



Summer Term

Message from Mrs Bradbury

Now we have reached the end of 2021-2022, we can reflect on how positive this year has been.

Whilst we have struggled with staff absence due to Covid, we have been able to reintroduce many of our school celebrations.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success thanks to support from parents and staff and we had beautiful weather for sports day. In June, we hosted the Boston Spa village gala and in honour of the Platinum Jubilee, copied the decoration of the school from a photograph of the 1910 coronation.

We were able to enrich our curriculum with visits from Live Music now, local off-site visits and reinstate work experience. After cancelling for two years, we finally held our whole school Careers day with Arla. This had a really positive impact, helping our students picture so many jobs they could do in the future. Finally, the exceptional work of our care team, led by Rachel Blackburn was recognised with an Outstanding judgement in all areas. The first thing the Inspector said was "You do know that to remain outstanding you have to be better than you were last time!" However, the care team were undaunted and achieved our third outstanding judgement in a row and deserve huge congratulations.

Now all that remains is to look forward to the start of the new school year, welcome new pupils and staff and prepare for all the surprises and excitement that life in school brings.

I wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to seeing our students up and including year 11 on Monday 5th September and the sixth form on Tuesday the 6th.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Bradbury
Head Teacher



Photo taken from the 2022 Leavers Assembly

Inside This Term's Newsletter

A fond farewell to some Sixth Form pupils and coverage of the leavers assembly. Music in school, Boston Spa Gala, golden tickets, sports day, school art exhibition, class news and coverage of various school trips, our new five star bug hotel and other gardening projects, York College news, reminder about school uniform and finally, dates for your diary. There is also a separate "Sixth Form College Roundup" you can find it on our website, or request a paper copy from Jackie.peacock@stjohns.org.uk



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A Fond Farewell to our Sixth Formers

This is always a sad time of year when we have to say goodbye to students who are leaving St John's. Mr Lynch and Mrs Pirie, Sixth Form Teachers organised an evening of speeches, pizza and pudding for the "Magnificent Seven" Tyler, Macauley, Finn, Alex, Mqhele and Julian. It was a very special evening of mixed emotions. Whilst we are always sad to see pupils leave, we're really happy to see what wonderful young people they have become, over the years.

Our Sixth Form College Roundup shows you what these wonderful students are going onto, but here are a few more snapshots.

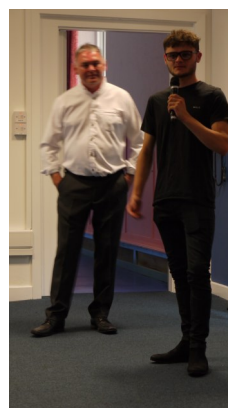
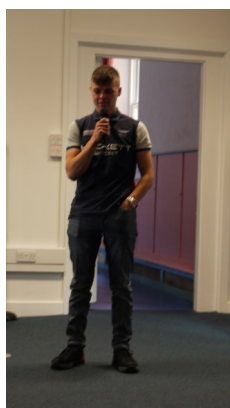
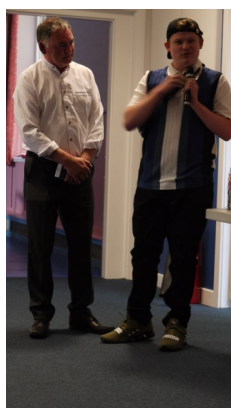


Fond Farewell to Savini and Sachini in Rainbow

We also say goodbye to twins, Savini and Sachini in Rainbow. They have been at St John's for years but are moving onto the next stage of their life now. Rainbow had a little presentation and party for them, attended by Mr Harrington and their parents. We wish you all the very best.



Leavers Night in School



Music in School—Music Round Up

Gamelan Sekar Petak Residency with University of York Visits School for Two Days.



Mr Frith arranged the visit and all classes and staff were invited to participate.

Gamelan music originated on the islands of Java and Bali, in Indonesia. It is played by an ensemble (also called a Gamelan) predominantly comprising bronze gongs and metallophones, with bamboo flutes, strings and other percussion.

The University of York instruments - named 'Sekar Ptak' ('White Flower') in honour of Yorkshire's white rose symbol - was the first purpose-built Javanese gamelan in a British university. The instruments were first assembled and played in 1981, having been commissioned by the Department of Music's Dr Neil Sorrell from master craftsman Bapak Tentrem Sarwanto.

On 22 November each year, the anniversary of the Gamelan is marked by an informal playing session at which it is presented with flowers and fruit.

Thank you Mr Frith for arranging this.

Boston Spa Gala Held on St Johns School Field

Back in June, Boston Spa Gala was held on the school field. This is usually an annual event, however, this was the first one for several years, due to the Covid pandemic. There was a fun fair, football tournament, stalls and performances by local entertainers as well as a variety of foods, a bar with real ales and a gin bar!

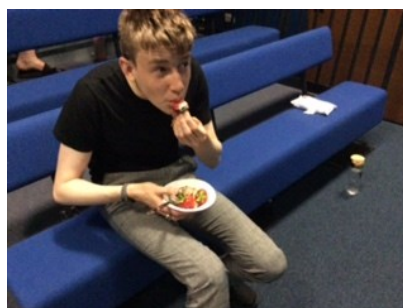
St Johns had a stand there, run by various member of staff, Mrs Bradbury, Mr Harrington, Mrs Slorach, Mr Lynch, Sarah, Mandy and Jackie from the office. We had a display of audiology equipment used over the last 150 years to showcase how St John's has developed. We also sold some postcards, pens, notebooks and some of our home grown plants. It was really well attended, lots of locals came and shared personal stories and as you can see, a few past pupils took the opportunity to meet up and come and see us, which is always nice.



Golden Tickets

Extra Special Rewards

This year we have introduced a reward system where students receive golden tickets. The golden ticket is an extra special reward which are issued by teachers across school to any form group when they have worked particularly hard, put effort in or had an incredible achievement related to the work they produce. The golden ticket allows them entry to a special celebration full of treats with Mrs Slorach. Many students have received golden tickets this year and your child may have come home telling you all about it. At the end of this term, students celebrated their golden ticket achievement by making their very own ice cream sundaes – Delicious!!!



Some Past Pupil News

Various past pupils popped in to see us last term. I didn't manage to get photos of them all, but I sourced these ones of Hollie, who now works for Cumbria Police, Scarlet who is at university and Lara, who is a nurse in A&E. We've also seen Layla, Liam, Josh, James, Alice and Rebecca. Nice to see you all.



Sports Day at “Team St Johns”

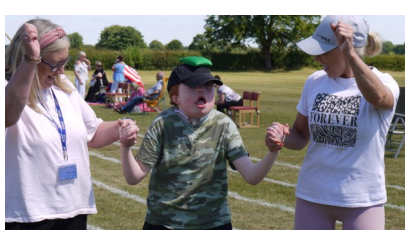
This is what Mrs Pirie the PE teacher said about Sports Day;

“A big thanks to you all for supporting our lovely sports day. The kids / parents (and staff!) all had a great time.

We raised a massive £287 on the raffle; this is for the Student council to spend in September. Mrs Fowler, and the School Council team take will keep you up to date with news of this. Thanks to all for buying tickets and donating prizes.

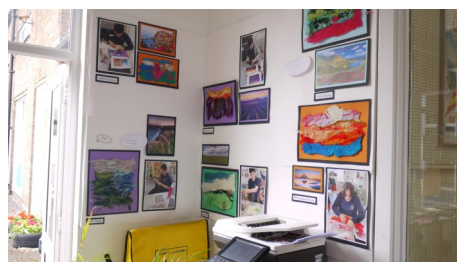
Thanks to Miss Fox for taking photos, Chef Paul and lovely ladies for serving the refreshments, Mrs Saville and Mrs Wilson for doing the raffle today and Rick and Brian for painting the track (three times!!!)

Thanks to the SLT for the gorgeous flowers - much appreciated.”



School Art Exhibition

Our Art teacher, Mrs Fowler arranged a wonderful art exhibition outside Donaldson classroom and invited all pupils, staff and school Governors to come to it. There was a selection of art work from each part of the school to look at and refreshments were served.



Class News—Donaldson Visit St Edwards Church

Donaldson class; Olly, Archie, Leighton, Harriet and Rowan, joined by Iman and Aiden, visited the St. Edwards Church with Fr. David to learn about the different features inside the church. We played an eye spy game, learnt about the font and lit a candle and shared a prayer together.



School Celebrate Nature

Donaldson Class Trip to The Ark in Collingham

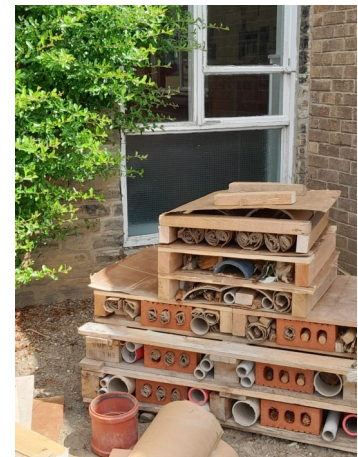
This half term Donaldson class went on a trip to The Ark Smallholding in Collingham. We spent time with lots of different animals such as Chickens, goats, sheep and horses. This trip supported our learning about where food comes from and food chains. Some of us were nervous at first but all got involved and asked some fantastic questions!



Five Star Bug Hotel

Kacey has been making fat and seed filled coconuts for the wild birds outside 6th form. We have some Wagtails and Starlings which come down to feed. She collects the coconut shells and refills them. She puts fresh water out every day. Very important in this hot weather.

Toby and Sara made a wonderful insect house outside 6th form. They only need to finish the roof.



Class Transition News—Edison and Sixth Form

On Monday 27th June the 6th form and Edison classes joined forces and started their Transition Month. A month of a timetable which promotes team building and friendship making.



Top left to right:

Logan, Emily and Toby in science.

Kacey and Emily making a tomato pizza sauce in their Cooking Together lesson.

Haider, Scarlet, Mqhele, Sara and Kacey feeding the ducks in Wetherby.

Toby designing and constructing in DT

Julian and Sara Making animals using clay and silk foam in Science.

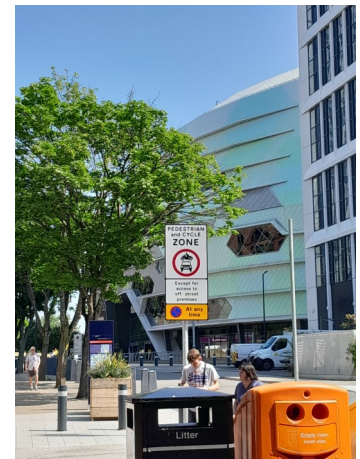
Askham Bryan Graduates



On Friday 24th June Julian and Bradley went to their Graduation at Askham Bryan College. Julian passed Entry Level 3.5 Animal Care and Bradley achieved a merit on Level 1.5 Animal Care. We had a lovely time and were very proud of them. Bradley invited his Dad and sister and Julian invited Finn and Miss Dyer. Lisa and Rayne also joined us. It was a nice opportunity to say bye to college friends and to say thanks to tutors. Afterwards we celebrated with a trip to McDonalds. This was our first graduation as during lockdown we had to do it on Teams so it was a really nice day.

First Direct SEND Event

Julian and Bradley attended a SEND event about Future Choices at The First Direct Arena. They collected lots of information and looked at all the services available in the Leeds area.



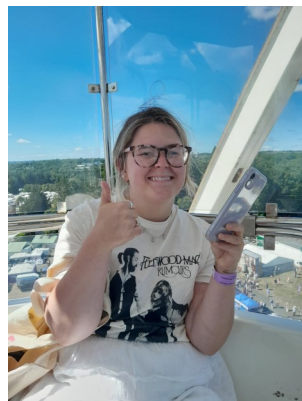
Celebrating With Style

Scarlet recently completed her final exam for her T level child care course. To celebrate Scarlet and her friends booked to see Harry Styles in Manchester. It was a late finish but a care worker picked her up about midnight from York. Scarlet deserved it as she has worked so hard this academic year.



Trip to the Great Yorkshire Show

A Fantastic Day Out



Out and Around School

School Gardening Projects

Bluebird had lots of fun this afternoon gardening in the sunshine! We planted some herbs, bulbs, vegetables and sunflower seeds. We are excited to watch them grow!" We hope you enjoy your gardens over the Summer holidays.



Uniform Reminder

Over the summer holidays many of you will be buying new uniform, just to remind you our uniform code which was agreed by our School Council is:-

Navy Blue School polo and sweatshirt (available from the school office, priced £8 to £15.50 depending on size) or plain navy cardigan. Smart navy, black or grey trousers (not jeans type) or skirt. Flat black shoes, not trainers.

Standard PE Kit (see below)—Pale blue polo shirts , short or long sleeved (can be bought from George at Asda or similar) Plain black or navy blue shorts, optional plain black or navy blue jogging bottoms.

Alternatively, school PE kit with school logo on can be ordered from the Office (prices from £12 to £28.50).



And Finally ...

Happy Holidays Everyone, See You Next Year!

Thank you!



Thank you from all the staff, for all the kind words and generous end of term gifts we received, we hope you all have a lovely summer school holiday. Stay safe and we'll see you in September.

Happy holidays from Harriet, photographed on the left holding two hand tied posies she made at the lunchtime gardening club from flowers and foliage growing in our school gardens.

Dates for your diary

5th September	-School re-opens for 2022/2023 Academic Year for all pupils except Sixth Form
6th September	-School re-opens for 2022/2023 Academic Year for Sixth Form Pupils
21st October	-School closes for half term holiday
31st October	-School re-opens
25th November	-School closed for TRAINING DAY
26th November	-Possible Christmas Fair (TBC)
16th December	-School closes for Christmas holidays
3rd January	-School re-opens
27th January	-School closed for TRAINING DAY
10th February	-School closes for half term holiday
20th February	-School re-opens
31st March	-School closes for Easter holidays
17th April	-School re-opens
1st May	-School closed for Bank holiday
26th May	-School closes for half term holiday
5th June	-School re-opens
23rd June	-School closed for TRAINING DAY
21st July	-School closes for Summer Holidays



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