

THE WETHERBUZZ





Monday 22 nd January	Monday Clubs
Staff Meeting – 8am Games for Years 3 and 4 – 9-11:30am Games for Years 5 and 6 – 1:30-4pm U11 Franchise rugby, Round 1 - 2:15pm U11 A-D vs. North Bridge House (A) – 2:30pm SMT Meeting – 3pm Wetherby Voices – 4-5pm 6M and half 6T (Auchi-McConnon) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm	Years 3-5 Creative Writing – 4-5pm Debating All Years – 4-5pm Drawing – 4-5pm English Games & Puzzles – 4-5pm Years 6-8 Fencing – 4-6.15pm Indoor Rock Climbing – 4-5pm Rugby Skills Club – 4-5pm Homework Club – 4-5pm
Tuesday 23 rd January	Tuesday Clubs
Year 7 & 8 Exams – all day Wetherby Choir – 8-9am in the Music Room Swimming for Year 5 – 9-11am Games for Years 3 and 4 – 1:30-4pm U9 Franchise Rugby, Round 2 – 2:15pm U8 A & B vs. Orchard House (H) – 2:30pm U9 A-D vs. The Mall (H) – 2:30pm SLT Meeting – 3pm	Running – 7:45-8:20am Arts & Crafts – 4-5pm Chess – 4-5pm Year 5 Fencing – 4:15-6:15pm @ Hannah House Tour Choir – 4-5pm Photography – 4-5pm Swimming Development Dolphins – 4:15-5:15pm and 5-5:45pm Table Tennis – 5-6pm
Wednesday 24 th January	Wednesday Clubs
PTA Meeting – 9am Year 7 Rowing at Putney – CANCELLED Swimming for Year 3 and 4 – 9-12pm Games for Year 7 and 8V – 1:30-4pm 6L and half of 6T (Mousavizadeh-Wright Rocafort) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm	Elite Chess – 8-9am Chelsea Quavers – 4-5pm Classical Greek Civilization – 4-5pm D&T/ Engineering – 4-5pm Lower Code – 4-5pm Fencing – 4-5pm @ Bryanston Square Maths Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm Lower Swim Squad – 4:15-5:45pm
Thursday 25 th January	Thursday Clubs
Year 7 & 8 Exams – all day Year 8 Rowing at Putney – CANCELLED Physical Education for 8V – 9-10:30am Games for Years 5 and 6 – 1:30-4pm U10 Franchise Rugby, Round 2- 2:15pm U10 A-D vs. North Bridge House (A) – 2:30pm School Management Meeting – 4:30pm Play Rehearsal – 4-5pm	American Football – 3:15-5pm Upper Code Club – 4-5pm Years 6-8 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 Football Skills – 3:15-5pm Upper Swim Squad – 4:30-5:45pm
Friday 26 th January	Friday Clubs
Year 7 & 8 Exams – all day Staff Meeting – 8am Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am Years 5-7 Fencing Fixture vs. Hill House (A) – 1:30pm	Whole School Clubs – 2:30-4pm No Homework Club – school closes at 4:30pm

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Two weeks in and it's all systems go at Wetherby, with clubs, fixtures and events all starting in abundance. Last Friday's triangular fixture against Chesham Prep and Falcons at Allianz Park was a particularly special event as it saw 'our' Wetherby U10 team come up against 'my' son Joseph and his teammates in the U10 Chesham Prep team. Split loyalties then but a great game to watch and how enjoyable to spectate at such a competitive match, not really minding who wins.



This week is always a busy one as we have our 7 and 8+ Assessment Day on the Monday and then the 'Guide to Senior Schools' evening later that same week. Focusing on 'getting boys in' and 'getting boys out' in the same week, isn't as odd as it might at first appear, as that is essentially one of the principal roles of any Head. I know how difficult, stressful, complex and, at times, mysterious the whole school application process can appear. When recruiting boys, we endeavour to speak with all pre-prep heads involved before sending out offer letters. Many, but not all, senior schools do the same with us and I believe that an element of humility has a place in a process whereby an organisation is choosing whom, out of its many willing potential clients, it is going to invite to pay substantial professional fees over the next 5 years. We are mindful of that and ensure that our selection is as fair, transparent and thorough a process as possible.

As many of you who have read this column for some time will know, my older son Patrick passed his 11+ to grammar school and is now doing very well at Chesham Grammar. Joseph will sit the same test in the autumn, although Brigid and I are unsure if he will make the grade and, even if he does scrape in, we question whether a grammar would be the best place for him. We're not so sure and, whilst the attraction of what is effectively a free, academically rigorous private-education, is very appealing for many reasons, we need to reflect upon whether he possesses the ability and sheer mental toughness that is needed to succeed and compete amongst the most academically successful twenty percent in Buckinghamshire. Don't worry, Joseph won't read this; his online world comprises mainly of YouTube on his iPad and playing FIFA Ultimate Team, so he would never stumble across the Wetherbuzz!

I went to grammar school and, whilst I didn't turn out too bad in the end, I always felt I was in the bottom third of the cohort and, until my A Levels, never felt any sense of success. You can do many different jobs in your lifetime but only go to school once. It's really important to get it right and we will keep quietly debating and looking at other options over the next 8 months to find the genuinely right place for Joseph. He's a nice lad; he'll get there in the end and there will be a school that will be delighted to have him amongst their number and in which he will be happy and thrive. The same goes for our Wetherby Prep boys.

Have a good weekend...

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





Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Joshua L in 5K. Joshua puts the maximum effort into all he does at school. As such, he is a delightful boy to teach, being one of the first to raise his hand with an intelligent answer to questions posed. His natural sense of courtesy is an inspiration to others. Well done, Joshua!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Leander S in 7M. As Captain of the Avalanches team, Leander recognised how he could energise everyone and secure a 7 all draw in an exciting and demanding match. He is true sportsman, able to lead in a balanced and responsible manner. Well done, Leander!



Class Achievement

Miss Orpwood's Violin Class 4A

From School Council—Meeting 16th January

School Council writes...

Attendance: School Council Representatives, PLT and Miss Clifford

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

Charity Initiatives – Miss Martin has asked that School Council speak to their forms about thinking of creative and interesting charity initiatives this term to raise money for the school charities. Already, School Council were buzzing with ideas ranging from a charity football tournament for Year 6 to selling homemade lemonade.

Fruit at lunchtime – Some of School Council have asked for a greater selection of ‘seasonal’ fruit at lunchtime other than the oranges, bananas and apples. They suggested plums, pears and even nectarines!

Lorenzo Quin (Artist Competition) – Miss Clifford visited School Council to reveal the winners of the competition last term. Boys were asked to present their ideas for where the artist, Lorenzo Quin, should create his next art sculpture. The runner-up for the competition was 8V (Luke B) with his suggestion of a set of hands holding a globe being consumed by a wave to awareness for global warming. However, the winner of the competition was 7G (Cash C) who suggested that the artist should create a sculpture of a pair of hands with an axe cutting a tree to raise awareness for the protection of our planet and in particular trees. Both boys have been awarded a signed copy of the artist’s book and their form will receive an edible prize. Thank you so much to Mrs Simich for donating the two signed books.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd January at 8:30am in the Dining Room.



From the Poetry Corner—Competition Winners and new Poet Laureates

Congratulations to our new Poet Laureates, from the Lower School, Alexander Govindan in 4B and for the Upper School, Douglas Moody-Stuart in 7M. Honourable mention also goes to G Lund in 3P for his delightful poem, 'Life'.

A New Beginning
By Alex Govindan

I am 8 years old and it is almost as if I woke up as a new world arose,
As if the flapping of butterflies or the tweeting of the birds planted a world,
Somewhere where a new forest could be born in front of my very own eyes.

I continued staring,
The droplets swimming down the leaves,
And fall like a feather onto the lush green grass.

The beautiful sunset leaves the grass untouched as the morning dew awakens.

The endless thought flows through his mind,
The beginning of a lifecycle,
A seed into a tree a caterpillar into a butterfly and eventually everything that grows and
flows constantly through his mind.

But me,
Staring out of my window,
Looking with my very own eyes; I know one thing.
Everything grows and flows as well as knowing every beginning comes to an end.
Even the good wisp of wind will die upon years and years of growing and flowing.
Even the untouched grass with the awakening of the morning dew,
Even the droplets,
The tweeting of birds,
Or the flapping of butterflies will come to an end.

I hear nothing.
There is nothing to listen to except the growing and flowing that will come to an end,
A dreadful end.
I see an end where nothing exists,
The tweeting of birds will end,
The butterflies will all die.
If I could,
Although I do not know when or where or what's going to happen,
But if I could I would stop it.
And the growing and flowing would never come to an end.

In my beginning is my end

A new-born sprout bursts from the earth;
Its leaves unfold unto the great wide world

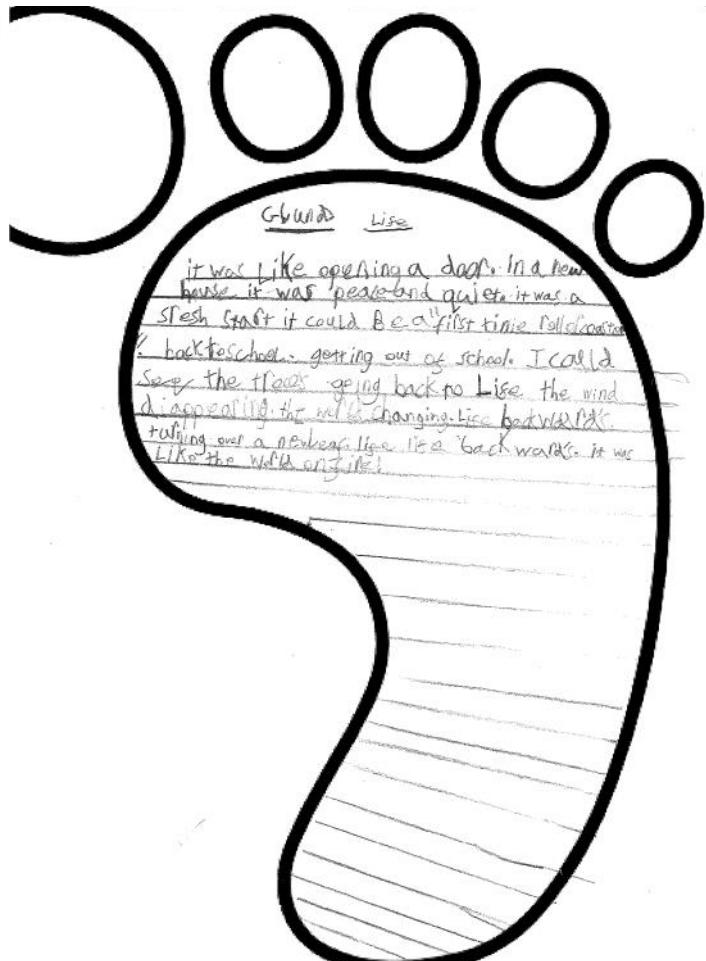
Folding out to greet the earth. It's so bound
In fresh spring dew, so very bright and bold.

The world was kind and the sapling grew old.

It spread out its leaves, showing nature
That while it's here the Earth won't grow cold
But eventually the plant would wither
And would be felled by time's great axe
And slowly the giant leaned hither
And finally, within death, could relax.

So, heed and listen to this old story
And please remember momento mori.

Douglas Moody-Stuart



From the Music Department—The Ligeti Quartet

Miss Orpwood writes...

On Wednesday we were very lucky to have The Ligeti Quartet come in to do a workshop with half of the school. The viola player in this quartet is our very own Richard Jones who has taught violin at Wetherby for many years. The Ligeti Quartet specialise in modern music written during and after the twentieth century. They have been very busy touring America and it was such a treat to hear them play. They used many wacky techniques to get a variety of different sounds out of their instruments. They performed three pieces: Gyorgy Ligeti – String Quartet no. 1 (1988), John Zorn – Cat o' Nine Tails (1953) and Christian Mason – Eki Atta (The Best Steeds), from Tuvan Songbook (2016). It was such a fantastic performance and the boys even got to join in with one of the pieces. A huge thank you to the Ligeti Quartet!

Oboe Lessons

Our wonderful oboe teacher Miss Smith has some availability in her timetable for oboe lessons. If your son would like to take up playing the oboe, please fill in the attached instrumental lesson application form and email it to myself or Mr Brawn and we can start to organise some lessons.

Violins

Our violin prodigies have now started using their bows! This is a huge achievement as they have only had two lessons. I will hopefully be planning some concerts for after half term so they can all show you what we have been doing. I am so excited to see what they have achieved by the end of the term.





From Charities—Wetherby Enterprise

Miss Martin writes...

This term, I am setting Wetherby boys a challenge. Our friends in Rwanda are very entrepreneurial in with their work and hobbies. Examples include bread making, shoe making and the production of honey – all to be sold to local people from their communities. I would love the boys at Wetherby to take on board some of this entrepreneurial initiative and come up with their own ideas for how they could raise money for our school charities. This will be a term long challenge and there will be prizes awarded at the end of the term. It is not a competition as to how much money boys can raise, but how inventive they are with their ideas. Boys are encouraged to do this out of school and can team up in groups of 2 or 3 to do this. School Council came up with some examples last term; for example – selling hot chocolate on a Saturday morning outside your house. If you are interested in taking part in this initiative, please do let me know. We have lots of exciting charity events going on at school this term, and it would be nice for the boys to take some responsibility for fundraising themselves! All photos of fundraising can be included in the Wetherbuzz to be shared with the school community.



NSPCC Little Stars

We are really pleased to let you know that Wetherby Preparatory School raised £162 from selling little star badges, which is absolutely fantastic, and is the equivalent of funding over 40 calls to Childline. Thank you to everyone who bought one of the badges.

NSPCC
little Stars



WETHERBY SPORT

Match Reports

U10 V the Falcons and Chesham Prep

On Friday evening the U10A team travelled to Allianz Park to battle it out against the Falcons and Chesham Prep. The first match was against the Falcons and with pure guts and determination the boys grinded out their first win of the season. Sebastian Bell played an excellent game and was instrumental to the success of the team. With a short turn around the boys took on Chesham Prep. After a see-sawing game in which plenty of tries were scored, the game ended in a close defeat.

Player of the Tournament – Sami Kymisis

U11 A vs Chesham Prep and the Falcons

On Friday evening the U11 A Team travelled to Allianz Park to take on Chesham Prep and the Falcons. The boys started well with a 40 – 0 victory over the Falcons in an excellent display of running rugby. A special mention to Chinonso Ogbunude for scoring an impressive five tries. Following that the boys took on a strong Chesham Prep side who had also beaten the Falcons earlier on. Chesham started the stronger and took a 10-0 lead going into half time, however the Wetherby boys fought back and scored in the last play of the game to secure a fair 10-10 draw.

Player of the tournament - Chinonso Ogbunude

U9A & B at the Mall Tournament

On Tuesday the U9A and B team travelled to Bushy Park to take part in a rugby tournament hosted by the Mall School. The boys enjoyed a very successful afternoon where overall the boys played ten games, and winning an impressive seven! Outstanding effort from all involved!

Player of the tournament – A team: Arthur Goulliard

Player of the Tournament – B team: Jack Johnson

Franchise Rugby

The U9 Franchise began their season on Tuesday with a full set of competitive fixtures. The boys all performed to a great level and the standard of rugby on display was excellent!

Minotaurs 20 Cyclops 20: Man of the match – Charles Begg-Smith

Centaurs 20 Krackens 10: Man of the match – Tristan Anderson

Medusas 25 Griffiths 5: Man of the match – Ilya Walker-Haworth

1st XIII & 2nd XIII V Northcote Lodge

On Wednesday, the first and second team travelled to Northcote Lodge. After a slow start in the first half, the boy's had a mountain to climb. The second half saw the boys put up a determined display but we eventually narrowly lost. Great effort overall!

1st XIII Man of the match: Cameron Timlin

2nd XIII Man of the match: Salar Moghadam

U12 A&B V Northcote Lodge

On Wednesday the U12 A&B hosted Northcote Lodge in a great afternoon of rugby. The boys gave it their all but ultimately came up against a very good couple of teams – A good experience for the boys.

Man of the match: A team – Cameron Childs

Man of the match: B team – Raphael Harpel

Senior Franchise

The Senior Franchise boys took part in their first competitive rugby fixture of the season and all the games were highly entertaining! Well done, boys.

Tornadoes 30 Thunder 30: **Man of the match – Gideon Stead**

Volcanoes 35 Avalanches 35: **Match of the match – Leander Straub**

Earthquakes 50 Lightning 35: **Man of the match – Adam Hydari**

Top Try Scorers

Jack Johnson	20
Chinonso Ogbunude	12
Filippo Hurrell	9
Jake Marks	9

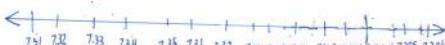
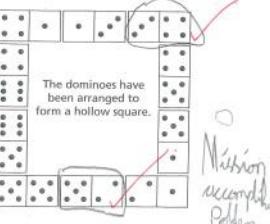


MATHS CHALLENGES!

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	
Elias Rogn	Gabriel Wells	Maxwell Booth	Philip Maguire
Reuben Jones	Tristan Anderson	Elliot Chailley	Lucas Nahal
Shivam Dimopoulos	Alexander Avaliani	Alexander Kabysh	Freddie Houldsworth
Suleman Abbas	Finlay Dunn	Max Gwynne	Zain Amjad
Arthur Goulliard	Laith Auchi	Zain Amjad	Armaan Malhorta
Taymour Auchi	Kourosh Moghadam	Adrian Boettcher	Nadhmi Auchi

Lower School Maths Challenge	Upper School Maths Challenge
<p>Write down fifteen numbers that could fall between 7.3 and 7.4.</p> <p>7.3  7.4</p> <p><i>Elias Rogn 3P</i></p> <p>7.31, 7.32, 7.33, 7.34, 7.35, 7.36, 7.37, 7.38, 7.39, 7.301, 7.302, 7.303, 7.304, 7.305 and 7.306</p> <p></p>	<p>Domino square</p> <p><i>P. J. Philip Maguire 6M</i></p> <p>PICK ME IT'S THE BEST ONE!</p> <p>The dominos have been arranged to form a hollow square.</p> <p></p> <p>It is easy to see which is the domino with the fewest spots and which is the one with the most spots, but which has the best claim to have an average number of spots?</p> <p>$5+4+7+9+6+3+7+10+11+10=72$ $10 \text{ numbers} = 72 \div 10 = 7.2$ Average = 7.2 $5+2=7$ $4+3=7$ Median = 7 = same 2 = $5+2=7$ and $4+3=7$</p>

Top Ten Speed Kings 2017-18

Two big movers and shakers in the first Top Ten of 2018. Fergus Farrell has improved his time by 16 seconds and has moved up from joint 10th to 6th. The other speedster is Kieran O'Keefe from Year 4 who has entered the top ten with a great time of 2 min 40 sec, good to see another Year 4 in the top ten. Felix Welter just failed to improve his time by 3 seconds.

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.	Innes Adam	Year 5	2 min 23 sec
6.	Fergus Farrell	Year 5	2 min 28 sec
7.	Aditya Dubey	Year 5	2 min 32 sec
8.	Oscar Rotman	Year 5	2 min 35 sec
9.	Ayrton Palmer	Year 5	2 min 35 sec
10.	Kieran O'Keefe	Year 4	2 min 40 sec

My Wetherby — Edward S

Which House are you in?

Westbourne

What is your favourite club?

Cricket

What is your favourite subject?

Maths

Kit-Kat or Fudge?

Fudge

If you were a teacher, what would you teach?

Languages

Favourite sport at Wetherby

Cricket

What would you do if you were Headteacher for a day?

I would have sports workshops for all the boys, I would invite the Watford team to coach football and the All Blacks to coach rugby.

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

John Lennon

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

Iceland, to the geysers, blue lagoon and drive ATVs!

Favourite book.

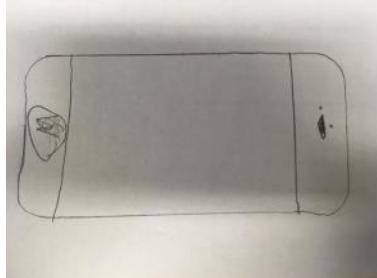
A Christmas Carol, *Charles Dickens*

Fish & Chips Fridays or Sausage & Mash Mondays?

Fish & Chips Fridays



You have one minute to draw a Wetherby branded item.



Wether-phone

Thank you, Edward!

Out of School Achievements and Photos



George S visits Van Gogh in Athens

During the Christmas holidays, George had a rare opportunity to visit the Van Gogh Alive Exhibition in Athens. In this multi-sensory experience all his masterpieces come to life through movement, sound and projections. He also had the chance to take some drawing lessons. A truly memorable experience.

Form Class Winners—5S



Photos of the Week



3P get their bows!



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