

# WETHERBUZZ



Week 12 Wetherbuzz  
Monday 4th December – Sunday 10th December 2017

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Monday Clubs</b>
Staff Meeting – 8am Games for <b>Years 3 and 4</b> – 9-11:30am Games for <b>Years 5 and 6</b> – 1:30-4pm U11 A-C vs. Thomas's Fulham (H) – 2:15pm Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm Chamber Choir to attend Carol Concert for Wounded Veterans, St Peters' Church, Eaton Square – pm	Creative Writing (Years 3-5) – 4-5pm Debating – 4-5pm English Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm Development Fencing – 4:15-6:15pm @ Hannah House Rock Climbing – 4-5pm Year 5 Rugby – 4-5pm Year 7&8 Rugby Skills – 4-5pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Tuesday Clubs</b>
Wetherby Choir – 8-9am (Upper School Choir) Swimming for <b>Year 5</b> – 9-11am Games for <b>Year 7 and 8</b> – 9-11am Games for <b>Years 3 and 4</b> – 1:30-4pm U9 A-D vs. Chesham Prep (H) – 2:30pm Chamber Choir to attend Carol Concert for Blind Veterans, St Marylebone Parish Church – 7pm	Running – 7:45-8:20am Chess – 4-5pm Creative Writing (Years 6-8) – 4-5pm Beginners Fencing – 4-5pm @ Bryanston Square General Musicianship – 4-5pm Music Scholars – 4-5pm Photography – 4-5pm Swimming Development Dolphins – 4:15-5:15pm and 5-5:45pm Table Tennis – 5-6pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Wednesday Clubs</b>
Year 7 Rowing at Putney – 8am Swimming for <b>Year 3 and 4</b> – 9-12pm Physical Education for <b>Year 7</b> – 9-10:30am Games for <b>Year 7 and 8</b> – 1:30-4pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> XIII vs. Belmont (H) – 2:30pm U12 B, C, D vs. Belmont (A) – 2:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> XIII and U12 A vs. St Paul's Junior (A) – 2:30pm Talk by Martin Josh for Years 7 and 8 – 11-12am Wetherby Voices – 4-5pm Montagu Square Carols – 6pm	Elite Chess – 8-9am Arts and Crafts – 4-5pm Classical Greek Civilization – 4-5pm D&T/ Engineering – 4-5pm Lower Code – 4-5pm Fencing – 5-6pm @ Hannah House Maths Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm Lower Swim Squad – 4:15-5:30pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Thursday Clubs</b>
Year 8 Rowing at Putney – 8am Physical Education for <b>Year 8</b> – 9-10:30am Games for <b>Years 5 and 6</b> – 1:30-4pm U10 A-E vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) – 2:15pm Quiz Club Semi - Finals – am School Management Meeting – 4:30pm Wetherby Christmas Fair – 3:30-6pm Carols at Chelsea Court Place – 6:30pm	Upper Code Club – 4-5pm Elite Fencing – 4:15-6:15pm @ Hannah House General Knowledge Quiz Club – 4-5pm Lego Building – 4-5pm Maths Revision – 4-5pm Music Ensemble – 4-5pm Year 6 Rugby Skills – 3:15-4pm Upper Swim Squad – 4:30-5:30pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Friday Clubs</b>
Staff Meeting – 8am Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am Fencing Fixture vs. St Benedict's (A) – 2pm U12 A vs. Fulham Boys, Inner London Cup (A) – 2pm	Whole School Clubs – 2:30-4pm <b>No Homework Club – school closes at 4:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Football Tour to Florida departs	

## From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

It's been three weeks since we moved house and, whilst things are slowly settling down, the Bakers are not quite into the old routines of our previous home. This house is bigger, the boys have their own, larger, bedrooms and the bus stop for Patrick's school is literally right outside. Some key boxes ticked there then but being on a High Street is a lot noisier than the tranquil, rural setting of our previous house and the garden, top of the list for both of my boys, is no bigger than the one we used to have. Good job then that Patrick and Joseph showed some initiative this week by turning the large, ugly, 1980s soon to be demolished conservatory, into a makeshift football pitch, complete with bedstead cardboard box goal and sponge ball. There were five, plastic, dome light fittings at the start of the week; only one now remains and I bet that will have gone by the time I get home this evening. At least the boys are active though as these long, dark nights kick in.



Great to see Years 3 and 4 put on such a splendid show yesterday. As I said after the performance, schools can get bogged down with making things absolutely perfect to show to the audience and, whilst that is important, the main thing has to be the boys' enjoyment of 'putting on a show' in front of their parents. I thought it was an appropriately slick and impressive production and I could tell from the boys' reactions on and off stage that they loved performing. Throughout ten years of headship, dozens of different school initiatives have been introduced, with a pretty good success rate too, but bringing Drama into the curriculum as a taught subject, particularly with Rachel Waters as our full time Drama Teacher, has definitely been one of our best and almost instantly successful initiatives. If what we saw yesterday is a precursor to the development of Drama in the school, we have a lot to look forward to.

It's Chriiiiiisstttttmmmmmaaaasssss and with the brilliant ladies of our PTA, Lisa Giles, Elena Tsoka, Sureet Mehra and Michelle Paul, currently out in the foyer decorating our tree in an appropriately glamorous Wetherby Way, we are fully into our Christmas programme. Nativity is done, Candlelit is done, my now annual Christmas drinks and dinner with Head of Norland Place and old friend of the School, Patrick Mattar, was also enjoyed this week but we still have many more events and activities for everyone to look forward to. A new event beckons next week, with the Christmas Fair at Hannah House. I am sure this will bring new meaning to the word 'extravaganza'...

Have a good weekend and a festive welcome to 'Christmas at Wetherby'!



### Holiday Clubs

I emailed earlier in the week with the letter regarding Christmas Holiday Clubs this is also attached to this Wetherbuzz. Can any parent wishing their son to attend these Clubs, please return by a week today, Friday 8th December, as we will need to know how many staff to allocate to each activity and book transport as appropriate. Many thanks.



### Birthday Books

Happy Birthday to Mrs Shanley whose birthday it is today. Very kindly, she has donated two 'Birthday Books' for the library - 'King of the Sky' by Nicola Davies and 'I Capture the Castle' by Dodie Smith - thanks and Happy Birthday Mrs Shanley!



*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week goes to Alexander G in 4B, a boy whose performance in our Nativity Play was even more exceptional than his peers, and that is saying a lot. Alexander was a brilliant performer, getting better and better with every rehearsal and showing such a tremendous effort to refine his stage skills. Well done, Alexander!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is James B in 8V. Having enjoyed a brilliant football season, James has transferred his spirit and determination to the rugby pitch. He loves to tackle and has made superb progress in all the skills of the game, carefully noting advice given and putting that into action. Well done, James!



*Class Achievement*

Mr Thorne's English Class

School Council write...

**Attendance:** School Council Representatives, PLT and Chef Peter

**Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:**

**Winning Form Class Prize** – As Chef Peter was making the burgers, School Council voted on the best ideas for the end of term prize for the Form with the highest housepoint total. The three best ideas included; an art workshop (making Christmas decorations), a cookery workshop (baking Christmas biscuits) and an extended Hyde Park. With a clear majority of 15 votes, School Council decided that they would like an extended Hyde Park! Miss Olney will speak with Miss Hart to discuss a suitable time slot to make this happen.

**Wetherburger** – School Council had a great taste testing of the top three burgers chosen by Chef Peter for the ultimate Wetherburger! A huge thank you to Chef Peter for cooking these delicious burgers! These included:

Burger 1 – Turkey, pork, tomato, bacon, apple, cheddar, basil, mixed herbs, salt and pepper. Feedback from the boys was that the apple was too chunky and that the bacon was quite overpowering. But they really liked the combination of turkey and pork.

Burger 2 – Beef, tomato, onion, cheddar, basil, salt and pepper. This was demolished by all the boys and the clean plates was evidence of how much they enjoyed this burger!

Burger 3 – Chicken, lamb, tomato, cheddar, mint, basil, salt and pepper. This was quite an unusual taste and some boys found the mint quite strong but they did enjoy the lamb element.

And the overall winner, with a huge majority of 17 votes was Burger 2 designed by Suleman Abbas (4B). This winning burger is called the 'BBCB' and will be added to the school menu this Friday for lunch. We hope you all enjoy!

**Art Competition – Lorenzo Quinn** – Just a reminder to all boys to discuss the Art Competition (Lorenzo Quinn) as Miss Clifford will bring prizes to the meeting next week to award to the boys with the best ideas of where this artist should place his next sculpture.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30am in the Dining Room.**



From the Senior Mistress—Manners

**Charles M and Dylan P:** In Hyde Park, were playing football with some other boys and 2 pedestrians walked past, the boys stopped, held the ball and stood out of the way waiting for them to go past before continuing to play. I was watching and really hoping they would and they did! **(Mrs Harris)**

**6T:** 6T were fantastic just now in PSHE. So polite, friendly and they came up wh some excellent ideas about role models. Some read theirs out and they were very thought provoking! (One almost made me cry!) **(Mrs Harris)**

**Bailey P:** Bailey's manners are always flawless but this week he was coming to the front door and knocked over the cleaning sign. In the past, I've seen boys just walk on but a Year 3 boy stopped to pick this up and make sure it was put back correctly. Lovely manners and really considerate of others! **(Miss Olney)**



From the Poetry Corner – Competition winner

**Countdown to Christmas**

The colder the air outside, the warmer the heart glows inside  
The cold's frosty heart Is as sharp and pointy as a dart  
At home, the fire cackles with its scintillating arms and in the night when all asleep its burning calms  
Families tucked up in the warm and cosy beds pillows embracing their tired heads  
The food on the table is a feastful symphony and many years later, on the same day, we still celebrate the same epiphany  
The Christmas tree is brimming, carols being sung and as silently as ever the countdown to Christmas has begun

By Killian Seidel, 6T



Next week's theme, Festive Fun!

## From the Maths Department—Year 5 Data Handling

Mr Gascoine writes...

Yes indeed. Forget Brexit, Royal Weddings and Strictly Come Dancing, Year 5 scoured Wetherby for the real issues that concern school boys in the capital. Namely, are chickens more popular than racoons? Which is the best car a Ferrari or Tesla? Would Spiderman beat Deadpool in a fight? Who is your favourite Stars Wars character and how on earth do you spell Chiwawa (the dog that is)?

Oh yes, the important issues of the day were collated, organised and represented in Frequency Tables and Bar Graphs and the results were quite frankly shocking! Here are the top six shocks, according to Wetherby boys.

1. The most popular dog is a Pug.
2. Chickens are more popular than lions! (I blame Nando's).
3. There was no Han Solo in the poll of favourite Star Wars characters!
4. Tesla Cars are popular than Lamborghini's.
5. Mr Gascoine's favourite shark is The Great White
6. Wolverine would whoop Spiderman.

There you have it. Some very contentious findings, but you can't argue with Maths.



Votes for Wolverine?

## From Charities—London to Paris Cycle

Mr Lock writes...

Many thanks to all those brave cyclists who have signed up to the London to Paris challenge. If you are interested please email me for more information. It would be great to have a parent from each year groups represented. Remember that we leave on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 so lots of time to prepare. Any questions or concerns please email me [richard.lock@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:richard.lock@wetherbyprep.co.uk)



From Drama—A 'Superstar' Nativity!

Miss Waters writes...

After weeks of Nativity rehearsals Years 3 & 4 did an absolutely magnificent job performing in their very own school nativity play 'SUPER STAR' yesterday . WELL DONE BOYS! This was a huge production for them to take part in, performing with lights and mics in a large venue, many for their first time, and to over 400 people throughout the day. I was very impressed with the boys taking responsibility for their role in the story, especially being in the right place at the right time which required very careful listening. They all shone like superstars when it came to their moment in the spotlight, thank you all for being brilliant!

This could not have happened however without all of your help with costumes, line learning and props mums and dads, thank you.

Nor could this have taken place without the hard work of so many of the staff who helped organise rehearsals, build amazing props, practise so many songs, and countless other essential jobs that needed doing. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped make the boys feel like real stars on stage in this years nativity, I can't thank you enough!





**Year 3 Drama Trip**

Year 3 had the good fortune of going on a brilliant trip to the Unicorn Theatre last week to watch the magical "Velveteen Rabbit." They were among lots of other school groups and their excellent behaviour really stood out. They have been learning about audience etiquette and acted impeccably, really listening and getting fully involved in the performance.

Well done 3P and thank you Miss Phoenix!



From the P.T.A—Wetherby Winter Fair

Mrs Giles writes...

The Wetherby Prep School PTA is delighted to invite you to our first ever Wetherby Winter Fair! Please join us **on Thursday 7th December** at the Hall at WPS Hannah House, 13-16 Manchester St, W1U 4DJ, from **3:30pm to 6:00pm** for a casual, fun afternoon of shopping and good cheer. We will be offering for purchase great gift ideas, luxury merchandise and some traditional homemade favourites. Whilst you browse, children can visit the Wetherby Cinema, decorate cupcakes and gingerbread men with our very own Great British Junior Bake-Off quarter-finalist, Zac Roda or entertain themselves at the Christmas photo booth. Three exceptional Hampers will also be raffled off.

We very much hope you enjoy the evening and help us raise funds for our three chosen school charities: Rwanda Aid, Auditory Verbal UK and the School Bursary.

There is no fee for entry, just a donation at the door which entitles you to a raffle ticket. Do feel free to bring siblings, friends and family. See you there.



From Reasoning—Bofa Website

Miss Taylor writes...

For all Year 5 boys, the Bofa website ([www.bofa11plus.com](http://www.bofa11plus.com)) is a great website for the boys to practise both Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning. Everyone in Year 5 has an account and their login details are stuck into their homework diaries. If, however, you would like me to email you their details, please do just be in touch ([katie.taylor@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:katie.taylor@wetherbyprep.co.uk))





### Match Reports

#### U10 V Thomas's Battersea

Last Thursday the U10 starting their rugby season with a trip to Thomas's Clapham. Without much prior training, the boys performed to a very good standard. Well done to all involved!

**A team:** Man of the match – Sammy Kymisis

**B team:** Man of the match – Damien Giles

**C team:** Man of the match – Luca Pozzo

**D team:** Man of the match – Monty Sutherland

#### U9 A-D V Thomas's Clapham

On Tuesday, the U9s travelled to Thomas's Clapham and put on a real show of attacking rugby, whilst being very solid in defence. All the boys showed excellent potential and the future of rugby looks very bright for these boys!

**A team:** Man of the match – Filippo Hurrell

**B team:** Man of the match – Bennet Higgins

**C team:** Man of the match – Marley Leventis

**D team:** Man of the match – Alex Govindan

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XIII and U12 A-C V Thomas's Clapham

The boys faced tough opposition in Thomas's Clapham but they showed determination and gave a good account of themselves. Well done guys.

**1<sup>st</sup> Team:** Man of the match – Arthur Koomen

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team:** Man of the match – Barnaby Russel

**A team:** Man of the match – Aidan Dausch

**B team:** Man of the match – Louis Jaume

**C team:** Man of the match – Nur Dincman

#### Top Try Scorer competition:

Chinonso Ogbunude	6
Alexander Govindan	5
Chinua Ogbunude	4
Luca Pozzo	4
Jack Johnson	4
Barnaby Russell	4

# MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Congratulations to the boys below! Please make sure that all answer sheets include workings out, full name and form class. Housepoint for each.

Lower School Maths Challenge Brainiacs		Upper School Maths Challenge Bright Sparks	
Bear Seidel	Taymour Auchi	Killian Seidel	Nadhmi Auchi
Laith Auchi	Thomas Maguire	Lucas Nahal	Christopher Radcliffe
Max Basirov	Alexander Avaliani	Zayn Shabeeh	

Lower School Maths Challenge	Upper School Maths Challenge
<p><b>Problem 50</b> Numbers 1,2,3 <span style="float:right">Level B</span></p> <p>A basketball team of five players must choose a captain and a vice-captain. How many different combinations are possible?                  How many combinations are possible for a football team of 12 players?</p>  <p>1. <math>A B C D E</math>  <math>5 \times 4 = 20</math>                  Captain Vice                  Answer = 20</p> <p>2. <math>A B C D E F G H I J K L</math>  <math>12 \times 11 = 132</math>                  Answer = 132</p> <p>Alexander Avaliani 5T</p>	<p><b>Problem 15</b> Numbers 1,2,3 <span style="float:right">Level C</span></p> <p>A class enters a competition to design a new flag. They are given a choice of five colours: blue, red, green, orange and yellow. The flag must have three bands of colour, but the colours can be in any order. How many different flags can the class design?</p>  <p>B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>O = R G V</li> <li>R = B G V</li> <li>G = B R V</li> <li>Y = R O G</li> </ul> <p>5 x 4 = 20</p> <p>60</p> <p>Kilian Seidel                  8T</p>

**Top Ten Speed Kings 2017-18**

All action this week in the Speed Test Top Ten. Sebastian Bell has made a move into the top three for the first time, Innes Adam moves up an impressive four places and Saif Meliti and Fergus Farrell push out Krishna Agarwal from the top ten. Only 43 seconds separate the top ten speedsters! All closing in on Ishaan Suresh!

1	Ishaan Suresh	Year 4	2 min 1 sec
2	Felix Welter	Year 5	2 min 16 sec
3	Sebastian Bell	Year 5	2 min 16 sec
4	Leonardo Bertolo	Year 5	2 min 19 sec
5	Adam Innes	Year 5	2 min 23 sec
6	Aditya Dubey	Year 5	2 min 32 sec
7	Oscar Rotman	Year 5	2 min 34 sec
8	Ayrton Palmer	Year 5	2 min 35 sec
9	Saif Meliti	Year 5	2 min 44 sec
10	Fergus Farrell	Year 5	2 min 44 sec

**My Wetherby — Bailey P, 3P**

<p><b>Which House are you in?</b> Westbourne</p> <p><b>What is your favourite club?</b> Horse Riding</p> <p><b>What is your favourite subject?</b> History</p> <p><b>Kit-Kat or Fudge?</b> Drifter</p> <p><b>If you were a teacher, what would you teach?</b> History, Science, English and Maths!</p> <p><b>Favourite sport at Wetherby</b> Tag Rugby</p> <p><b>What would you do if you were Headteacher for a day?</b> I would give all my best friends Drifters!</p> <p><b>If you went to Pizza Express with a famous person (dead or alive) who would you want it to be?</b> The Lord Mayor of Westminster (and Wetherby Bake-Off Judge!)</p> <p><b>If you could plan a school trip, where would you go?</b> The Natural History Museum, to see the whale!</p> <p><b>Favourite book.</b> Bad Dad, <i>David Walliams</i></p> <p><b>Fish &amp; Chips Fridays or Sausage &amp; Mash Mondays?</b> Sausage &amp; Mash Mondays</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>You have one minute to draw a Wetherby branded item.</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Thank you, Bailey!</b></p>
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**The Cs clean up at the Hitchin Swimming Gala**

Jacob (4B) and Lachlan (7C) C went to the Hitchin swimming gala last Sunday. They represented the Chelsea & Westminster Swimming club and did very well, picking up medals in each of their races. Well done, boys!



**More swimming successes from Nick F**

On Sunday Nick (7C) participated in the finals of the Arena Junior Inter-League, the premier junior swimming league in the UK, where his club, Camden Swiss Cottage came an impressive fourth out over 200 clubs in the country. Everyone was really excited as this was the first time Camden had reached the finals comprising the best eight teams.

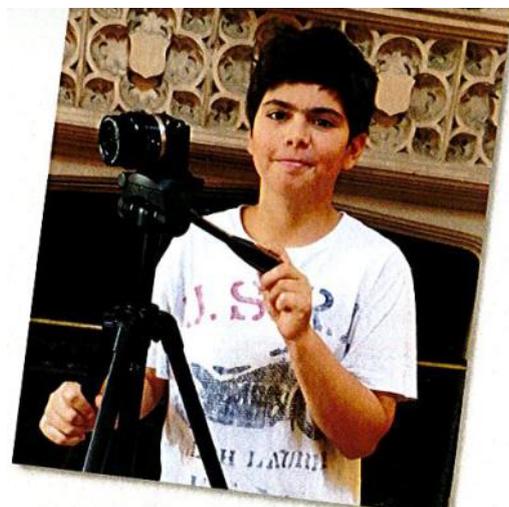
Individually, Nick did really well, winning the 50m butterfly, coming second in the 50m backstroke, while contributing in two relays, and subsequently received the award for top performing boy in the 11 year old group. Nick did not expect the award so to have a chat and photo with Adam Peaty rounded off an incredible day. Well done, Nick!

**Zac R films a Yoga Class for Charity**

From Karen Friett...

I am the Chief Executive of a small National charity based in London that offers support and information to those living with or affected by a condition called lymphedema and I am writing to make you aware of the amazing work done for us by one of your students Zac. We have a new Youtube channel and in January we will upload a series of yoga videos to help our client group. Zac's Aunt is the instructor who helped us with this initiative and Zac generously gave up time during his school holidays to come and film the sequences for us as well as doing all the post-filming editing. He was helpful, polite and an absolute joy to work with, a credit both to himself, his family and your school.

Well done, Zac!



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3P	Maximilian Basirov
4A	Hugo McNeil
4B	Willoughby Hassall
4L	Jack Johnson
4M	Elvis Sahakian
5K	Beckett Willis
5S	Tomaso Govi
	Elyas Efthimiou
5T	Jack Greenwood

Upper School	
6L	Jackson Frieda
6M	George Sakellariou
6T	Nadhmi Auchi
	Jonathan Cullinane
	Maximilian Papisavvas
7C	Zackaria Roda
7G	Ethan Chan
7M	Robert Johnson
8B	Ahmed Alshubaily
8F	Laurence Fritze
8V	Arthur Kay

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Robert Johnson – 40
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Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Joint Second Place	Joint Second Place	Third Place
Pembridge	Chepstow	Dawson	Westbourne
560	549	549	524

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain A. Koomen	Dawson Captain D. Bjorgolfsson	Chepstow Captain E. Jones	Westbourne Captain K. James
5,879	5,740	5,577	5,567

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 6L 194	Form 6M 188	Form 8V 173

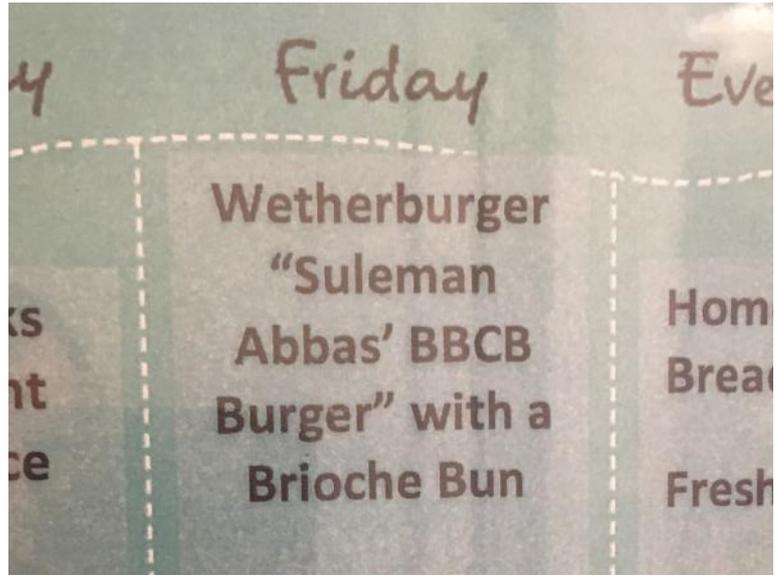
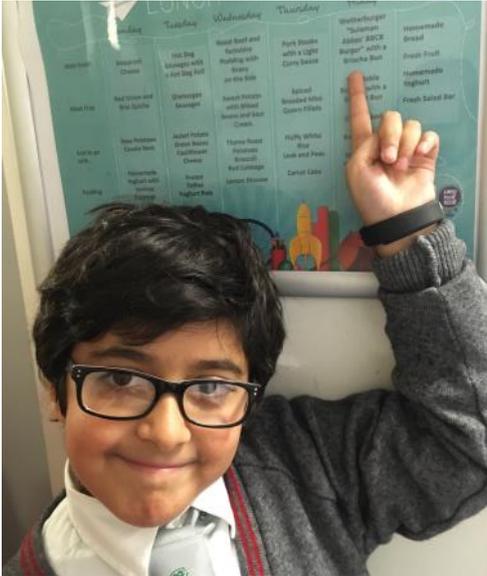
Form Class Winners—6L



Headmaster's Good Shows

Gold 10 Housepoints	Silver 5 Housepoints	Bronze 3 Housepoints
	Sholto Shiach - English	Kian Fateh - English
	Ilya Walker-Haworth – English	Alistair Ehrenkrona - Maths
	Hugo McNeil – English	Charles Begg-Smith – English
	Oscar Raber – English	Barnaby Russell – Classical Greek
	Barnaby Russell – Geography	Kasra Shirazi – Maths
	Lachlan Gray – English	Lars Fritze – Geography
	Brick Johnson – French	Zac Roda – RS
	Lars Fritze - Latin	Cameron Timlin – Geography
	Dominique Lidchi-Tombs – English	Monty James - Maths
	Theodore Daudy – English	
	Luke Barker – Geography	
	Zac Roda – English	
	Zac Roda – Cake Decorating	

Photos of the Week



Wetherburgers!



Superstar Nativity!





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