

Week 26 Wetherbuzz

Monday 24th April – Saturday 29th April 2017

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 24th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Meeting - 8am • Games for Years 3 and 4 – 9-11:30am • Games for Year 5 and Year 6 – 1:30-4pm • School Management Meeting – 3pm • Chamber Choir – 4-5pm • Talk for Parents – Encouraging Reluctant Readers – 6-6:30pm in 5K 	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Debating – 4-5pm • Upper Debating – 4-5pm • English Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm • Indoor Rock Climbing – 4-5pm • Indoor Sports – 4-5pm • Creative Writing (Years 3&4) – 4-5pm • Creative Writing (Years 5&6) – 5-6pm • Elite Fencing – 4-6pm
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 25th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetherby Choir – 8-9am • Games for Year 7 and 8 – 9-11am • Swimming for Year 5 – 9-11am • U8 & U9 Cricket Trials • Games for Years 3 and 4 – 1:30-4pm • Year 3 Residential Information Evening in 3P – 5:30pm • Year 5 Residential Information Evening in the Pioneer Hall – 6pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running – 7:45-8:20am • Fencing (Years 3&4) – 4-5pm • Table Tennis – 5-6pm • Chess – 4-5pm • Latin Level 3 Preparation – 4-5pm • Dolphins Development Squad – 4:15-5pm • Music Scholars – 4-5pm • Musicianship and Theory – 4-5pm (Chelsea Quavers)
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 26th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Rowing at Putney – 8am • PTA Meeting – 9am • Physical Education for Year 7 – 9-10:30am • Lower School Inter-House Swimming Gala at Queen Mother – 9:30-11:30am • Games for Year 7 and 8 – 1:30-4pm • Year 4 Residential Information Evening in 5K – 6:15pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Crafts – 4-5pm • Elite Chess – 8-9am • Classical Greek Civilisation – 4-5pm • Cardboard Engineering – 4-5pm • Lower Code Club – 4-5pm • Travel and Culture – 4-5pm • Development Fencing – 4-6pm • Maths Games/Puzzles – 4-5pm • Lower Swim Squad Year 5 – 4:10-5pm • Lower Swim Squad Year 4 – 5-5:45pm
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 27th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Rowing at Putney – 8am • Physical Education for Year 8 – 9-10:30am • Games for Year 5 and Year 6 – 1:30-4pm • WPS Raiders vs WPS Warriors (H) – 2pm • WPS Cavaliers vs WPS Shamrocks (H) – 2pm • U10A & B vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm • WPS Water polo vs Highgate (A) – 4:30-5:30pm • School Management Meeting – 4:30pm • Wetherby Voices – 4-5pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YouTubers – 4-5pm • Upper Code Club – 4-5pm • Maths Revision for Year 8 – 4-5pm • Upper Swim Squad – 4:30-5:30pm • Fencing (Year 5) – 5-6pm
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 28th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity Home Clothes Day – all day • Staff Meeting – 8am • Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation – 8:30am • Wetherby's Got Talent, Year 3-5 – 9:30-10:30am • 1st XI vs. St Martins, National Cup First Round (A) – 2:30pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Clubs – 2:30-4pm
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 29nd April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kit Car Races, Luton – CANCELLED • WPS Father and Son Golf Day, Foxhills Manor – all day 	

Dear Parents,

I trust everyone had an enjoyable break over the Easter holidays. The Bakers didn't go away but we amused ourselves with rather boring things like putting the house up for sale, which has ended up as being a massive chore, to far more exciting things like riding the slide at the Olympic Park. With news items often focusing on Olympic venues around the world that have turned into white elephants, it is great to see the area still being put to good use, still popular with the public and still in immaculate condition. Whatever your political views, I don't think anyone could argue that the planning for the Olympic Games, the Games themselves and the post-Olympic action plan, have been anything but successes. Well done, London!

Another exciting event befell our village this holiday. Long-time readers of this column may recall my successful search for the 'Cholesbury Dinosaurs' (Week 26 Wetherbuzz/Barometer 22.4.16). Well, this Easter, our Raptor and Triceratops were joined by a T-Rex! Cue much excitement in our village and amusement as I saw a truck pass our front garden with a wrapped up but clearly visible prehistoric reptile strapped onto the back. These examples of British eccentricity always make me smile...

Summer Term is often a favourite one, with not just the sunshine and warmer weather but so many events and activities to put a smile on boys' and parents' faces, none more so than two, very special evenings – the Headmaster's Ball for the Prep School on May 19th and the Headmaster's Gala Dinner for the Senior School on 16th June. Both are black tie events and I am sure Wetherby's reputation for having the most glamorous parents will not be misplaced. We have pretty much finalised the auction lot list at the Prep School but the Senior School event would love to hear from any parent who could offer up a 'lot' This also goes for the teaching staff. The immensely talented Miss Hoskins has started the ball rolling with offering to bake and design a cake of your choice and is offering two spaces on the 'Wethergirls' netball team for a fixture of your choosing. What great lots and this is just the start. If you have anything you can offer, please email me at nick.baker@wetherbysenior.co.uk as I would be delighted to hear from you.



Have a great weekend...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Baker'.

Planning Application for 47 Bryanston Square

As part of the long term strategy for the development of both the prep and senior school, we are delighted to have submitted our planning application to turn 47 Bryanston Square into educational use. This will be heard later this year and I will at some point, be asking all parents, particularly those of you who live locally, to lend your support in terms of writing to Westminster Council. For now though, I do need you to all to focus on two very specific areas – not just over the coming months but really all of the time.

- 1) Under no circumstances should you or your drivers (or even taxis) double park on the Square itself.
- 2) Please be considerate to local residents at all times with the utmost courtesy and manners that our boys are famous for. The positive (or negative) impression that we all (boys, parents and staff) present will make a massive impact on the success or failure of this application and reputation of the school in the long term.

We have built strong relationships in recent years and I was delighted to attend the recent Garden Committee AGM to present departing Chairman and good friend of Wetherby Prep, Sir Michael McWilliam, with a painting of the School by our Wellington Art Scholar this year, George Greig. He was very pleased to accept it and the other residents in attendance were very impressed as I'm sure you will be.



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Francesco N in 7N. Francesco's fluent Italian was such an asset on our recent visit to Rome and he was so helpful in helping out with translations and just clarifying whatever was needed that he became almost a third member of staff. He certainly helped make the trip go smoothly and, as ever, his behaviour was impeccable. Well done, Francesco!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Edmund J in 7M. Clearly his sporting prowess was spotted early on as Edmund won this award back in 2012 but he has since gone on to develop into a fantastic, all-round sportsman with a great attitude both on and off the pitch, field or track, encouraging his team-mates and mixing well with other year groups. Well done, Edmund!



From the Senior Master - An Exciting Term Ahead...

Mr Blundell writes...

Following the huge success of the Rugby season I am very excited to embark on a sunny Cricket season which I am sure will be great fun. As you may have noticed in the calendar card we have some new fixtures including teams such as 'WPS Raiders' and 'WPS Cavaliers'. We have thought long and hard about how to improve the Cricket provision at Wetherby and we are excited to announce the first ever 'Wetherby Big Bash Cricket League.'

The 'Big Bash' will be open for all boys not in the regular A and B teams and will be a series of 'intra-school' fixtures resulting in a winner for the Seniors, the Under 11s and the Under 10s. These will all be announced in the final sports assembly. If your son is not selected into the A or B team he will be placed into a draft. Members of the Games staff will then each pick 4-6 equal teams dependant on their year group. That member of staff will then coach the same team throughout the year and will be also be there at every fixture. Really, it's a competition between the teachers! All parents are invited to watch the matches. There will be a tea afterwards and the results will be read out in Friday assembly.

This is a really exciting initiative and will be a fantastic for the provision of Cricket within the school. If your son is not selected initially for the A or B team he can still be chosen for later games. We will assess the boys each week and make changes accordingly. The boys will not be able to move between franchises however (e.g. a Warrior cannot become a Shamrock!). We want the 'intra-school' matches and the inter school matches to be as competitive as possible and for the boys to have a real passion for their teams whether that be playing for the Under 10 B team or indeed the 'WPS Bulls'.

With regards to the facilities at Wetherby Sports Ground, the pitch is looking absolutely fantastic and I am thrilled with the progress. The new pavilion is looking great and planning has just been granted for the area to be completely floodlit. From September 2017 all the work should be completed including a brand new café open from 2pm every day serving refreshments while you watch the boys play.

All in all an exciting term ahead! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me and as always please check the weekly bulletin for updated fixtures and events.

From Italy - RS & Art Adventure to Roma and Firenze

Miss Northey & Miss Clifford write....

On Tuesday 28th March while it was still dark, 15 boys and their parents gathered in Terminal 5 to embark on a flight to Rome. What a wonderful five days we had and in true 'Wetherby style' managed to pack in rather a lot during our time in both Rome and Florence. On arrival in Rome, after a quick pizza stop, we headed to Gladiator School to be inducted into the ways of gladiatorial life (mentally and physically) by Marcus Aurelius. He was quick to make any troublesome recruits drop to the floor and engage in a few push-ups; marvellously effective. Thankfully all the boys, after a combat competition, managed to graduate with their bodies intact for us to go underground into the Catacombs.

The next morning we rose early to meet Francesco's great-uncle, Don Francesco at the Vatican. What a privilege to be taken around the museum and into the Sistine Chapel by a Cardinal living in the Vatican City. He was able to show the boys where he sat at the last Papal Conclave whilst electing Pope Francis. In the afternoon we hopped onto a bus to dash over to the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon before sitting in the evening sun sketching and playing games. Wednesday took us to the Coliseum, climbing out of the Metro's darkness and being met by the Flavian amphitheatre is a sight to behold. The boys were then allowed to enter through the gladiators' entrance, usually restricted to G7 leaders! After our morning exploring Rome we rushed back to catch our train to Florence.

Compared to the madness of Rome, Florence seemed small and dark. Narrow alleys, glorious palazzos and churches doted our way. Firstly we went to visit the Galileo Museum to discover the history of science and patronage of the great Medici family. That evening the boys had to cook their own three course Tuscan meal – bruschetta, picci all'aglione and tiramisu for pudding. Delisiozo! They were brilliant and got involved with every aspect, especially rolling out the pasta into long strips. Next morning, after queuing for an hour while playing cards, we got into see Michelangelo's David which is truly majestic and worthy of accolade. The boys sat for nearly an hour drawing different aspects of the statue. Before lunch we managed to get into the Convento di San Marco and see the monk's small cells and imagine life in the middle ages. In the afternoon

after visiting the Cathedral the boys got to go on the antique carousel before 'gelato o'clock' – we understand the need to feed boys regularly on sugar!

That night it was the 'Great Italia Quiz 2017', testing them on all that they had learnt from our two guides, Marco and Roberto, during the previous four days. Next morning, our last day in Florence, we were struck by the dazzling Medici Chapel before heading to the Leather Market to teach the boys the skill of bartering and getting a good deal. Hopefully all of their parents were delighted with the presents brought home!

Some of our best memories from the five days are: the boys sitting sketching some of the ancient wonders of our world; the chance to marvel at Michelangelo's David and frescoes; the contest at the Gladiator school; marching the boys' miles and miles; diving in to lick the tiramisu bowl during our cooking lesson; and the sense of fun we all had. Ben fatti, ragazzi!





From the English Department - Encouraging Reluctant Readers, a talk for parents

Reading. Why is it so important? Reading is fundamental to functioning in today's society. Reading is a vital skill in finding a good job. Reading is important because it develops the mind. The mind is a muscle - it needs exercise. Reading helps children focus on what someone else is communicating. Reading is how we discover new things. Books, magazines and the Internet are great learning tools which require the ability to read and understand what is read. A person who knows how to read can educate themselves in any area of life they are interested in. We live in an age where we overflow with information, but reading is the main way to take advantage of it. Reading develops the imagination. TV and computer games have their place, but they are more like amusement. Amusement comes from two words "a" [non] and "muse" [think]. Amusement is non-thinking activities. With reading, a person can go anywhere in the world...or even out of it! They can be a king, or an adventurer, or an animal, or... the possibilities are endless. Non-readers never experience these joys to the same extent. In line with the above, reading develops the creative side of people. Reading helps to expand vocabulary. Seeing how words are used in different contexts can give a better understanding of the word usage and its definitions rather than just the cold facts of a dictionary.

So why is reading important? Reading is important because words - spoken and written - are the building blocks of life. You are, right now, the result of words that you have heard or read AND believed about yourself. What you become in the future will depend on the words you believe about yourself now. People, families, relationships, and even nations are built from words.

On Monday, from 6pm-6:30pm in 5K, I will be hosting an informal talk on that most frustrating of topics – why some boys are less keen on reading than others. The emphasis will be on practical tips to get boys reading. I will also touch on the issues behind why some boys are more reluctant to read, in order to provide a solid understanding for how to tackle the problem and how to improve it. All year groups are welcome; handouts and resources will be provided.

From Charities - Home Clothes Day

Miss Martin writes...

On **Friday 28th of April** we will be holding a home clothes day for the whole school in aid of our charities. Please could the boys bring in £2 each to wear their home clothes.

On the same day, we will be holding our first 'Wetherby's Got Talent'. This will take place during school time for the Lower School. All boys from Years 3-5 (and any staff that would like to take part!) are invited to be involved in the competition. Boys may also participate as a group with no more than 4 people. All boys who watch will be required to donate at least £5 upon entry to the competition with all proceeds going to our school charities. Entries for the competition will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to be part of this exciting event, do let me know in person or via email: ellie.martin@wetherbyprep.co.uk



From Clubs - Ski Trials

Miss Martin writes...

We will have trials taking place for next year's championships on **Saturday 10th June**. Boys in Years 5-7 are welcome to participate in these. There are only very limited places on the team. There are still a few places left for the ski trials day that will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please let me know directly if you would like your son to attend. (It is Year 5 – 7 rather than 6 – 8 because the boys will be in Years 6 – 8 next year.

Competition Time... Wetherby Young Film Makers Competition

Mr Bayes writes...

Traditionally Year 8 create short films in ICT at the beginning on the Summer Term. The standard of work in recent years has been exceptional and the craftsmanship and attention to detail from the entries has been first class. We have decided to create a school wide competition to find the finest short film maker in Wetherby. We encourage you all to get involved and produce your best work over the Easter break. An awards ceremony will be held at Friday's assembly where the winners will be announced. So get your acting, directing, editing and producing hats on, stir those creative juices and get film making!



Details for the competition:

- Deadline for entries: 1st May 2017
- Categories: Live Action / Animation / Documentary / Other
- Max Film length 3 minutes
- If you are working collaboratively please detail a full list of cast and crew when submitting your entry.
- Submit your MP4 file via memory stick to Mr Bayes or Mr Morrison. Please note you must ask your parents' permission before uploading any film to social media.
- The film submitted should be entirely your own work.

From the Games Department

Mr Bayes writes...

The Fourth Annual Parent-Son Golf Tournament

I am thrilled to announce the fourth annual Parent–Son 9 Hole Golf Tournament, to be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The event will be held on **29th April from 9.30am – 12.30pm**. We are looking for keen Wetherby golfers to pair up with a family member; Mum, Dad, Grandfather, brother etc. Pairs will compete against each other for a whole raft of prizes including longest drive, nearest to the hole, overall pair champion and overall individual champion. All golfers will be expected to have some prior experience. Tee times will commence at 9.30am and lunch and prize giving will be held at 12.30pm.

Please email me at dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk to register your interest in the first instance. There are a limited number of places and they will be assigned on a first come first served basis. The cost will be £100 per pair and will include a two course set-menu meal at the completion of the round. To secure your place, please deliver a cheque to Miss Fekete at reception, made out to "Wetherby Preparatory School". The envelope should be clearly marked "Wetherby Golf Day". Please write the full name of the playing pair on the back of the cheque.



Entries close on April 24th 2017.

My Wetherby – Mr Tilleray

Which House are you in?

Dawson

What is your favourite club?

Club Sandwich (or Cardboard Engineering)

What is your favourite subject?

STEM

Kit-Kat or Chomp?

Kit-Kat

If you weren't a teacher, what would be your chosen profession?

An astronaut

Favourite sport at Wetherby

Rugby

What would you do if had super powers for the day?

The power to make ice slides and slide all over the city.

If you went to Pizza Express with a famous person (dead or alive) who would you want it to be?

David Attenborough

If you could plan a school trip, where would you go?

To the International Space Station.

Favourite book.

Assassin's Apprentice by Robin Hobb

If you were an animal what would you be?

A flying squirrel

If you were a cereal what would you be?

Aldi's Wheat Bisks



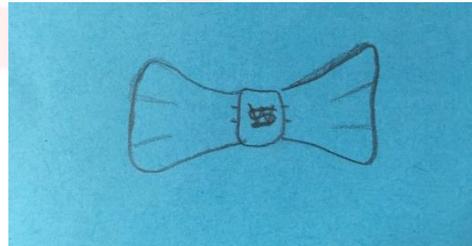
Tell me a funny story from your time at Wetherby.

Having a Friday howl with Miss Bevan

Fish & Chips Fridays or Sausage & Mash Mondays?

Sausage & Mash Mondays (with lots of gravy)

You have one minute to draw a Wetherby branded item.



Wetherby bow-tie

Thanks, Mr Tilleray!

Out of School Achievements and Photos



HAPPY EASTER from Leander (6J), Orlando (4M) & little brother Jake! (on carver, longboard and electric one wheel). Here they are rocking and rolling in sunny California



Kilian S (5B) holding a week old lamb



Freddie H (5T) has a run-in with the cops in NYC...

Arthur H's medal-winning carving turns!

Over the Easter break Arthur H (5T) came third in the Chalet Blanc Easter ski race in Verbier. Here he is doing one his cracking carving turns.



Ahoy from Athens! And Isle of White here we come!

Jasper (5B) & James H (7M) and Maximilian P (5B) were practiced their sailing skills in Athens over the Easter break. The Aegean sea was as cold as the English Channel which gave them a first taste and a head start for their residential sailing trip to the Isle of White in May. Well done, boys!

Staff News



Congratulations Miss Hart!

Huge congratulations to Miss Hart and her fiancé Richard, who got engaged whilst walking in the Tramuntana mountains in Mallorca over the holidays. Everyone at Wetherby could not be more excited for the happy couple, who plan to get married in December.

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3P	Taymour Auchi	6B	Nur Dincmen
4B	Aditya Dubey	6J	Noah Grunschlag
4K	Leonardo Bertolo	6T	Ruben von Saher
4M	Lachlan Donley	7M	Francesco Nagel
5B	Nadhmi Auchi	7T	Lorcan Quinn
5K	Charles Gouilliard	7V	Varun Vashisht
5T	Philip Maguire	8B	Henry Bush
		8F	Harry Coombs
		8G	Nader Moghadam
		8I	Rory McDowell

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Harry Coombs – 58

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne	Pembridge	Chepstow	Dawson
499	449	428	376

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain M. Gwynne	Westbourne Captain J. Ward	Chepstow Captain A. Grigg	Pembridge Captain D. Shirazi
12,583	11,835	11,596	11,328

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4B 227	Form 5B 177	Form 4K 149

Week	Form Class	Teacher	Week	Form Class	Teacher
1	4B	Miss Baillieu	14	4M	Miss Martin
2	6J	Miss Balgobin	15	4B	Miss Baillieu
3	7T	Mr Metherell	16	7M	Mr Morrison
4	6B	Mrs Bassett	17	5T	Mr Thorne
5	8I	Mr Goodman	18	6J	Miss Balgobin
6	6T	Miss Taylor	19	7V	Mr Vogiatzis
7	5T	Mr Thorne	20	7T	Mr Metherell
8	6J	Miss Balgobin	21	3P	Miss Phoenix
9	4B	Miss Baillieu	22	6J	Miss Balgobin
10	8F	Mr Froggatt	23	5K	Miss Kroiter
11	5K	Miss Kroiter	24	4B	Miss Baillieu
12	3P	Miss Phoenix	24	4B	Miss Baillieu
13			25	4B	Miss Baillieu



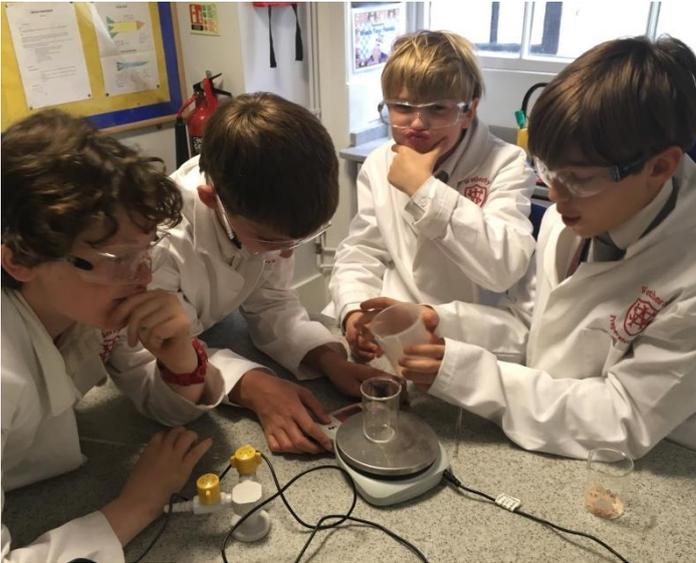
Form Class winners – 4B



Class Achievement – Miss Olney's History Class 4M

Gold 10 Housepoints	Silver 5 Housepoints	Bronze 3 Housepoints
George Greig – Art (painting of Bryanston Square)	Hector Bodker – English	Lucas Mousavizadeh – English
	Luca Bengough – English	Lucas Mousavizadeh – English
	Joshua Ashley – Maths	Hector Bodker – Maths
	Christopher Radcliffe – Classics	Cody Juma – English
	Innes Adam – History	Francesco Nagel – Science
	Saif Meliti – Art	Francesco Nagel – English
	Edward Seppala – English	Edward Jephcott – English
	Theodore Bischoff – English	Maximilian Awuma Hamilton – Maths
	Elliot Chailley – Maths	
	Alexander Lewisohn – English	
	Alani Mosaku – English	
	Ludovic Remers – English	
	Edward Jephcott – English	

Photos from the Week



Back to school and down to some serious science experiments for Year 6



A production line of Hummingbird Cupcakes. Thanks, and Happy Birthday to the twins!



Mrs King's Year 4 English class knuckle down to planning their short stories



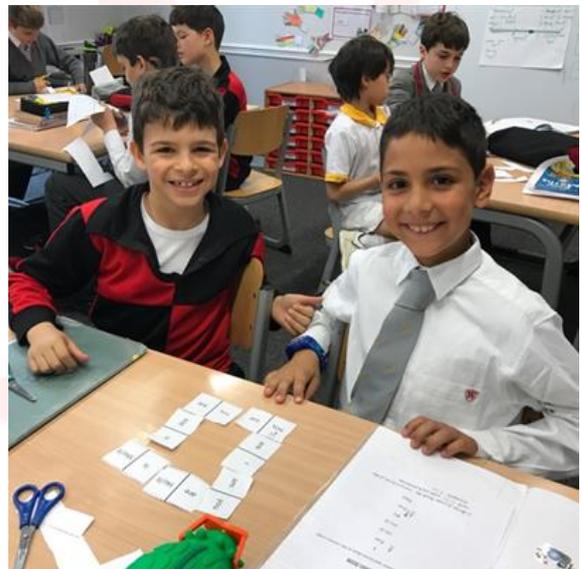
Golden time in 4K



Anyone for chess?



Brilliant Year 8 mentors



Fun in Year 4 French!



Fish & Chip Fridays! It's good to be back...



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