THE WETHERBUZZ

Week 24 Wetherbuzz
Monday 26th March – Sunday 1st April 2018

Monday 26th March	**Monday Clubs**
NO CLUBS OR HOMEWORK CLUB THIS WEEK Staff Meeting – 8am Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm Year 6 Inter-House Rugby – 2:15pm Music Tour returns – pm	No After School Clubs or Homework Club – school closes at **4pm**
Tuesday 27th March	**Tuesday Clubs**
Year 7 Inter-House Rugby – 9-11am Games for **Year 8** – 9-11am PE for **Year 5** – 9-11am Year 3 & 4 Inter-House Rugby – 2pm SLT Meeting – 3pm	No After School Clubs or Homework Club – school closes at **4pm**
Wednesday 28tH March	**Wednesday Clubs**
LAST DAY OF TERM. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM Whole School Assembly at Hannah House – 9:30am Charity Sweet Sale – 11-12pm **Buses will depart from school as usual from 1pm. Pick up will commence at 12:45pm.**	No After School Clubs or Homework Club – school closes at **1pm**
Thursday 29th March	**Thursday Clubs**
INSET DAY	
Friday 30th March	**Friday Clubs**
Saturday 31st March	
Sunday 1st April	

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Some years ago, I asked parents for inspirational Christmas present suggestions for my two boys as I felt they had 'everything' and I was out of any creative ideas. It's a dark day when one can't think of imaginative gifts and equally as depressing when, weekend after weekend, all I seem to be doing is buying and printing off Amazon gift cards and PlayStation vouchers as birthday presents for their friends' parties – even at 12 and 10 years old, the well of ideas is dry. Imagine my excitement then when, last weekend, whilst browsing the High Wycombe branch of John Lewis with Joseph (whilst Patrick was at a trampolining party with aforementioned PlayStation voucher…might have been Xbox come to think of it), he remarked, "I've seen something I really want but I can't have."

Presents like this are the best presents surely and as children tend to have no concept of how affordable or not many things are, I said bullishly, "Really? Try me. What is it?" Joseph then, rather uncannily I thought, pointed towards a display of kitchen utensils and gadgets. This can't be right, I thought, but then he lead me over by the hand and proceeded to point out the plastic 'Joseph Joseph' point-of-sale sign that sat amongst the display. "That's cool because it's my name!" Joseph proclaimed and indeed he was correct. Sadly, the actual display itself wasn't for sale!

But, as with everything in the modern world these days, it turns out that someone, somewhere has a 'Joseph Joseph' sign to sell and a quick search on eBay when I got home enabled me to 'Buy It Now' for £9.99 - thought and thrift are what Bakers are bred upon! The parcel was expediently delivered to School this week (as I wanted to be there for the unboxing of the 'The Present of the Year') and took it home to Joseph on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the initial reaction wasn't that brilliant and I got ungenerous support from Patrick and Brigid who looked at the present and me very oddly. It's the thought that counts, of course, and my initial disappointment of the appreciation of the gift was indeed abated the next morning when I went to wake Joseph…only to see that he'd placed his brand new plastic sign next to his bed, no doubt ready to play with as soon as he woke up!

A very much appreciated gift which we can all give next year will be to the Church of the Annunciation where we normally hold our Friday Assemblies. As I communicated last week, the Church has had terrible problems these past two weeks with falling plaster from high above into the sanctuary and the renovation work is much more extensive than first feared. When speaking with Father Gerald this week, I proposed to him that the School and our PTA will consider sponsoring the Church as our 'home' charity next year to help raise money to restore what has very much become our 'home' Church. He was extremely appreciative of the gesture and I know that everyone in our community will get behind such a project to preserve a sacred space that hosts our weekly events that have become so symbolic to everything that represents us as a School.

Have a good weekend,

Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Luke B in 8V.

Luke has been a fantastic Wethrby Citizen over the last 6 years and it was typical that he stepped in to cover not just his but a fellow actor's role due to ill health. In times of need you need people like Luke around!

Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Elliot C in 6L.

Elliot is the typical 'Players' Player' - always encouraging, always giving maximum effort for the team. He was a key part of the Ski Team last week and has been ever present for his U11 rugby team this season. Well played Elliot!

Class Achievement

Mrs Shanley's Year 5 English Class

From School Council—Meeting Tuesday 20th March

School Council write…

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

Form Competitions – The boys really enjoyed the Science Week form competition that ran last week and would love teachers to organise more form competitions for charity. If boys have any suitable ideas for form competitions, they should let their School Council representatives know.

Lunch – The boys loved creating the 'Wetherburger' last term and are very keen to see this more on the school menu. Matteo also has a special request for the chicken curry with the 'orange curry sauce'.

Inter-House Quiz – Wetherby boys love a quiz and have suggested an 'Inter-House Quiz Competition'. Aki even suggested a take on 'University Challenge' so just watch this space as the Grand Master of Quizzes, Mr Blundell, loves to organise a 'mega quiz'!

Wetherby Pet Photo Competition – There have been some brilliant entry for the competition and it is going to be a tough one to judge next Tuesday. The deadline for the competition is Friday 23rd March as we will be announcing the winner in the final assembly of the term. Thank you to all who have submitted entries so far.

The final meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 27th March at 8:30 in the Dining Room.

From the Assistant Head Teaching and Learning—Summer Term Examinations

Miss Balgobin writes…

Next term there will be examinations/assessments for all year groups. The table below indicates which exams each year group will sit. With the exception of the Upper School English papers, all examinations will be between 40 minutes and one hour.

Subject	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8
English - Comprehension	X	X	X	X	X	X
English - Writing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mathematics	X	X	X			
Mathematics - Non Calculator				X	X	X
Mathematics - Calculator				X	X	X
Mathematics - Mental Arithmetic				X	X	**Sat in May**
Science	X	X	X	X		
Biology						X
Chemistry					X	X
Physics					X	X
Latin				X	X	X
French		X	X			
French - Listening				X	X	**Sat in May**
French - Speaking				X	X	**Sat in May**
History	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geography	X	X	X	X	X	X
Religious Studies	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reasoning		X	X			

Examination/assessment dates:
Lower School: Monday 30th April – Wednesday 2nd May
Upper School: Tuesday 5th June – Friday 8th June (Common Entrance week)
Y8 Mathematics Mental Arithmetic: Monday 14th May
Y8 French Listening: Tuesday 15th May
Y8 French Speaking: Wednesday 16th May

From the French Department—Year 6 Trip to Normandy

Madame Sebag writes…

Every year, boys in Year 6 at Wetherby Prep, spend a week in Normandy on a residential trip. During their stay they go to the market to buy their lunch, visit the famous and beautiful Mont St Michel and do various activities in French.

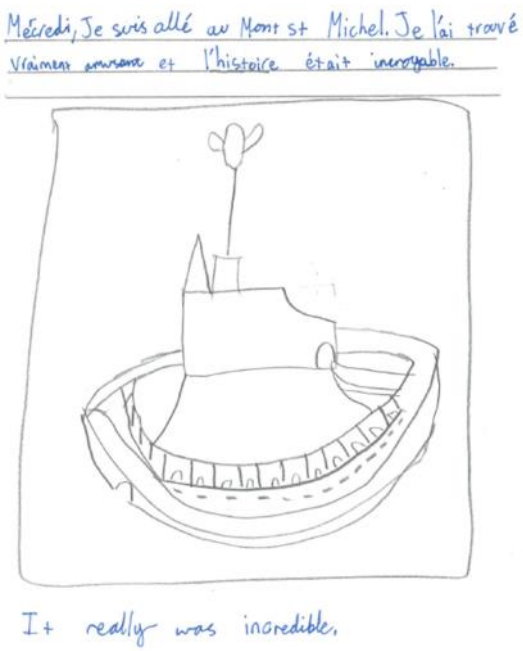
Here are a few comments from the boys about their trip;

Philip Maguire in 6M: 'La nourriture, c'est bon, et les activités c'est très amusant, spécialement le tir à l'arc. J'aime faire du vélo. Merci .'

Lucas Nahal in 6T: ' C'est intéressant parce que le prof est sympa et amusant. Je n'aime pas l'escargot parce que c'est collant.'

Hector Bodker in 6M: 'I really enjoyed going cycling on my trip, we went on a 3 mile cycle and the sun was out with not a cloud in sight. I also enjoyed playing with the bunnies . Another numbered memory would be going to Mont St Michel, it was pouring with rain but we had a good time.'

There is also a lovely drawing from Maxwell Booth in 6T.



And now I wish all the teachers and the boys ' Bonnes vacances de Paques'!

Les Daudettes
Les Grisettes

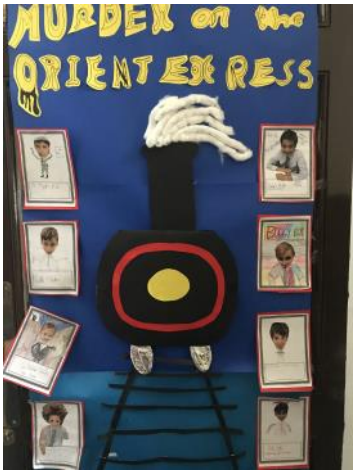
From the English Department—Book Week Doors

Mr Hewitt writes…

It was a pleasure to see so many inventive, witty and thoughtful responses to the challenge of adapting doors to recall favourite stories, as part of our Book Week. It was striking how, in true Wetherby spirit, an element of healthy competition soon emerged as form classes strove to come up with something that would represent their form in the most positive of lights. This, ultimately, was the real success of the competition: boys working alongside their tutors as a team in a competitive manner, yet possessed of the good grace to admire the work of others - very Wetherby and very welcome. Indeed, so powerful was the tidal wave of enthusiasm generated, that Mrs Brookes and Miss Olney even made the time to decorate their own office doors with two beautifully detailed depictions of *Beatrix Potter* and *Alice in Wonderland* respectively, just to be 'in the spirit' of things. Wonderful!

So, a stroll around Bryanston Square and Hannah House transported us to such varied delights as *Where's Mr Baker?* and its predecessor, *Where's Wally?* or the magical world of *The Chronicles of Narnia*. So realistic was Platform 9 3/4 that one could hear the whistle of the steam train waiting on the stairwell before moving on to the substantial and superb artwork of *The Grinch*.

Navigating onwards, we found ourselves trapped temporarily in *Maze Runner* before quietly pausing at The Admiral Benbow Inn, from *Treasure Island*, quietly lest we disturbed the ghosts of pirates past, intent on finding their way to the very gold that could be spent with such ease in the extraordinarily stylish *Casino Royale* opposite, under the watchful, wistful and possibly critical eye of *Skellig*, whose benevolence was hidden from view at first in his silent, dusty garage, such a stark contrast to the click of cards and staccato sounds of the roulette wheel nearby.



Onwards and the mood darkened: Take the wrong train and, instead of Quidditch, the game turned to *Murder on the Orient Express,* with its array of new characters such as Sir Maxima Stache or Monsieur Itseverydaybro. There was little escape from danger as the burning red of *Lord of the Flies* sent its own, very clear danger-signal of what might lay ahead if we pay no heed to Golding's moral tale.

A lighter mood awaited us though, a welcome contrast on the Maths floor. Through a brilliantly designed wardrobe door from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, we passed into a magical realm and, if we could find the path, to a different kind of wonder – that of Palacio's novel of that name and the wise words: "Choose Kind".

Now uplifted and refreshed, we were greeted by the *Mister Men* who bade us move on, with great politeness, towards something quite extraordinary: three plump, pink pigs proclaiming the heartiest of shared onomatopoeic 'OINKS'. These pigs formed an essay in Art History, from the lofty Italian High Renaissance to rough-hewn German Expressionism and on to French Cubism, such was the skilful differentiation in styles of these three, giant Porkers. When questioned as to their precise literary provenance, Mr Gascoine explained, most helpfully, that these were broader textual allusions, rather than specific references, and we both agreed that, if Golding had taken inspiration from this merry trio, *Lord of the Flies* might have been an altogether different tale.

From pigs to peaches, we descended to the gallery-quality display of *James and the Giant Peach*. Here was a museum in its own right, with exhibits revealing care and craftsmanship of the highest order. So up-market was this gallery that there were even delicacies to tempt the dullest appetite, with Aunt Spiker presented in the form of a substantial cake and replicated in fabric form. Amazing!

From peaches to palaeontology and giants of a different kind: Jurassic Park was brought to fulsome life in a highly imaginative installation. Two giant eggs, one with a broken shell, led us on a journey through the terrors of a dinosaur peering menacingly from its jungle habitat, complete with creepers, which extended into the corridor, adding considerable interest and adventure to the routine task of photocopying. This was an innovative display that took the use of available space for the Book Door Competition into the territory of substantial land-grab. Fortunately, sound diplomatic relations with Mrs Noval and Mrs Charles were maintained throughout, although planned sound effects may have been a step too far.

Well, as you might imagine, the task of choosing an outright winner was unusually challenging, a result of the outstanding commitment by all of you to engage with an idea with that irrepressible 'Wetherby Spirit' of enthusiasm. In response to your efforts, the English Department has agreed that, this year, separate Lower School and Upper School awards are to be presented. It is therefore my great pleasure to announce the winners as follows:

Lower School Prize for the 2018 Book-Themed Door Competition: 4L for James and the Giant Peach

Upper School Prize for the 2018 Book-Themed Door Competition: 8F for Jurassic Park

Congratulations!

1. Harry Minderides, Y6 - "It was as if time had stopped for the valley and the outside world was its shell. Not a bird nor ant, not a drop of rain nor ray of light disturbed. The valley was home and winter was family."

2. Matteo Hurrell Y8 – "Rays of light glance into the transparent, inexorable ocean reflecting a rainbow of colours blinding to the eye."

3. Alex Govindan Y4 – "He pondered the question for several minutes. What could it be? Pessimistic thoughts raced through his mind. Then he could smell it. The odour of disgust fuming up his nose."

4. Kieran O'Keefe Y4 – "It came closer. The hairs on the back of his spine were standing on end and his heart was hammering madly in his chest."

5. Oscar Novis Y4– "The wind was sawing the pointy, sharp trees from side to side like an elephant trunk playing with squelchy mud."

From the Science Department—Year 4 Circuits!

Cricket Helmets

Mr Billingham writes…

For any Parents planning on buying or upgrading their son's helmet, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) strongly recommend that school players only wear helmet that comply with the new specification this will be clearly labelled "**BS7928:2013"** Some helmets are tested with a junior ball (up to Under 13s), a men's ball and some are tested for both. The school would recommend if you are purchasing one, get one tested by both. The school has got plenty of these helmets for the boys that play hard ball to use so please do not feel that you will need to buy one of these. It is school policy for boys to wear helmets of this standard in hard ball matches or hard ball batting/wicket keeping. Below is a link for the latest helmets that meet these specifications (N.B The list is constantly being updated) www.ecb.co.uk/helmets

Any question or advices please don't hesitate to contact me at tom.billingham@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Match Reports

U10 St James' tournament

The U10A team travelled to the St James' rugby tournament last Friday. The boys bolted out the blocks and recorded two impressive wins, with free flowing running rugby, the real winner. Three hard-fought, close matches followed all resulting in draws. Overall the boys were placed second and can walk away from the tournament knowing they put in a grand old effort.

Wetherby Prep Sevens tournament

Friday saw the first ever Wetherby Prep Sevens tournament held on the new 4G surface. The pitch and the weather really lent itself to some excellent rugby. After a tough start to the sevens season last weekend the U13s started well scoring 6 unanswered tries against Northbridge House in what was one of the best performances of the year. The rugby went from strength to strength and despite losing a close match, Wetherby progressed into the upper league. The U13s exasperated after their loss came out in the afternoon unstoppable, beating both Arnold House and St James' in close matches. A brilliant afternoon of rugby!

U10 A-D vs Fulham Prep

The U10s wrapped up their season in style by claiming three wins out of a possible four. Well done to all involved. A special mention to the A team for their fantastic performance.

Man of the match A team: Matthew Rampin
Man of the match B team: Sam McGonagle
Man of the match C team: John Cartwright
Man of the match D team: Sebastien Dautigny

U10 Franchise rugby

Franchise rugby has been a joy to behold. We have witnessed some of the deadliest animals of the African savannah face-off in some mouth-watering contests. The crocodiles clinched the league with some snappy performances, however going into finals day, the crocs were out-fought by local scavengers, 'the Hyenas', who successfully lifted the Irn Bru Cup. Congratulations on a superb season, including the boys who moved up into the Wetherby representative teams!

U11 A-C vs the Hall

What a great way to end the season for the U11s! The boys have shown excellent development and ended with an impressive full complement of wins.

Man of the match A team: Charles Gouilliard
Man of the match B team: Jasper Fritze
Man of the match C team: Elliot Chailley

U11 D vs Notting Hill Prep A

Well done to the D team for taking on Notting Hill Prep A team. The game was highly competitive and the boys enjoyed a great afternoon.

Man of the match D team: Nadhmi Auchi

U11 Franchise rugby

This Year 6 Franchise teams had a very reptilian feel to it as the Anacondas, Cobras, Pythons and Vipers all contested a hard winter of fixtures. In the league competition the Anacondas slithered home to take the championship with some venomous performances, winning the championship by a clear two victories. In the cup it was again a year of surprises as the Cobras found the right antidote and wound their way to the trophy. Well done to all the boys who worked so hard to make this year's matches so successful.

U9 C&D vs the Hall

The boys hosted the Hall in the last round of fixtures. The C and D teams ended the season as invisibles by winning every single game - a mammoth effort! A and B teams also enjoyed an incredible season where development through games has been the key focus. Well done, boys!

Man of the match A team: Oscar Hawtin
Man of the match B team: Hugo McNeil
Man of the match C team: Yousif Al-Saffar
Man of the match D team: Elendu Ukeje

Top Try Scorers

Jack Johnson	41
Charles Begg-Smith	40
Oscar Li	37

Rowers. Photo by Mr Dean.

Wetherby 7s. Photos by Mr. Dean

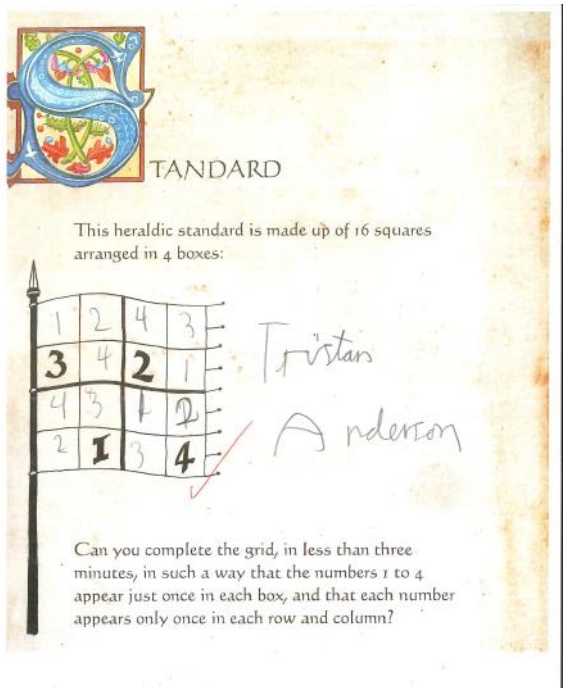
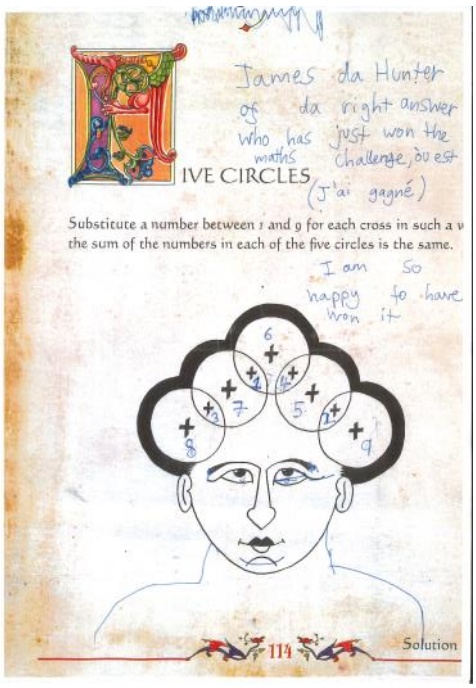
MATHS CHALLENGES!

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 Brainiacs	
Afonso De Lacerda	Daniil Korovkin
Shivam Dimopoulos	Kimon Kantouras
Tristan Anderson	Reuben Jones
Taymour Auchi	Laith Auchi
Elias Rogn	Bear Seidel
Lorenz Bjorgolfsson	Hiro McLinden
George Yatsenko	Tristan Anderson

Upper School Brainiacs	
Nadhmi Auchi	Christopher Radcliffe
Barnaby Russell	Matteo Hurrell
Ahmed Alshubaily	

Lower School Challenge	Upper School Challenge
	

Top Ten Speed Kings 2017-2018

A subtle change to this weeks speed test top ten. Oscar 'rocketman' Rotman has once again improved his time (2 seconds this week) and is stealthily working his way up the top ten. Other times of note are Gabriel Wells how backed up his top ten entry time last week with another blisteringly quick time of 2 mins 42 secs.

1.	Ishaan Suresh	Year 4	2 min 1 sec
2.	Felix Welter	Year 5	2 min 3 sec
3.	Fergus Farrell	Year 5	2 min 12 sec
4.	Sebastian Bell	Year 5	2 min 16 sec
5.	Leonardo Bertolo	Year 5	2 min 19 sec
6.	Adam Innes	Year 5	2 min 23 sec
7.	Aditya Dubey	Year 5	2 min 24 sec
8.	Oscar Rotman	Year 5	2 min 27 sec
9.	Iskander Ali Hussain	Year 5	2 min 30 sec
10.	Gabriel Wells	Year 5	2 min 34 sec

Out of School Achievements and Photos

Elvis at the British Museum

Elvis (4M) and his sister Stella had a very enjoyable day at the British Museum studying the Sutton Hoo treasures. His favourite item was the gold helmet. Well done, Elvis!

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
Elias Rogn	
Sholto Shiach	
Lucas Godoy	
Jack Johnson	
Oscar Hawtin	
Freddie Edis	
Elyas Efthimiou	
Leonardo Bertolo	

Upper School	
6L	Jake Gillanders
	Alexander Kabysh
6M	Philip Maguire
6T	Nadhmi Auchi
	Maxwell Booth
	Lucas Mousavizadeh
7C	Cameron Childs
7G	Aidan Dausch
7M	Theodore Bischoff
8B	Daniel Bjorgolfsson
8F	Philippe Duroc-Danner
8V	James Bate

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Aidan Dausch – 54

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge	Westbourne	Chepstow	Dawson
657	575	559	501

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
12,622	12,203	12,025	11,950

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4A 314	**Form 4B** 204	**Form 3P** 200

Form Class Winners— 4A

Headmaster's Good Shows

Gold 10 Housepoints	Silver 5 Housepoints	Bronze 3 Housepoints
	Alexander Lewisohn – English	Jake Gillanders- French trip
	Arthur Gouilliard – Maths	John Coupland- English
	Cody Juma – English	Sam Blumberg – History
	Cameron Childs – English	Lucas Nahal- French trip
	Louis Jaume – English	Jake Marks – History
	Nicolas Sesson-Farre – English	Hayden Harpel – History
	Max Charles – Science	Oliver Hogben – English
	Nicholas Finch – English	Alex Kabysh – Maths
	Suleman Abbas – History	Veer Maru – Science
	Theodore Bischoff – English	Douglas Moody-Stuart – Classical Greek
	Theodore Bischoff – Science	Cosimo Johansen – English

Teo Hasecic – English

Cash Cooper – Maths

Aidan Dausch – English

Nadhmi Auchi – Maths

Lachlan Gray – English

Douglas Moody-Stuart – Science

Douglas Moody-Stuart – English

Elias Diederich – English

Cosimo Johansen – History

Kasra Shirazi- English

Lucas Godoy – History

Luca Bengough – History

Lucas Silberschmidt – Maths

Lachlan Cairncross – Maths

Monty James – English

Max Adams - English

Lucas Wiedebach – English

Lucas Wiedebach – English

Maxwell Booth – History

Maxwell Booth – English

Max Gwynne - English

Alexander Campbell – Science

Casper Maclean – History

Oscar Hawtin – Maths

August Blain – English

Brick Johnson – English

Elias Rogn – Geography

Kimon Kantouras – Geography

Ethan Chan - English

Beau Fenichell – English

Adam Hydari – Science

Monty James- English

Monty James – English

Michael Kupsin – Science

Sami Kymisis – Maths

Nicholas Finch – English

Max Covington - Science

Max Awuma Hamilton – French Trip

Oscar Raber – French Trip

Cody Juma – Science

Max Catallo-Bauman – French Trip

Alfie Askew – History

Samuel Blumberg – Art

Taymour Kotb – Art

Oscar Hawtin – Art

Felix von Saher – Art

Lachlan Gray – Science

Theodore Daudy – Reading

Bailey Pittack – Geography

Alex Dupuy – Geography

G Lund – Geography

Bear Seidel – Geography

Ben Gray – Geography

Ethan Chan – English

Max Basirov- Geography

Dylan Kohli – Geography

Photos of the Week

Some stiff competition in the inaugural 'Wetherby Pet Photo Competition', some of the entries so far….

Bugsy hovering by the notice board in his Chepstow tie

Scruffles and his Wether-bone

Eddie Hudson's Jack Russel

Ziggy Lund working on his homework

The Hunter's cats

Cameron's hamster

Sebastian Bell's Labrador, Seal, as a Viking and in his rasta hat

Hepburn and Harper Thorne

Mr Waffles!

A Midsummer Night's Dream!

DT Engineering Club experiment with ElLWire and the result is amazing!

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