

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Parent Bulletin

Dear families

It is starting to feel very autumnal across the John Mason site this week and (between the showers) students have been enjoying their break time and lunchtimes in the courtyards, on our newly surfaced tennis courts playing amongst the falling leaves. Autumn is also a time for reflection, and I was honoured to be accompanied by some of our cadets who laid a Poppy Wreath on behalf of the John Mason School community to remember those who have lost their lives in past wars. We were joined by Mr Speke and students from Fitzharrys School and I know many of you too will find time to reflect and remember in your own ways over this weekend.

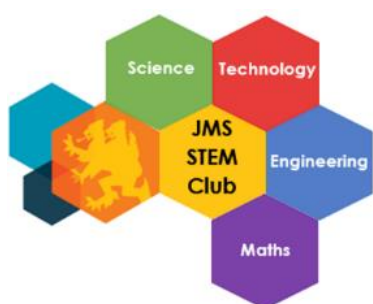


I'd like to wish you all a peaceful weekend and here are some of the other events we have enjoyed at John Mason this week.



A huge well done to students in year 8 and 9 who have been building shoeboxes full of essential items for families and elderly couples for Christmas. 28 boxes were made and delivered last week ready to fly out to people in need in Eastern Europe. The families who receive your Christmas shoeboxes often have to

choose between buying food and fuel. Buying presents at Christmas is a low priority, as their homes often lack running water and are cold, damp and dark as they do not have electricity. This means we have brought a smile to 28 families in need!



STEM Club welcomed Matt Gibbons from Alpine F1 to John Mason School for a session on engineering and F1 cars. Matt discussed what Engineering included and his journey into F1. Matt brought in lots of parts from F1 cars for the students to experience. The students had a great time and were able to ask lots of questions. The best part was when they got to hold an actual F1 steering wheel. We hope Matt will come visit us again soon.



## PIE Events

We have now had Parent Information Events for all year groups and you can view the slides from these events on our website under the relevant year group header:

<https://www.johnmason.oxon.sch.uk/students-and-parents/year-groups/>

## Booking extracurricular activities

A gentle reminder that from Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November we are changing how you book your child's extracurricular activities and clubs. You will be able to see which clubs are available to your child via the Clubs section on your MCAS account and from there you will be able to enrol them, giving the club leader an accurate list of who should be attending. Please note that Homework Support clubs do not need to be enrolled in, your child is welcome to attend as needed.

## John Mason Association Family Quiz Night



We would be delighted to see as many of you, your children and relatives as possible at the annual Family Quiz Night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Please find details here: [What's On](#) and get revising!

### Important Dates

17<sup>th</sup> November – JMA Family Quiz

23<sup>rd</sup> November – JMF6 Open Evening (at Fitzharrys School)

7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 Parent's Evening

8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 Winter Ball (Details to follow)

Yours sincerely

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