

# WETHERBUZZ

2018/19 | Spring Term | Week 21



# WEEK 21: Monday 4th March — Sunday 10th March 2019

## MONDAY

- **World Book Week**
- Reading with Relatives – form time
- Music Tour returns
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 Franchise Rugby Round 6 (H) – 2:15pm
- U11 A & B vs. Arnold House (H) – 2:30pm
- U11 C & D vs. Hill House (H) – 2:30pm
- **Year 4** Author Talk – 3-4pm

## TUESDAY

- Reading with Relatives – form time
- French Day – Y7 & 8 – 9am-12pm
- 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 7 (H) – 2:15pm
- Rokeby U11 Vlls Tournament (A) – all day
- U8 A & B vs. Caldicott (A) – 2:30pm
- U9 A – D vs. Caldicott (A) – 2:30pm

## WEDNESDAY

- VMT Pupil Concert – 8:15-9am
- Form Reading
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- **Year 3 and 4** Roald Dahl's Children Charity Talk by Katie Grieg – 11:30-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- Caldicott U12 & U13 Vlls Rugby Festival (A) – all day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XIII and 3<sup>rd</sup> XIII vs. King's House School (H) – 2:30pm

## THURSDAY

- World Book Day – all day
- Book sale in the Pioneer Hall – all day
- Wetherby Senior School Visit to Year 3 – 8:30am
- Year 5 to Wellington for Chemistry Spectacular Show – 12:30-3pm
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A – D vs. Newland House (A) – 2:30pm
- 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
- **Fancy Dress (with a Roald Dahl twist) for 3, 4 & 5**

## 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

- IAPS Ski Championships Trip departs – am
- U13 A Pre-Season Cricket Training (Invite only) – 1-3pm

## SUNDAY

- Berkhamsted U11 and U13 Vlls Rugby Festival (A) – all day
- Malvern College National Cross Country Championships (A) – all day
- U9 & U10 NRST Celebratory Festival – all day

# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

It was in this column about 5 years ago that I wrote on the subject of crazes; can't remember what they were at the time but may well have been Rubik's Cubes which are what the boys seem to be obsessed with at the moment.

Whilst many other schools will, understandably, choose to 'ban' Rubik's Cube, fidget spinners, or whatever it might be that week, we have always taken a more pragmatic and child-centred approach to these things, appreciating that child fads are a fun part of growing up and knowing that any craze usually fizzles out in a short period of time anyway, ceasing to be a problem. And, careful what you wish for too: if children are stopped from being amused from what is a challenging cognitive puzzle, they will find other things to occupy their time that might not be quite as wholesome.



From speaking to a lot of you over the years, I know that one, maybe not so wholesome craze – computer games – does not seem to go away and is the bane of many a parent's life, my own included. I don't have the answers or any magic formula but it might give reassurance to some that, as an educationalist and as a parent, I don't have a big problem with computer games. I played them as a boy, owned a Gameboy at University and remember linking it up with my roommate's device, playing two player Tetris and Dr Mario for hours on end. I ended up alright - had a large group of friends of both genders, found a career path, and, I feel at least, am a responsible parent. In other words, I don't think my life has been negatively influenced because I played computer games from a young age.

In many ways, I understand why my boys spend more time playing computer games than I did. Human beings are sociable people and there is only so much enjoyment and interaction one can have with just a television screen. Now though, the ability to play, compete and chat online with friends, adds a social dynamic that I never had and a whole new, I think positive, aspect to the computer game equation. Patrick moved to his senior school two years ago and is still in touch with many of his old friends from primary school, who ended up at different schools to him. Would this have been the case if they couldn't communicate so easily online? Possibly, but probably not.

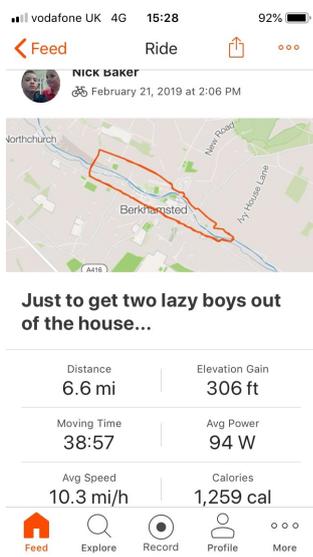
My boys play Fortnite and Overwatch and the content of both is, in my opinion, nothing to be worried about. Both games are actually parodies of more violent games of the past. Patrick and Joseph think I don't know what I'm talking about when I point out references in both these formats to games from the 80s but these products speak to my generation as much as their own. There are more sinister games out there, the content of which is wholly inappropriate for their age group but we, as parents, can surely control what games the boys buy, play and download. As their PlayStation accounts are linked to my credit card, I am in complete control of what they can access and play.

It has to be in moderation of course and, just this half term, I was accused by my sons of, "having a rage" on account of insisting that they come off their devices and come for a bike ride on what was a beautiful day. From 'rage' to actually being 'on the road' took just over an hour as resistance, delaying tactics, me actually turning off the broadband at source, then basic bike maintenance held us up in equal measure but there was a battle of wills to be won and I would not be defeated. We managed six and a half miles and, despite complaints along the way (as you can see below, Joseph refused to smile for the picture), they clearly enjoyed themselves as the next day, unprompted they both asked me, "Can we go on a bike ride again?"

The moral of today's column then? As far as I'm concerned, computer games, particularly social ones, are ok with me but of course, they should not take over and dominate a young person's lifestyle. To make sure this doesn't happen we, as parents, have to fill that void with experiences that match or even exceed those that can be provided by a computer – bike rides, live sport, walking and exploring the landscape, Rubik's Cube, even a trip to the recycling centre, can provide sociable, stimulating occasions that educate our boys to form a view that the world offers much more stimulation in reality than that afforded by its virtual counterpart.

Have a good weekend,

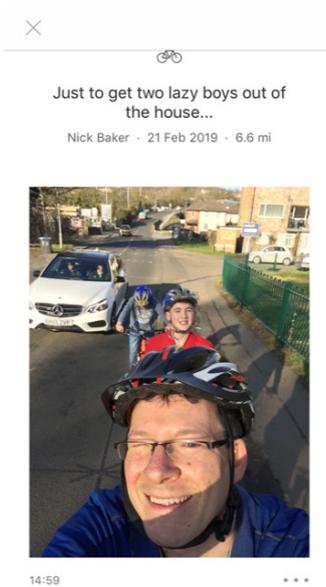
Nick Baker

**NICK BAKER**  
February 21, 2019 at 2:06 PM

**Just to get two lazy boys out of the house...**

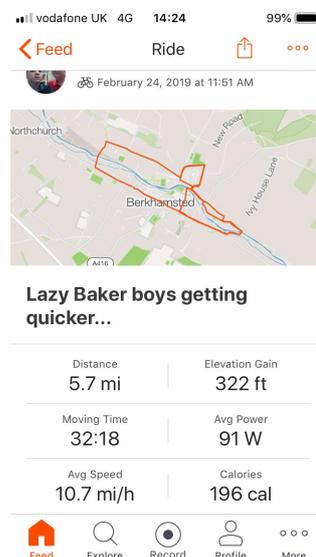
Distance	Elevation Gain
6.6 mi	306 ft
Moving Time	Avg Power
38:57	94 W
Avg Speed	Calories
10.3 mi/h	1,259 cal



**Just to get two lazy boys out of the house...**

Nick Baker · 21 Feb 2019 · 6.6 mi

14:59



**LAZY BAKER BOYS GETTING QUICKER...**  
February 24, 2019 at 11:51 AM

**Lazy Baker boys getting quicker...**

Distance	Elevation Gain
5.7 mi	322 ft
Moving Time	Avg Power
32:18	91 W
Avg Speed	Calories
10.7 mi/h	196 cal

# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Time:** 8:30am

**Attendance:** School Council Representatives and PLT

### Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Wetherby Pencil Cases** – The Young Enterprise team from Wetherby Senior School will be bringing order forms for the boys to purchase the Wetherby branded pencil cases on Thursday this week. If you are interested in purchasing a pencil case, then you can fill out a form at reception, bring in £7 for the case and the Young Enterprise team will deliver your pencil case.
- **Wetherby iPhone Cases** – The iPhone cases are going on sale this Friday in reception. The cases cost £15 and fit the iPhone 6/7/8 and X/XS. School Council will be setting up their stall in reception and parents/boys can pay in cash or bring a cheque.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 8:30am in the Dining Room.**

# Kindness Cup



The winners this week are **Nathan (5K) and Tristan (5C)**. Earlier this week, I was sorting through pegs for the Year 3s and noticed there were items belonging to lost property. These two boys noticed me sorting through the missing items and helped to reunite boys with them. So helpful! **Miss Phoenix**

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Ardavan (7H)**

With Games this week, Oliver hurt his knee and was in quite a bit of pain, so when the boys came back in the building, Ardavan helped him from the bus and even went down to the locker room to fetch his bag for him. **Oliver (7W)**

◆ **Vihaan and Aydan (5B)**

Last Friday, Alex missed part of my English lesson and after I had dismissed the class, I went to find Alex to remind him about the half term homework, only to find that Vihaan and Aydan had already been to his room and told him. Such a helpful and responsible thing to do! **Miss Bidie**

◆ **Michael (5C), Chase (4S), Milo (4M), Jake (5K) and Jacob (5S)**

All these boys impressed with their attitude towards the Bake Sale. Michael gave away all his remaining change to charity. Whilst Chase and Milo gave some of their own money to boys who didn't bring money in. Finally, Jake and Jacob both separately offered to buy me a cake – with no hints from me! **Miss Bidie**

◆ **Sami (6L)**

One Sammy noticed the other Sami looking upset as he forgot the Bake Sale was on Thursday. Sami, immediately responded by giving Sammy money for the Bake Sale which made his day! **Sammy (6T)**

◆ **Teo (8G)**

Beau was really impressed with how Teo offered his blazer to Zain who was cold when they were lining up outside after the fire drill. A really kind thing to do. **Beau (8G)**

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Teo also wanted to nominate Beau for handing in his History homework for him when he couldn't deliver it. **Teo (8G)**

◆ **Jack (5S)**

On the way to break, Taymour had a nose bleed and immediately, Jack spotted this and gave him one of his tissues. He then noticed Alex had a cut on his finger so gave him another tissue and told him to 'apply pressure'. A junior medic in the making and it was lovely to see one of our Wetherby boys being so caring. **Mrs Furnell**

◆ **Maximilian (7H)**

It was lovely to hear so many boys nominate Maximilian in my History lesson for all the kind actions this past week. In particular, they were really grateful for lending them money for the Bake Sale but also they mentioned how kind he always is and offers his help. **Mrs Furnell**



*Citizen of the Week*

This Week's Citizen of the Week is Emanuele in 5C. Emanuele has developed a really positive and determined attitude towards all his subjects which will undoubtedly hold him in good stead for many academic successes to come. Well done, Emanuele!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Philip in 7W. Known as a great all-round sportsman, Philip proved his strength, determination and stamina in Cross Country this week, dominating the course with his well-honed athleticism. Well done, Philip!

# Charities

## 2018 Poppy Appeal



### London Poppy Appeal team write...

Wetherby Prep School raised a fantastic £508.97 which has made the 2018 appeal a great success!

The 2018 appeal was a significant moment for the whole nation as it marked the Centenary of the end of the First World War and said 'Thank You' to the generation that served, sacrificed and changed our world. The Poppy Appeal 2018 was not only the most ambitious in terms of the fundraising target of £50 million, but also set the challenge to take part in the 'Thank You' movement in recognition of the legacy the First World War generation left us all.

As the nation's largest Armed Forces charity, The Legion spends £1.4 million every week on charitable activities; providing practical, financial and emotional care and support to the forces community. Your invaluable contribution will enable us to continue to support today's Armed Forces community.

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## PTA Bake Sale

The Bake Sale was a success and we raised an amazing £662!



# English Department

## Book Week

### Miss Kroiter and the Year 4 Book Week team write...

We are really excited about book week next week; we have so many fun activities for you as well as author visits a Book Day lunchtime feast, fancy dress, competitions and the World Book Day second hand book fair. Make sure you look at the poster attached and that is displayed around the school so you can see all that is going on next week.

### Just a reminder of a few things to remember:

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

- make sure you bring in some money for the Book Fair.

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:

- lower school fancy dress (theme: Roald Dahl) all money raised goes toward the Roald Dahl Children's Charity.

Have fun, boys!



# MATHS CHALLENGES!



## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Bear 4M	Daniil
Laith	Taymour
Ilai	Saverio
Andreas	Max
Kourosh	Thomas
Marco	Ziyang
Leo	Elias
Buxton The Saviour	Ethan
John	Adrien
Zahen	Elias
Nicolo	Beau
Ali	Suleman
Louie	Jasper
Yousif	Hayden
Alex	Antony
Arthur	Bailey
Raffi	

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Jasper
Seb
Reuben
Fire
Brazilian Barbeque Barbarian

### 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

See how quickly you can tackle this grand grid maze.

*Boiler 5:46 mins!!!*

## UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

*Brazilian Barbeque Barbarian* **FIGURE IT OUT 157**

34 Football mad **LEVEL 3**  
There are five teams in the Northern Bay Football League. All the teams are scheduled to play each other once. At one point during the season, the incomplete league table looks like this:

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	GOALS for	GOALS against
Brockington	2	2	0	0	5	2
Galway	2	1	1	0	7	4
Lingmouth	1	0	1	0	0	5
Shrubville	1	0	1	0	1	2
South Keel	2	1	1	0	2	2

Which matches have been played so far, and what were the scores?

*Galway beat Lingmouth 5-0 ✓  
Brockington beat Galway 4-2 ✓  
Brockington beat South Keel 6-0 ✓  
South Keel beat Shrubville 2-1 ✓*

*✓ (Score) BBP*

## Top Ten Speed Kings 2018-19

1	Samuele	Year 3	1 mins 49 sec
2	Taymour	Year 5	1 mins 59 sec
3	Sam	Year 5	2 mins 02 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	Aaron	Year 5	2 mins 34 sec
10	Ilai	Year 5	2 mins 43 sec

A calm has followed the storm that was the Bertolo Blockbuster time of 1 min 49 sec. The only change to the top ten is Jonah has replaced Ilai with an excellent time of 2 min 40 sec. All quiet on the western front.

Mr Gascoine



# French Department

## Journée Française

### Mr Brawn writes...

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, boys in Years 7 and 8 will enjoy Wetherby's own Journée Française.

Throughout the morning, the boys will try their hand at pétanque, show off their Montmartre-esque artistic skills, and will have their taste buds tickled with some delicious French foods. Furthermore, Chef Pete is preparing a delicious French-themed lunch for all boys to enjoy. Merci, Chef!

The boys are welcome to sport a moustache and beret for the occasion if they wish.



**UPPER SCHOOL**  
**JOURNEE FRANCAISE**

**MARDI 5 MARS**

- FOOD TASTING
- PÉTANQUE
- PORTRAITS IN MONTMARTRE

# Wetherby SPORT

## Cross Country

### 15/2/19 - Notting Hill Prep & Arnold House Cross Country

Everyone taking part gave 100% effort in their races and getting Wetherby to finish as high as possible. Special mentions go to Fergus (Year 6) and Filippo (Year 5) who finished second and also Dmitry who finished fourth in the Year 3 race.

### 25/2/19 - Under 11A-D vs. St Anthony's

4 wins for Wetherby and a nail biting finish for the A team who finished the game winning by a single try. With 3 minutes to go the A team were leading 35-30 and were resolute in defending their try line. By putting the opposition under constant pressure they were rewarded by the opposition making a mistake to give Wetherby possession and close the game out.

**Man of the match players: Fergus, John, Sid, Damien**

### 26/2/19- Under 9A-D vs. Arnold House

3 wins out of 4 for Wetherby. The Under 9s were demonstrating great passing to use the width of the pitch and attack the space the opposition were leaving for Wetherby to capitalise on.

**Man of the match players: Alessandro, Harrison, Ari, Murad**

### Under 9 Franchise

The Cyclops maintain their impressive winning streak, beating the Medusas whilst the Krackens also claimed victory against the Centaurs.

**Man of the players: Keyvan, Elias, Jamie**

### 27/2/19 - Under 13A& All Stars vs. St Anthony's

A massive win for the first team who won their second game of the season in convincing fashion 40-10. This was accompanied by victory for the All Stars against St Anthony's second team.

**Man of the match players: Nicolas, Noah**

# Half-term Activities

## Jack's visit to Paris

Jack (6L) went to Paris and walked 18 miles in two days, almost 40,000 steps, all in the beautiful sunshine! Jack loved Le Louvre the most, and was so close to the Mona Lisa!



### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3P	Samuele
4A	Thomas
	Louis
4L	David
4M	Henry
4S	Elias
5B	Sacha
5C	Tristan
5K	Laith
5S	Samuel

Upper School	
6J	Elyas
6L	Damien
6T	Brooks
7H	Ardavan
7M	Jake
7W	Oliver
8B	Toran
8F	Luca
8G	Aidan
8V	Brick
	Theodore

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Brick – 35
Theodore – 35

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson	Pembridge	Chepstow	Westbourne
704	599	582	516

### 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
13,848	12,864	11,656	10,937

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 4M</b> 222	<b>Form 5K</b> 185	<b>Form 6L</b> 170



# Photos of the Week



Cross Country





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