

WETHERBUZZ

2018/19 | Autumn Term | Week 8



WEEK 8: Monday 5th — Sunday 11th November 2018

MONDAY

- **Lower School Assessments**
- **Year 6 ISEB Pre-Test**
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5C** – 9-12pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 Franchise Football Round 6 (H) – 2:15pm
- U11 A-D vs. Sussex House (H) – 2:30pm

Monday Clubs:

- Chamber Choir – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing – 4-5pm
- Debating – 4-5pm
- Drawing – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Years 3 & 4) – 5-6pm
- Indoor Football Club – 4-5pm
- Reasoning – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Table Tennis – 5-6pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

TUESDAY

- **Lower School Assessments**
- English Forum – 2-4:30pm
- Swimming for **5B, 5K and 5S** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U9 Franchise Football Finals Day (H) – 2:15pm
- U9 A-D vs. Arnold House (H) – 2:30pm
- U8 A-C vs. Surbiton High (H) – 2:30pm
- Mr Baker to lunch at Cheltenham College
- 7M and half of 7W (Armstrong-Kupsin) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

Tuesday Clubs:

- Architecture – 4-5pm
- Arts & Crafts – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Years 6-8) – 5-6pm
- Photography – 4-5pm
- Running – 7:45-8:30am
- Table Tennis – 4-5pm
- Wetherby Choir – 4-5pm
- Wetherby Voices – 8-9am
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

WEDNESDAY

- **Lower School Assessments**
- **Year 6 ISEB Pre-Test**
- PTA Committee Meeting in the Dining Room - 9am
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- Senior Franchise Football Round 5 (H) – 2:15pm
- 1st XI vs. Cothill School (A) – 2:30pm
- 2nd XI and 3rd XI vs. WCCS (H) – 2:30pm
- 4th XI vs. WCCS (A) – 2:30pm

Wednesday Clubs:

- Code Club – Lower School – 4-5pm
- D&T / Engineering Club – 4-5pm
- Detectives – 4-5pm
- Elite Chess – 8-9am
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- General Knowledge Quiz Club – 4-5pm
- Harry Potter Club – 4-5pm
- Maths Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm
- Music Club – General Musicianship – 4-5pm
- Music Scholars Club – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Swim Squad – Upper School A&B – 7:45-8:45am
- Swim Squad – Lower School A – 4:15-5pm
- Swim Squad – Lower School B – 5-5:45pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

THURSDAY

- **Year 6 ISEB Pre-Test**
- Rowing at Putney – 7:45am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 Franchise Football Round 6 (H) – 2:15pm
- U10 A-D vs. The Hall (H) – 2:30pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm
- 7H and half of 7W (Maguire-Zilkha) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

Thursday Clubs:

- Bowed Strings – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Code Club – Upper School – 4-5pm
- Drama Games – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Horse Riding – 4-5:30pm
- Lego Building – 4-5pm
- Maths Revision – 4-5pm
- Science Club – 4-5pm
- Young Philosophers – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

Friday Clubs:

- Whole School Clubs – 2:15-4pm

FRIDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- **Remembrance Day School Assembly at Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am**
All boys to wear poppies to assembly
- **THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM** 
- Games for **Year 5** – 9:15-11:45am
- U12 A&B vs. WCCS (H) - 2:30pm
- U13 ESFA Round 2 vs. Leighton Middle School (A) - 2:30pm

SATURDAY

- Thomas's Battersea U11 Football Tournament (A) – 9-12:30pm
- Belmont's U13 Rugby Festival (A) – 9:30-1:30pm

SUNDAY

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Cold this week and nowhere colder than Baker Towers in Berkhamsted, where our building work has entered the dramatic stage: an entire rear wall of the house has been knocked down and all that protects us from the elements is a thin piece of sterling board. The builders are cracking on and doing a great job but, as determined as we are to live there throughout the project, it is becoming increasingly trying. Great then that I have been back at work in the warm, light and fully-catered Wetherby Prep this week. Brigid though is not so fortunate, as her school term resumes next week and I had this rather distraught text from her earlier in the week: "We've reached a new low – the kitchen is still cold but now it's pitch black and filthy as they've taken all the lights out! #emptyingthedishwasherinthedark." I didn't know how to answer that with any solution so I...well, just ignored it and stayed at work a bit longer that day.



Lovely to see many old boys this week, who have been popping in to see old classmates and teachers. Always great to see how they've grown up and to hear about their experiences of senior school. Last night, I attended the official opening of Wetherby Senior's hugely impressive Sixth Form Centre and I was so proud to see and hear Oli Lind (WPS Class of 2015), as the representative of the Pioneer Year group, speaking so eloquently and enthusiastically about his school. Oli, who was Dawson House Captain in 2014-2015, was always a great public speaker and an excellent student but his parents reminded me last night that, when he first came to Wetherby Prep at the start of Year 5, he struggled initially with his English, having spent all his previous schooling abroad. So impressive then that from that starting-point seven years ago, via a clean sweep of A* at GCSE, Oli is now studying for four A-levels: Maths, Further Maths and Physics, together with English Literature, a subject for which he has developed a real passion over the years.

We ask a lot of our/your boys here every single day and I have always said to prospective parents that we are very much a 'Monday to Friday' school, with only very occasional weekend commitments. This statement though is increasingly proving to be a bit thin, as not a week seems to go by without a sporting fixture or other activity taking place; this weekend the Choir, with Mr Brawn and Miss Orpwood, are on a Choral Residential, so that teachers and boys can have the luxury of dedicated, uninterrupted time, rehearsing and practising for their extensive Christmas repertoire and performance programme. In the middle of the term and spanning two busy Wetherby weeks, that is commitment from both staff and boys – great attitude!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

From the Senior Mistress

Lower School Assessments

Mrs Furnell writes...

On Monday 5th November, Years 3-5 will sit Lower School Assessments in English, Maths and Science. Year 5 will also sit a Reasoning assessment. It is important that the boys that the boys bring a **reading book** with them for these days. They will sit these assessments during their lessons on the following days:

Year 3		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
English Reading	English Writing	Science
Maths	Mental Maths	

Year 4		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Science	English Reading	English Writing
Mental Maths	Maths	

Year 5		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
English Reading	Mental Maths	English Writing
Maths	Science	Reasoning

From the Head of Compliance

Attendance, Appointments and School Logistics

Mr Metherell writes...

Wetherby Preparatory School is a busy school with boys out of the building at the Sports Ground either for Games or break each day. One of our primary responsibilities is the duty of care for all of our boys when they are at school and we are very precise on the registers to ensure we know who is in the building and that we have the correct boys going to the correct places.

In order for this to work efficiently could I please remind parents of the procedures for notifying the school of any absences and some general notes about attendance.

If your son is ill:

Please email your son's **form tutor** and CC in **Miss Fekete** (jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk) before 8:30am on the morning he is ill.

If your son needs to attend an appointment during the school day:

Please email **Mr Baker** and CC in **Miss Fekete** (jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk) at least one day before the appointment. While we appreciate this is not always possible, please ensure that every effort is made to make an appointment outside school hours.

If you need to request a day off school for your son due to family commitments or other circumstances:

Please email **Mr Baker** in advance requesting an authorised absence for a particular date. Please note approval for authorised absences can only be given by Mr Baker, not your son's form tutor. If Mr Baker has not given permission for an absence it will be treated as an 'unauthorised absence'.

Games and Swimming:

If your son is well enough to come into school then he is well enough to go to Games or swimming lessons. If your son has an injury that means he cannot participate in Games or swimming lessons we will either accommodate him at school or he will travel with his year group to Games but wait in the pavilion. Please contact Mr Reid (lee.reid@wetherbyprep.co.uk) if you need any more assistance for Games or Mr Bayes (dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk) for swimming.

Registers:

Form time starts punctually at 8:30am. School registers are saved by form tutors at 8:45am. Boys arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late.

Recording attendance:

Senior Schools are beginning to request attendance data of prospective boys and we are obliged to share this with them. Wetherby Preparatory School does have, on the whole, excellent attendance and we are proud of that. We have a statutory obligation to report attendance that drops below 90%. If your son's attendance is getting near that number then we will notify you by letter in order to work on improving attendance going forward. An attendance percentage for the school year will also be on your son's 2018-2019 School Report. If you have any queries about your son's attendance record please contact me on thomas.metherell@wetherbyprep.co.uk.

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 30th October 2018

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Wetherby iPhone cover** – The Wetherby iPhone cover prototype has been finished and will be shown in the meeting next Tuesday. School Council will speak to their forms about how they can advertise the sale of the covers.
- **Trips abroad** – Lots of boys are interested in the trips that are abroad. For example, they loved the Science trip to Iceland, History trip to the WWI Battlefields, Art trip to Florence and were hoping for more of these trips.
- **School lunch** – Some boys are interested in seasonal fruit being offered at lunch such as grapes, pears, berries etc. Also the boys really enjoy the milk and juice on offer and were wondering if lemonade could be sourced as well.
- **Games** – The boys are keen on a Year 8 Tennis Team for the Summer Term and are also interested in a new design for a Wetherby boot bag.
- **Break time games** – A few boys mentioned that they would be keen to have some different games at break rather than just the footballs. Mrs Furnell has some Frisbees that can be used and she's asked boys to conduct a survey with their forms about break time games.
- **Peer Award** – This was an initiative that was started a few years ago by School Council and they are keen to bring this back. School Council will discuss this more in the next meeting and how to introduce it to the forms.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th November at 8:30am in the Dining Room.



Kindness Cup



The winner this week is **Aran (5K)**. On Monday, Jacob was quite sick on the bus coming back and Aran Mehra was incredibly kind and helpful towards Jacob who wasn't feeling great. He actively collected Jacob's blazer that was covered in vomit for him and checked if he was alright all the way back.
Miss Fekete on behalf of Jacob

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Taymour (5K)**

For always, always helping me collect in the books at the end of a lesson without being asked. Even at the end of the day when everyone else has left – it is such a huge help! ***Miss Bidie***

◆ **Milo (4M)**

In Maths, Milo has been helping to explain Maths to some of the other boys who find some parts difficult. He's a kind and supportive boy.
Miss Kroiter

◆ **Kiran (5C)**

At break on Wednesday, lots of boys left their blazers around the sports pitch as it was so sunny. At the end of break, when the teachers were trying to relocate blazers with boys, Kiran volunteered immediately to help find the boys and was kind enough to take all the blazers from under my arm and give them out. **Mrs Furnell**

◆ **Kourosh (5K)**

Helped Miss Andrews-Bowen and I tidy the whole classroom after a lesson. He is always so polite and helpful, and a joy to have in the room! **Miss Preece**

◆ **Tristan (5C)**

I dropped some worksheets and he stopped doing his work and helped to pick them up. **Miss Orpwood**

◆ **Frankie (8B)**

Frankie's Peer Mentee, Jai, arrived for a five minute session at the end of Form Time and Frankie was not only delighted to see him but he also made a special effort to play a friendly round of Connect 4 with him. It was a perfect depiction of how making time for someone can enhance their day and in this case it was definitely mutual. **Miss Baillieu**



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Elias in 4S**. A talented musician in the making, Elias and his music tutor practise in a classroom outside the Music area. As well as playing sensitively, Elias behaves sensitively and always thanks both his tutor and the other teacher for the use of their room. Well done, Elias!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is **Harrison in 4S**. As goalkeeper for one of our most successful teams, Harrison is no stranger to being tested under pressure but his excellent track record and great attitude say so much about his talent, composure and potential. Well done, Harrison!



Class-Achievement

Miss Kroiter's **5K History**

English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"Dawn broke to the crackling sounds of sporadic rifle fire; mist lay heavy in the air; my nostrils flared as I inhaled the pungent aroma of blood, gore and rotting corpses."

Oscar, Y5

"Bullets were littered everywhere like worms in a bird's nest."

Finlay, Y5

"Molly stared in a drowsy daze still full of determination."

Freddie, Y6

"The trees' long tenacious fingers connected like an archway to Heaven."

Nadhmi, Y7

"The teacher's voice ricocheted around the sides of the tiny room."

Ethan, Y8

MATHS CHALLENGES!



LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Alexander
Nadhmi
Veer
Dom
Burrito-Pug
Zayn
Kilian

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Afonso
Bear
Ziyang
Maxwell
Samuel
Ethan
Oscar
Elvis
Daniil
Beau
Laith
Burrito-Pug
Thomas
Taymour

Mr Gascoine writes...

Congratulations to the above pupils and a house-point for each right answer.
Please make sure that all answer sheets include workings out, full names and forms please.



LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

5	3	1	4	9	8	2	7	6
4	7	9	1	6	2	3	5	8
2	6	8	7	5	3	4	1	9
3	5	7	6	1	4	8	9	2
6	8	2	5	3	3	7	4	1
1	9	4	2	8	7	6	3	5
8	2	3	9	4	5	1	6	7
7	1	5	3	2	6	9	8	4
9	4	6	8	7	1	5	2	3

Kilian Seidl 7H

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

3	5	8	7	9	2	1	4	6
9	7	1	4	3	6	2	8	5
2	6	4	1	5	8	3	7	9
7	2	6	8	1	5	9	3	4
5	4	3	6	7	9	8	2	1
1	8	9	3	2	4	6	5	7
8	1	2	9	4	7	5	6	3
6	9	7	5	8	3	1	1	2
4	3	5	2	6	1	7	9	8

Taymour Anchi 5K

Top Ten Speed Kings 2018-19

1	Samuele	Year 3	2 mins 13 sec
2	Ezra	Year 4	2 mins 22 sec
3	Miron	Year 5	2 mins 25 sec
4	Taymour	Year 5	2 mins 25 sec
5	Samuel	Year 5	2 mins 50 sec
6	Max	Year 4	3 mins 01 sec
7	Aaron	Year 5	3 mins 09 sec
8	Beau	Year 4	3 mins 19 sec
9	Adam	Year 4	3 mins 19 sec
10	Jake	Year 5	3 mins 25 sec

Ezra improved his PB by just 6 seconds, but climbs from 5th to 2nd. Such is the small margin between the top speedsters. Aaron betters his score by 1 second and Adam smashes into the top ten at the expense of Bennett, with 3 min 19 sec. The word 'ruthless' springs to mind!

Oliver just misses out with a top ten place with a great time of 3 min 37 sec. Hang in there Oliver.

Mr Gascoine



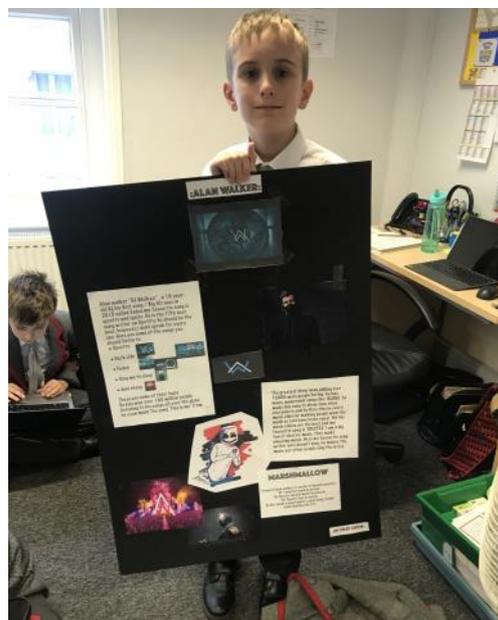
Music Department

Miss Orpwood writes...

This week 3P had their very first violin lesson and they were absolutely amazing! I was so impressed with their level of concentration and what they achieved in just 40 minutes. I am so excited to see what they achieve over the next year. Go 3P!



This term Year 6 are working on music projects where they can research a band or genre of music that they really enjoy and would like to know more about. Over half term Felix (6J) made a fantastic poster all about his favourite singer Alan Walker. I was so impressed with how much effort and hard work went into the poster and really enjoyed reading and learning about Alan Walker. Well done, Felix!



Art Department

Christmas Cards

Miss Kirby writes...

Your son created a Christmas design at the beginning of this term. The design has been printed onto individual sample Christmas cards that form tutors have handed out this week.

The details of how to order are included with the card and are as follows:

Visit the Dandy Art House website www.thedandyarthouse.com and place an order using your son's unique reference number. You will find this reference number on the back of the sample card. The Dandy Arthouse offer a variety of products and the printing is of high quality.

The deadline to order products is Tuesday 6th November.

Please let me know if you have any issues ordering or you can call the company directly on 01274 774 071, quoting project code: 2273



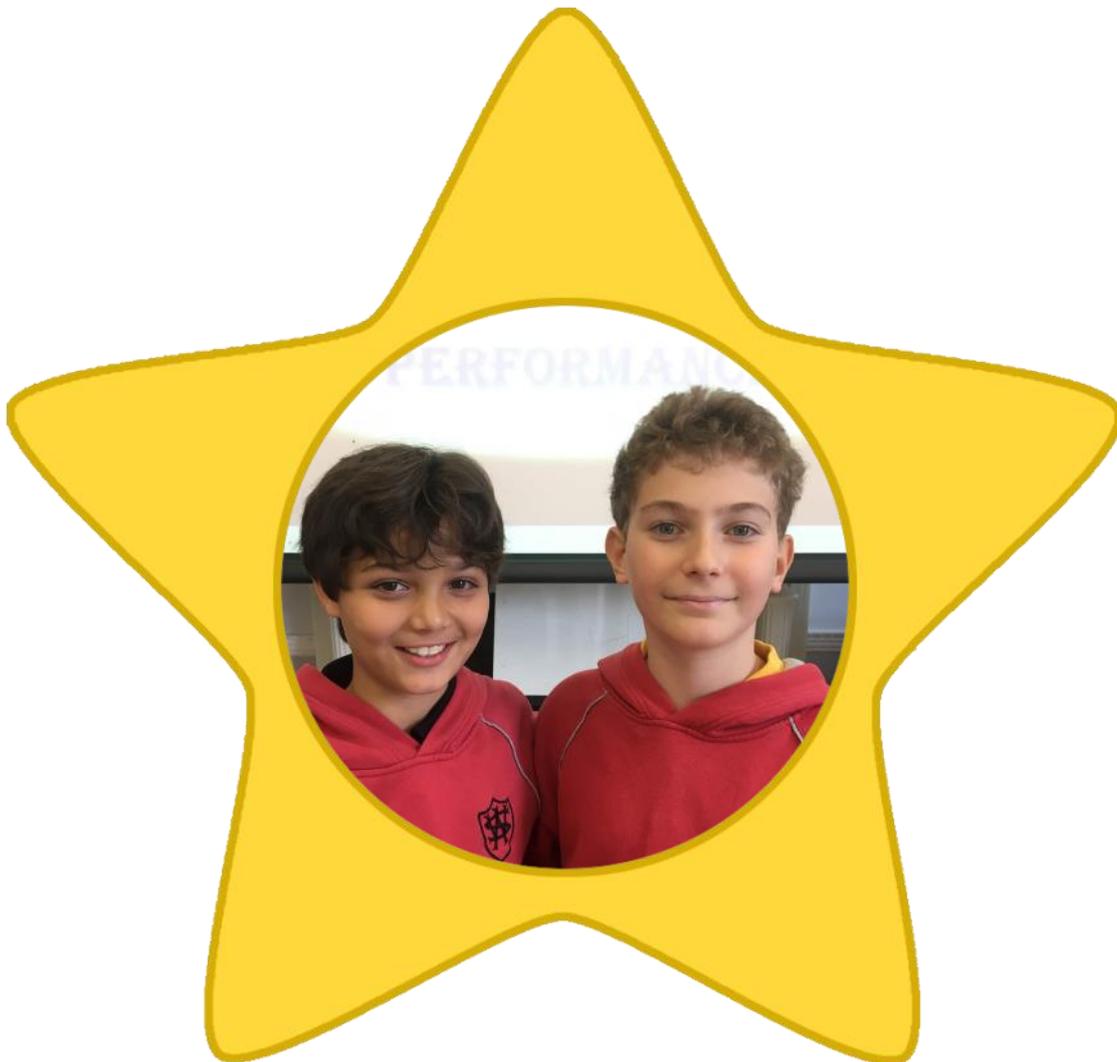
Drama Department

The moment you have all be waiting for...

The weekly Drama Award
'STARS OF THE STAGE' are...

Drum roll please

Alex & Arki





...It's that time of year again...

Miss Waters writes...

Year 3 and 4 will be performing in their nativity play 'Children of the World' in less than a month!

LINES

The boys have already started learning their lines and some have been so fantastic that they even knew their cue lines in our first full rehearsal this week!

If your son is in Year 4 and doesn't yet know his lines please could you help encourage him to be off script by next week as this will make it so much easier for him to enjoy the rehearsal process.

PROPS

We are well under way with the design and building of the set and props for the performance - thanks to the wonderful props department made up of Miss Kirby, Mr Tilleray, Mr Sulleyman and Mrs Adamczyk.

We are, however, looking for some inflatable outdoor Christmas decorations that ideally light up, such as an inflatable Snowman, Reindeer or Father Christmas.

If you happen to have anything that fits this description that you would be willing to lend to the production we would be very grateful to hear from you.

We will return anything lent to you by December 1st, hopefully in time for your own Christmas decorating at home!

Please email Miss Waters on rachel.waters@wetherbyprep.co.uk.

Many thanks,
Miss Waters & the Drama Department





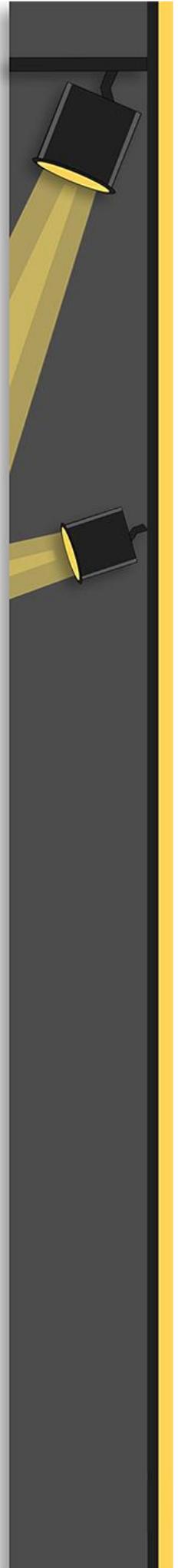
6L performing brilliant end of half term speeches and presentations together!



Year 4 rehearsing their scene for the nativity play - there is some serious acting going on here!



Year 7 having fun creating scary stories in keeping with this spooky season...!



Wetherby SPORT

Football Term

11/10/18 - Under 10A-D vs. Sussex House

Wetherby had both a rock solid defence as we conceded zero goals in four games and lethal in attack as we knocked 40 passes Sussex House!

Man of the match players: John, Sacha, Taymour, Vihaan

Franchise

The Hurricanes blew away the Hawks and the Bulldogs were ferocious against the Titans in a 4-1 victory. The third game in the franchise was a 9 goal thriller between the Rangers and the Wizards with the Wizards prevailing 5 goals to 4.

Man of the match players: Oscar, Aran

12/11/18 - Wetherby All Stars vs. Under 10D

A titanic clash occurred between the Wetherby All Stars and the under 10D's at the Wetherby Sports Ground. In a game of twists and turns the under 10D's ended up on top with an 8-7 victory.

13/11/18 - 10A and 13A Tournaments

3 tournaments played and two winners. The under 13's played at the Fulham Prep tournament and came away 2-1 winners in the final whilst the under 10A's came away as winners at the Hall School tournament.

29/10/18 - Under 11A-D vs. Fulham Prep

Two wins out of four for the under 11's with the C team recording a 6-1 victory and the D team coming away with a 3-1 win.

Man of the match players: Brooks, Theodore

Franchise

The Giants and the Knights came away with commanding wins against the Pistons and Marlins.

Man of the match players: Oliver, Sebastien

30/10/18 - Under 9A-D v Fulham Prep

Three wins out of four with the A and B team keeping a clean sheet whilst the D team put eight goals past their counterparts.

Man of the match players: Chase, Redmond, Ezra, David

Franchise

The Flyers and Blackhawks soared to victory in the under 9 franchise and were resolute in their defending to preserve a clean sheet.

Under 8A&B vs. Finton House

The B team recorded a 2-1 win against Finton House after coming from 1-0 down whilst the A's did well to keep a strong opposition to 0-0 at half time before losing the second half.

Man of the match players: Theo, Dmitry

31/10/18 - Under 13A&B vs. Fulham Prep School

Fulham Prep came away with a win and a draw from the Wetherby Sports Ground against the A and B team in a close encounter however the scores finished 2-0 and 1-1.

Man of the match players: Cameron, John

Under 12A&B vs. Fulham Prep School

Two wins out of two for Wetherby as six goals are scored and none conceded across the two games.

Man of the match players: Dominique

Franchise

The Vikings maintained the pressure on the Storm by winning again however the Storm still lead by 2 points going into next week's final showdown for the title.

Man of the match players: Zayn, Alex, Teo

Under 8A Notting Hill Tournament

The Under 8's experienced their first taste of tournament football for Wetherby Prep and represented the school outstandingly.

Man of the tournament: Sam



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3P	Alexander
4A	Louis
4L	Maximilian
4M	Bailey
4S	Keyvan
5B	Daniil
5C	Jack
5K	Taymour
5S	Lucas

Upper School	
6J	Daniel
6L	Leonardo
6T	Luca
7H	Nadhmi
7M	Max
7W	Philip
	George
8B	Frankie
8F	Nicolas
8G	Teo
8V	Nicholas

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Nicholas – 35

Weekly Housepoint Totals

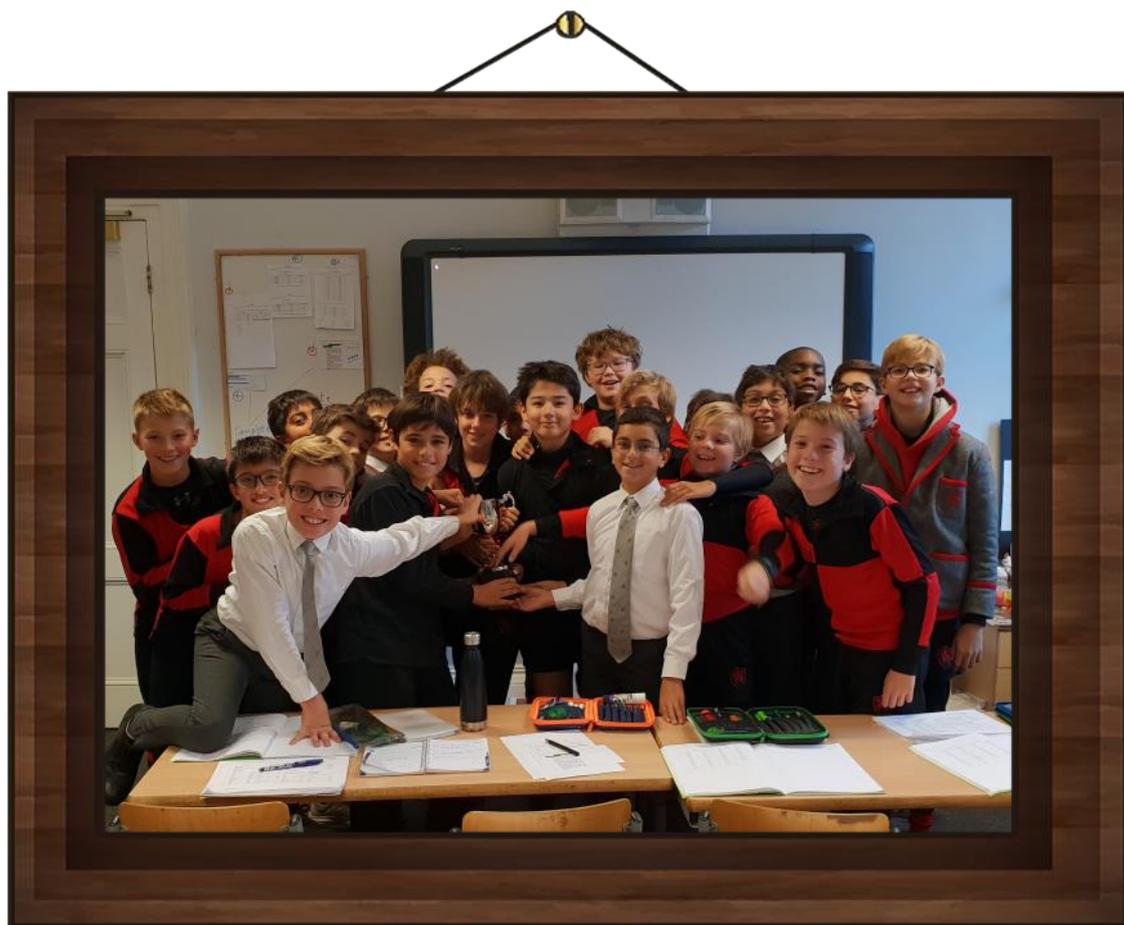
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson	Westbourne	Chepstow	Pembridge
799	769	718	650

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain N. Sesson-Farre	Westbourne Captain A. Jayaraj	Pembridge Captain Z. Roda	Chepstow Captain N. Dyer
4,286	3,982	3,889	3,840

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 7H 319	Form 6T 264	Form 7W 243



Out of School Achievements

Meeting Tom Gates' author—Liz Pichon

Elias Rogn (4S) and his brother Daniel (Wetherby Kensington) met Liz Pichon, the author of the Tom Gates series. They heard part of her new book 'What Monster', learnt to doodle a monster and even got to listen to Dude3 (Tom's favourite band). It was a fantastic experience and the boys had a great day out!



Photos of the Week



Hayden and Lorenz were surfing in California during the half term break.



George (7W) had so much fun doing a road trip from San Francisco to LA. Here's one of the highlights, the visit to Grand Canyon. Breath taking to be so close to one of the seven natural wonders of the world.





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