



# Saint Nicholas School NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October, 2020

## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

It has been a really busy and productive week here at Saint Nicholas and you can see some of the many activities that have been taking place: the Year 3 Ancient Greece Day, classes have been marking Black History month, we have had activities for Hello Yellow this week – supporting young people's mental health – and we have had the Lower School celebrating the Harvest Festival and many of you will have seen the video that has been made. Pictures of some of these events will appear in next week's newsletter. It has been fantastic to see how positively the pupils have been engaging with all these activities and to witness the enthusiasm and enjoyment that they have been getting. I am very grateful to the teachers for providing these opportunities for the pupils.



Tomorrow sees our Open Day which we are doing virtually and Saint Nicholas is also hosting the ISA Eastern Region Art Competition online. Both of these events can be found on the School's YouTube channel.

You will also see within the newsletter that there are pictures and messages from the prefect team. They too are having to find different ways of leading the pupils at this time and they are very keen to make their mark. They are really working well as a team and have already developed a number of initiatives. At a time where there remain so many restrictions, it is a tribute to our pupils that they still wish to challenge themselves and be part of a stimulating educational environment and that reminds me of the words of Roy T. Bennett who said: "It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform."

## WORLD SMILE DAY

Last Friday was World Smile Day. The Reception children celebrated this day by creating their very own 'smiles' to give to the people they love, and in doing so hopefully made them smile.



# MEET THE PREFECTS

**Erin (Head Girl)**



“Hello, I’m Erin and I am this year’s Head Girl. When we initially started working on our applications and our ideas for this upcoming year, we were living in a far different setting. However, like everyone else, COVID-19 is causing us to re-map and postpone some of our ideas. Going forwards, my aim is simply to help everyone at Saint Nicholas feel as safe and as ‘normal’ as possible. It’s going to be a difficult and challenging year for everyone and I’m sure as a school community we will be able to support one another. Thank you and stay safe.”

**Thomas (Head Boy)**



“Hello Saint Nicholas. I firstly want to say welcome back to school and I hope everyone is enjoying the new school life. As Head Boy for the next year, my aim is to increase the activities and skills the School provides and to improve school life as a whole. I will be working with the prefect team and using feedback from the pupils to improve the School for everyone.

Have a great year!”

**Lizzie (Deputy Head Girl)**



Hello, I’m Lizzie. I’m your Deputy Head Girl. I am looking forward to helping to improve the School, listening to your ideas, and looking forward to meeting you all.

**Oliver (Deputy Head Boy)**



Hello my name is Oliver and I am Deputy Head Boy. My main goal as a prefect is to encourage every pupil to throw themselves into school life. I want everyone to participate in every single opportunity they are given, as I believe this is the best way to use their time at the School to their advantage.

**Raphael (Head of School Council)**



As the Head of School Council I would like to make as many positive changes that I can this year. It's tricky due to these difficult times, making it harder to organise meetings, but I can assure you that the whole prefect team and I are doing our best to keep on top of things.

**Luke (Deputy Head of School Council)**



Hello, I'm Luke and I'm your Deputy Head of School Council. I'm looking forward to developing your ideas and making them a reality. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone.

**Jack (Academic Prefect)**



My name is Jack and I am the Academic Prefect for this school year. I want to continue the weekly Academic Award for the Middle and Upper School and also expand it to the Lower School for the first time. Good luck to everyone in achieving your academic goals!

**Nathan (Arts Prefect)**



Hello, I am Nathan and this year I am the Arts Prefect - Drama, Music, Art and Art 3D. I think that everyone should have a go at expressing themselves through any kind of creative activity they want. I think creating in any way, shape or form is good for people's mental health, confidence, self-esteem and is also very enjoyable.



**Henry (Head of Saint Francis)**



Hello, my name is Henry and I am the Head of Saint Francis for this academic year. My main goal as a House Prefect is to raise the profile and importance of the House system. Even though the current situation makes it difficult to take part in House competitions, I promise there will be competitions for everyone to take part in.

**Anisa (Head of Saint Christopher)**



Hi, my name is Anisa and I'm Head of Saint Christopher. This year I look forward to improving our team spirit and making sure Saint Christopher remains the best House.

**Lucas (Sports Captain)**



Hi, I am Lucas, the School Sports Captain. This year I hope to work with the student body and Senior Leadership Team to get the most out of sport for the School, despite the sports aspect of school life being more limited in the current circumstances.

**Aimee (Head of Saint George)**



Hello, I'm Aimee and I am Head of Saint George. I can't wait to build up the Saint George spirit this year and create fun challenges for all of you with the other Heads of Houses.

**Alfred (Head of Saint Alban)**



Hi everyone! I'm Alf, the Head of Saint Albans. I'm looking forward to improving the reputation of our House and developing a stronger bond between the students in Saint Nicholas. Feel free to email me if you have any ideas on developing our team.

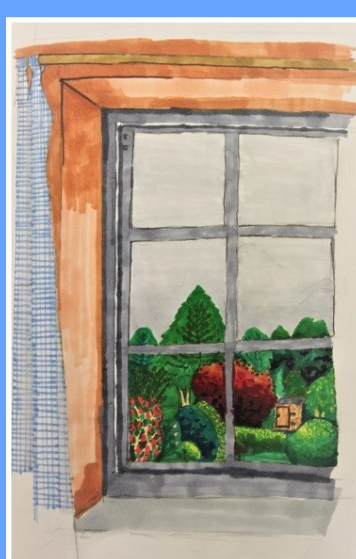
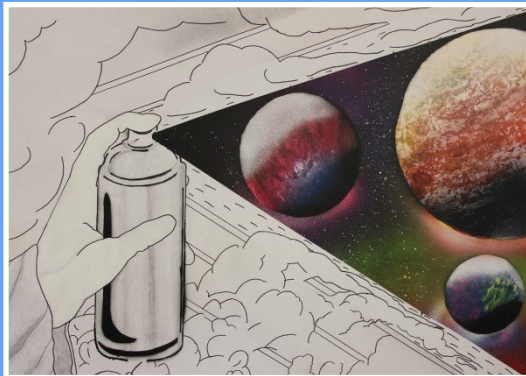
# ISA EASTERN REGION ART COMPETITION

Saint Nicholas School is proud to be hosting this year's ISA Eastern Region Art Competition which will take place virtually on Saturday 10th October. I am pleased to announce this year's entries, and the full online gallery will be available to view from Saturday via our You Tube channel - [St Nicholas School YouTube Channel](#). Alternatively, the brochure can be viewed in the news section of our website - <https://www.saintnicholasschool.net/news-events/>.

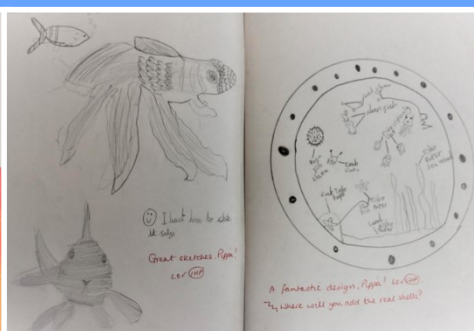
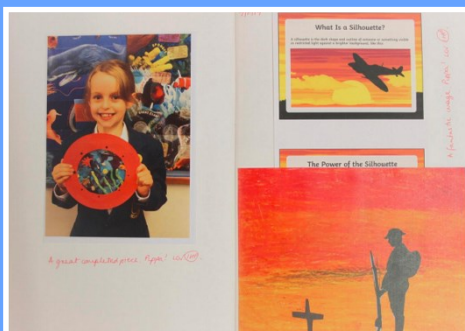
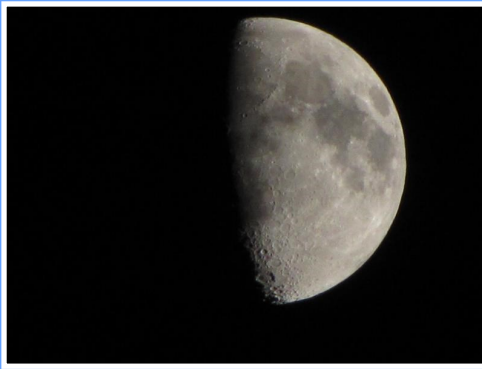
Entries for each school is limited to a very small number so all our entries deserve a big well done already for being chosen to represent our school in this competition. Winners from each category will go on to be entered into the ISA Art National Competition. We have a total of eighteen entries this year from the following pupils: Max (Year 4), Henry (Year 7), Beau (Year 10), Freya (last year's Year 11), Marcus (Year 3), Niaya (Year 4), Nancy (Year 3), Louis (Year 7), Olivia (Year 9), Poppy (last year's Year 11), Lucy (Year 8), Pippa (Year 5), Jack (Year 8), Matilda (last year's Year 11), the Year 1 group and the Year 3 group.

We wish them all good luck!

Mrs Mulinder









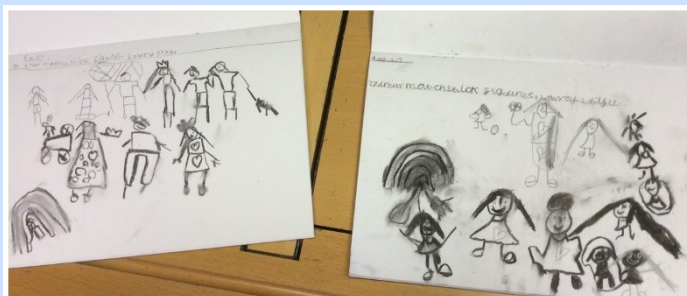
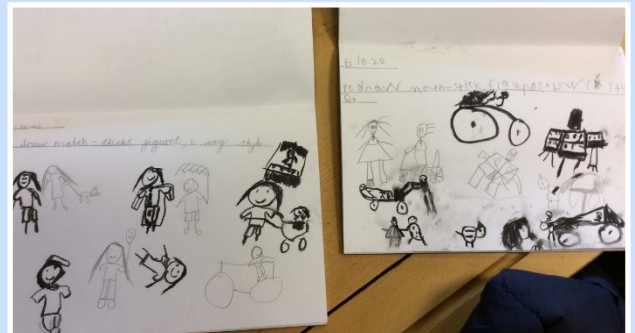
## MARATHON EFFORT

Huge congratulations to Mrs Shubrook who completed the Virgin Marathon last Sunday, dressed as a bumblebee, raising over £1400 for Children with Cancer. What an incredible achievement, even more so without the usual London Marathon crowd to cheer her on!



## YEAR 2 LOWRY WORK

Year 2 pupils have been continuing their Lowry art this week. Form 2F have been drawing Lowry style stick people using charcoal with some excellent results as you can see below.





## ANCIENT GREECE DAY

Last week, Year 3 pupils travelled back in time to learn what life was like in Ancient Greece. They had a great day which was packed with lots of fun activities.

They learned about the Olympic Games and the different competitions that took place. Can you guess which Olympic activities they were practising in their freeze frames opposite?

They also became architects and learned about the style of Greek buildings before designing and making their own Greek temples out of art straws.

All in all, they had a lovely day and learned a great deal about the Ancient Greeks.



## EXPLORING AUTUMN

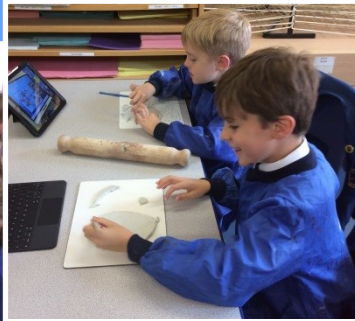
This week, pre-school children went on a woodland walk around the school grounds to look out for the signs of autumn. They collected a range of autumnal treasures including conkers, acorns and different coloured leaves, before taking all of those beautiful natural objects back to pre-school to explore.





## YEAR 4 ART

This week, some of the Year 4 pupils were able to use the lower school art room in order to make their clay sea creatures to tie in with their topic of the 'Blue Abyss'. They very much enjoyed this activity, particularly using the clay tools to add the finer details to their masterpieces.



### Saint Nicholas Christmas Card

#### Competition 2020

*The deadline for all of your card submissions is Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. You have now until then to come up with your best design possible.*

*Good luck!!*



## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Saint Nicholas School Christmas Card competition is now open.

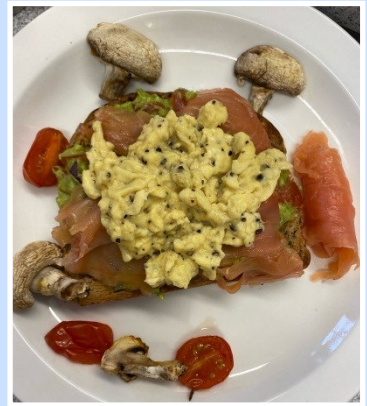
Details can be found on the poster to the left, which was designed by Nathan in Year 11.

The winning card will be printed and sent to other schools and supporters of the School.



## YEAR 7 BREAKFASTS

Pupils in Year 7 have been making their balanced breakfast designs this week and as you can see there were some impressive creations.



## MAKING BREAD

The Reception children have been making bread this week. They learned to mix flour, warm water, oil and yeast together, and that yeast is the 'magic' ingredient which makes the dough grow! The children kneaded the dough and created their very own bread roll nest which they very much enjoyed eating with lots of lovely warm butter at snack time.





# SPORTS REPORT

## INTER HOUSE SPORTS

Next week sees the return of the school's first House event of the year. We are excited to announce that on the last week of this half term (week beginning 12th October), all pupils from Year 3 to Year 11 will be taking part in a House tournament during their games lesson.

To get pupils into the spirit and ready to represent their House, they will be allowed to wear either a T-shirt or jumper of their choice, provided it matches the colour of their House.



- Year 3-5 pupils will be taking part in a bench ball tournament.
- Year 6-9 pupils will be competing in a netball and non contact rugby tournament.
- Year 10 and 11 pupils will be competing in a cricket, football and table tennis tournament.

Please note that year groups will only compete against pupils in their bubble.

Look out for further information from Lucas our School Sports Captain, and all pupils are encouraged to bring their team spirit and support their House!

## DRESSAGE AND SHOW JUMPING

### Report by Georgina, Year 6

Last weekend, in the pouring rain, I took part in the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) for Saint Nicholas School. It was held at Beachwood, just the other side of Chelmsford. On the Saturday it was show jumping and I came third in both my classes. On the Sunday (again in the rain) I took part in the NSEA dressage. First, I did a warm up class which I won and then I took part in the qualifier which was a big class and I'm proud to say I came sixth and qualified!

A big thank you Miss Perez for coming to watch and giving me moral support.

