



# Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We have already passed the half way mark of this half term and have three weeks left of this eight week term.

You will have hopefully seen and heard that we raised over €200 for Macmillan Cancer Charity last Friday. This was a great achievement one that was realised by the support of students, parents and staff who donated a cake (baked or bought). It was a really popular event well organised by Mrs Dunmore and our Sixth Form students, for an outstanding cause.



This week punctuating the timetable for Key Stage 3 was a visit from the RAF STEM team. The team visit annually and always provide our students with an entertaining and very informative experience with technology students would otherwise not get to experience.

Next week we look forward to our first Parent Afternoon on Thursday for Year 11 and 13.

## Upcoming School Events

### Week Commencing 7th October

Week 2

Thursday 10th October

St John's School Swimming Gala

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via [SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org](mailto:SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org)

Year 11 and 13 Parent Afternoon : 1430 — 1700hrs @ School Hall

### Week Commencing 14th October

Week 1

Monday 14th October

Promotional photos being taken of St John's School

Thursday 17th October

Head Teachers Surgery : 0900—1000 hrs @ Akrotiri Hive

Friday 18th October

'Settling in Report' published for Year 10 and 12

### Week Commencing 21st October

Week 2

Monday 21st October

External Quality Assurance Visit (all day)

Supporting your child in their mock examinations Y11 and 13

Parent Information Event: 1430hrs in Exam Room

Wednesday 23rd October

School Governors Meeting @ 1000hrs

Thursday 24th October

SJS Coffee Morning 0900—1000 hrs

Bookings required via [SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org](mailto:SJS.enquiries@modschoools.org)

KS3 Halloween Disco @ 1800hrs in the School Hall

Friday 25th October

Year 7 Settling in Reports Issued

Last day of the half term



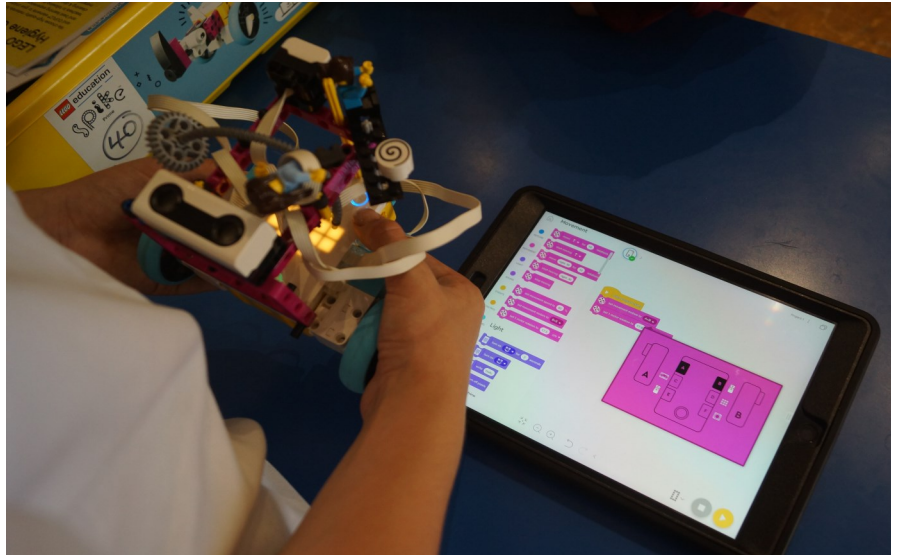
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## This week at St John's School



On Thursday we were joined by the RAF STEM Team as they lead Key Stage 3 students in a quest involving the construction and programming of a series of robots that subsequently competed against one another.



One of our students in Year 10 this week received her certificate that follows her completion of her training as an Assistant Sailing Instructor.

Having achieved her qualification she has been able to support those wishing to learn how to sail, most recently personnel from HMS Duncan when they took leave for some R&R.



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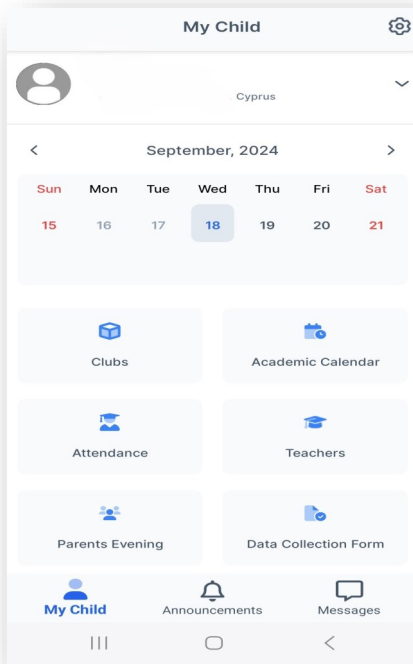
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## Year 11 and 13 Parents' Afternoon

Thursday 10th October 1430—1700 hrs



Have you made your appointments? Appointments must be made in advance of the Parent Afternoon. Appoints can only be made through My Child at School (MCAS) App.

### Trouble Registering?

Should you encounter difficulties it is possible the email address we have for you is out of date. To update your email address or to notify us of difficulties please email Mrs Twyford who will gladly assist you in logging on. Mrs Twyford's email is [Hayley.Twyford@MODSchools.org](mailto:Hayley.Twyford@MODSchools.org)

[www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsschoolcyprus)

Let's be friends!

Be sure to add us as a friend of Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at St John's School



## SJS Coffee Mornings

On Thursday 10th October 0900—1000hrs, parents of students at St John's School are cordially invited to join our coffee morning, should you wish to book a place, please email

[SJS.Enquiries@MODSchools.org](mailto:SJS.Enquiries@MODSchools.org).

Limited to 15 people, I look forward to touring you around the school, visiting lessons and answering any questions or concerns you may have.



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## Home Learning

During the course of next week students will be involved in the first of 10 assemblies between now and Christmas that will help guide them in their understanding of Home Learning and the role of Metacognition. The information conveyed and the metacognitive strategies will be shared through our weekly newsletter. For now students can continue to be encouraged to reflect upon individual subjects through the examples and actions suggested below. These tasks are in addition to any subject specific homework set.

## The Big Picture



Survey the whole  
content



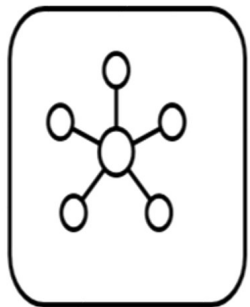
Connect to other  
areas of study –  
Zoom Out



Survey the topic  
breakdown –  
Zoom in



Identify key  
themes/ideas and  
concepts



Keep track as you  
explore the detail

### Examples or actions

1. **Key questions:** *What's it all about? What are the main ideas, themes, concepts?*
2. **Where does this fit in? - Zooming out and link learning to other topics –** *What is the main idea? How does it connect to previous learning and other topics I've already learnt?*
3. **Where does this fit in? - Zooming in and chunk it down.** *How does the main idea/theme/concept link to subtopics within this unit - how does it connect to previous learning?*
4. **Key themes/ideas/concepts -** *What are the main ideas? How do you know? What does it mean? Why are these main ideas being explored? What's an alternative? What's an example of the main idea/ concept/ theme? Where can this be found?*
5. **Record learning:** *Create a visual of the Big Picture – mind-map, flashcards, lists/bullet-points, tables, time-lines, branching trees*



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## Halloween Disco



Key Stage 3 students will be offered the opportunity to attend a Halloween school disco on 24 October 2024 between 1800-2000 hrs.

The event will involve a disco, games and a tuck shop. Students will also be encouraged to take part in Halloween fancy dress on the night.

Students can be dropped at Episkopi Primary School car park but will need to be collected from the St John's School Hall at 2000 hrs promptly unless permission has been given through the QR code below for them to make their own way home.

The Disco will cost €2 for attendance and will take place in the St John's School Hall. Students can bring money to buy snacks and drinks from the tuck shop and to take part in games.

In order to confirm attendance, parents must complete the permission form via the QR code

(right) prior to the event. This form will close on 23 October.

For any queries or further information please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Gardiner on the email provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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Teacher of Physical Education  
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Halloween Disco 24th October  
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## St John's School Writers

We received lots of wonderfully creative poetry from our KS3 students over the past week on the theme of 'counting' for National Poetry Day 2024.

Enjoy the following bumper crop of counting poems!

### Five,Four,Three,Two,One

Opening with Five, clowning around as usual  
Never taking anything serious  
Every word turns into a joke.

Thrilling four, fearing nothing  
Withstanding any challenged  
Overlooking the thought of fear.

Three looked odd from the rest  
Hidden away by the other numbers  
Refusing to interact  
Engaging with no one  
Exchanging not even one word.

Further along two, the definition of perfection  
Often standing out from the crowd of prime numbers  
Under every eyes gaze  
Regularly called the magic number.

Finally, one, always trying to bring unity  
Incredible straight A student  
Victorious, always coming on top  
Easily beating the competition.

Sydney (Y8)



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## St John's School Writers

It's hard being a teenager  
You don't know what to do  
You're not a child, not yet an adult  
You wish you never grew

Numbers, numbers,  
Everywhere I look  
Numbers in the grocery store  
And in my science book

In the life of a teen where numbers play a part,  
Snap streaks and likes, a beat in their heart  
Texts at 2am, secrets shared at 3,  
Counting down days to be wild and free

Sixteen candles, first love's sweet kiss,  
Seventeen dreams, a moment of bliss  
Numbers tell stories of teenage years,  
Of laughter, of growth, of overcoming fears

Cheers to teenage life,  
A journey with numbers in tow,  
May each digit tell a story,  
As your vibrant spirit continues to glow

Brandon (Y9)

Counting is used in everyday life and sometimes we don't even realise  
37000 excitable energetic Leeds fans marching on together  
The performance of 11 players affects thousands of fans worldwide  
The fans eagerly await counting down the seconds until kick-off  
The minutes fly by quicker than anyone had hoped for  
In the 85<sup>th</sup> minute the might Leeds score and their fans hear our roar  
The 90<sup>th</sup> minute strikes and 37000 fans march on home

George (Y8)