## The Owl

# StJohn's School Billericay

**Summer Edition 2018** 



Dear Parents,

As the ink dries on the final report of this academic year I write to wish you all a wonderful, sunny summer holiday.

I honestly can't believe this year has gone so quickly with so many fabulous events happening, especially on this our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

If you are travelling in the next few weeks I wish you all safe journeys to and from the wonderful destinations you will be visiting.

We at school will all look forward to seeing your beautiful children again in September refreshed and ready to achieve marvellous things.

Kindest wishes

Loria Belomon

Mrs F S Armour Headmistress



## Relay Gold at the ISA Championships

The sports department have been busy over the last couple of months with various events filling their sporting calendar. At the end of May our Senior pupils attended the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Senior Athletics Championships and then in June pupils attended the ISA Regional Athletics Championships and had a fantastic success winning a total of 15 medals.

The Lower 3 (Year 6) girls relay team won Gold and the team, along with three other pupils were able to represent East Anglia at the National Championships that were held in Birmingham in June. What a

fitting tribute to our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year to have won so many medals in our new sports kit!

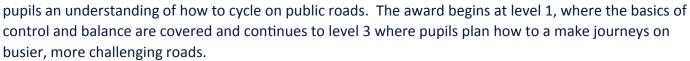




## Lower 3 and Upper 3 Bikeability

After having to cancel the original dates due to snow, Lower 3 (Year 6) and Upper 3 (Year 7) were finally able to put their cycling skills to the test in June when the bikeability instructors visited St John's.

Bikeability is the only government recognised cycle training scheme underpinned by national standards. The course is designed to give our



It is such a valuable course giving skills that will be used throughout each of our pupils lives.





## **Lower 2 visit Sanford Mill**

Lower 2 (Year 4) spent an enjoyable day on 13<sup>th</sup> June visiting Sandford Mill in Chelmsford.

Not only were our pupils on their best behaviour, they exhibited real enthusiasm for the multitude of science experiments conducted throughout the day.







## Nonageneria Summer Play

Written and directed by Mrs Zoller, Head of Drama, the 2018 summer play was a tribute to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John's. Set at the school, two current day pupils travelled back in time through a time machine found in the science labs. From the 1920s through to the current day the audience was captivated by a plethora of classic songs of years gone by. Mrs Armour said, "it was truly marvellous".



## Pupil's voices debut on a new Disney film

Two of our pupils received exciting news when they were chosen by Sync or Swim to add their voice talents to "Mary Poppins Returns" being released by Disney on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. They recorded their voice overs at Goldcrest Studios, the premiere film sound studio in London. Both girls said it was lovely to have a sneak preview of the film which looks like it will be amazing! Imogen said "It was the best experience of my life" and Jessie said "It was really exciting and I would love to do it again".



### **LAMDA Success 2018**

This term nearly seventy St. John's students sat their LAMDA examinations at the school over a three day period. These examinations were taken in Verse and Prose, Acting and Reading for Performance. We are delighted to confirm that every student passed with wonderful results and we extend our congratulations to everyone - we are so proud of you. Some of these students took two different skills. Fifty-four Distinctions were awarded over the three day period, of which twenty-three were 90% and above. Special congratulations must go to Jessie from Lower 2C on being awarded 100%.





# Healthy Eating in Lower Kindergarten

As part of their Design and Technology lessons Lower Kindergarten (Year 1) have been learning about healthy eating and the importance of eating breakfast every day. To help their learning, pupils took part in a practical where they each made a personalised breakfast pot.





## **Medals for Maths Challenge Success**

Not to be out done by the excellent results from the older seniors in their UK Maths Challenge, the Upper 3 (Year 7) and Lower 4 (Year 8) pupils took their challenge on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>. The results did not disappoint; An amazing 6 Golds were achieved, along with 2 Silvers and 2 Bronze certificates.

#### **Gold Awards**

S. Marsh P. Stevens J. Cook
A. Gattem K. Jackson M. Gratias

Silver Awards

H. Vanstone N. Wallace

**Bronze Awards** 

E. Newman E. Field

K. Jackson also achieved Best in Year 8 while M. Gratias achieved Best in Year 7 and Best in School. The scores were unbelievably high and 2 pupils, S. Marsh and K. Jackson qualified for the next round – 'The Junior Kangaroo'. M. Gratias' score was so good that he skipped the Kangaroo and bounced straight into 'The Junior Olympiad'. This is the first time that anyone from St Johns in Year 7 or 8, has progressed to this round.

These results are one of the best set of overall results we have ever had at St John's School.



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Diary	Dates Michaelmas	Term 2018	
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> September	RETURN TO SCHOOL (MICHAELMAS TERM)	
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> September	WRAPAROUND AND HOMEWORK CLUB BEGINS	
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup> September	LAMDA LESSONS BEGIN	
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup> September	DANCE LESSONS BEGIN	
Weds	12 <sup>th</sup> September	MULTI SKILLS LESSONS BEGIN	
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup> September	YOGA CLASS BEGINS	~
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> September	KARATE BEGINS	
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup> September	INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS BEGIN	
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup> September	IN-HOUSE CLUBS BEGIN	
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup> September	UPPER 5 PARENTS EVENING	
Weds	19 <sup>th</sup> September	UPPER 5 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO FLATFORD MILL	
Sat 22	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	OPEN DAY 10AM to 1PM	

### **After School Clubs Sign Up September 2018**

Prior to term commencement in September parents will receive details regarding our After School Clubs with a sign up form that will need to be returned to office.

### **School Uniform**

Pupils may choose to come back to school after the summer holidays wearing the summer uniform or the winter uniform. Winter uniform is compulsory after the October Half Term.

The uniform shop will continue to operate on an appointment only basis. Appointments are available, during the holidays, from the 9<sup>th</sup> until the 13<sup>th</sup> July and on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September. 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. We would also like to remind parents that you do need to bring your child with you to the appointment for sizing.

#### Who to Contact

Child Absence	Fee Queries	Admissions
Absence Line	Mrs Truscott, Assistant Bursar	Mrs Cox, Admissions Registrar
01277 623070 (press option 3)	01277 623070 (press option 2)	01277 623070 (press option 1)
office@stjohnsschool.net	finance@stjohnsschool.net	registrar@stjohnsschool.net

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



