

WETHERBUZZ

2018/19 | Summer Term | Week 28



WEEK 28: Monday 6th — Sunday 12th May 2019

MONDAY

- **BANK HOLIDAY**

TUESDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Stowe Prep School Humanities Competition – all day
- Year 6 Science Trip to WSS – 11:30am-4pm
- Swimming for **5B, 5K and 5S** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U9 A – D vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm
- U8 A and B vs. Orchard House (A) – 2:30pm
- 5B and 5C Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

WEDNESDAY

- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U13 A London Cup vs. City of London (H) – 2:30pm
- U13 B vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm
- U12 A vs. Eaton House The Manor (A) – 2:30pm
- U12 B vs. Eaton House the Manor (H) - 2:30pm
- Year 7 Residential Information Evening – 5:30pm

THURSDAY

- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Year 7 & 8 Internet Safety Talk in the Pioneer Hall – 11:30am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A – D vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm
- Alpha Plus English Forum – 4-6pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm
- Year 7 & 8 Parents' Internet Safety Talk at Hannah House – 6pm

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
- Headmaster's Ball, The Landmark Hotel – 7pm

SATURDAY

Monday Clubs

Tuesday Clubs

- **Morning Mental Maths** – 7:45-8:20am
- **Morning 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

- **Morning Drawing** – 7:45-8:20am
- **Swimming** – Upper School Swim Squad A&B – 7:30-8:20am
- **Elite Chess** – 8-9am
- **D & T / 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
- **Morning Running** - 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

SUNDAY

- Year 8 Rowing Ball Cup Regatta—all day

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I don't tend to watch much television these days. Though it may be on, it tends often to be background noise, as I spend my downtime surfing the internet to read up on useless information and buying things I don't need, the latest acquisition being a high pressure water hose to clean the front drive even though I don't have an outside tap and hose that would reach; bought it anyway, as I couldn't help myself. My finger is also hovering dangerously over buying an 80" television for the newly decorated sitting room, ironic seeing as I don't watch much television but, when I do, best watch it on a massive, hi-res screen eh?



There are occasions though when I become so utterly engrossed in a particular programme that it reminds me what an effective and important medium television is for information and entertainment. One such example over the past few weeks has been the second series of 'A House Through Time' on BBC 2. A research team leads us through all the families that lived at a house in Newcastle since it was built. I was particularly interested as I spent a year in Newcastle completing my PGCE (teacher training) and, whilst only there a short while, I still have a deep affection and interest in that (often forgotten) area of the UK. It was fascinating to learn about the different characters that occupied the house and learn of their experiences which supported a narrative of what was going on in the UK, specifically Newcastle, at different times. Too often, we just concern ourselves with the here and now and don't appreciate or respect history; this programme really encourages one to think about one's own house, what had gone on over the years and what clues to look for. When we moved into our home, the previous owner told us that she thought there was a ghost in the house but not to worry as it was a "happy ghost." I'm assuming he or she is still happy as we have properly messed around with its accommodation over the past six months but haven't heard or seen any signs of complaint...

Last week in Assembly, I spoke to the boys about respecting our school building and, whilst they do this most of the time, maybe they would respect and admire it more if they appreciated what it has been in the past. Our building at 48 has a fascinating history. Originally built as a private house of course, you can still see what each room was used for in some of the cornicing or decorative panels. Images of musical instruments in 6T for example tell us that this was once the music room. A knowledgeable local resident assures me that Chopin played piano in the Pioneer Hall when visiting London in 1837. We know for a fact that the building was used as a hospital for wounded officers after the Second World War. This building has so many stories to tell and maybe, just maybe, in years to come, someone might use Numbers 47 and 48 Bryanston Square for 'A House Through Time' programme, noting that in 2019, *****insert name of your child here*****, Prime Minister between *****insert dates here*****, attended Wetherby Preparatory School on this very site.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend and build up to the Ball a week today. Look out, Marylebone...

Nick Baker

Kindness Cup



Oscar and Sebastian (6T)

I was really impressed with these two boys this week. As we were walking back to Wetherby, the boys noticed some rubbish strewn across the street on Bryanston Square and went out of their way to pick it up and put it in the bin. They weren't expecting any praise for their actions and instead said it was important to look after our environment, especially with the recent focus on climate change. Excellent attitude, boys. **Mrs Furnell**

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ Emmanuel (6L)

Mani gave up his place in the Year 6 Top Gun Maths Quiz Team (the best of the best) for another boy. He's a great kid and a really kind and considerate thing to do. **Mr Gascoine**

◆ Tommi (6J)

As Kourosh was leaving for his bus, he dropped all his match attack cards on the floor. Tommi immediately spotted this and helped him pick them all up so he wouldn't be late for his bus. **Mrs Furnell**

◆ **Yousif (5K)**

At break time I was extremely thirsty but then Yousif kindly offered me some of his water from his bottle. **Antony**

◆ **Teo (8G)**

Teo has been helping me teach the boys in violin club. He has a great attitude and the boys love having him there. **Miss Orpwood**

◆ **Gregory (7M)**

I have never met anyone with manners like Gregory. He is the most polite boy who always ask how I am (and other teachers). He's a real asset to the school and a good role model for the younger boys. **Miss Orpwood**

◆ **Leonardo (6L)**

What a polite young man. He was a joy to have at running club today and was so kind and supportive of all of the boys in the club. Later in the day I was in the dining room and witnessed him being great company at a table of boys and (despite not being on community duty) took the time to leave his area tidy by picking up waste from the floor. **Mr Lock**

◆ **Maxwell (7H)**

Maxwell could see I was struggling with the board and the laptop, without a word he came to the front, changed around a few cables with his expert knowledge and got it working immediately so I could start the lesson, so calm and thoughtful! **Mrs Harris**



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Antony in 5K**. We always enjoy a positive outlook, cheery smile and pleasant, unaffected, sincere good manners here at Wetherby, qualities that Antony has in abundance. He is a delight to teach in the classroom, a pleasure to meet around school and always finds time to smile and acknowledge those around him. Well done, Antony!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is **Luca in 8F**. Luca has 'invested' in his cricket skills, attending all pre-season training and putting his all into honing his skills before the start of the competitive season. Superb on the pitch and an attentive, well-mannered observer on the boundary, Luca can anticipate an exciting cricketing summer. Well done, Luca!

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 30th April 2019

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Inter-House Music Competition** – Mr Brawn and Miss Orpwood are organising the Inter-House Music Competition this term and have asked School Council and the boys in the school to put forward some 'pop' song ideas for each house to sing. Max, Head Chorister, spoke further about this in the meeting and has asked School Council representatives to speak to their forms and bring two song requests to the meeting next week.
- **Wetherby flag** – A few boys have asked for the Wetherby flag to be returned to the flagpole outside the building.
- **Charity Days** – The boys are keen on raising money for charity through a 'PJ Day' or having a 'Jeans for Genes Day'.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7th May at 8:30am in the Dining Room.

English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"The countryside was an alien world; it stretched like a great quilt of golden, brown, green squares held together by the thick green stitching of the hedgerows. It rose and fell like the giant waves on the gentle ocean."

Matthew 6T

"Captain Bone shuffled along the sturdy floor with his hooked foot, picked up his trusty telescope and looked for hope"

Daniel Y3

"The basil floor of the moss green forest glimmered with cerulean droplets while birds sang like opera singers"

Michael Y5

"Suddenly, the horn of the ship thundered as we looked up in the frozen wonders of the North."

Alex Y5

"Sometimes there is a sort of internal sorrow, as if the person knows that they were the unlucky person that fate had picked on." "The sun rises, and the sound of the wind blows away dreams."

Thomas 6J

MATHS CHALLENGES!



LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Arthur
Zehen
Fire
Sacha
Daniil
Nathan
Saverio
Laith
Taymour

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Fire
Ice
Despacito
Sami
The Fire Extinguisher
Lucas
Sheep from Space
Jasper
Bob the Builder
Charles
Reuben
Maxwell
Theodore
Snail 2.0

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

puzzle no. **66**

Each symbol is worth a number. The total of the symbols can be found alongside a row and two columns. What number should replace the question mark?

▲	*	●	▲	85
■	●	*	▲	
*	▲	●	▲	
●	■	*	■	?
				50 45

Handwritten notes:

- * + 0 = 25
- 85 - 25 = 60
- 60 ÷ 2 = 30
- = 30
- 45 - 30 = 15
- 15 ÷ 3 = 5
- Δ = 5
- 30 + 5 + 25 = 60

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

puzzle no. **73**

Five We cannot be bound and we will burn you to the ground

Which two numbers on the square do not fit the pattern and why?

3	17	11	9
5	15	7	13
12	8	1	19
2	10	16	4

Handwritten notes:

- 3 + 17 = 20
- 11 + 9 = 20
- 5 + 15 = 20
- 7 + 13 = 20
- 12 + 8 = 20
- 1 + 19 = 20
- 2 + 18 = 20
- 16 + 4 = 20
- All pairs = 20 except 2 and 10

Top Ten Speed Kings 2018-19

1	Samuele	Year 3	1 mins 49 sec
2	Oliver	Year 4	1 mins 56 sec
3	Taymour	Year 5	1 mins 59 sec
4	Sam	Year 5	2 mins 02 sec
5	Ezra	Year 4	2 mins 09 sec
6	Miron	Year 5	2 mins 17 sec
7	Max	Year 4	2 mins 17 sec
8	Jake	Year 5	2 mins 27 sec
9	Diego	Year 4	2 mins 28 sec
10	Zehen	Year 5	2 mins 29 sec

Not even the Lower School Assessments can stand in the way of a Wertherby Speedster! Despite the exam week, three of the top ten have cemented their claims to be the personality of the Top Ten, in this academic year. Oliver has broken the 2 minute barrier with 1.56, Ezra has shaved 2 seconds off his PB and Max has jumped from 10th to 7th with an improvement of 13 seconds. A great week for Year 4.

Mr Gascoine



11th Annual Wetherby Chess Tournament

Mr Gascoine writes...

Here we go again! Summer is the term of chess. I have included the pupils who have entered each competition this year. And what a list it is! All the great and the good are represented in this list, indeed each pupil has obvious taste, intelligence and a will to win. Thanks to all pupils for putting their name and reputation on the line this year.

I will be making the draw during form-time on Tuesday 7th May with the official, unbiased, ruthless and unforgiving BINGO WHEEL. With each ball representing the number of a pupil. How will the draw unfold? It's in the lap of the gods (great Queen song). Good luck to all.

Past Winners

2009 – Charlie
2010 – Pip
2011 – Ramon
2012 – Charlie
2013 – Tom
2014 – Tom
2015 – George
2016 – Nadhmi
2017 – Nadhmi
2018 – Nadhmi



Art Department

Young Art Competition Results

Miss Kirby writes...

This week 5 Wetherby artists have been invited to the private view of the Young Art Competition where they are exhibited at the prestigious Royal College of Art in South Kensington.

We have had our most successful year ever and have the following results.

Commended: Fergus, Tito and Arki all in Year 6.

Highly commended: Alberto in Year 8.

First prize in the drawing category, with over 8000 artworks submitted for judging, Max in Year 6.

What an incredible achievement for this set of artists. Well done!



Wetherby SPORT

Cricket Term

26/4/19 - Under 12A vs. Kingsdale Foundation

The under 12a's are through to the next round of the cup after a 2 wicket win against Kingsdale Foundation. We restricted the visitors to 67-5 off 18 overs after some accurate bowling and then Zayn and Seb saw us home both finishing not out on 20 and 30 respectively.

Man of the match: Zayn

29/4/19 - Under 11 A&B vs. Sussex House

The A team had a good start to the season whilst the B team will be looking to get a win in their game after two close matches against Sussex House.

Man of the match players: Chase, Edward

30/4/19 - Under 9A-D

Opening games defeats for the A and B team whilst the D team started their campaign with a win and the C team drew their first game.

Man of the match players: Alex, Oliver, Diego, Ali

Under 8A&B vs. Chepstow House

The Year 3s complete the double for the first time this season with victory against both of Chepstow Houses A and B team sides.

Man of the match players: Theo, Lorenzo

1/5/19- Under 12A and B vs. Thomas' Battersea

Two fantastic games of cricket with the B team playing out a draw in what was a closely contested game and the A team halfway to chasing Thomas' total of 126. Strong contributions from Seb who hit 46, Edward 21 and economical bowling from Malhotra.

Man of the match players: Seb, Massimiliano

Under 13A & B vs. Devonshire House and Notting Hill Prep

The under 13B team lost by 35 runs in their opening game of the season whilst the A team completed a tense 7 run victory thanks to 4 wickets from Frankie. Tight bowling from the rest of the bowling unit and 30 not out from Adam helped get Wetherby over the line.

Man of the match players: Luca, Ethan

Notices

Mental Health and Wellbeing Talk for Parents

Miss Aitken writes...

We are all very excited for Dick Moore's talk on the 13th May from 5.15-6.30pm in the Pioneer Hall and looking forward to seeing lots of you there! He will be talking about mental health and wellbeing and was a huge success when he spoke at the Senior School last term. Please confirm your attendance with the PTA (pta@wetherbyprep.co.uk) or send me an email. Kind regards and have a wonderful weekend!

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3P	Dmitry	6J	Elyas
4A	Louis	6L	Shivam
4L	Xan	6T	Aditya
4M	Henry	7H	Kilian
4S	Oscar		Maximilian
5B	Elendu	7M	Roberson
5C	Nima	7W	George
5K	Finlay	8B	Gideon
5S	Oliver	8F	Nicholas
	Harry	8G	Teo
		8V	Luke
			Ashaan

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Nima – 35

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson	Chepstow	Westbourne	Pembridge
402	371	341	318

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
17,086	16,104	14,477	14,288

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5C 152	Form 7M 122	Form 3P 118



Out of School Achievements

Rory (7H)—Marathon

Rory and Cam represented our London borough of RBKC today in the kids part of the London Marathon. It's a 5k race from Billingsgate to the finish on the Mall. Cam finished it in 18.25, Ror is 19.12.

In addition, they raised the largest amount of money for their running club, a community based club called Thames Valley Harriers. Their prize for this is to meet the marathon superstar, Paula Radcliffe.

Oliver (5S)—Charity brownies and hot chocolate sale

Last Saturday, Oliver made and sold chocolate brownies and hot chocolate to cars passing by to raise money for Cancer Research. It was a challenge as it was in the middle of a very quiet Oxfordshire country lane with wind, cold and rain! But amazingly, along with his brother Harry, they raised £19!



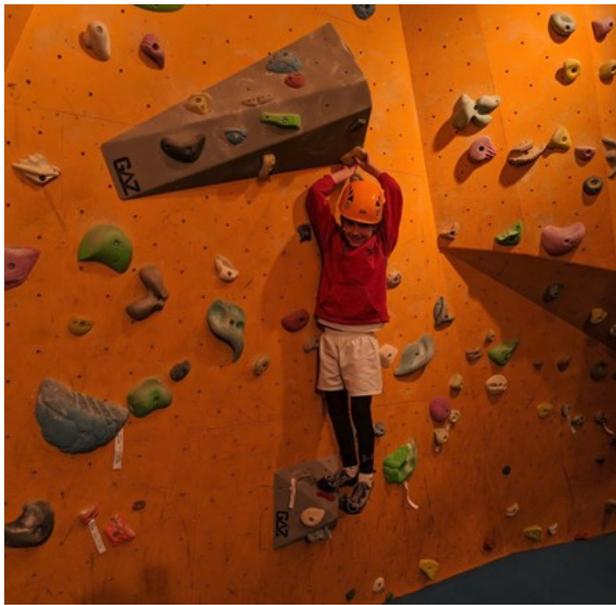
Taymour and Laith World Schools Chess Championships in Turkey

The boys felt very privileged to be able to represent England in the Under 11 section of the WSCC in Turkey. The tournament was 9 days long with one slow play game every day. The boys played against some of the very top chess players from all over the world. This was their first international tournament and even though they were under 10's competing in an under 11 tournament they did very well. Their games were incredibly long, lasting over 4 hours most days and every game was a very close hard fight. Some of the highlights were Laith beating a much higher rated Turkish opponent after a tough 3 hour battle. Taymour had some great wins too and came very close to beating one of the strongest Turkish players in the first round, where he was winning the entire game right up until the end. The last couple of rounds were exciting as well with good wins and draws for both Taymour and Laith.



Photos of the Week

The boys had a great time monkeying around at Rock Climbing on Monday!





Xander at the Kaleidoscope exhibition last weekend



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