

# WETHERBUZZ



Week 18 Wetherbuzz  
Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February 2018



Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday Clubs
Staff Meeting – 8am History Talk with Helen Carr for Years 7&8 – 11-12pm Games for <b>Years 3 and 4</b> – 9-11:30am Games for <b>Years 5 and 6</b> – 1:30-4pm U11 Franchise Rugby, Round 3 – 2:15pm U11 A-D vs. Fulham Prep (A) – 2:30pm SMT Meeting – 3pm Wetherby Voices – 4-5pm	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 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday Clubs
Wetherby Choir – 8-9am Games for <b>Year 7 and 8</b> – 9-11am Swimming for <b>Year 5</b> – 9-11am Games for <b>Years 3 and 4</b> – 1:30-4pm U9 Franchise Rugby, Round 4 – 2:15pm U8 A & B vs. Arnold House (H) – 2:30pm U9 A-D vs. Fulham Prep (H) – 2:30pm SLT Meeting – 3pm 8V Parents' Evening – 5-7pm	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 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday Clubs
Year 7 Rowing at Putney – 8am Second Hand Uniform Sale (Sports Kit) – 8:15-9am Primary Maths Challenge Final for Year 6 – 9-10am Physical Education for <b>Year 7</b> – 9-10:30am Swimming for <b>Year 3 and 4</b> – 9-12pm Games for <b>Year 7 and 8</b> – 1:30-4pm Senior Franchise Rugby, Round 3 – 2:15pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XIII vs. The Hall (H) – 2:30pm U12 A & B vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm Year 5 Theatre Trip to Matilda – 1:30-6pm General Knowledge Quiz Club – pm	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 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday Clubs
Year 8 Rowing at Putney – 8am Year 4 History Trip to Verulamium – all day Physical Education for <b>Year 8</b> – 9-10:30am Games for <b>Years 5 and 6</b> – 1:30-4pm U10 Franchise Rugby, Round 4 – 2.15pm U11 – U13 Swimming Gala vs. Hampshire School, Chelsea (A) – 1:15pm U10 A & B vs. Arnold House (H) – 2:30pm U10 C & D vs. Notting Hill Prep (A) – 2:30pm School Management Meeting – 4:30pm Play Rehearsal – 4-5pm PTA Come Dine With Us, Pioneer Hall – 7pm	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 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday Clubs
<b>BOYS BREAK UP AT 4PM</b> <b>Half Term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February</b> Staff Meeting – 8am Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am Staff Appreciation Day – all day	Whole School Clubs – 2:30-4pm <b>No Homework Club – school closes at 4:30pm</b>

## From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I've always been receptive to constructive criticism but was rather taken aback at the end of last week when a parent suggested that I needed a haircut. Ever the dutiful headmaster, I duly went to the barbers on Monday for a quick trim. It's fair to say that, in the past, I have been the kind of person who spends no more than ten pounds on things like haircuts. Even though I have very 'fine' hair follicles (apparently) and a 'double crown' (again, apparently, and whatever that actually is) I can't imagine my hair is particularly difficult to cut and don't have it styled, so why spend lots of money on it? That was until a parent, very kindly, gave me a voucher for the Ted Baker Barbers a few years ago. I like 'Ted Baker'. My dad's brother happened to be a 'Ted Baker' (in name only, not by design) and Brigid and I clothe Patrick and Joseph in the 'Baker Boy' range from an early age; I love a bit of branding as you all know. Therefore, I was pretty confident setting off to a 'designer barber' but, as I walked into the branch just round the corner on Duke Street, discovered it was so much more of an experience than anticipated: prompt service, the offer of a hot or cold drink, good people, professional people, people that didn't present a series of 'just for the sake of breaking the silence', prepared questions. They were happy to do their work as I did mine, keeping up with my emails. I'm grateful for a parent's kind thought that brought about a worthwhile change of habit, one that I will keep up.



I would like to bring about another change that, I trust, might help you all. I have never encountered any criticism of our Friday Assembly; in fact we probably get more collective praise for that event than any other. I love the way that so many of you bring friends and prospective parents on a Friday to see our school in action. A practical bit of self-criticism though: we are not the best at getting off to a prompt start. Boys are, as a result, expected to sit for a prolonged period, our first lesson is frequently truncated and I often see parents leaving halfway through as, no doubt, they need to arrive punctually to an appointment elsewhere. Therefore, we, as a staff, are going to do our utmost to get as close to an 8:30am start as we possibly can. We have our own internal plans on how to streamline our morning Staff Meeting so that we can achieve greater punctuality and, hopefully (I write this on Thursday evening) you saw an improvement this morning and will continue to do so in future. Friday Assembly and Friday Staff Meeting both set the scene for what we collectively refer to as 'Feel Good Friday' here at Wetherby. We want to retain these crucially important features of our school week but, as with everything, even the best things can be done even better...

Have a great weekend,





*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is William C in 5S. William always has an enthusiastic smile on his face which translates into a terrific commitment to everything he does in the classroom and he always displays a wonderful attitude in clubs. Well done, William!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Dominique LT in 6L. Dominique has really impressed his coaches with his excellent attitude to rugby and has been moved up a team as his game has improved so markedly. Well done, Dominique!



*Class Achievement*

Mrs Shanley's Year 6 English Class



## From the Art Department—Year 6 Trip to the Cartoon Museum

Miss Clifford writes...

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January, the Art Department visited the Cartoon Museum with Year 6. The boys were able to look around the museum and answer some set questions correctly in order to win a 'cartoon themed' prize. They also had the chance to create their own characters and comic strips during a workshop led by a professional cartoonist. We were really impressed with behaviour and attitude from Year 6 during our visit and we look forward to visiting the museum again in the future with another year group.





## From the French Department—French breakfast

Madame Le Clanche writes...

This week saw a lot of activity for the French Department. All boys enjoyed a 'petit déjeuner français' and were keen to ask in French for their 'viennoiserie'. Unsurprisingly 'pain au chocolat' remained the boys' most popular choice together with the 'jus de pomme'. Mme Sebag, Mlle Taylor and Mme Le Clanche were very impressed by the boys' pronunciation (woe betide any boy who pronounced the 'n' on the end of 'pain') and by their overall enthusiasm for the event.

Word has it, there may even be another one next term.... On croise les doigts!











### Candelmas

Friday is Candlemas and in France 'la Chandeleur' is celebrated by eating 'crêpes'. To be lucky for the rest of the year, it is recommended to have a coin in your hand when you flip the pancake in the pan. Chef Peter has done a special French menu for next week. The menu is attached to this week's Wetherbuzz. Bon appétit!

### From the IT Department—Wetherby Holiday Club Portal

Mr Bayes writes..

In an attempt to streamline the holiday clubs process, I have created an online portal which stores all the club information for the coming holiday break in one easily managed area. There you will find all the relevant details of the various clubs that are on offer, weekly programmes, timings and costs.

Please take the time to view what's on offer with your son.

<https://sites.google.com/wetherbyprepstudents.co.uk/clubsinformation/home>



Drama Club with Miss Waters



Multi-Sport Club with the Games Department



Young Musicians' Club with Mr Brawn



Fencing Club with Mr Froggratt



Young Artists' Club with Miss Kirby



Adventure Club with Mr Bayes



# WPS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



# FIGURATIVE TOP 5

1. "Reverberating along the corridor, there was a sound of dust floating in the claustrophobic air." Eero Martin, 8B
2. "I like to sit outside and watch the sunset; a single beam of light that walks across the rippling rooftops of the now crimson sea." Roberson Brown, 6L
3. "You can hear the creaks and pings of the radiator". Innes Adam 5T
4. "We were caught in the crossfire of a local gang was between the cheetah and the hyena." Ben Ashley, 8B
5. "The Tuscan yellow sun was looming over me, throwing down its swords". Raphael Harpel, 7G

70 GIGAWATTS

## THE FLASH!

### NOAH'S ARK, THE TRUE STORY!!



**RECORD RAINFALL!**  
OVER 50METRES OF RAIN HAS  
FALLEN SINCE SUNDAY AND  
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE STOPPING  
ANYTIME SOON.  
EVERYONE, APART FROM HIS  
FAMILY, THOUGHT THAT NOAH  
WAS CRAZY BUILDING A GIGANTIC  
ARK THAT HE PLANNED TO FILL  
WITH ANIMALS. NOW WE ARE  
STARTING TO BELIEVE WHAT NOAH  
WAS SAYING ALL ALONG, THAT  
GOD WAS GOING TO PUNISH US  
FOR FORGETTING GOD'S WAYS.

WE HAVE WITNESSES TELLING US  
THAT NOAH HAS STARTED TO  
LOAD UP HIS ARK WITH TWO OF  
EVERY ANIMAL. SO FAR THESE  
ANIMALS HAVE INCLUDED SNAKES,  
GIRAFFES AND LIONS.  
PEOPLE ARE BEGGING AND  
BEGGING TO BE ALLOWED TO  
BOARD NOAH'S ARK BUT SO FAR  
NOAH IS REFUSING ALL REQUESTS.  
THESE ARE THE SAME PEOPLE  
THAT ONLY DAYS AGO WERE  
MOCKING NOAH FOR HIS ARK  
BUILDING AND NOAH'S BELIEFS.  
OFFICIALS ARE NOW  
RECOMMENDING PEOPLE  
EVACUATE THE CITY AND GET  
ONTO A BOAT.

BY BEN GRAY

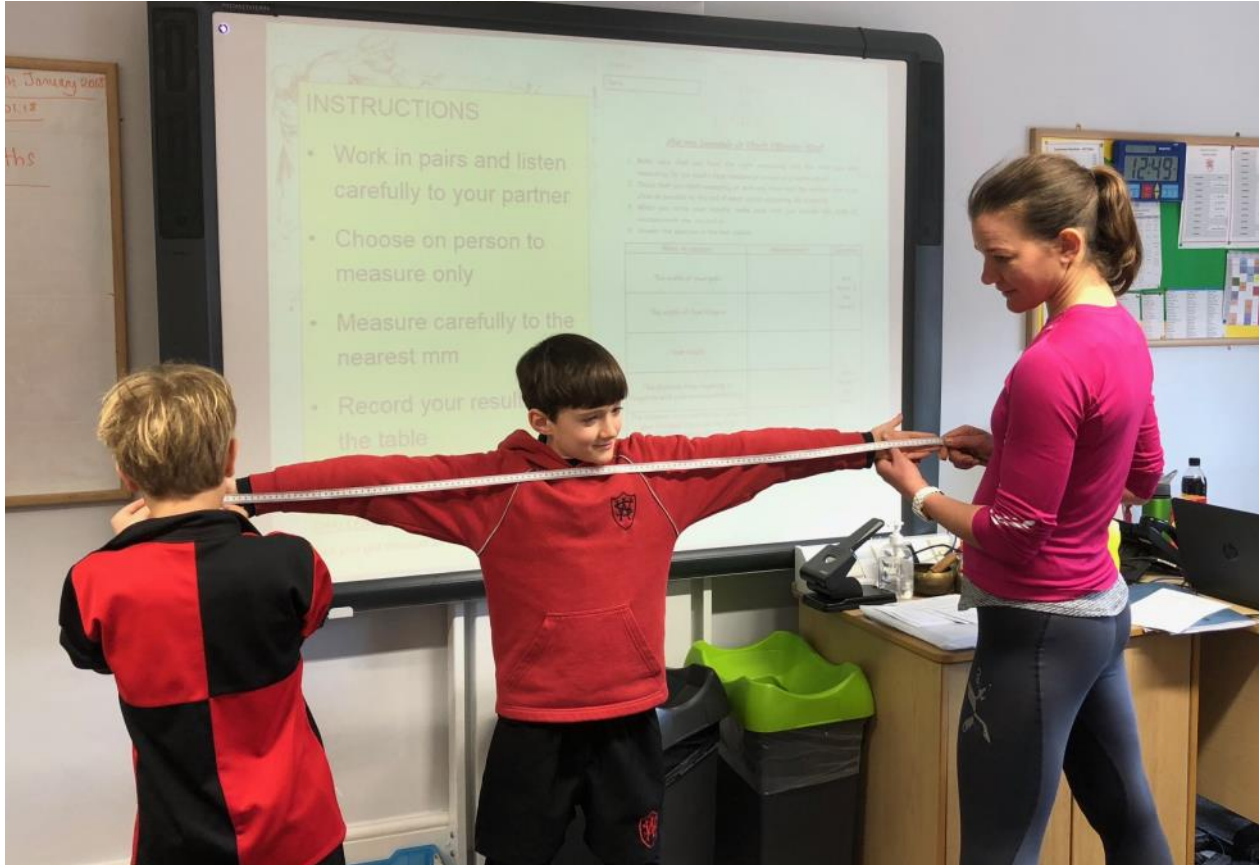
This week, Benjamin Gray in 3P produced a fabulous newspaper article reporting on a headline-hitting flood and the ark which a man called Noah created. His English Teacher Miss Phoenix was so impressed with his article and looks forward to more stories from *The Flash*. Well done, Benjamin!



## From the Maths Department—A Measurement lesson for the ages...

Miss Kroiter writes...

Year 4 had a great time in Maths this week studying measurement. Their lessons have been very much cross-curricular as we have been looking at the history of Leonardo Di Vinci and his theory on the Vitruvian Man. The boys investigated whether this theory was correct by carefully (and skilfully) applying their measuring skills. I was extremely impressed by their teamwork and investigative talents. Well done, boys!





## From the Music Department—Breakfast Concerts and Violin Update

Miss Orpwood writes...

On Wednesday we had our first Breakfast Concert of the term. Well done to all the boys who took part, we heard some really well prepared performances. Well done, boys!

We have also been very lucky over the past couple of weeks to have had a couple of boys bring in their instruments and perform to their form class, which is a really brave thing to do! We had a fabulous performance on the violin by Henry Moody Stuart (4M) and by Sebastian Dautigny (5K) on the electric guitar.

### Violin Update:

Our Wetherby Violinists are really improving. All the boys can now use the bow which after only 4 weeks of lessons is such a huge achievement. Holding the bow is one of the most difficult parts about playing the violin and our boys in 3P and 4A have really risen to this challenge (I am fairly certain some of the boys can hold the bow better than me!) We also have some teachers joining in with our lessons who are also doing the most amazing job – Miss Phoenix especially has mastered her bow hold.

Some dates for the diary ...

Wednesday 7th March: 3P Violin Showcase, 8.15am-9.00am in the Pioneer Hall.

Thursday 8th March: 4A Violin Showcase, 9.15-10.00am in the hall at Hannah House

The Violin Showcase will be a chance for the boys in 3P and 4A to perform all the pieces we have learnt and to show you what we have been doing in our lessons. Please come along and bring any Grandparents/friends who you think would also enjoy the performance.



Sebastian D rocks out on his guitar for 5K



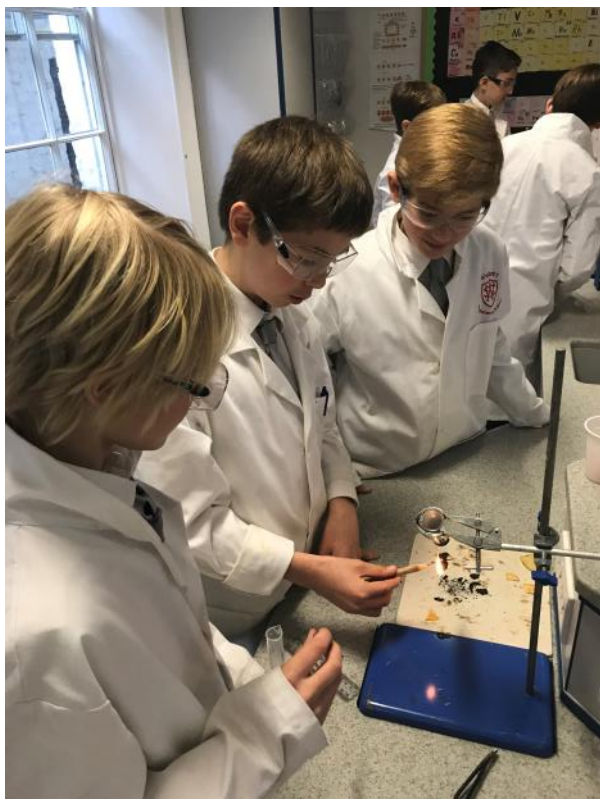
Henry MS plays the violin for 4L



### From the Science Department—7M burn some energy

Mrs Harris writes...

7M working out the energy content of different foods by burning them and measuring the temperature change of water. There were some great smells coming from the senior science lab this morning!



### From Charities—Come Dine With Us

There are still some places left for 'Come Dine with Us' next Thursday. If you would like to join, do please let Jude know. It is set to be a brilliant evening, and we are all very excited about it!

Please find below a taster of the menu....

#### **Starters:**

Roasted tomato and goats cheese bruschetta  
Smoked salmon with prawns and horseradish cream  
'Posh' sausage rolls

#### **Main:**

Warm Roasted squash and puy lentil salad  
Guinness lamb shanks  
Smoked haddock chowder

#### **Pudding:**

An 'Impossible' Cake  
Triple Chocolate Baked Cheesecake  
Blackberry and Apple Crumble

It is not going to be revealed until the evening as to who has cooked each of these culinary extravaganzas.....



### From Clubs—Junior Chess Exam results

Mr Gascoine writes...

Earlier this term the Junior Chess Club sat a Level 1 Chess Exam. The exams are provided by The Institute of Chess. The fabulous results are as follows

Reuben Von Saher	Merit
Fergus Farrell	Merit
Matthew Dionisio	Merit
Alberto Cataldi	Merit
Alexander Avaliani	Merit
Raphael Abdobal	Distinction
Zain Amjad	Distinction
Elliot Chailley	Distinction
Adam Hydari	Distinction
Lucas Nahal	Distinction
Aidan Zilkha	Distinction
Nadhmi Auchy	100%
Benjamin Shailer	100%

Congratulations to all of the above. Level 2 next!

### Free Eton Fives Sessions

Mr Hewitt writes...

Please see below for details of free Fives sessions on offer at Westway over half-term break.

This half term, Westway are running FREE Fives (Handball) sessions for any children aged 7 – 17; sessions are suitable for both boys and girls. Beginners and experienced players are equally welcome.

Venue: Westway Sports and Fitness Centre

Session times: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of February 10:00am until 3pm  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of February 10:00am until 3pm  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of February 10:00am until 3pm

**\*\*Children are required to bring a packed lunch\*\***

**To enrol or find out more, please contact Dan Pritchard, Eton Fives and Wallball Manager, at [westwayfives@gmail.com](mailto:westwayfives@gmail.com) or call 07482 748716**

Please note: Session days may change, so please be sure to enrol, rather than arriving on the day. Registration before the 12<sup>th</sup> of February will confirm your child's place.



### Match Reports

#### U10 A-B V North Bridge house

Last Thursday the U10 and B teams hosted North Bridge House at WSG. Unfortunately heavy rain fall meant the C & D teams were cancelled. Both A and B teams won closely fought games, great effort!

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

**Man of the match: B team** – Gabriel Wells

#### U10 Franchise rugby

The U10 franchise boys carried on their quest for rugby glory with the second round of fixtures! Once again, the matches were extremely close and all the boys showed incredible effort and determination!

**Vultures 30 - Crocodiles 35 Man of the match:** Frederick Edis

**Honey Badgers 45 - Hyenas 55 Man of the match:** Daniel Lewis

#### U11 A – D V the Falcons

On Tuesday the U11s hosted the Falcons. All the boys gave it their all and despite having a depleted squad, we managed to win 2 games.

**Man of the match: A team** – Seb Jones

**Man of the match: B team** – Dominique Lidchi Tombs

**Man of the match: C team** – Seb Drax

**Man of the match: D team** – Misha Kupsin

#### U11 Franchise

The U11 franchise boys enjoyed a competitive afternoon of rugby. There were some excellent individual performances on display, along with good team work!

**Vipers 75 - Cobras 25 Man of the match: A team** – Philip Maguire

**Pythons 25 - Anacondas 75 Man of the match: A team** – Charlie Lister

#### U9 A – D V the Falcons

The u9 A-D teams faced the Falcons and all the boys were outstanding. Every team won their matches and some of the rugby on display was breath-taking.

**Man of the match: A team** – John Coupland

**Man of the match: B team** – Willoughby Hassall

**Man of the match: C team** – Dexter Beale

**Man of the match: D team** – Tristan Anderson

#### U9 Franchise rugby

The U9 franchise boys enjoyed a fun afternoon of fixtures and all the games were top drawer.

**Minotours 40 - Krackens 50 Man of the match:** Charles Begg Smith

**Cyclops 25 - Griffins 45 Man of the match:** Anthony Deleon

**Medusas 50 - Centaurs 25 Man of the match:** Oliver Batcheldor

#### First thirteen

The boys faced a very strong Falcons side and gave it their all but ultimately got beaten by a very good team. The second thirteen put in a fabulous performance and won a very close game! Well done all involved.

**Man of the match: 1<sup>st</sup> team:** Maxime Chailley

**Man of the match: 2<sup>nd</sup> team:** Ed Darwent



### Senior Franchise

Another great afternoon for the Franchise boys in a full round of fixtures. The games were all played in the right spirit, well done all involved.

**Lightening 45 – 25 Volcanos Man of the match: Adam Hydari**

**Tornadoes 40 – 30 Earthquakes Man of the match: Lachlan Gray**

**Avalanches 40 – Thunder 30 Man of the match: Jonathon Rudd**

### Top Try Scorers

Jack Johnson	21
Chinonso Ogbunude	12
Filippo Hurrell	9
Jake Marks	9

### Team of the Week—Under 8Bs



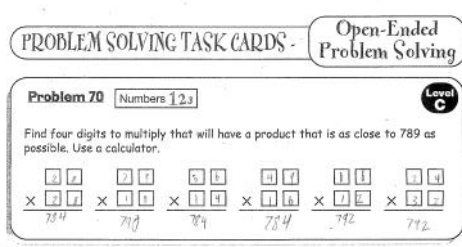
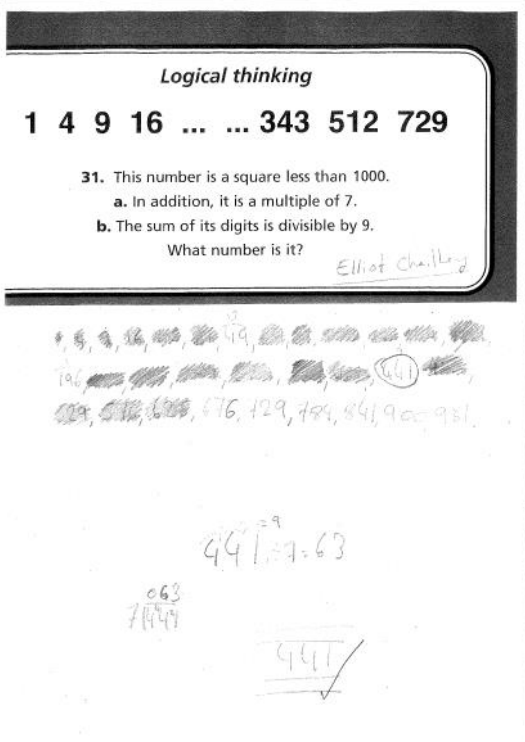


# MATHS CHALLENGES!

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	Kimion Kantouras	Christopher Radcliffe	Killian Seidel
Thomas Maguire	Tristan Anderson	Robert Wood-Johnson	Elliot Chailley
Laith Auchy	Taymour Auchy	Alexander Kabysch	Lucas Nahal
Suleman Abbas	Benjamin Gray	Zayn Shabeeh	Maxime Chailley
Thomas Gray	Elvis Sahakian	Aki Hatzistefanis	Salar Moghadam
		Massimiliano Catallo-Bauman	Nadhmi Auchy

Lower School Maths Challenge	Upper School Maths Challenge
	



### Top Ten Speed Kings 2017-18

Stop the press! The Year 5 Top Set Big Hitters has shook up the top ten with a power play all of their own! Felix Welter has come within two seconds of the top spot with an improvement of 13 seconds. With fellow Year 5s Aditya and Iskander moving up the board. Only 37 seconds separate the top ten.

1.	Ishaan Suresh	Year 4	2 min 1 sec
2.	Felix Welter	Year 5	2 min 3 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.	Aditya Dubey	Year 5	2 min 24 sec
7.	Fergus Farrell	Year 5	2 min 28 sec
8.	Oscar Rotman	Year 5	2 min 34 sec
9.	Ayrton Palmer	Year 5	2 min 35 sec
10.	Iskander Ali Hussain	Year 5	2 min 38 sec

### My Wetherby — Emmanuele M

**Which House are you in?**

Pembridge

**What is your favourite club?**

Horse Riding

**What is your favourite subject?**

Hyde Park (and Maths)

**Kit-Kat or Fudge?**

Kit-Kat

**If you were a teacher, what would you teach?**

Maths

**Favourite sport at Wetherby**

Rugby

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

We would have Hyde Park all day!

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

Tony Stark

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

Harry Potter World

**Favourite book.**

All of the Alex Rider series

**Fish & Chips Fridays or Sausage & Mash Mondays?**

Sausage & Mash Mondays



**You have one minute to draw a Wetherby branded item.**



*Wether-shoes*

**Thank you, Emmanuele!**

Out of School Achievements and Photos



**Oliver L (5K) meets a stick insect and a scientist...**

Last year on holiday in Costa Rica, Oliver met scientist Michael Raupp and many, many stick insects! Michael Raupp publishes in a magazine called *Bug of the Week* and has featured some photos of Oliver in a few articles! Here is a picture of Oliver and his sister Gracie in the Amazon with a stick insect who they met on their travels last year.

**Jonathan C wins the Giant Slalom!**

Jonathan C won the Sunday Times British School Boys Giant Slalom Minis. The race was set on the Lauberhorn run (home to the infamous World Cup held two weeks ago) distancing one km - Jonathan was in the U12 category where some 15 schools were on parade. This was the 19th year for the race. Beating a very strong Eltham College boy who came third and a another fantastic skier who comes from South Hampstead came in second. Well done, Jonathan!



**Double Man of the Match for the brothers!**

Philip (6M) and Thomas M (3P), were both awarded Man of the Match trophies last weekend playing for Streatham Ice Hockey team. Philip played in Cardiff for the U13 Streatham team and scored four goals! Philip also plays for the South East Conference. He was the top goal scorer (with ten goals) in the UK Conference Tournament and pronounced the best U11 ice hockey player in the country!

Thomas played a home game against the U11 Chelmsford. It was very intense game. Thomas was awarded the Man of the Match. Being over seven years old this is a huge achievement.

Well done!





## Form Class Winners—6T





Photos of the Week



Mentoring fun in 8B!



Oscar H and his adorable new puppy.



Years 5/6 Maths Team at Brighton College









'la chandeleur'







Year 4 History - researching an Anglo Saxon village



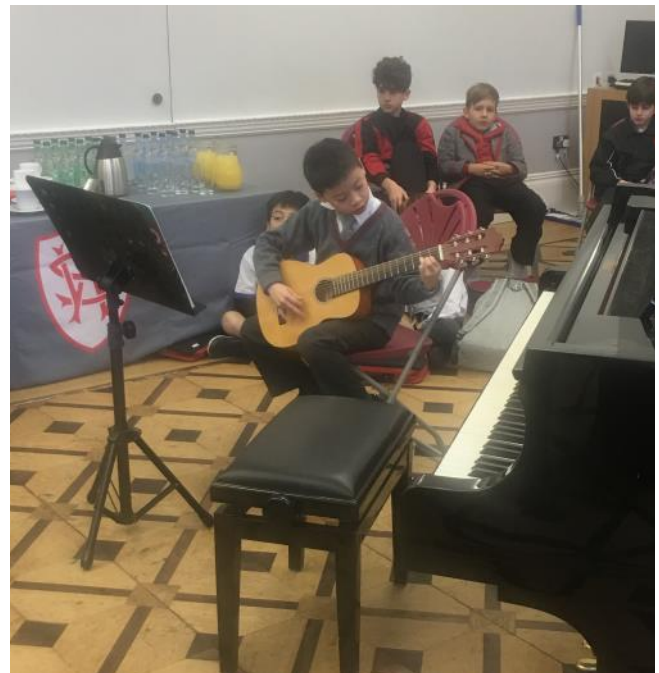




'Safety in London' talk from the local police



Lucas N (6T) performs at the Breakfast Concert



Luke T 5T

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