

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Autumn Term | Week 5



WEEK 5: 30th September — 6th October 2019

MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A, C, E, G, I vs. North Bridge House (H) – 2:30pm
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. Hampton Prep (A) – 2:30pm
- Wetherby Senior School Prep School Heads' Dinner - pm

Monday Clubs

- Chamber Choir – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing – 4-5pm
- Debating – 4-5pm
- Drawing – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Football – 4-6pm
- Latin – Scholarship – 4-5pm
- Indoor Sports – 4-5pm
- Lego – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

TUESDAY

- Year 7 Assessment Day at Harrow – all day
- Swimming for **5K, 5O and 5T** – 9-11am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 Dulwich College Football Tournament (A) – pm
- U9 A, C, E, G vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm
- U9 B, D, F, H vs. Hampton Prep (H) – 2:30pm
- U8 vs. Arnold House (A) – 2:30pm
- Guide to Senior Schools Application Process for Year 5 & 6 – 6pm

Tuesday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20am
- Morning Running – 7:45-8:20am
- Wetherby Voices – 8-9am
- Art & Crafts – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Cricket Academy – Theory Session – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Latin – Common Entrance – 4-5pm
- Robotics – 4-5pm
- Wetherby Choir – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

WEDNESDAY

- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U13 A, B, D and U12 C vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm
- U12 A, B, D and U13 C vs. The Hall (H) – 2:30pm

Wednesday Clubs

- Morning Drawing – 7:45-8:20am
- Swimming – Upper School Swim Squad A&B – 7:30-8:30am
- Elite Chess – 8-9am
- Code Club – Lower School – 4-5pm
- D&T / Engineering Club – 4-5pm
- Detectives – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Maths Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm
- Music Club – Theory and Musicianship – 4-5pm
- Reasoning – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Swimming – Lower School Swim Squad – 4:15-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm


THURSDAY

- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A, C, E, G vs. North Bridge House (A) – 2:30pm
- U10 B, D, F vs. St Stephen's (H) – 2:30pm
- 6A and 6C Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

Thursday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20
- Rowing – 7:15-9am
- Running – 7:45-8:45am
- Swimming – School Swim Squad – 7:30-8:30am
- Bowed Strings – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Code Club – Upper School – 4-5pm
- Drawing Club – Upper School – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Maths Revision – 4-5pm
- Science Club – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

FRIDAY

- SLT to APG Conference – all day
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am
- **THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM** 
- WPS U13 6-a-side Tournament (H) – pm
- IAPS U11 Football Tournament @ Chigwell School – all day

Friday Clubs

- Whole School Clubs – 2:15-4pm

SATURDAY

- SLT to APG Conference – all day

SUNDAY

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Showing Off Alert...Showing Off Alert...but I spent the early part of this week in New York City, visiting one of our sister schools, Wetherby-Pembridge New York, where previous Deputy Head of Wetherby Prep, Kate Bailey, is Headmistress. Henry Keighley-Elstub, Head of Pembridge Hall (and also a previous Deputy Head of this school...theme developing here...) and I travelled out to speak at a launch event of a new publication they have released detailing the virtues of a British education abroad. I was back at Wetherby Prep (London branch) yesterday and as much as I was probably expected to say, "It was hard work and very tiring," to our hardworking staff here, I had to be honest and say, "Really good fun; it felt like a holiday!"



Kate Bailey has done a brilliant job setting up the school over there which feels very much like 'home' and has the same feel, ethos and culture of our school here. The Alpha Plus Group, Henry Keighley-Elstub and I are very proud of what has been created in New York and with expansion in pupil numbers and organic growth in the number of year groups, there are plans afoot to increase the provision and improve the facilities yet further (more themes developing here...). We will, no doubt, visit again in the future and hopefully set up a programme whereby staff at both schools visit to present workshops and learn from each other. When I visited this week, I took my HMGS stamp and gleefully stamped a number of boys' and girls' work which was particularly impressive – their names were read out in this morning's Assembly and are listed in this Wetherbuzz for posterity.

I have only visited New York once before when on consultation for the School in 2016 and that was only for 24 hours; this trip allowed me time to explore the city a bit more and, as with London, the best way to do this was on a *Citibike*. I cycled from 90th and 5th, through Central Park down to the Columbus Monument, and then down to the Financial District before turning round to go back up through Times Square and then through Central Park again. Manhattan, as I found out, is a big area and what I thought could be done within the hour was four times that. Despite being almost constantly honked at, it was an amazing experience to explore such an incredibly vibrant, interesting and colourful city in this way. Everything is on such a grand scale, it's difficult to take it all in at times. I simply love the American approach to customer service; it doesn't matter whether it's a restaurant, bar, taxi, street vendor or policeman at a traffic junction, everyone is so welcoming and pleased to serve and engage a visitor in a warm and affectionate manner. The pride that New Yorkers have in their city is so emphatic that it makes me question whether we, as Londoners, have the same feeling of pride in our own city. I'd like to think so but maybe we just show it with understated enthusiasm – maybe that's just our way?

As visitors to the school will have seen yesterday and today, the planned roadworks have started. So far so good but this clearly requires management on an epic scale on our side and patience on your side as buses may be arriving later than planned to their destination. Hopefully, they will have finished by the end of next week and we can return to normal. In any event, as busy as you think the traffic can be in London, that is nothing compared to the hustle and bustle of the Big Apple – might be difficult to imagine at times but we clearly have it good over here!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

Guide to Senior Schools' Evening for Year 5 (and 6) 6pm 1 October 2019

This Tuesday at 6pm we will be holding the annual 'Guide to Senior Schools' evening. All Year 5 parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting. It is also open to Year 6 parents who may have missed the presentation in January or if they want an update or clarification on the process. I will go through the application process and there will also be input from Mr Lock regarding the Atom Learning platform and from Ms Russell, regarding her views on what boys would be suitable for day/boarding schools.



Henry Keighley-Elstub (Head of Pembridge Hall), me, Kate Bailey (Head of Wetherby-Pembridge NYC) and Mark Hanley-Browne (CEO of Alpha Plus Group).



NRB on epic NYC bike ride – 'on Broadway'



NRB on epic NYC bike ride with rubbish picture of Empire State Building in background.



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Theodore Q in 4H**. Theodore is such an upbeat, personable and charming individual, it was no surprise he was put forward by so many staff in this morning's meeting. Well done, Theodore!



Sportsman of the Week

A 'ball playing goalkeeper' is what every professional team seems to want these days and we have one in **Beckett W (7B)**! Beckett is the best goalkeeper in the year group and played outfield this week and managed to score two goals—superb at both ends of the pitch—well done, Beckett!



Class-Achievement

Tuesday Morning Running Club

Kindness Cup



Jasper F (6M)

- ♦ Jasper was extremely kind and considerate to another child during a Science lesson. The child had missed a few lessons during which we had prepared and looked at onion and cheek cells under a microscope. He helped them draw out an example of a cheek cell, using his initiative to get a textbook to help, and referred to photographs that we took so that the child felt he had not missed out. Francis Crick would be proud! **Miss Lister**
- ♦ I would like to nominate Jasper because he helped me catch up in Science when I missed a lesson. **Taymour A**

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- ♦ **Sacha Abecassis (6C) and Kourosh Moghadam (6M)**

There were a few footballs not put back in the bag during break duty on Wednesday and these two very kindly volunteered to return the rest of them. Great attitude! **Mrs Furnell**

♦ **Charles P and Alfie A (6F)**

I left my jacket in my office for break duty and Charles, very kindly, picked this up for me whilst Alfie went to put Charles' folder away so he wouldn't be late for break duty. The kindness dream team! **Mrs Furnell**

♦ **Nicolo F (5K)**

At lunch, Nicolo in 5K offered to take all of our ice cream pots to the bin from the table. That was very kind to all of us and why I think he deserves the Kindness Cup. **Sebastian B**

♦ **Quinn G and 5K**

I would also like to nominate Quinn again as week on week, he helps to tidy the classroom before leaving. I would also nominate many of the boys in 5k as they always welcome me in the morning and say good morning which makes such a difference and is a lovely way to start the day. **Miss Kroiter**

♦ **Aran M (6C) and Edward H (7B)**

These are two of Wetherby's finest boys. During run club they were wonderful company and very supportive and encouraging of each other to plough on through the rain. Excellent manners and conduct outside of school despite the early hours and wet conditions. **Mr Lock**

♦ **Maximilian A H (8G)**

I always catch him doing really lovely things for his peers like helping them out if they are stuck, reminding them to get on task but what I am most impressed with is how he ALWAYS ensures his classmates are feeling included. If there is a boy sitting on his own – Max will call him over. He does this during lesson time and I break time. He never does this for recognition from teachers, it is always done in a subtle and low key way. He is a genuinely lovely and kind boy – Mr Inclusive. **Miss Casserly**

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 24th September 2019

Time: 8:30am

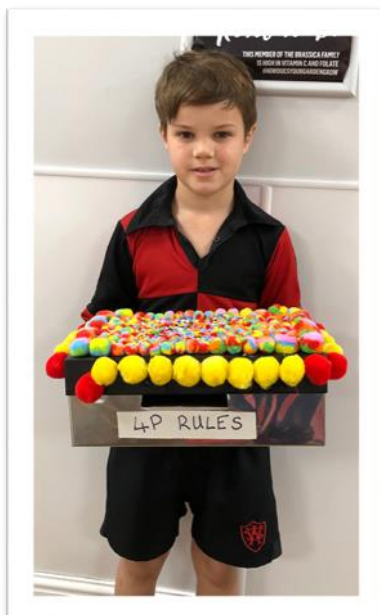
Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Mufti Day** – Miss Kroiter has very kindly organised a charity 'Mufti Day' on Friday 18th October (the day of half term). Boys are permitted to dress in their own clothes, provided they bring in £1 for charity. Please can School Council Representatives remind their forms about this and all money handed in to the form tutor that week.
- **Wetherby branded Christmas item** – School Council are very excited about the idea of bringing in a Wetherby branded Christmas gift. We will discuss this more next week but some possible suggestions include:
 - Wetherby Snow Globe
 - Wetherby Christmas Star/Bauble
- **Form School Council Box** – There are some brilliant boxes and the boys have worked hard on designing these. The winner of the design will be announced in Friday Assembly...
- **Tennis Inter-House and Tennis Club** – Boys would be really keen on organising this for the Summer Term and bringing back a Tennis Club.
- **Wetherby House Mascots** – Bring back the Wetherby House Mascots! House Captains will be going on a rescue mission to find them this morning...

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1st October at 8:30am in the Dining Room.

Winners: Justin W and Bailey P!





MATHS CHALLENGES!

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Oh dear.

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Reuben J	Taymour A
Elliot C	Daniil K
Burrito Boy	Laith A
Ben G	Philip M
Nicolo F	Oscar D
Max CB	Brazilian Barbeque
The Great Snail	Jasper H
Jack D	Skinny Beef
Maxwell B	Elendu U
Afonso De Lacerda	

LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

SKINNY BEEF no. 22

Fill in the empty boxes so that every line adds up to 10, including the lines that go from corner to corner, using only one number. What is it?

2	4	2	0	2
4	2	2	2	0
2	2	2	2	2
0	2	2	2	4
2	0	2	4	2

Please remember to write your full name on the answer sheets.



Top Ten Speed Kings

1.	Junyi C	Year 5	2 mins 29 secs
2.	Alessandro A	Year 5	2 mins 48 secs
3.	Eren E	Year 4	3 mins 2 secs
4.	Dylan E	Year 4	3 mins 40 secs
5.	Jai M	Year 4	4 mins 36 secs
6.	Reno B	Year 4	4 mins 23 secs
7.	Alastair O	Year 4	4 mins 28 secs

Mr Gascoine writes...

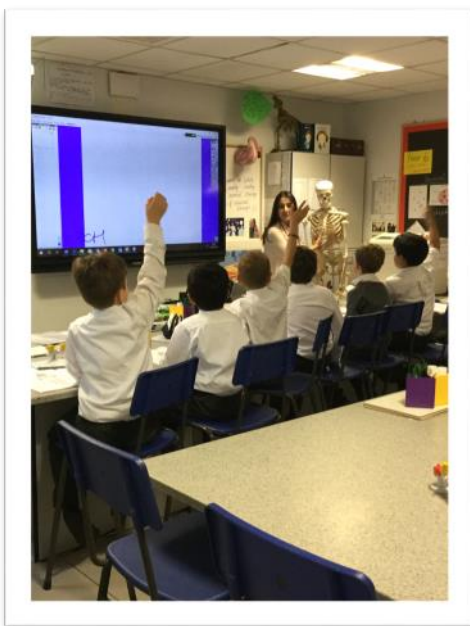
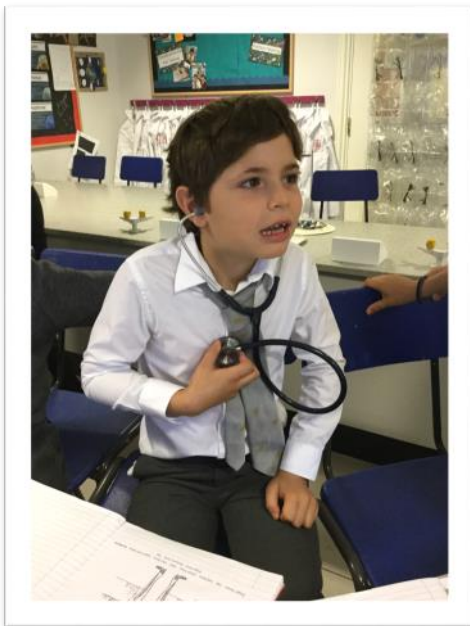
So here we go on another roller-coaster ride of emotions, intrigue and blistering talent, that is 2019-20 Speed Test Kings. For the more observant of you, we currently have an initial Top 7, led by the chess playing, number crunching Junyi Chen. It's a great opening time and one to aim for. Congratulations to all who have made the first top ten. Will they manage to stay in the hunt for glory and Top Ten immortality. Only time will tell.



Science Department

Miss Hood writes...

At the start of the year, Ahmad very excitedly informed the class about his mother, who is a doctor. On Thursday morning, we had Mrs Sharif (Ahmad's mother) come into 3H's science lesson to teach us all about the human body. The boys had a fantastic lesson and learnt lots of new and exciting information about the human skeleton, the locations names of bones and even tested to hear their heartbeat with a stethoscope!



Music Department

Miss Hood writes...

3P's Egyptian mummy song

Mrs Tomsett-Rowe invited Mrs Mandic and me into 3H's music lesson on Thursday to let us watch the boys perform their Egyptian mummy song that they had been rehearsing. The boys really got stuck into the performance and listened to the musical cues to know when to play their instrument, when to do their actions and when to sing. It was brilliant!



ICT Department

Mr Bayes writes...

Touch typing

Dear Parents,

Touch typing still remains an important life skill and one the focuses of the ICT curriculum this term is touch typing.

Your son will have receive his typing club username and password shortly in ICT lessons and he is encouraged to access the site www.wetherbyprep.typingclub.com and type for 20 mins, twice a week.


If you would like any extra tuition for your son outside of school, I would like to recommend Naomi Martin.

We have been working with Naomi for a number of years. She is very thorough in her approach and has an excellent track record of improving the speed and accuracy of typers of any age.

Parents have been thrilled with the accelerated progress their sons have made under Naomi's tutelage.


If you would like to give you son and extra boost, please contact Naomi above.

If you mention Wetherby Prep, she will apply a 10% to any course booked.

Naomi Martin 
touch typing

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- Morning and afternoon classes
- Based in Fulham
- 90 Minute Classes
- Small Groups
- Ages 7+



Contact Naomi: naomi@nmtouchtyping.co.uk
www.nmtouchtyping.co.uk Tel: 07949 204 553

Wetherby SPORT

Football Term Sports Report

U10 A – G vs. Arnold House and Thomas's Fulham

The U10s recorded 3 wins and 2 draws with the highlight being a 4-2 victory for the A team vs. Arnold House.

Man of the match A's: Ari S
Man of the match B's: James A
Man of the match C's: Alexandre D
Man of the match D's: Oliver F
Man of the match E's: Felix R
Man of the match F's: George Y
Man of the match G's: Ethan R

U11 A to G v The Falcons and Thomas's Fulham

The U11s picked up 2 wins from 8 matches against two tough opposition. The highlight being a 4-2 win for the A team vs. Thomas's Fulham.

Man of the match A's: John C
Man of the match B's: Sholto S
Man of the match C's: Vihaan T
Man of the match D's: Elendu U
Man of the match E's: Jasper Farhadi
Man of the match F's: Alistair F
Man of the match G's: Lucas W
Man of the match H's: Laith A

U9 A - G vs. The Falcons and Thomas's Fulham

The U9s picked up 5 wins from 8 matches. The highlight being an outstanding 3-1 victory for the B team vs. Thomas's Fulham A team.

Man of the match A's: Kian D
Man of the match B's: Oliver M
Man of the match C's: Alexander TW
Man of the match D's: Luxx TG
Man of the match E's: Reno B
Man of the match F's: Theodore E
Man of the match G's: Zachary N
Man of the match H's: Alexander H

U13 A and B vs. The Falcons

Both A and B team picked up comprehensive victories over the Falcons on Wednesday, scoring a combined 15 goals and conceding 0, a fantastic effort.

Man of the match A's: Kilian S

Man of the match B's: Thompson H

U12 A vs. The Falcons

The U12 As recording a smashing 13-0 victory over the Falcons with 9 of the team scoring goals, an outstanding team performance.

Man of the Match A's: Sid G

U13 C vs. U12 B

The U12 B team came away with the bragging rights this time round recording a 5-1 victory over the U13 C team.

Man of the match: Ethan R



U9 C vs. Thomas's Fulham



My Bayes writes...

Swimming News

Friendly gala vs St Paul's and Latymer

The Wetherby Swim team enjoyed their first outing of the season, with a friendly on Thursday 19th October against St Paul's and Latymer. Full credit to the new members of the squad who performed admirably and showed gritty determination and a positive attitude when racing. The Year 3 squad of Gleb Ishchenko, Elliot Schwimmer and Hector Nahal swam fantastically well and revelled in the competition. The Year 4 swimmers of Nicolas Venuti, Kian Davis, Benjamin Meyohas, Felix El Zaouk, Dylan Evans, Mattias Cruickshank, Leonardo Pennetta and Caspar Vincent represented the school with distinction. Proving without doubt that Mr Baker has recruited some very talented swimmers into Year 4. The Year 5 and 6 swimmers are stacked with talent and performed superbly well with multiple one-two finishes. The future of Wetherby Swimming is looking very bright indeed and I thoroughly look forward to observing how squad members from Year 3 to 6 perform in the upcoming London League Qualifiers. The Year 7 and 8 swimmers faced stiff competition from very strong Latymer and St Paul's squad and swam very well, giving a good account of themselves with some solid swimming and determined efforts.

There was no official result, but my calculations put Wetherby second overall, a fantastic result.

Serpentine Charity Swim

Hats off to Jonny C in Year 8 who represented Wetherby Prep in the Serpentine Charity Swim on Saturday 21st September. Johnny powered around the half mile course in just under 25 minutes and supported an amazing cause; The Children With Cancer UK. Upon the completion of the swim I asked Johnny whether he could have completed another lap of the circuit. Johnny, a man of few words simply replied "Yep". Well done, Jonny. I look forward to Year 7 and 8 swimmers aged 12 years or older competing next year.



Year 6 squad training for IAPS

Great to see the Year 6 squad swimmers training hard for the IAPS Nationals 2020. After finishing a hugely credible 8th position at the IAPS 2019 Championships at the Olympic Pool in May this year, the 5 swimmers of Elendu U, Filippo H, Kieran O'K, Taymour A and Beau F have set their sights on winning this year's relay event. Good attitude boys. Train hard and the sky is the limit.



Holiday Clubs

Mr Bayes writes...

Holiday Clubs at Wetherby Prep

Please click on the link to the Wetherby Prep Holiday Club website.

<https://sites.google.com/wetherbyprepstudents.co.uk/clubsinformation/home>

Here you will find information on the clubs that will be running each holiday break including the activities that are planned, event timings, contact details and more. We strive hard to deliver an exciting program that will keep your sons active, engaged and busy.

Clubs that are running this Autumn Half Term:

- **Football Club**
- **Adventure Club**
- **Cookery / Art Club**
- **Space Club**
- **Drama Club**

We hope your son enjoys his holiday clubs experience.

Kind regards,
Dean Bayes - Wetherby Prep Holiday Clubs Coordinator

Out of School Achievements

WPS Leaver 2013 — Olly W

Last week, Thomas W's (5A) brother Olly (WPS Leaver 2013) received his Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He has excelled at marksmanship, received 'gold commando' for physical training and been on jungle warfare training in Brunei and Thailand. It seems like a long time ago when he was one of the boys that moved from Notting Hill to Bryanston Square! He has another year to go in the Army and then will be back to King's College London Medical School in 2020.



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Philip B-S	6A	Aaron M-S
	Raahil U	6C	Daniil K
4E	Nicholas J	6F	Lucas W
4H	Alexander TW	6M	Aran M
4P	Reno B	7B	Aditya D
	Moritz K	7L	Chase D
	Alexander H	7M	Leonardo B
4S	Theodore S	8B	Gregory G
	Louis V-S	8G	Edward J
	Adam I	8S	George S
5A	Oliver B	8V	Nadhmi A
5K	Chase D		
5O	Elias R		
5T	Alexander W		

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Alexander T-W – 28

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
611	577	524	425

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
1,739	1,738	1,470	1,343

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5K 224	Form 3H 180	Form 6C 172



Photos of the Week

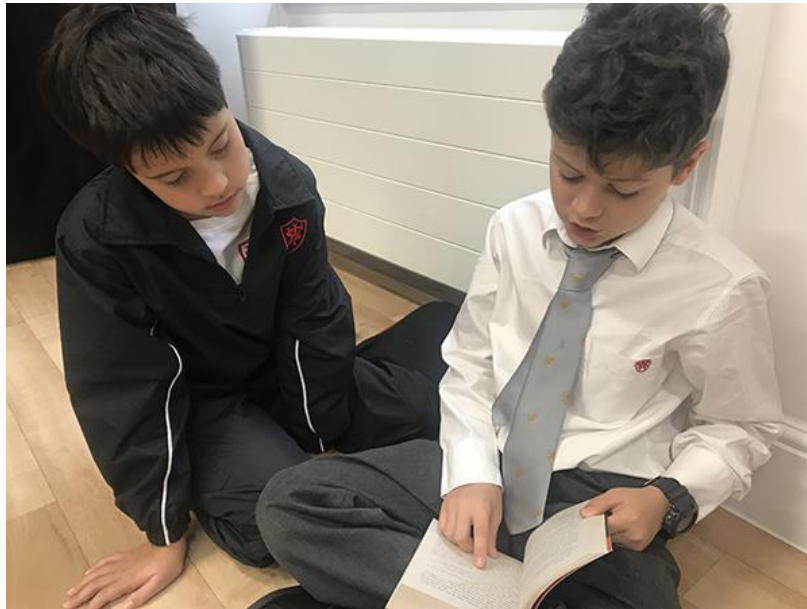
Form Reading Buddy TakeOver



3P and 4P



3P and 7M



5A and 6A



5K and 7L



6C and 4H



6C and 4H



6F and 8V



6F and 8V



7L and 5K



8S and 6M







4H and 7M



4E and 5O



5O and 4E



5O and 4E

Found! Thank you, House Captains for finding the mascots!



The boys are treated to sushi at lunch



Thomas W (5A) enjoyed the beautiful sunshine last weekend at Longleat Safari seeing lions, tigers, cheetahs, monkeys and feeding the cheeky deer who peeped through his window



Mr Penycad visited Year 5 & 6 music classes to demonstrate the trumpet and trombone. These are 'rare' instruments, meaning not many people play them. Would you like to learn? Contact Mrs Tomsett-Rowe for more details.



“Behind the scenes” from the PTA meeting



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