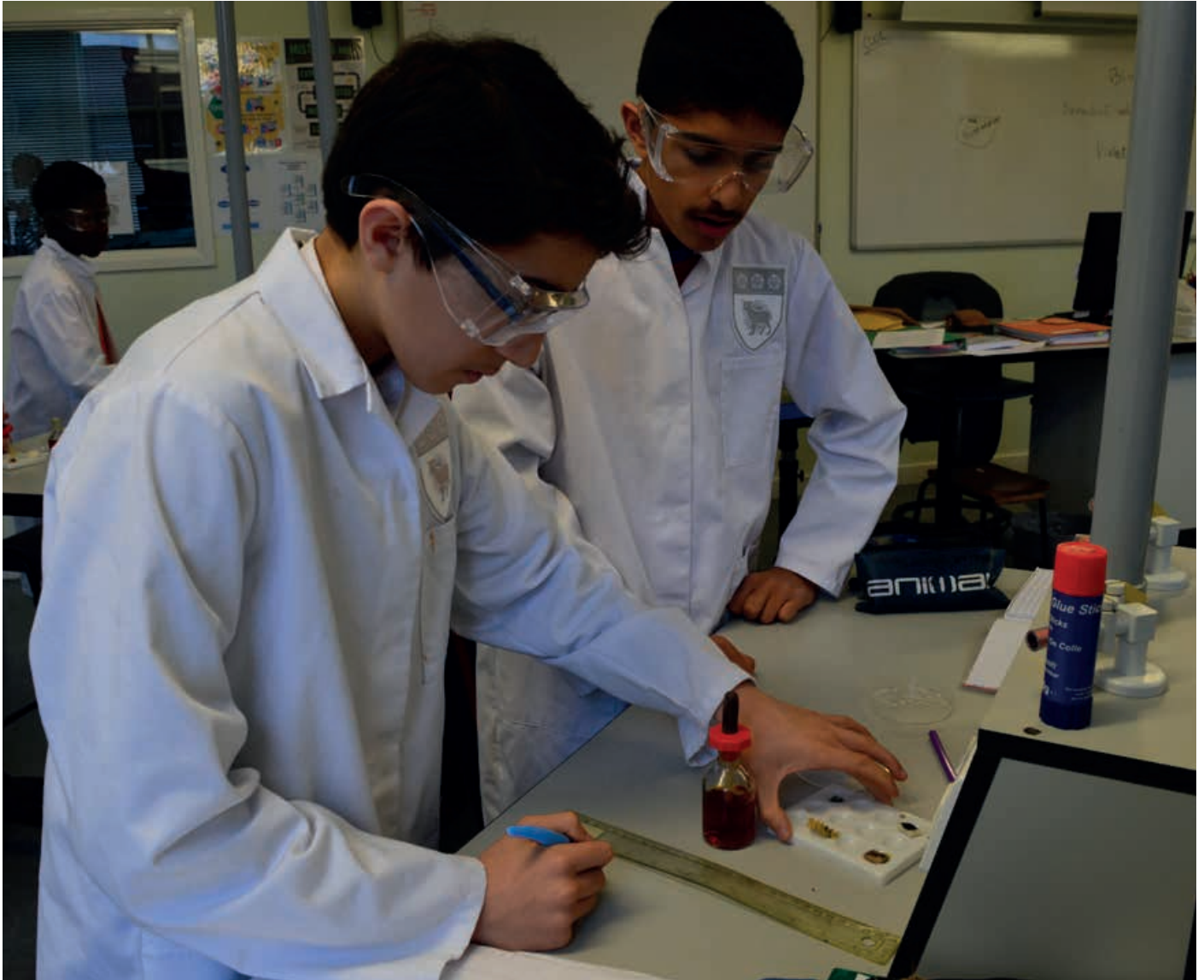
Y3 Humans Body Projects

Boys in Year 3 have taken on the challenge to create a project about the human body with huge enthusiasm. From fully working models of lungs through to extensively researched books, the boys have shown immense imagination and curiosity to bring their learning to life.

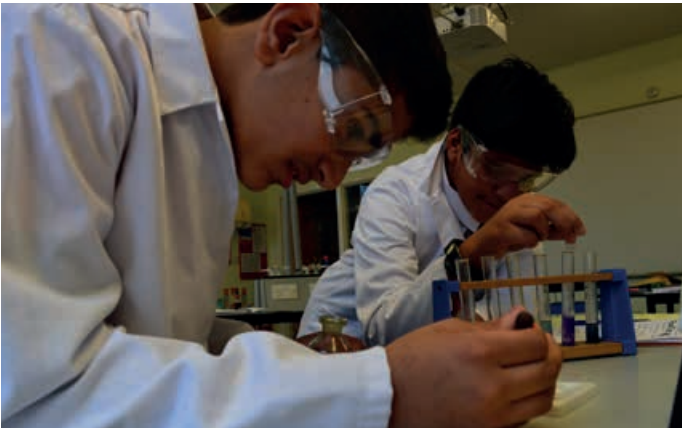
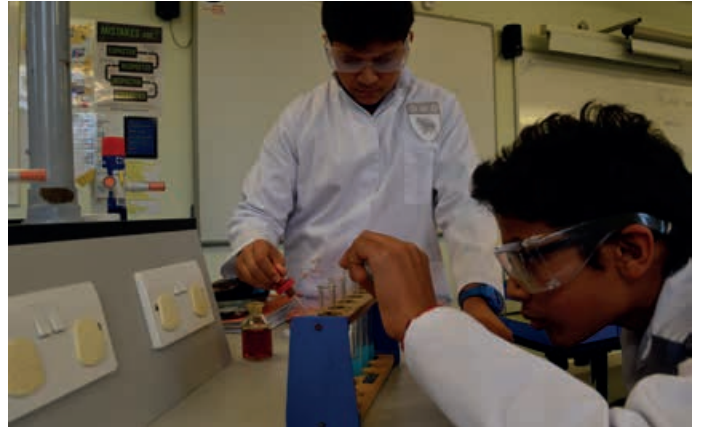
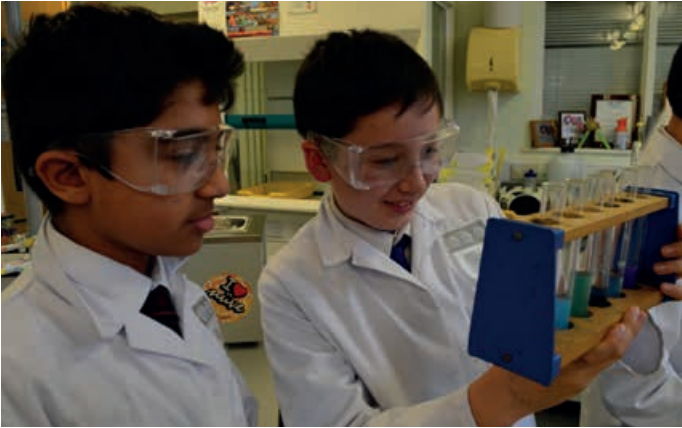


Y8 Food Tests

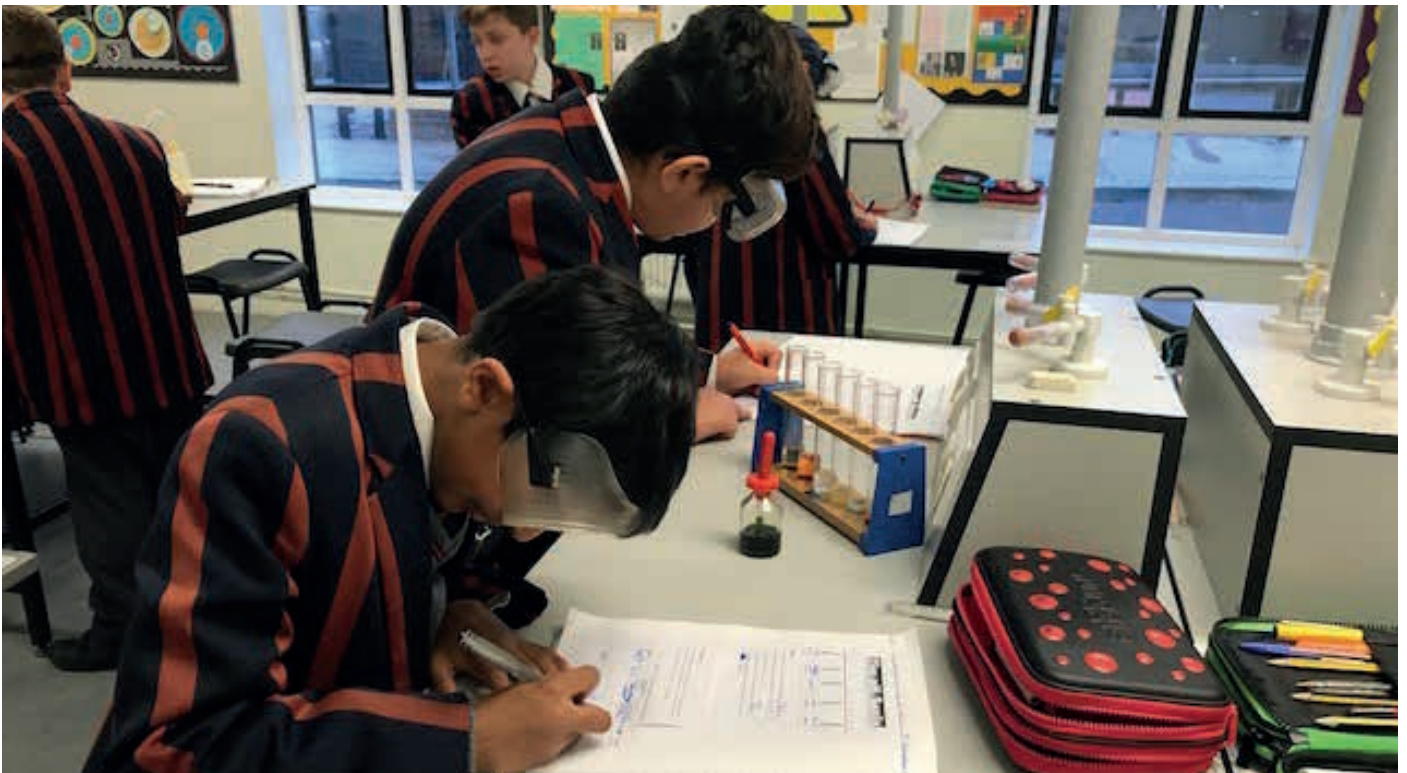
Y8 boys investigate food groups using chemical reactions.



Y8 Food Tests



Year 6 Acids and Alkalis



Year 6 Science Club



THE WORKSHOP

Pupils from across the age ranges working on a variety of projects



Learning to use tools..



..shaping resistant materials..



..developing concepts and ideas.

THE WORKSHOP

Completed Projects from pupils in years 4—8



Acrylic desk tidy by Shyam Pankhania Y6



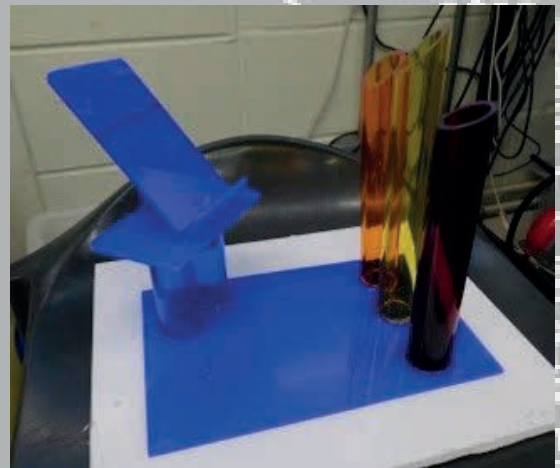
*3D printed keyring
Jay Ghelani Y7*



Ipad stand by Leo Osman Y6



A selection of woodwork clocks made by pupils in Y4



Ishaq Rather's acrylic gadget holder project



Motorised prototype vehicles as designed by Hasan Khan (left) and Rohan Choudhary (right) Y8

Christmas Events

MTS Autumn Concert was a wonderful opportunity for our Senior Choir to join the MTS Young Voices Choir. They gave a rousing rendition of The Rhythm of Life. Well done to all performers in the Ensembles Concert. It was lovely to hear what a superb group of musicians we have coming up through the school. This year we have the premier performance of The Flute Choir who

performed their own composition inspired by their artwork. Congratulations to all performers and thank you parents for your continued support.

Congratulations and thank you to the many boys who performed in our Christmas Concert last week. It was a huge success and launched the Christmas Season beautifully.





Orchestral Adventure

Recently Sufyan Ismail went to hear his flute teacher Holly Musan perform at the Royal Albert Hall. Here is what he said about the experience.

My Orchestral Adventure at the Royal Albert Hall by Sufyan Ismail.

The Royal Albert Hall was splendid with seas made

of red velvet. The stage was lit up like it was made of chrome gold. Everyone was excited and there was chatter everywhere. Suddenly the lights darkened and the music started. The first mini scene was about a ship going into a huge storm and getting ship wrecked and thrown on the beach. The music from the orchestra was loud and tense as it played the storm. Listening to the music played by the Orchestra made me feel part of the adventure. The woodwind instruments were my favourites.

Rakesh Tailor

Careers Visitor Day saw the return of Rakesh Tailor, and his original scarf, from the Class of 1987. Rakesh's 10 years here started at the previous site of Eastbury, and finished with the first 5 years here. Rakesh was Football 1st XI Cap-tain and Johnson house Captain. Here he is with the cur-rent Johnson Captain, and below as Football Captain.

Rakesh shared his insights on schooling along with details of his career path from desires to be a doctor, through a bio chemistry degree into CEO of his

pharmaceutical com-pany who are currently pioneering a gel for knee osteoar-thritis complaints.

Current Johnson House Captain, Christopher Joseph said "It was incredible to meet someone who had once gone to the very same school that we go to now, and see what we could become, as well as hearing an account of not only what he did, but also what we could soon do ourselves. In general , it was truly inspiring to hear what he had to say, and I hope to hear from Old Terryers' like him again."



Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge 2017

Congratulations to all boys from Year 5 to 8 who took part this year.

A special mention to the following students who achieved Distinctions this year:

Intermediate (age 12-14) category:

Filippos-Savvas	Kyriakou	Distinction
Christopher	Joseph	Distinction
Charlie	Marshall	Distinction
Duncan	Mallett	Distinction
Rohan	Choudhary	Distinction
Max	Little	Distinction
Hasan	Khan	Best in School

Juniors (age 10-12) category:

Ahren	Chadha	Distinction
Fikunmi	Olutunbi	Distinction
Krishav	Sehdev	Distinction
Aayush	Pandit	Distinction
Matthew	Schiff	Distinction (Y6)
Rohan	Olsen	Distinction
Shaurya	Jhunhunwala	Distinction (Y6)
Luka	Hinton	Distinction
Dhaman	Sara	Distinction (Y6)
Mruthyunjai	Satheesh	Distinction (Y6)
Krish	Patel	Distinction
Rhys	Varma	Distinction
Aarian	Malhotra	Distinction
Dylan	Mehta	Distinction
Oliver	Browne	Distinction
Jack	Groves	Distinction (Y6)
Munachi	Nnatuanya	Distinction
Sid	Tiwari	Best in School

Castors (age 8-10) category:

Jayden	Thakrar	Distinction
Sufyan	Ismail	Distinction
Henry	Wang	Distinction
Tristan	Jassal	Distinction
Aydin	Meghjee	Distinction
Ishan	Olsen	Distinction
Samuel	Williams	Distinction
Manvir	Singh-Obhrai	Distinction
Raeef	Mohammadi	Distinction
Benjamin	Moore-Taylor	Best in School

For more information about this please visit
<http://www.bebbras.uk/>

Community Singing



The week our boys went Carol Singing in the Community. It was an honour to lead them and to see them touch so many people's lives. I believe the boys experiences will never be forgotten.



Remembrance Day

The whole School met to commemorate Remembrance Day in November.

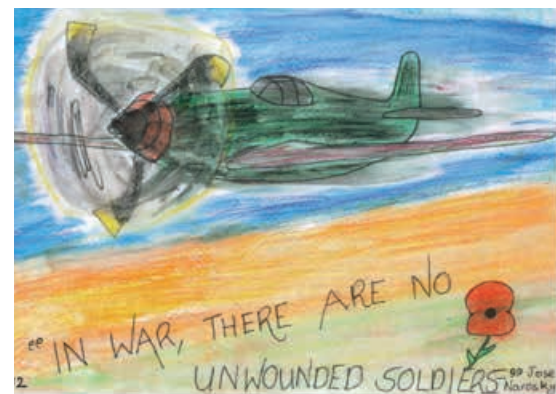
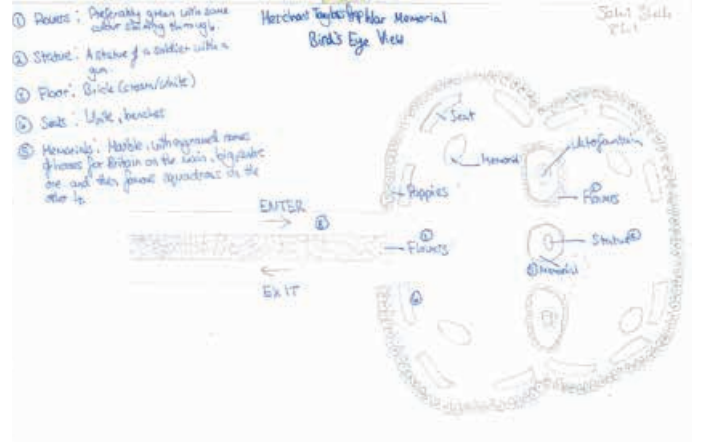
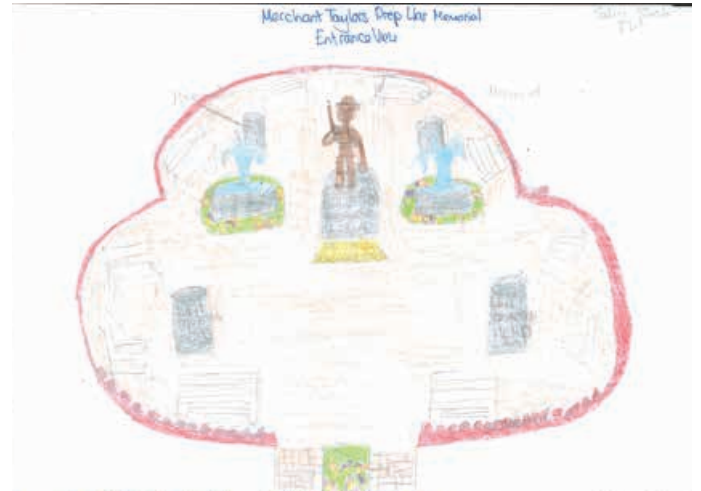
Each form produced a visual tribute to the Fallen, and Year 8 historians designed their own war memorials.



Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day



Christmas Feast



Christmas Carol Service



Once again we close our term with the Carol Service.

Congratulations to all the Choirs for singing so beautifully. It is always a wonderful event and this year was not an exception. Thanks also to the many parents and staff that supported the choir and added their voices!



Accelerated Readers

The Leaderboards at the end of the first term are:

Year group with most Millionaires/Housepoints: Year 5 – with over 16 million words read

Tutor Group with most Millionaires: N1 – 3 boys

Tutor Group with most words read: N3 – with 6 million +

House with most words read: Newton, which is not surprising as 7 of the 12 millionaires are in Newton – with 21 million +

The term has been packed with amazing achievements:

The boys have read over 66 million words between them accumulated by reading over 2,200 books.

This time last year it was 39 million words over 1001 books.

The average reading duration is 41 minutes per night (compared to 29 minutes last year), however, some boys do read a lot more than the minimum 30 minutes as required for homework.

Please may we remind you that reading is now part of the homework timetable and must be signed off every day in the prep diary.

Well done to the vast majority of boys who are now getting into the reading habit.

Hope Santa includes at least one good read for you this Christmas.

Happy Reading

Suzanne Smith
Learning Resources Manager



Christmas Stories

Year Seven were recently challenged to write, illustrate and perform a children's Christmas story to the boys in Year One. As you can see, they relished the task and produced some lovely short stories. The little ones had a great time listening to them and always love being visited by the older boys.

Mr M Knight



Year 3 Ancient Egyptians Day 2017

A dazzling fusion of theatre, artefact handling and interactive activities greeted the boys in Year 3 as they spent the entire day learning about the Ancient Egyptians. The boys displayed immense curiosity, concentration and imagination whilst having great fun. One said, 'it was like going back in time!'





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