

Week 27 Wetherbuzz

Monday 1st May – Sunday 7th May 2017

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 1st May</p> <p>BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed for Boys</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School for Boys
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 2nd May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower School Assessments • Winchester Exams • Staff Meeting - 8am • Eton 2nd Tranche Assessment for Year 6 applicants – pm • Wetherby Choir – 8-9am - CANCELLED • Games for Year 7 and 8 – 9-11am • Swimming for Year 5 – 9-11am • Games for Years 3 and 4 – 1:30-4pm • U9A-D vs. Falcons (A) – 2:30pm 	<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 3rd May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower School Assessments • Winchester Exams • Year 7 Rowing at Putney – 8am • Physical Education for Year 7 – 9-10:30am • Swimming for Year 3 – 9-11am • Swimming for Year 4 – 10-12pm • Games for Year 7 and 8 – 1:30-4pm • 1st & 2nd XI vs. Falcons (A) – 2:30pm • 3rd XI vs. Devonshire House (A) – 2:15pm • WPS Buccaneers vs. WPS Bulls (H) – 2:30pm • WPS Dynamos vs. WPS Dukes (H) – 2:30pm • WPS Pirates vs. WPS Roosters (H) – 2:30pm 	<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 4th May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower School Assessments • Winchester Exams • Year 8 Rowing at Putney – 8-10am • PSHEE Talk for Years 6 -8 – am • WPS A Swimming Gala vs. Caldicott • Physical Education for Year 8 – 9-10:30am • Games for Year 5 and Year 6 – 1:30-4pm • U10A & B vs. Thomas's Clapham (A) – 2:30pm • WPS Raiders vs. WPS Cavaliers – 2:30pm • WPS Warriors vs. WPS Shamrocks – 2:30pm • 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 5th May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Meeting – 8am • Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation – 8:30am • WPS Swimming Gala vs. Abercorn - CANCELLED • Staff vs. Parents Cricket match – 5:30pm 	<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 6th May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAPS Swimming National Finals 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 7th May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISGA Wellington College Golf Salver 	

Dear Parents,

What was already shaping up to be another busy week got even busier around 10am on Monday morning, when I received notice that the Prep School was to undergo a compliance inspection this week. The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) has a new inspection framework which comprises two categories of assessment: a regulatory compliance inspection, in addition to the more traditional educational quality inspection or 'full inspection', on a 3 or 4 year cycle. As our last full inspection, in 2012, was such a positive one, we have had only scrutiny of our regulatory compliance this week which will ultimately result in a relatively basic report, without qualitative judgements, that will, I trust, reflect the ongoing commitment of governors and staff to comply with the 200 or so standards and requirements of the Independent School Standards Regulations. This report will be published in due course but, in the meantime, I would like to thank our brilliant staff, who rose to the occasion with such commitment and openness, and to our ever supportive parent body, who submitted questionnaires so effusively and in an unprecedented number. Staff at the Prep, in common with those at the Senior School during Ofsted last year, respond with such positive energy and teamwork as they are so proud of their School and want to be involved in all aspects of it. Whilst I am unable to anticipate the final outcome of such a rigorous inspection, it has nevertheless been a great week to experience and enjoy the true spirit of #teamwetherby...

Despite being so hectic though, I did take time to enjoy old friend of the school, Tony Little's, innovative comments at Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) this week. He spoke about the need to get parents more engaged with schools, so as to build more of a community feeling and suggested that, where necessary, some incentives, such as money off of air fares, might be one way of achieving it. "That is to say," said Tony, "the amount of benefits you can derive, and by benefits I mean reduced flights on a particular airline, or whatever it might be...matches or exceeds, the fee that you are paying in the first place. When you want to create this big sense of community, one way to achieve that is to say thank you; thank you for being part of this particular community of schools, in the hope not only that they feel good about that, but they feel more connected to the community and would be, for example, more likely to come to parents' events, more likely to wish to be involved, give their time."

You may (or may not!) be disappointed to hear that Alpha Plus are not planning on an air miles scheme or even launching a Wetherby Clubcard in the near future but I whole-heartedly agree with Tony about the tremendous value of parental involvement. We always say that being a Wetherby parent is just as important as being a Wetherby boy and that feeling of engagement, to the extent that school becomes so much a part of everyone's life, is something we strive for at Wetherby. We may not be able to send you an air miles card then but I very much hope that the personal attention that our staff give you, our parent body, on a daily basis and the evident warmth between staff and parents at our schools serves as some measure of our thanks to you. At a fundamental level, 'community' is what has made our Schools the successes they are today.

No surprise then that for our big social events this term, we have over 35 staff who have bought tickets for the Prep School Ball in a couple of weeks and 26 for the Senior School Dinner in June. I believe that the Prep School is now officially 'Sold Out' but a few tickets remain for the Senior School Dinner. We really look forward to seeing you all at these events and the opportunity to celebrate everything 'Wetherby'.

Have a good weekend...



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Theo W in 7V. With his superb manners and sunny disposition, Theo is the epitome of how to conduct oneself around school. Throughout our recent Art & Religious Studies trip to Italy, Theo grasped every opportunity to learn about and be inspired by his surroundings and was a fine ambassador of our school. Well done, Theo!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Jasper F in 5T. Taking two wickets and not-out as a batsman in a match against The Hall School on Thursday, Jasper has a great cricketing future ahead of him. It was particularly pleasing to hear of his high standards of 'boundary behaviour' when not directly involved on the field – true sportsmanship. Well done, Jasper!



From the Senior Mistress – School Council

Miss Olney writes...

It was a great first week back for the boys at School Council it's always so exciting to see their suggestions and initiatives taken up by the staff. This week's ideas and thoughts included:

- **Welcome Arthur, Frankie and Toran!** – This term, Arthur H has been elected to represent 5T in the School Council elections held in his form. Toran H and Frankie G (6B) were also jointly elected School Council representatives in 6B. We are very excited to hear all their ideas and they were presented with their badges in Friday's assembly.
- **Pancakes** – Thank you very much, Chef Peter, for the delicious pancakes to kick start our first School Council meeting this term. They were delicious!
- **Cycling Club** – Cycling Club was suggested as an after-school activity, however, School Council felt that this would not be able to be implemented due to health and safety. Another suggestion was having a 'Bike Maintenance/Awareness' workshop brought in for the boys.
- **Mascots** – Boys are very keen to bring back the house mascots for the Inter-House events this term. They have also suggested new house mascot designs.
- **Wetherby Water Bottles** – Boys are very keen to bring a Wetherby branded water bottle to fill up from the water stations. Mr Ogden also suggested that they could be house coloured.
- **Pet Week** – The boys really love their animals and suggested a 'Pet Week' at Wetherby where boys could bring in their animals for a Form Time (like a show and tell).



- **Snacks** – The boys love the snacks but suggested that biscuits could be an option on a Friday for the boys who don't like chocolate at lunch.

Action Plan:

Boys will share these ideas with their forms and talk to them more about what was discussed.

- ❖ **New Boys** – Miss Olney to present the new School Council representatives with a badge in Friday's Assembly.
- ❖ **Pet Week** – Miss Olney will raise this in a staff meeting to see how keen Form Tutors are and the logistics for this.
- ❖ **Snacks** – Miss Olney to speak with Chef Peter about having biscuits as well as chocolates for lunch on Friday.
- ❖ **Wetherby Water Bottles** – Miss Olney will bring this up with Young Enterprise Club and speak to Mr Goodman about costings etc.
- ❖ **Mascots** – Boys to speak about this further at the next School Council meeting.



Next meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 9th May 2017*
**no meeting next week due to Lower School Assessments and Winchester Exams*



From the Senior Master – New Kit for the 'Wetherby Big Bash League'

Mr Blundell writes....

The new shirts for the 'Wetherby Big Bash League' have arrived and they look fantastic. Many thanks to all who have paid £10 and for those who haven't please can you send it in next week. I am looking forward to all the matches, but especially next Wednesday when my team, 'The Dukes' take on Mr Dean's 'Dynamos' in what will be a fierce contest. All the boys will get to keep the shirt but they should wear them only for matches. When around school they should remain in their white cricket top and then put the coloured one on at the Sports Ground.



Brand new 'Wetherby Big Bash' shirts!

From the Music Department – Summer Term Events

Mr Rodwell writes...

There are still a number of events remaining for the Music Department this term.

We have two Breakfast Concerts; in the first half of the term this will take place on **Wednesday 17th May at 8:30am** in the Pioneer Hall. The final one of the year will be on **Wednesday 28th June**, at the same time and place.

If your son is keen to perform in these, please email either nathaniel.brawn@wetherbyprep.co.uk or zacc.rodwell@wetherbyprep.co.uk and we will add to them to the list. As always, the Breakfast Concert is an informal event, giving the boys a chance to perform in a less pressured concert environment so please do encourage your son to perform.

All choirs will then perform at Prize Giving, which is on **Tuesday 4th July, 7pm** at St Mary's Church.

New for this year, Inter-House music will now be a choral event accessed by the whole school rather than an instrumental competition. This will involve all four houses singing a song (so every boy in the school will be involved), which will be learnt and practised during school time – although practising at home is encouraged, of course! On top of this, we will select two soloists to represent each house. We will be bringing in an external adjudicator to judge the event. This will take place on **Friday 30th June**; exact time and venue still to be confirmed.

Away from the performance side, we have a couple of exciting events as well. We have a harpist coming which is sure to be very exciting and, in response to many of your requests for more popular music, we are also hoping to have a "drum day" with our very own Mr Cotterill.

All choirs will continue as normal this term: Chamber Choir, which started up again last Monday, will continue in its original Monday slot, in place of Tour Choir. Boys will be re-auditioned through the next couple of weeks; this is not something for them to worry about, rather just a way for us to gauge their progress. Wetherby Choir and Wetherby Voices will carry on in the same Tuesday and Thursday slots they have occupied all year.

From the Science Department – Rock Salt Experiment

Miss Sharp writes...

Last week Year 6 enjoyed harvesting pure salt from rock salt. First they had to filter the rock salt solution before evaporating off the solvent. In 6T the boys competed to see who could harvest the most. The two winning pairs were: with 97% yield, Beau McChesney and Charles Mennie; Leon Castro and Roman Joseph. Well done, boys!



From the ICT Department – Headphones

Mr Bayes writes...

From next week please can you ensure that your son has a working set of earphones / headphones with him at school.

This will enable him to use the audio functionality of the iPads within the various departments in school.

The school will have some stock at reception which you can purchase. The cost of a set of headphones is £8.00.



From the Games Department - IAPS Sailing Championships



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Mr Bayes writes...

I am looking for four Year 6 sailors to compete in the IAPS National sailing event in Weymouth on Wednesday 24th May. Please be aware that you will need to transport your son to and from the event. Please contact dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk for further details.

From the Performance Corner – Brain Food

Summer term is synonymous with long evenings and school exams. Clearly we want to give our boys every opportunity to do as well as possible in the challenging weeks ahead. Boosting brainpower through suitable food choices packed with vitamins, minerals, anti-oxidants and countless other phytochemicals can support the boys in reaching their peak potential. Calories are important but it is the calorie content that really matters. Nutrient dense food, irrespective of its calorie content by and large will reap greater health returns than a calorie-restricted diet low in quality fats and fibrous carbohydrates. It's these foods that boost brain function, support growth and repair that are so vital on a daily basis. Here are some food choices to boost that brainpower!

Turmeric - A yellow spice, turmeric is often used in Asian cuisine and contains the antioxidant curcumin. Capable of crossing the blood brain barrier, this spice is regarded as a neuroprotective agent supporting brain function. Research shows curcumin may boost memory and stimulate the production of new brain cells, a process known as neurogenesis.

Wild Alaskan Salmon - High omega-3 fats found in wild Alaskan salmon may help fight inflammation throughout your body including the brain. The prefrontal cortex part of the brain associated with working memory and visual processing responds well to these fats. Sardines and anchovies are also exceptionally high in these healthy brain nutrients.

Broccoli and Cauliflower - Broccoli and cauliflower are good sources of choline, a B vitamin renowned for its role in brain development, improved learning and memory. Eggs and certain organic meat cuts are also high in choline.

Blueberries - Antioxidants and other phytochemicals in blueberries have been linked to improvements in learning, thinking and memory. They are also relatively low in fructose (fruit sugar) compared to other fruits.

Walnuts - Walnuts are a quality source of plant-based omega-3 fats. Evidence suggests walnuts can help reverse brain aging and enhance cognition. These omega-3 fats support brain function and promote brain healing. Walnuts contain a number of other neuro-protective compounds.

Celery - Celery contains a plant compound that supports brain function. This compound has been linked to lower rates of age-related memory loss as well as improved learning and memory.

Coconut Oil - The primary brain fuel required for energy is glucose. The brain is capable of running on more than one type of fuel; ketones (ketone bodies) or keto acids. These are produced by the body when it converts healthy fats (as opposed to glucose) into energy. The medium-chain triglycerides (MCT) found in coconut oil is an excellent source of ketone bodies. Medium-chain triglycerides go directly to the liver where they are naturally converted into ketones. The liver then releases these ketones into the bloodstream where they are transported to the brain for fuel. Whilst the brain is happy running on glucose, evidence suggests that ketone bodies may help restore and renew neurons and nerve function.

From the Maths Department – Weekly Challenges

House point for each. Congratulations to the below pupils. Please make sure that all answer sheets include workings out, full names and forms please.

Lower Maths Challenge Braniacs:		Upper Maths Challenge Bright Sparks:	
Lorenz Bjorgolfsson	Nadhmi Auchi	Nadhmi Auchi	Adrian Boettcher
Taymour Auchi	Laith Auchi	Rory McDowell	
Benjamin Shailer	Hector Bodker		

Lower School Maths Challenge	Upper School Maths Challenge

Top Ten Speed Kings!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Kilian Seidel has made his move towards speed test immortality! A 10 second improvement has Kilian 3rd in the top ten and within striking distance of the top dog, Adam 'Killer' Khan. Zayn has also improved, this time by 2 seconds, cutting Adam's lead to just 7 seconds. The other mover and shaker is Nadhmi who leapt up the leader board from joint 11th to 5th. And with Adam posting a time of 1 min 46 seconds this week, the top ten is getting more and more congested.

No speeding next week due to the assessments.

1	Adam Khan	Year 5	1 min 44 sec
2	Zayn Shabeeh	Year 5	1 min 51 sec
3	Kilian Seidel	Year 5	2 min 01 sec
4	Nicolas Wright Rocafort	Year 5	2 min 02 sec
5	Nadhmi Auchi	Year 5	2 min 07 sec
6	Chinonso Ogbunude	Year 5	2 min 09 sec
7	Felix Welter	Year 4	2 min 14 sec
8	George Sakellariou	Year 5	2 min 14 sec
9	Joshua Ashley	Year 5	2 min 25 sec
10	Emmanuel Tomazos	Year 4	2 min 28 sec

My Wetherby – John C (4K)

Which House are you in?

Pembridge

What is your favourite club?

Coding (or swimming)

What is your favourite subject?

ICT

Kit-Kat or Chomp?

Chomp

What would you teach if you were going to be a teacher?

ICT

Favourite sport at Wetherby

Cricket

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

I would lift the school onto a cloud in the sky and give everybody the ability to fly.

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

J.K.Rowling

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

PGL. We would go on the big swing and the zip wire!

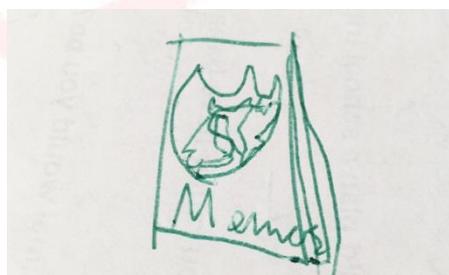
Favourite book.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II



Tell me a funny story from your time at Wetherby.
Mr. Thorne singing Beyoncé at Wetherby's Got Talent!

You have one minute to draw a Wetherby branded item.



Wetherby Memo pad

If you were an animal what would you be?

A tiger

Fish & Chips Fridays or Sausage & Mash Mondays?

Fish & Chips, (but only when it's fish fingers)

What would you do if you were Headmaster for the day?

Every day would be home clothes day and we would have a different chocolate every lunchtime!

If you were a cereal what would you be?

Special K

Thanks, John!

Out of School Achievements and Photos



George is Shipshape for the Year 5 Sailing Residential

George S (5T) did some sailing lessons in Athens during the Easter break. He loved it and he is ready for the residential trip now!

Jonathan C's swimming success...

Last weekend, Jonathan competed in his first competitive swim meet in the Middlesex County Spring Meet which is across 3 days. With over 180 swimmers in some events and over 10 swimming clubs, it was hugely competitive. Jonathan, beat his PB and also managed to achieve bronze in the 50 m fly, and a rosetta place in both the 50m and 100m freestyle. He hopes to repeat his success next weekend in the last day of the meet. Good luck, Jonathan.

Aditya Meets a Cricketing Legend!

Aditya D (4B) had the opportunity to meet Mike Gatting, former Ashes winning England Cricket Captain, at Lord's during the Easter break. What a fantastic opportunity!



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3P	Taymour Auchi
4B	Thomas Gray
4K	Damien Giles
4M	Vincent Giancola
5B	Nadhmi Auchi

Upper School	
6B	Esa Dhanani
6J	Luca Bengough
6T	Anders Brakus
7M	Christopher Radcliffe
7T	Zachary Wulfsohn

	Jonathan Cullinane
5K	Jackson Frieda
5T	Aidan Zilkha

7V	Theo Wright
8B	Marco Castelli
8F	George Greig
8G	Nader Moghadam
8I	Tyler Fairbairn

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Anders Brakus – 33

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson 537	Chepstow 470	Westbourne 407	Pembridge 321

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain M. Gwynne 13,120	Westbourne Captain J. Ward 12,242	Chepstow Captain A. Grigg 12,066	Pembridge Captain D. Shirazi 11,649

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 6J 162	Form 6T 159	Form 4K 147

Week	Form Class	Week	Form Class
1	4B Miss Baillieu	15	4B Miss Baillieu
2	6J Miss Balgobin	16	7M Mr Morrison
3	7T Mr Metherell	17	5T Mr Thorne
4	6B Mrs Bassett	18	6J Miss Balgobin
5	8I Mr Goodman	19	7V Mr Vogiatzis
6	6T Miss Taylor	20	7T Mr Metherell
7	5T Mr Thorne	21	3P Miss Phoenix
8	6J Miss Balgobin	22	6J Miss Balgobin
9	4B Miss Baillieu	23	5K Miss Kroiter
10	8F Mr Froggatt	24	4B Miss Baillieu
11	5K Miss Kroiter	25	4B Miss Baillieu
13		26	6J Miss Balgobin
14	4M Miss Martin		



Form Class winners – 6J



Class Achievement – Wetherby Prep for their outstanding behaviour during this week's inspection.

Gold 10 Housepoints	Silver 5 Housepoints	Bronze 3 Housepoints
	Alexander Avaliani – English	Oscar Rasmussen – Classical Greek
	Ashaan Jayaraj – English	James Bate – Classics
	Luke Barker – English	Varun Vashisht – Classical Greek
	Luke Barker – English	Aurelien Abbosh – English
	Leonardo O'Sullivan - English	Tyler Fairbairn – Classics
	Jonathan Rudd – English	Monty James – Maths
	Jack Dupuy – English	Matthew Rampin – Maths
	Oscar Rotman – English	Alexander Williams – Classics
	Varun Vashisht – Geography	Nicholas Dyer – Maths

Varun Vashisht – History

Cassian Rattray – Maths

Thomas Gray – English

Ahmed Alshubaily – RS

George Fenner-Leitao – History

Daniel Bjorgolfsson – Maths

Lucas Linnane – English

Lucas Simich - English

Brookes Stevens – History

Kyu Dionisio – Maths

Lucas Simich – English

Aurelien Abbosh – History

Tyler Fairbairn – Classics

Felix Welter – History

Henry Bush – English

Leon Castro – English

Cameron Childs – English

Matthew Rampin – History

Santiago Mendes Esteves –
English

Lachlan Gray – English

George Greig – History

Luke Leventis – English

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Alexander Williams – History

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Sam Williams – English

Emmanuel Tomazos – English

Saif Meliti – English

Orlando Straub – History

Vincent Giancola – History

Vincent Giancola - English

Photos from the Week



Luke L (6J) goes to visit his painting at the National Prep Schools SATIPs exhibition at Cheltenham College



Benett H (3P) with his feat of cardboard engineering!



Gregory G (5K) and his portable marble maze challenge



Casper M (3P) – SUCH SWAG



Sami K and Saif M (4K) singing their brilliant duet.



Rory M (5B) Oo,oo, ooo, Rory's got talent!



Kameron K (5T) working his magic on Miss Baillieu



Ivan G (5K) and his crew busting some rhymes...

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