

WETHERBUZZ

2018/19 | Autumn Term | Week 12



WEEK 12: Monday 3rd — Sunday 9th December 2018

MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5C** – 9-12pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A-C vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) – 2:15pm
- U11 D vs. Franchise All Stars (H) - 2:15pm
- Autumn Recital in the Pioneer Hall – 6pm

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

- 'We Will Rock You' Auditions in the Pioneer Hall – 9-10am
- 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 A-D vs. Chesham Prep (H) – 2:30pm

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

- VMTs Pupils' Concert in the Pioneer Hall – 8:15-9am
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- 'We Will Rock You' Auditions in the Pioneer Hall – 2-3pm
- 1st and 2nd XIII vs. Newland House (H) – 2:30pm
- U12 A and B vs. Thomas's Clapham (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

- 'We Will Rock You' Auditions in the Pioneer Hall—9-10am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A-D vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) – 2:30pm
- Year 7 and 8 School Monologue Slam – 3-4pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm
- Blind Veterans Concert – 7pm
- 'The Wider Earth' at the Natural History Museum (Invite Only) – 7pm

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
- **Whole School Assembly at Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am**
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
- Games for **Year 5** – 9:15-11:45am

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Great to experience an all-star cast of Year 3 and 4 boys putting on such a superb Nativity play yesterday, with plenty of great performances, costumes and terrific dance moves on display. Well done to the boys and thank you to all staff who gave so generously of their time, from Mr Brawn and Miss Orpwood with the Music; Ms Kirby, Mrs Adamczyk, Mr Tilleray and Mr Sulleyman with the props, and of course, Miss Waters, who orchestrated a performance that was the perfect swansong for her time with us at Wetherby. Rachel leaves us at Christmas to pursue a somewhat unique opportunity in the field of charitable work, joining the Flying Seagull Project, working with young refugees in Greece. We wish her well and thank her for all she has done to put Drama well and truly on the map throughout her time with us. Knowing how energetically she can bring about positive change, a quality we love here at Wetherby, we are excited to hear of her successes in the future.



The dynamics of a school being what they are, this involves a few changes for us too: Mr Brampton will take over the form tutor role of 7W. As someone with a real passion for Drama, Miss Andrews Bowen is very well placed and excited to take Years 3, 6, 7 and 8 for their Drama lessons, whilst Miss Hannah Preece will teach all Year 4 Drama. Ursee will continue with her current English teaching timetable but we will be welcoming Mrs Katie Callaghan (not to be confused with our existing Mrs Kate Callaghan) who brings a wealth of experience teaching in independent senior schools to support our English teaching to Years 5, 6 and 7 on Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday as well as taking Year 5 for their Drama lessons. Katie is a superb educationalist and we are extremely fortunate to appoint her on her return to the profession after the birth of her second child two years' ago. She had many other offers but luckily she is on the same Masters course as Mr Thorne and Chris managed to convince her that Wetherby Prep is the place to be!

Mrs Rebecca le Clanche's form and her Maths teaching, when she starts her Maternity Leave in January, will be taken over by Mr Michael Maguire, to whom we also extend a warm welcome. Michael, who is currently Head of Maths at a state primary school in Essex, has an excellent track record in teaching and is a nationally renowned Irish dancer and childhood friend of our very own Mr Lock! Theoretically, recruiting first class staff like this is a significant challenge at the best of times but nigh on impossible at the start of a Spring Term. There's just something about Wetherby that attracts and it is worthy of note that our own staff create an informal network and are so proud to recommend their school – says a lot about our staff, our boys and, yes, our parents that Wetherby is the place to be.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

Notices

WPS's Christmas Clubs Programme

Mr Reid writes...

Good afternoon parents

I hope you are all well?

As part of WPS's Christmas Clubs Programme, the sports department are running a Football Camp at the Wetherby Sports Ground from Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th December 2018.

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

<https://sites.google.com/wetherbyprepstudents.co.uk/clubsinformation/football-camp>

Should you require any further information or wish to book your son on this camp, please email me on lee.reid@wetherbyprep.co.uk or call on 07384 215746.

Mabibi Collection

Rory writes...

I can't thank everyone at Wetherby enough for their generous donations of their old footie kit. In fact, you have been so generous that we now have as much as we can carry on this trip! So THE COLLECTION WILL END TODAY RATHER THAN NEXT FRIDAY! Team Wetherby does it again!

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 27th November 2018

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Mr Baker's Christmas costume** – Some interesting ideas for Mr Baker's Christmas costume and Mrs Furnell has forwarded the suggestions and the most popular ones to Mr Baker.
- **Clubs** – Miss Clifford has organised some great clubs for next term which the boys are looking forward to. Later down the line, they also suggested Book Club, Karate/Judo Club and Basketball Club.
- **Lunchtime** – The boys really enjoyed the Mexican burritos and also the lasagne this week. They've also suggested pineapple juice as another juice for Friday and on the Mexican theme, quesadillas!
- **ICT/Music** – The Lower School boys really enjoy their Music lessons and have asked for hour long lessons, whilst the more senior boys have asked for more ICT or having lessons in the library.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4th December at 8:30am in the Dining Room.

Kindness Cup



The winner this week is **Max (7H)**

The science laptops were returned and not put away properly. Max took it upon himself to put each one away ensuring it was plugged in, without expecting praise. During the same homework club, one younger boy was trying to reach the coloured pencils and Max got out of his seat to help him as he wasn't quite tall enough, such a thoughtful gesture from such a kind boy. **Mrs Harris**

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- ◆ **Leonardo (6L)** – When the boys were leaving, after the 11am performance of the Nativity, Leonardo stopped to say what an amazing job the Year 3s had done, and made sure to congratulate them. It was so lovely for the Year 3s to hear this from one of the older boys. Later on, he also stopped Mrs Mandic and asked her to wish the boys luck for their second performance. I think this demonstrates such a thoughtful attitude and it is so lovely to see him being so supportive of his brother and his classmates. **Miss Phoenix**
- ◆ **Oliver and Ethan (4S)** – Last Friday, Oliver and Ethan purchased more shortbread from the Year 3 Charity Fair to share it with those in his form who forgot their money – so lovely to see! **Miss Preece**

- ◆ **Chase Obertelli (4S)** – Last week in the Nativity rehearsal I could barely speak and Chase came up to me and asked if I needed my water bottle filling up. As I was feeling quite poorly this was such a lovely gesture and extremely kind and helpful. **Miss Orpwood**

- ◆ **Zac Roda (8F)** – In History today Michael Stenberg had six housepoints in his book to sign off. He brought his HW diary to me and I signed them off. It transpired that it wasn't actually Michael's diary but it was Zac's instead. I said to Zac that he should keep them and he said, 'I really want you to cross them out sir as I'd much prefer Michael to get them.' Selfless act from a lovely boy. **Mr Blundell**

- ◆ **Henry (4A)** – After a LAMDA lesson this week, Nur was passing by the room and Henry stepped aside to let Nur pass through. Nur was blown away by the manners of this Year 4 boy and wanted to nominate him for the Kindness Cup. **Mrs Furnell on behalf of Nur Dincmen**

- ◆ **Oscar (6T)** – Dylan Farhadi mentioned that one of the older Year 6 boys had been really kind to him recently. When he slipped and fell down some stairs in front of the classroom, Oscar came and helped him get back up and then asked if he was ok. Such a lovely kind gesture from a Year 6 boy! **Mrs Farhadi (Dylan and Jasper's mum)**

- ◆ **Daniel (6L)** – Last Friday at the Year 3 Craft fair a few of the Year 6 boys had forgotten to bring money in and really wanted to buy a few things. Daniel very kindly offered to lend money to the boys which I thought was a very thoughtful gesture and really appreciated by the boys. **Miss Bevan**



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Lucas Jorgensen in 7M. Witnessing an aggressive 'phone theft' from an older boy from another school, Lucas showed great intelligence in withdrawing himself to safety but then rushed to the boy's aide, called the Police and remained with him until help arrived. This is true Citizenship. Well done, Lucas!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Lucas in 7W. In one of our first fixtures of the rugby season, Lucas' passion and talent for the game really shone through in a spectacular performance. Australia gains another fine player, as Lucas returns there at the end of this term. Well done, Lucas!



Class-Achievement

8V for their History presentations

Charities

Year 3 Christmas Craft Fair

Miss Phoenix writes...

On Friday, the Year 3 boys organised a craft fair selling handmade Christmas decorations. The sale managed to raise an impressive £321.45 for the school charities. Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported the fair. Well done, 3P!



Baubles - £1.50
Wetherby Baubles - £2
Baubles - £2
Christmas Biscuits - 50p
Came Reindeers - £1
Penguin Baubles - £1.50

English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"A miniature winter white plume arose like a puff of smoke and a huge slab of snow slid away like food being scraped off a dinner plate."

George, Y7

"The frightening sphinx spat out of his dusty, musty mouth a tongue that transformed into a flight of rigid sandy stairs."

Kían, Y5

"Entrapping him in a whirl of darkness, his deteriorating mind left him with no emotion or memories."

Oscar, Y8

"The alarm screamed its head off as Tom clenched the rubies and sapphires in his hairy hands."

Oliver, Y4

"Slowly, the wind hit me with a slap of regret."

Nur, Y8

MATHS CHALLENGES!



LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Zacharia	Ziyang
Junyi	Nathan
Kourosh	Laith
Taymour	Daniil
Thomas	Elias
Suleman	Afonso
George	Saverio
Elvis	

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Alexander	Lucas
Tommi	Sid
Chase	Nadhmi
Burrito Boy	Jasper
Skinny Beef	Reuben
Saverio	Philip

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

A 5 x 5 magic square

38. Complete this magic square which uses each of the numbers from 1 to 25 once. All its rows, columns and diagonals must have the same total.

17	10	1	3	15
23	5	7	14	16
4	13	20	2	8
10	12	19	21	6
11	18	25	2	9

Start by working out what the total of each of the five rows or columns must be. It is helpful to know that the sum of the first 25 natural numbers is 25×26 divided by 2.

EXCELLENT

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Perfect squares

100. The puzzle is to start with the 1 at the centre of the 7x7 square and find a route through it which reaches 100 in exactly seven steps. Each step must be from one white square to a neighbouring one and on entering each square the given operation must be performed. Every number on the route of seven steps is a square. Can you find this route?

Alexander
Wagsh

100

GOOD WORKINGS

$1 \rightarrow 9 \times 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 36 \rightarrow 49 \rightarrow 100$

Top Ten Speed Kings 2018-19

1	Taymour	Year 5	2 mins 07 sec
2	Samuele	Year 3	2 mins 13 sec
3	Miron	Year 5	2 mins 17 sec
4	Ezra	Year 4	2 mins 22 sec
5	Jake	Year 4	2 mins 31 sec
6	Henry	Year 5	2 mins 45 sec
7	Arthur	Year 5	2 mins 49 sec
8	Samuel	Year 5	2 mins 50 sec
9	Jack	Year 5	2 mins 51 sec
10	Aaron	Year 5	2 mins 53 sec

Two new entries, two speedsters ejected (Max and Oliver). Thus is nature of a ruthless Top 10 this year. Though I'm sure that Max and Oliver will be back. Congratulations to Jake and Henry, worthy occupants of the Top 10.

Also special mentions to Miron (2 mins 23 sec), Aaron (2 mins 56 sec) and Benett (3 mins 6 sec). Close but no cigar!

Mr Gascoine



Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

3P have been painting the heads for their canopic jars this week. Inspired by the trip to the British Museum, the jars are looking fantastic and we will be adding the finishing touches in the final week of term. Well done, Year 3!



Drama Department

Miss Waters writes...

What a week it has been in the Drama Department!

Nativity - Children of the World

Years 3 and 4 worked their socks off in rehearsals at St Mary's Church this week and put on two dazzling performances of the Christmas Nativity Play yesterday to rapturous applause from both brilliant audiences. They all had a really great time and did themselves proud - **WELL DONE, BOYS!**

This would, of course, have been impossible without all of the amazing support they had from you wonderful parents and siblings at home, as well as all of the hard work put in by every member of staff - particularly 'Team Tech' and the Music Department who brought the whole show together. Thank you all so much for your incredible hard work!

The link to the professional photos taken during both Nativity performances will be in next week's Wetherbuzz.

In the meantime, you can enjoy some of Mr Thorne's fantastic photography here in the Wetherbuzz -thank you, Mr Thorne :)





Christmas Drama Club

Some of your budding actors have already come in and taken part in clubs with Miss Waters during the last few school holidays and had a super time playing games, creating theatre shows, and making their very own TV game shows together.

During the winter break we will be offering an exciting opportunity to take part in four days of theatrical Christmas shenanigans at Wetherby with Miss Waters running a Drama Camp for the boys from Monday 17th to Thursday 20th December.

This will be a fun filled few days packed with **drama & Christmas games, acting, devising, playing some of your favourite characters and even a chance to do some singing, dancing, and develop some circus skills as well.** The boys will work together in their very own theatre company, creating a fun theatrical show which they will perform on the last day of the week for you to come and watch!

This workshop will help the boys develop their acting skills while building their confidence, public speaking skills and most importantly having fun with their friends making an unforgettable show.

If your son would like to take part in the Christmas Drama Club please contact Miss Waters at rachel.waters@wetherbyprep.co.uk by Wednesday 5th December in order to get him signed up.

YEAR 7 & 8 MONOLOGUE SLAM

Year 3 & 4 have had their day in the spotlight, now it is your turn, Year 7 & 8.

Every boy in Year 7 and 8 has learnt an acting monologue off by heart for this prestigious competition. On Thursday afternoon (December 6th) your peers will pour into the Pioneer Hall to watch the finalists perform their very own monologue in front of a surprise panel of Wetherby X-Factor style judges. This will be an exciting event for everyone involved and will help form your case for a role in the school play as well.

Every boy will perform their monologue in their next Drama lesson and the top two boys from each form will go forward into the final on Thursday - please make sure you practise your performance so you feel 100% confident and enjoy yourself in the process! That is the most important part. You will be judged on your characterisation, vocal and physical technical delivery and overall performance.

I look forward to seeing you all in character!

Break a leg one and all...



And the moment you have all be waiting for...

The weekly Drama Award '**STAR OF THE STAGE**' is...

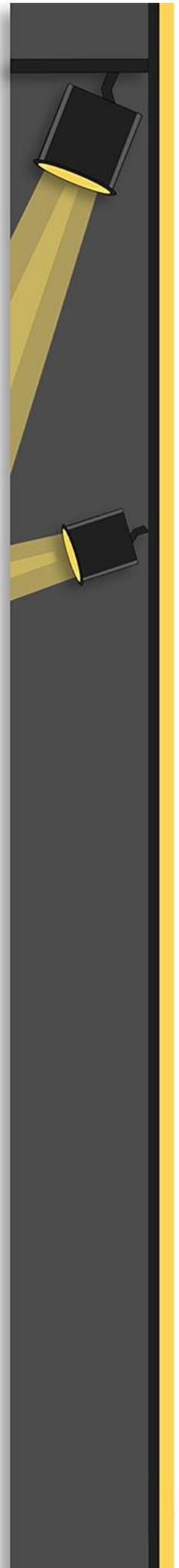
All of Year 3 and 4 were star performers this week in their big show 'Children of the World' so this was a very tricky decision but one boy stood out for his performance and behavior throughout the week...

Drum roll please

MR JONAH



For having such a mature attitude and setting an outstanding example to his whole year group. Jonah is a super actor and company member and delivered an outstanding performance in both of his nativity performances this week. Well Done, Jonah!



Wetherby SPORT

Rugby Term

22/11/18 - Under 10 A-D vs. Thomas' Clapham

Four wins out of four for Wetherby with a hatrick of tries coming from Jake Marks in the A's 30-10 win and Mikhail Arkhipov in the C team's 25-15 win against Thomas' Clapham.

Man of the match players: Jake, Dexter, Mikhail, Ilya

27/11/18 - Under 9 A-D vs. Thomas' Clapham

The boys made a promising start in their first taste of Rugby at Wetherby. The C and D teams came away with commanding victories whilst the A and B teams had close run games against their counterparts. It was a pleasure to see numerous boys making strong tackles and passing crisply after only a couple of Rugby sessions.

Man of the match players: Timothee, Chase, Redmond, Dillon

28/11/18 - Under 13 A&B vs. Thomas' Clapham

The As lost whilst the Bs beat their opponents 30-0 which is incredibly as the boys last year were beaten by the same opposition.

Man of the match players: Cash, Alexander

Under 12 A&B vs. Mill Hill and Belmont

Massive wins for the As and Bs against Mill Hill and Belmont in their first game of the Rugby season. The As were even treated to having an ex-England world cup winner Danny Grewcock referee their game.

Man of the match players: Lucas, Massimiliano



Under 12A's pictured with ex-England international and 2003 World Cup Winner, Danny Grewcock.

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3P	Theodore	6J	Thomas
4A	Thomas	6L	Aurelien
4L	Diego	6T	Adrian
4M	Lewis	7H	Nadhmi
4S	Nicolo	7M	Gray
5B	Sacha	7W	Thompson
5C	Jack	8B	John
5K	Jake	8F	Adrian
5S	Oliver	8G	Lucas
		8V	Brick

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Thomas – 61

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge	Dawson	Chepstow	Westbourne
833	761	692	622

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain N. Sesson-Farre	Pembridge Captain Z. Roda	Chepstow Captain N. Dyer	Westbourne Captain A. Jayaraj
6,914	6,842	6,392	5,880

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 6J 304	Form 5S 273	Form 7M 262



Out of School Achievements

Sohum (5B) - European Chess Tournaments

SOHUM'S TRIP REPORT:

Sohum travelled to the Czech Republic and Germany to compete in two European tournaments.

The first tournament in Czech Republic was a very high level tournament with several full time professional/master level players competing. This kind of event is extremely valuable for Sohum's chess development as he consistently gets to play higher-rated opposition. Sohum worked well before the tournament and continued to work hard during the tournament, scoring a highly creditable 2/4.

Sohum even managed to draw against a Fide master here! A player formerly ranked in the top 20 of Slovenia!!! This was the first time in his short career that Sohum has drawn with a player holding a title from the world chess federation FIDE.

The disparity between Sohum's rating and his performance can be compared with a League 2 football team getting a draw away from home against top premier league club! So these results were really impressive.

During this tournament Sohum also competed in a Blitz chess tournament (speed chess). This was the first internationally ranked blitz tournament he had competed in. Sohum performed to a level in the event that would see him ranked 6th in the world for his age category at Blitz!

After a successful 4 games in Czech, we moved on to play in Frankfurt, Germany. This was another very successful event for Sohum and he managed to win the tournament where he was ranked 53rd! on the starting grid.

His 9-game unbeaten run against strong opposition was ended in round 6 but he came back with a strong performance in the last round to secure 1st place in under-12 category in the tournament!

Sohum gained so many rating points that he has risen from being outside the top 250 to currently ranking 29th in the world in his age category!



Photos of the Week



Sam (and his little sister) with his all-time rugby hero, Bryan Habana, this past Saturday!



Culture Trip to 'Romeo and Juliet'



Oscar and Lucas had a brilliant time at 'Romeo and Juliet'







Wetherby Christmas tree is up!



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