

February 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Monthly Owl'. I hope all our lovely children have enjoyed our first half term of 2018 in this our 90th Anniversary Year!

As always the term, so far, has been filled with wonderful exciting events for all pupils. We started the beginning of this term with the marvellous 'Wind in the Willows' and the noisy 'percussion day'!

Other events for this term include Health Education, First Aid Training, The Perform Workshop, Grandparent's Pre-Reception Breakfast, House Music, Bikability, Turn of the Screw Theatre Trip, Mothers Day Sale, the Junior Music Festival, Police Museum Trip, The Easter Bunny and the Eggstravaganza!
What a wonderful term!

With best wishes,


Mrs F S Armour
Headmistress



Norway Ski Trip

Pupils from all years of the Senior School headed off for the beautiful slopes of Myrkdalen in Norway at the beginning of January.

The trip included flights, accommodation, ski equipment, all food and ski school for six days of the week long trip and entertainment every night for an amazing price.

Mrs Bayliss, Ski Trip Co-ordinator, said, "Our pupils gained in self confidence, skiing ability and most of all were a credit to their families and school." She went on to say that "It was a delight to see so many of our pupils enjoy themselves, especially on team-building night and to come back as competent skiers."



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Lower 2 (Year 4) have been designing sock puppets and here are their marvellous creations: all made and stitched by the pupils!

Junior pupils get creative

On Thursday 10th January we were lucky to have The Flying Pizza Theatre Company with us once again. In the morning, Karen Johnson, who designs and makes the costumes, props and backdrops for all their shows, delivered workshops for students in Upper 2 (Year 5) and Lower 3 (Year 6) where they made wonderful animal masks and pop-up puppets.

Karen says that she really enjoys working with St John's pupils as they are so creative and she was really impressed to see some of the hand puppets made by Form 1 (Year 3) with Mrs Gregory in Design and Technology.

In the afternoon pupils were treated to an hilarious performance of 'Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Graham. Very cleverly staged, with just two actors taking all the parts. The children laughed from beginning to end and the staff enjoyed it too!

Following the performance, the actors commented that our pupils were 'One of the best audiences they had ever had!' They said that our pupils were confident enough to interact with the actors and not frightened to express themselves or to react.





On Thursday 11th January Bassistry Percussion and Rhythm Workshop visited St. John's.

Marcel on bass and Phillippe on drums are the rhythm section of the jazz-funk band, Bassistry, but for nearly 20 years have been going into schools to run rhythm workshops.

They held sessions for Year 3 (Form 1) to Year 11 (Upper 5) pupils and it was fascinating to watch the way they challenged each year group with ever more difficult and complex tasks to which the students responded with enthusiasm.

Two of our pupils, Tom and Will, were graciously allowed to join in on drums and guitar respectively.

Marcel and Phillipe were a real hit with the pupils and the staff, some of whom joined in with activities and we hope to welcome them back again soon.



Gold medal at ISA nationals

On Sunday 21st January, a team of St John's swimmers attended the National Aquatic Centre at Stratford for the Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Swimming Finals.

Having won their places in the finals at a Regional competition back in



November our swimmers were excited to showcase their new sports uniform to such an event.

Congratulations to Zara, Year 11 pupil, who won Gold in the Year 11 to 13 Women's 100 metre Freestyle and a Bronze in the Year 11 to 13 Women's 50m Butterfly.

Mr Murray, Head of PE said "It was an amazing day from beginning to end. The atmosphere was incredible especially when Zara won her gold medal".





Diary Dates Lent Term

Fri 9 th February	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM (FULL DAY)
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th February	HALF TERM (1 WEEK)
Mon 19 th February	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wed 14 th & Thurs 15 th March	BSMA JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL. TOWNGATE THEATRE
Wed 21 st March	KINDERGARTEN/ JUNIOR PARENT EVENING
Fri 23 rd March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS (FULL DAY)
Mon 16 th April	RETURN TO SCHOOL (TRINITY TERM)



New minibus

We have taken delivery of our brand new MiniBus Lite vehicle that will be used for transporting pupils to and from visits and school sporting fixtures.

Uniform Appointments/ Update Lent Term

The uniform shop is open Monday to Friday 8am to 10am and 3pm to 5pm every Tuesday and Thursday. To request a uniform appointment please contact Miss Oddy via e-mail uniform@stjohnsschool.net and she will e-mail you a uniform appointment. As a reminder only cheques or cash are taken for uniform payment.

New summer dresses are now in stock

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING



Who to Contact

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Absence Line

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Please state your child's name, form and reason for absence.

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