

# WETHERBUZZ

2018/19 | Spring Term | Week 15



# WEEK 15: Monday 14th — Sunday 20th January 2019

## MONDAY

- **7+ / 8+ Assessment Day**  
- NO SCHOOL FOR BOYS
- Staff Meeting – 8am

## TUESDAY

- **MORNING, AFTER SCHOOL & HOMEWORK CLUBS BEGIN**
- **Year 6** RS Trip to Tyburn Convent – 9-11am
- Swimming for **5B, 5K and 5S** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- **Year 7 and 8** CE French Mock Listening Exam
- U9 Franchise Rugby Round 1 (H) – 2:15pm
- U8 A & B vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) – 2:30pm
- The Mall U9 Rugby Festival (A) – 2:30pm
- U9 C & D vs. Orchard House (H) – 2:30pm

## WEDNESDAY

- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- **Year 7 and 8** CE French Mock Listening Exam
- Senior Franchise Rugby Round 1 (H) – 2:15pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XIII vs. Northcote Lodge (H) – 2:30pm
- U12 A & B vs. Northcote Lodge (H) – 2:30pm
- Guide to Senior Schools Evening in the Pioneer Hall – 6pm

## THURSDAY

- Rowing at 8am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 Franchise Rugby Round 1 (H) – 2:15pm
- U10 A – D vs. Durstan House (H) – 3pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm

## FRIDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am  
**THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM** 
- Games for **Year 5** – 9:15-11:45am
- U10 & U11 Rugby Festival @ Allianz Park – 4:30pm
- U11 A Pre-Season Cricket Training – 5-7pm
- Claremont Prep School Fixture – 2pm

## Tuesday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20am
- Running – 7:45-8:30am
- Wetherby Voices – 8-9am
- Art & Crafts – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Latin – Level 3 - 4-5pm
- Wetherby Choir - 4-5pm
- Fencing – 5-6pm
- Table Tennis – 5-6pm
- Homework Club - 4-5pm

## Wednesday Clubs

- Drawing – 7:45-8:20am
- Swimming – Upper School Swim Squad A&B – 7:30-8:20am
- Elite Chess – 8-9am
- Cardboard Engineering - 4-5pm
- Code Club – Lower School - 4-5pm
- Detectives - 4-5pm
- General Knowledge Quiz Club - 4-5pm
- Latin – Level 3 - 4-5pm
- Maths Games and Puzzles - 4-5pm
- Chelsea Quavers – 4-5pm
- Reasoning - 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing - 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Swimming – Year 4 – 4:30-5:15pm
- Homework Club - 4-5pm

## Thursday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20am
- Swimming – School Swim Squad – 7:30-8:20am
- Rowing – 8-9am
- Bowed Strings – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Code Club – Upper School – 4-5pm
- Maths Revision – 4-5pm
- Little House of Science Club – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

## Friday Clubs

- Whole School Clubs – 2:15-4pm

## SATURDAY

- Year 8 Rowing 5 at Weybridge Regatta - am

## SUNDAY

# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Wetherby 2019. I trust everyone had an enjoyable and restful break. Aside from the remarkable, and very much appreciated, kindnesses of the Wetherby Parent body, it was a minimalist gift-giving year in the Baker household this Christmas, due to ongoing building work and the attendant, seemingly relentless expenditure. People talk about 'dry January' but we've decided to have a 'cheap January (and probably February, March, April, etc.) just to keep all those costs under sensible control. It'll be worth it though in the end - at least, that's the mantra.



Christmas is not just about gifts of course and what my boys love to do more than anything else is play games. Every family will have their favourite but a long-standing Baker tradition is the 'Christmas Card game'. My mother would always keep last year's Christmas cards and then cut them in half, placing the other half at some point around the house. Children (and sometimes adults) would then race around the building trying to find the missing 'pair' returning to my mum to get the next card. We still do this every Christmas and I even initiated it at last year's staff Christmas party (with only partial success). Another popular game, which many Wetherby boys who have been taught by me over the years will recall, is 'Town, Country'. A list of topics - town, country, county, river, mode of transport, fruit, vegetable, boys' name, girls' name etc. - are written down the left hand side of a page and then boys are given one letter. The task is to find an answer for every topic. Those boys who have an answer no-one else has get 3 points; an answer that is repeated amongst the group gets 1. Then there's our favourite, that we have branded 'Three Rounds, Better Than It Sounds', in which everyone has to come up with as many famous figures as they can think of. Then, in two teams, each team member in turn has, in one minute, to describe as many of them as they can. Once they are exhausted, they go back in the tub and the next round begins whereby only one word is allowed to describe the figure in question. And the final round, no words at all, just a charade. It's a great game and one for all the family - I'm sure all of you have your own favourites but that's just a window into our world and a really simple way to get your sons off Fortnite and into the bosom of the family once more, enjoying good, old-fashioned inter-personal contact.

Now, whilst the last thing I would ever wish to do is to preach to the Wetherby community, I have to mention the most shocking thing that happened to Patrick and me over the holidays. Whilst driving back from St Alban's to Hemel Hempstead in half light, a car swerved ahead of us and came tumbling towards our own car before coming to rest just off the carriageway. I have never witnessed an accident such as this before and it was truly shocking. Five seconds earlier and that car would have hit us square on. I instructed Patrick to call 999 and we stopped, along with a number of others to check on the driver. The car was on its side but we managed to release the driver who was alone in the car and, though shaken up, suffered no more than a few scratches from the shattered windscreen. I'm ashamed to say that over the years, there have been just one or two occasions where I have neglected to wear a seatbelt when in the back of a car, actually and irrationally, in the back of a taxi...but never again. Patrick took this difficult experience in his stride, in fact, demonstrating remarkable maturity for his age; Dad, whilst shaken, realised all too clearly how a momentary lack of reason could prove a costly one. All things are there to guide us, I suppose.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

# Kindness Cup



The winner this week is **Marley (5C)**

During break, Raffi fell over and opened up an old wound on his knee and needed first aid attention. He has a great friend in Marley as he was by his side the whole time and very calm and supportive. He also offered to stay with Raffi when back at school (as Raffi needed additional first aid at school) meaning he would be late for going down to lunch.

*Miss Clifford and Miss Fekete*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Lorenz (5C)**

During break time, Jake hurt himself. I went over to see if he was ok and then suggested some time sat with me to recover. I asked the group of boys if anyone would like to sit out with him to keep him company; without hesitation, Lorenz offered to stay with him. Such a great attitude, particularly as it was a very cold day.

*Miss Clifford*



*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Max in 7H**. School Council plays an important part in the life of our school. Max always attends meetings with inspired ideas and handles his role in such a responsible way, ensuring that the rest of his form are fully briefed on subjects discussed. Well done, Max!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is **Carl in 4A**. Even in the chilly weather, Carl always has smile on his face, a positive attitude and engages fully with whatever sporting activity is taking place, paying close attention to coaching advice. He is a great sportsman in the making. Well done, Carl!

# Birthday Books

Jonah (4A) donated two books for his 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Happy Birthday, Jonah!**



# Charities

## Wetherby's Got Talent

### Miss Martin writes...

The eagerly anticipated Wetherby's Got Talent is back this term, and this time, we have a competition for both the Upper School and the Lower School! The Upper School competition will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and the Lower School competition will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If anyone would like to be part of this brilliant competition, do let me know! Previously we have had a brilliant display of musicians, dancers, magicians and actors! I really look forward to seeing what this year has to offer!

Both competitions will be in aid of our school charities, and there will be a £5 donation by each boy to watch the competitions. They are set to be great fun!

# MATHS CHALLENGES!



## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Zehen
Elias
Beau
Daniil
Thomas

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Elias
Alexander
Reuben
Anders
Jasper

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

**Prime products?**

15      35      143  
~~437~~      323      899

8. Each of these six numbers is the product of two primes. Which is the odd one out and why?

$3 \times 5 = 15$   
 $7 \times 5 = 35$   
 $11 \times 13 = 143$   
 $19 \times 23 = 437$   
 $29 \times 31 = 899$   
 $17 \times 19 = 323$

Answer: 437 because the difference between two multiples of 2 but 437 does is 4 because it has multiple.

Daniel Korostkin 5B

## UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

*Andrew Beaker 8V*

**Sets of primes**

77. Here are three sets of three-digit prime numbers where each set uses the digits 1 to 9 once.

**127 463 859**  
**149 563 827**  
**239 461 587**

a. If 659 is the smallest prime in a similar set what are the other two? 743 and 821

b. If 461 is the largest prime in a similar set what are the other two? 257 and 389

## Top Ten Speed Kings 2018-19

1	Taymour	Year 5	2 mins 07 sec
2	Samuele	Year 3	2 mins 13 sec
3	Oliver	Year 4	2 mins 15 sec
4	Miron	Year 5	2 mins 17 sec
5	Ezra	Year 4	2 mins 22 sec
6	Jake	Year 5	2 mins 27 sec
7	Diego	Year 4	2 mins 30 sec
8	Ilai	Year 5	2 mins 43 sec
9	Henry	Year 5	2 mins 45 sec
10	Adam	Year 4	2 mins 48 sec

We have two newbies in the first Top Ten of 2019. Ilai has burst into the Top Ten with a very competitive time of 2 minutes 43 seconds. Well done Ilai. Diego muscles into 7<sup>th</sup> place with an impressive time of 2 mins and 30 seconds. Big hitters Ezra and Miron posted times of 2.18 and 2.24 respectively, but failed to improve on their PB's.

Mr Gascoine



# French Department

## Epiphany

### Mrs Sebag writes...

In Year 3 we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany.

In France traditionally the French people eat a '*galette des rois*' which is a delicious sweet almond paste cake.



*La galette* is sliced, and the youngest person in the room is blindfolded and then chooses the person to whom the slice is given, saying the name of each person in turn.

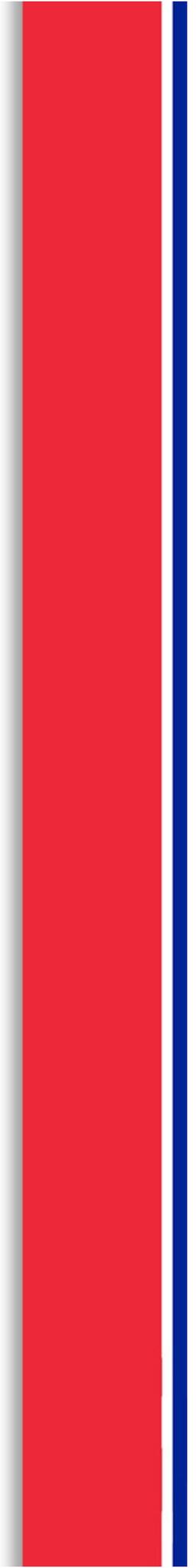
Inside the '*galette*' there is a '*fève*', a large bean. Nowadays it can be a miniature ceramic figure representing a character or an object.



In Year 3 boys were able to '*tirer les rois*': 'draw the kings or queens'.

Eren, the youngest in Year 3 got to say who each slice was for and Mrs Mandic was crowned a '*la reine*' and chose Miles for '*roi*'.

***Vive la reine et le roi !***



# Art Department

## Art Critic Postcards

### Miss Kirby writes...

Thank you for all of the wonderful Art Critic Postcards. Here is a selection of some of the fantastic pictures that the Art Department have received. Keep them coming!



### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3P	Daniel	6J	Thomas
4A	Alexander	6L	Fergus
4L	David	6T	Luke
4M	Alexander	7H	Nadhmi
4S	Oscar	7M	Max
5B	Elendu	7W	Oliver
5C	Raffi	8B	Frankie
5K	Taymour	8F	Adam
5S	Harry	8G	Alexander
		8V	Douglas
			Luke

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

**Taymour – 69**

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson	Chepstow	Pembridge	Westbourne
606	459	415	379

### 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
9,721	9,068	8,295	7,719

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 5K</b> 206	<b>Form 5B</b> 176	<b>Form 3P</b> 173



# Out of School Achievements

## Shoes Donations

Rory (7H) writes...

Thank you so much for all of your incredibly kind donations. The kids absolutely adored all the boots and clothes. Here are some pictures to show you their gratitude. We had such fun sharing the boots and kit with them and then playing a bit of footie. Thanks to all who took the time to sort and send in their kit!



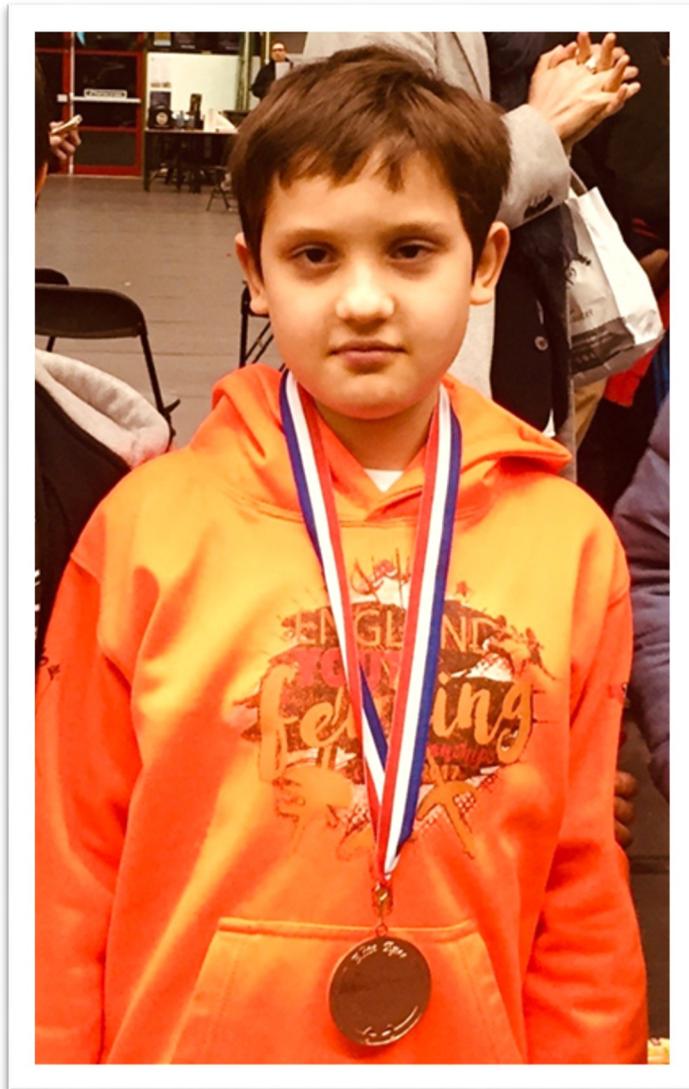
## Rory (7H) - PADI Open Water Diving Certificate

Rory managed to pass his PADI Open Water Diving Certificate over the holiday. It was a great achievement: a written test and then 4 dives. Funny pic of him below!



## Zehen (5B) - U10 Elite Series Fencing

Zehen won the Bronze medal at the U10 Elite Series event at Millfield, Somerset on Saturday, 5 January, 2019. He fenced boys from all over the country and some more than a year older.



# Photos of the Week



Xander in Sydney Harbour watching the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on Boxing Day 2018.



Théodore on his recent trip to Paris where he loved seeing the Mona Lisa and went for a walk in the moonlight exploring and taking photos with a hand torch.



A tense scrabble match in Year 3.





4A having fun with static electricity.



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