

WETHERBUZZ

2018/19 | Spring Term | Week 16



WEEK 16: Monday 21st — Sunday 27th January 2019

MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 Franchise Rugby Round 1 (H) – 2:15pm
- U11 A-D vs. North Bridge House (A) – 2:30pm
- 6J and half of 6T (Bell-Lamberton) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

TUESDAY

- **Year 7 & 8 Exams** – all day
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Swimming for **5B, 5K and 5S** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U9 Franchise Rugby Round 2 (H) – 2:15pm
- U8 A & B vs. Orchard House (H) – 2:30pm
- U9 A-D vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) – 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

- **Year 7 & 8 Exams** – all day
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm

THURSDAY

- **Year 7 & 8 Exams** – all day
- No Rowing due to Upper School exams
- PTA Meeting – 9am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8V** – am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 Franchise Rugby Round 2 (H) – 2:15pm
- U10 A – D vs. North Bridge House (A) – 2:30pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm
- 6L and half of 6T (Linnane-Willis) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

FRIDAY

- **Year 7 & 8 Exams** – all day
- 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
- U11 A Pre-Season Cricket Training – 5-7pm

Monday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20am
- Morning Sports – 7:45-8:45am
- Tour Choir – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing – 4-5pm
- Debating – 4-5pm
- Drawing – 4-5pm
- Indoor Football – 4-5pm
- Latin – Level 3 – 4-5pm
- Lego – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 5-6pm
- Table Tennis – 5-6pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

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

- Thomas's Fulham U10 B and U11 B Rugby Festival (A) - am

SUNDAY

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

A shorter week for the boys this week, with our annual 7+ and 8+ Assessment Day on Monday. There has to be an assessment of course, as we have more boys applying than we have spaces for, but we do always question the merits of putting 6, 7 and 8 year olds through a relatively formal examination process. We don't insist upon interviews as I don't know what more we would really learn about such young children than what we do by the way they engage and interact with others throughout the day. Even so, it's a potentially stressful experience and one that I know my own children would have struggled with; in fact they almost certainly would not have performed that well. Our priority really is that the boys leave at ease and happy, having enjoyed a broader experience that includes learning workshops and, dare I say it, some fun – more of a school visit than a scary formal assessment. All boys conducted themselves so well and we've managed to speak to every feeder school this week to gain their input, before issuing decision letters early next week. We owe it to the boys, their parents and our colleagues in other schools to plan, deliver and administer a comprehensive, fair and timely process of recruitment. Ultimately, the manner in which a school handles its admissions says a lot about its value system as a whole.



Two days after our Assessment Day, we had a 'full house' for the 'Guide to Senior Schools' evening. This is the 11th time I have offered this presentation and, although one might think that I could just repeat the same content year after year, things change in terms of processes, strategy, timelines and school preparation, so it is always refreshingly different. We issued the latest edition of the 'Guide to Senior Schools' at this event and, whilst it is aimed at Year 5 parents, Year 3 and 4 parents are more than welcome to pick up a copy from Reception to see what is to come next year. Thinking of next year, we may well bring this event forward to the Autumn Term, as increasing numbers are asking us about senior schools in Year 5. You may also have noticed that our talks and evening events now start at 6pm rather than 7pm. This seems to bring larger audiences but I will gladly listen to your views on this. My old theory was that 7pm gave parents more time to get home from work but maybe you don't want to go home and then go out again, preferring to attend on the way back from work? There will be differing opinions, of course, but we aim to make these important events as convenient and accessible as possible for the majority of our parents.

Lastly, Wetherby Prep is certainly a place where new initiatives are embraced actively, rather than accepted with apathy! Last term, we introduced the Kindness Cup which has taken off in such a positive way; the kindness mentions this week are particularly heart-warming and remind us, as staff, why we do this job (with my limited ability at sport, I wish I had gone to school with a boy like Oliver). The Kindness Cup was a parental idea but an initiative of my own was that, each term, I would hand the display board in my room over to a different department. Last term, we had French and Science, whose superb displays brightened up my room no end – see our Instagram feed. This half of the term, it is the turn of the English Department and, as you can see below, a beautiful display with inspirational ideas, exemplary work from the boys and tremendous creativity in presentation was the result. I will continue to post photos of these displays on our Instagram feed but you can always view them for yourselves when visiting me in my Office. Visiting the headmaster is not such a scary thing to do at WPS!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Baker".



Kindness Cup



The winner this week is **Milo (4M)**

He was so polite and kind towards me and Miss Andrews Bowen in the dining room today, letting us go in front of him for lunch even though we said he could go first and then when our hands were full, grabbed us napkins. It was so lovely!
Miss Saddington

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- ◆ **Frankie (8B)**

Beau was coming off the Games bus and had a lot of stuff because he was rowing and comes straight from there to Games and then school. As we were nearing the crossing Frankie turned around and offered to help him. **Mr Froggatt**

- ◆ **Lorenzo Russo (3P)**

Lorenzo kindly gave Mr Brawn and me one of his banana and chocolate muffins that he made in Cookery Club. Unfortunately Mr Brawn didn't get to taste the muffin as it was so good I ate it all (no kindness cup for Miss Orpwood!) **Miss Orpwood**

◆ **Junyi (4S)**

Junyi is always so helpful and considerate, often helping tidy classrooms as well as delivering lost property to other boys. This week, one boy had forgotten a jacket for break time (and it was only 3 degrees outside!) so Junyi, very kindly, offered another of his jackets to this boy. So lovely to see! **Mrs Furnell**

◆ **Federico and Sacha (5B)**

In the Dining Room this week, one of the lunch ladies dropped a tray of vegetables onto the floor and both Federico and Sacha immediately rushed over to help pick them all up for her. Really good to see the boys adopt such a proactive approach. **Mrs Furnell**

◆ **Jai (3P)**

Jai didn't have his muffin today from morning club, so left it on my day in case I would like it instead. Even though I wasn't able to have it, it was a really lovely gesture which brightened up my day! **Miss Phoenix**

◆ **Romell (3P)**

Romell stayed behind after the other boys left to help me tidy away the iPads. Romell saw that I needed help and happily stepped in. A very thoughtful boy! **Miss Phoenix**

◆ **Ali (4M)**

Ali was an absolute delight yesterday in RS as he helped me hand out the iPads and worked really well all lesson. Such a lovely boy! **Miss Orpwood**

◆ **Elyas and William (6J)**

Yesterday I was walking down the stairs carrying piles of books and sheets and some of the papers fell down the stairs. I couldn't manage to pick them up myself and seeing this, Elyas and William rushed to help me collect them. It was so kind and helpful of them! **Miss Bidie**

◆ **Oliver (5S)**

In the afternoon Rugby fixture between the Alligators and the Hyenas both teams were discussing tactics during the half time team talk. Oliver suggested to his team that they should try and pass the ball to Emanuele and Jasper to get them to score a try as the other boys had done so already. This demonstrated a great awareness towards the importance of other teammate's success which the Wetherby Sports department value highly. **Mr Evans**



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Saif in 6L. Saif is always great company, as he is so charming and committed to his learning in the classroom too, but this week's nomination was for leading from the front during rehearsals involving dance. He just threw himself into what was needed and, in so doing, pulled everyone else along with him. Well done, Saif!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Jonah in 4A. In The Mall U9 Rugby Festival this week, Jonah was a stand-out player. His attitude was absolutely first class, demonstrating gentlemanly conduct, and it is clear that here is a young player with accuracy in the attack and insight in defensive play. Well done, Jonah!



Class-Achievement

Miss Kroiter's Year 4 English

English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

*"It rides more rapidly, swiftly, but then, smooth.
Binding the waterfall inside the river, it ends. The
majestic colour ends, it turns green and dull."*

Dmitry, Y3

"The stag watches over the gloomy valley; its antlers spiralling up from its forehead."

Lucas, Y7.

"All of a sudden we heard the awful sound of shelling. We stopped still, we had forgotten that we were at war with each other. It was time to say goodbye to our newfound friends... back to bitter-sweet reality."

Aran, Y5

"Suddenly a soft melody floated quietly into the trench. Christmas carols carried through the air like kites in the wind, weaving in and out of the barbed wire."

Michael Y5:

"Under the millions of white topped trees, the icicles dangled like baubles on a Christmas Tree."

Xander, Y4

MATHS CHALLENGES!



LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Bear
Laith
Taymour
Michael
Elvis
Zehen
Daniil
Elias
Ilai
Max
Thomas
Sacha
Aydan
Nicolo
Ethan
Charles

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Oliver (Skinny Beef!)
Kilian
Nadhmi
Burrito Boy
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.

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6 × 8
- 31

48
21.09

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+

1076

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7 × 9
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LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Always one

87. Pair a decimal with a fraction so that their sum is 1.

41

Handwritten work:

$$0.25 = \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 1$$

$$0.2 = \frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{5} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125 \quad 0.125 + 0.875 = 1$$

$$0.32 = \frac{8}{25}$$

Sacha Abecassis
5B

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Phone numbers

Klem Siedl 7H

This is an example of a six digit telephone number made from two groups of three digits separated by a space.

012 345

25. Find the telephone number for which both these statements are true.

a. The final three digits are divisible by 12 and so are the final two digits.

b. It starts with 012 and continues so that each digit is larger than the one before.

Handwritten work:

12
29
36
60
72
84
96

012 348 348 (2a) ✓
012 348 348 (b) ✓
600000 ✓

48
21.09
= 6 3
10
X
+ 1076
231 8
7 x 9
5 >

Top Ten Speed Kings 2018-19

1	Taymour	Year 5	2 mins 00 sec
2	Sam	Year 5	2 mins 02 sec
3	Samuele	Year 3	2 mins 13 sec
4	Oliver	Year 4	2 mins 15 sec
5	Ezra	Year 4	2 mins 16 sec
6	Miron	Year 5	2 mins 17 sec
7	Jake	Year 5	2 mins 27 sec
8	Diego	Year 4	2 mins 30 sec
9	Ilai	Year 5	2 mins 43 sec
10	Henry	Year 5	2 mins 45 sec

Taymour is on the verge of joining an elite group of Wetherby Speedsters! Only seven past pupils have completed a speed test in under 2 mins (with Esa holding the record with 1 min 41 sec) and Taymour and Sam for that matter, are very close to achieving 'Speed Test Immortality'. Another great performance came from Ezra with 2 mins 16 sec and leap-frogging Miron.

Mr Gascoine

Mathletics

As many of you will know, the mathematics department has commissioned Mathletics as our digital learning portal. We will be using the website both in class and setting some homework [activities](#) each week.

The website works on most devices and across Mac/PC systems. There would not be any need to install new software or apps on computers. If using a tablet device, a Mathletics app is available.

In addition to the set tasks, boys will also be able to compete in live challenge against people in their own class (or across the world). These quizzes aim to build mental maths skills and develop a wide range of skills across the mathematics curriculum.

Although boys will earn points and certificates, we will not be encouraging boys to spend a set number of minutes on Mathletics each week/day to achieve these awards. We understand that managing screen time at home can be difficult and do not wish for any boy to feel that they have to be online each night.

If there are any questions please get in touch with your son's maths teacher or myself.



French Department

Epiphany

Mademoiselle Flomet writes...

This week, 4L and 4M celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. Compliments to the Chef and to Milo Didizian who kindly baked three galettes for his form!

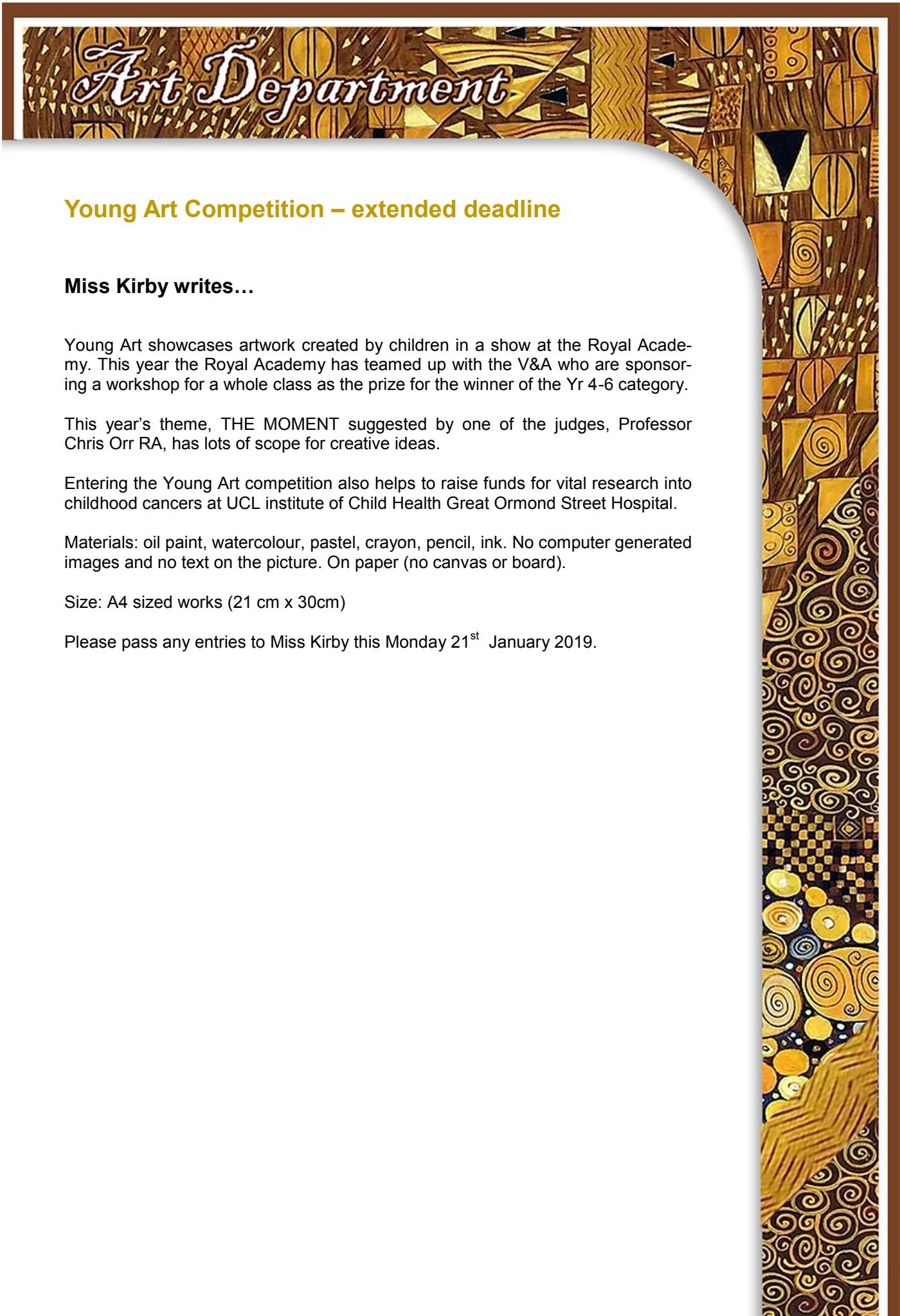
In France traditionally the French people eat a 'galette des rois' which is a delicious sweet almond paste cake.

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.







Young Art Competition – extended deadline

Miss Kirby writes...

Young Art showcases artwork created by children in a show at the Royal Academy. This year the Royal Academy has teamed up with the V&A who are sponsoring a workshop for a whole class as the prize for the winner of the Yr 4-6 category.

This year's theme, THE MOMENT suggested by one of the judges, Professor Chris Orr RA, has lots of scope for creative ideas.

Entering the Young Art competition also helps to raise funds for vital research into childhood cancers at UCL Institute of Child Health Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Materials: oil paint, watercolour, pastel, crayon, pencil, ink. No computer generated images and no text on the picture. On paper (no canvas or board).

Size: A4 sized works (21 cm x 30cm)

Please pass any entries to Miss Kirby this Monday 21st January 2019.

Wetherby SPORT

Rugby Term

15/1/19 - Under 9A&B the Mall Festival

Both teams had fantastic festivals and were a credit to the school. Free flowing Rugby was on show with the boys scoring excellent tries and making terrific tackles in defence.

Players of the festival: Jonah Green, Dillon Du Cann

Under 9B&C vs. Orchard House

Two great games of Rugby with one win for Wetherby coming in the D team match whilst the sides couldn't be separated in the C team game with the score finishing 10-10.

Man of the match players: Ari Sinaniotis, William Dawson

Under 9 Franchise

Round 1 of the Under 9 franchise consisted of three close games. Coming out on top and gaining an early advantage in the standings are the Griffins, the Cyclops and the Krackens.

Man of the match players: Ezra Wattenberg, Jamie Hamilton, Xan Leventis

Under 8 A&B vs. Thomas' Fulham

A great day for the Under 8s in their first taste of tag rugby where they scored some brilliant tries.

Man of the match players: Theo Hamilford and Lorenzo Russo

16/1/19 - Under 13A&B vs. Northcote Lodge

One win coming for Wetherby and an incredible one for the B team. After losing 30-5 in their first game of the season against the same opposition, they managed to get revenge by winning the game 35-30 with a late flurry of tries.

Man of the match players: Ethan Chan, Nick Finch

Under 12A&B vs. Northcote Lodge

In two closely contested games Wetherby came out on top in both with the As winning 25-20 and the Bs 30-20.

Man of the match players: Chinonso Ogbunude, Jackson Kirby

Senior Franchise

The Premiership and Super League divisions have kicked off with some colossal matches and even one of the games finishing in a draw. The Tornadoes, Earthquakes and Lightning are the early winners in their respective leagues whilst the Typhoons and the Thunder shared the points with a 40-40 draw.

Man of the match players: Caden Georgs, Arty Ratsin, Lucas Crow

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3P	Samuele	6J	Michele
	Rommell	6L	Innes
4A	Dylan		Saif
4L	G	6T	Sam
4M	Michael	7H	Jasper
4S	Elias	7M	Gregory
5B	Sacha	7W	Oliver
5C	Jack	8B	Kirill
5K	Taymour	8F	Cosimo
5S	Samuel	8G	Zain
		8V	Cameron
			Theodore

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Jasper Hunter – 30

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson	Westbourne	Pembridge	Chepstow
1,172	881	877	832

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
10,287	9,530	8,668	8,221

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4A 209	Form 6L 187	Form 3P 186



Photos of the Week



Louis (4A) went to see 'Surprised! by Henri Rousseau' after learning about him during Miss Clifford's art lessons.



During the Christmas break Arin (5B) visited Wetherby in New York!



Year 5 painting their Aboriginal clay tiles in Art.





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