

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Autumn Term | Week 7



WEEK 7: 14th — 20th October 2019

MONDAY

- Mr Baker to State Opening of Parliament – am
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Year 6 Social Media Assembly – 8:35am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A, C, E, G Quadrangular Tournament: The Mall, Falcons, Hampton Prep (A) – 2:30pm
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. Thomas's Clapham (H) – 2:30pm

TUESDAY

- Swimming for **5K, 5O and 5T** – 9-11am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- Finton House U8 Football Tournament (A) – 1:15pm
- Knightsbridge U9 Football Tournament (A) – 1pm
- U9 C, E, G Quadrangular Tournament: The Mall, Falcons, Hampton Prep (A) – 2:30pm
- U9 B, D, F, H vs. St Stephen's (H) – 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Mock Interviews for Scholars – 8:30am-1pm
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- 1st XI vs. Westminster Under School (A) – 3pm
- 2nd XI vs. Westminster Under School (A) – 3pm
- Franchise Cup vs. Westminster Under School (H) – 2:30pm
- **Wetherby Prep School Open Evening – 6pm**

THURSDAY

- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A, C, E, G, I, J vs. King's House School (A) – 2:30pm
- U10 B, D, F, H vs. Fulham Prep (H) – 2:30pm
- Ski Trip Information Evening – 6pm

FRIDAY

- Mufti Day
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am
- **THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM** 
- WPS U8 Football Tournament (H) – 12:30pm
- **HALF TERM – BOYS BREAK UP AT 4pm**

SATURDAY

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 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 – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Latin – Common Entrance – 4-5pm
- Robotics – 4-5pm
- Wetherby Choir – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

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 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 Clubs

- Whole School Clubs – 2:15-4pm

SUNDAY

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Parents who were with us last year will know that I bored them with news and updates from the redevelopment of our home in Berkhamsted. We had extensive work done and re-configured the layout of the back of the house to bring it more up to date and in line with modern living. The builders left in April and since then we have not had a great deal progress, hitting the metaphorical pause button, whilst we take stock and get used to the 'new' living conditions. Now though, we are ready to proceed to Stage 2 and have had the decorators in these past few weeks to finish off various rooms and complete the internal works. As we now have more rooms, we need furniture to populate them and last Sunday was spent wandering the aisles of John Lewis and Loaf, failing to arrive at any decisions about what needs to go where. Though Brigid and I have a lot in common, our tastes in furnishings and colours can be at odds and compromise can be hard to find. I like the colour scheme we have at Bryanston Square (Little Green Gauze above the dado rail and Little Green Deep Gauze below if you're interested...) but that was met with an incredulous look. Therefore, not much progress made but when I got home from 'shopping', I made an executive decision and ordered a massive television from Amazon which now dominates one of our sitting rooms. Apparently it is so big it's vulgar but the offending treasure is out of its packaging now and can't be returned so it's here to stay...sorry...



Five weeks in and all boys are now used to their new surroundings at 48 and 47 Bryanston Square. Displacing a hundred boys at any one time has made a huge difference to our school logistics and pressure on the building and enhanced our provision in so many ways. Now we have had the chance to take stock of what this allows us, we have started to think about how best to use the space. The new Art Rooms on the ground floor are still very much in the pipeline as is the new Library development at the front of the building but we have also identified other improvements that can now be made that don't necessarily mean a change of use for a particular room. We have long thought that three hours of study without a break can be asking too much of young children and with the extra space we think we might be able to have a short 'break in mid-morning' where boys have a bit of downtime and eat their snack, rather than have it in lessons. We are also thinking about the length of lessons – currently an hour but maybe that is too long and 40 minutes might be more effective. Anyway, plenty to think about and we will continue to discuss these things as the school year develops. Later this term, we will distribute an online parental questionnaire to canvas your views on this and other issues relating to the school. It's our school and by 'our' I mean boys and parents as much as the management and teaching team and we want what works best for everyone. And of course, if anyone has any ideas for a change in colour scheme, I'm all ears!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Oliver B in 8S**. Long standing staff know that Oliver is a hardworking boy with a fantastic attitude to all aspects of the school but it was interesting to note in Staff Meeting this morning how many new staff to the school had also picked this up. Well done, Oliver – you make a great impression on old and new!



Sportsman of the Week

Scoring a goal is never easy but to score three is remarkable! **Louis L (5A)** scored a hat trick in this week's 5-2 victory against Thomas's Battersea – great individual match winning performance!



Class-Achievement

Year 4 Wednesday Lunch Community Duty Team

Kindness Cup



Leo B (4H)

Another quick shout out for the gentlemen of 4H, I'd like to make a note Leo Bourget for his constantly cheerful demeanour, excellent effort helping to clean the dining hall, and always coming to check I've had a nice day and say goodbye before going home. **Mr Hallett**

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- ◆ **Harrison B, Junyi C, Ziyang P, Elias R and Maximilian B (Year 5)** – I was sat upstairs on the coach on the way to break with Year 5 on Wednesday. It would be very easy for the boys to much prefer to talk amongst themselves rather than with a teacher, but I was so impressed by Harrison, Junyi, Ziyang, Elias and Max as they started chatting away with me and including me in their conversation. They were so lovely and polite – we had a great chat all about our favourite restaurants and what we like to cook and eat! It was lovely to be able to get to chat to the boys outside the classroom and I was so impressed by their conversational skills and how polite they were. I thoroughly enjoyed their company! **Ms Russell**

◆ **Oliver B (5A)**

This week, Oliver just walked back into my classroom to offer to help tidy up after homework club. He came in, tidied, then left. What an absolute star! **Miss Kroiter**

◆ **Maximilian van der K (4H)**

As I'm sure many of the staff have noticed Maximilian is a charming and generous young man who is always happy to go above and beyond his responsibilities to help students and staff both in class, at games and around the school. Maximilian will often drop into our form room in between lessons with his catchphrase "is there anything at all I can do to help?" and I'm sure this is an offer that has been extended to every member of staff at some point. As two shining examples of his Wetherby spirit Maximilian took it upon himself to organise all of the coloured pencils during golden time (no small feat), and along with his form mates, Leo and Alexander, always rushes to finish his lunch in order to help clear up the dining hall, regardless of the community duty rota. I'm sure the lunch ladies appreciate their efforts. **Mr Hallett**

◆ **Benjamin B (4H)**

I was so impressed with Ben's manners when I covered his RS lesson. He worked tirelessly throughout and created a great 'Hindu God Profile'. When I asked the boys to tidy away their belongings, Ben went around the whole classroom collecting in pencils and glue sticks. Great attitude! **Mrs Fumell**

◆ **Kourosh M, Taymour K, Lorenz B and Mrs Callaghan**

Yesterday, I went to get my laptop and as I walked out of my classroom, I badly banged my head on the door. I thought I was ok but when I went up another flight of stairs, I realised I was not so I sat down on the stairs. After I sat down, Kourosh and Taymour came up to check on me and ran to get a teacher. I went with them and as I went up the stairs, we passed Lorenz and he said he would tell the teacher of the lesson where we were and that I needed some help. Then Mrs Callaghan came to help me out. This really helped me and I felt a lot better. **Alex C-B**

◆ **Adam B and Henry C (Year 7)**

Adam and Henry were so kind to take my Year 4 Maths books all the way from the top top floor down to 4P for me, with no hesitation or fuss, thank you so much boys! **Miss Aitken**

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 8th October 2019

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Christmas Gifts** – Boys have spoken to their forms about a potential Christmas gift for the whole school. Boys have spoken with their forms and come up with the following ideas:
 - Wetherby calculator
 - Wetherby Rubix Cube – logo on one of the sides
 - Wetherby snow globe
 - Wetherby wrapping paper
 - Wetherby teddy bear
 - Wetherby 'star' decoration on top of the Christmas tree
 - Wetherby stickers to brand items
 - Wetherby key chain
 - Wetherby pens
- **Halloween Decorations** – Having a skeleton in reception just before half term so we can celebrate Halloween.
- **Bags away** – Please can the boys put their bags away in their lockers rather than leaving them on the floor as one boy tripped over them.
- **Chinese New Year** – Fortune cookies for Chinese New Year at lunch.
- **Different types of pasta for lunch** – Boys are keen on getting a few different shaped pasta items for lunch.
- **History Lessons** – Some of the boys would like to learn about different topics from around the world including the History of Japan/China so could this be taught at the end of term after exams?

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th October at 8:30am in the Dining Room.

MATHS CHALLENGES!

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

James B	Alexander K
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UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Sid G	Taymour A
Elliot C	Daniil K
Tommy G	Burrito Boy
Laith A	Aditya D
Brazilian Barbeque Barbarian	Raahil U
Zach M	Jack G
Chase D	The Great Great Snail
Jasper H	Rocco R
Elendu U	Puff Daddy
Dom L T	Ben G

LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

James Best
4-11

END OF RECTANGLES

This diagram represents the paved floor of a castle's throne room. How many rectangles does it comprise?

Hint: a square is a type of rectangle ... 30

15 horizontal lines = 30
11 squares
4 vertical lines = 103

Solution p. 25

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Port II
(The Ground)
FM

The shaded square says

ENTAMIDOKU

C	O	B	E	A
E	A	C	D	B
B	R	E	A	D
D	R	A	Z	E
A	E	D	B	C

This is a mixture of sudoku and pentamino (a sort of 5-squared domino).

The aim is to place the letters A, B, C, D and E in each pentamino in such a way that they never appear twice in any row or column.

Solution p. 25

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



Top Ten Speed Kings

1.	Raahil U	Year 3	1 min 35 secs (WWR)
2.	Zaym Z	Year 3	1 min 38 secs
	Samuele B	Year 4	1 min 38 secs
3.	Oliver P	Year 5	1 min 40 secs
4.	Ezra W	Year 5	1 min 51 secs
5.	Elias R	Year 5	1 min 58 secs
	Max B	Year 5	1 min 58 secs
6.	Gleb I	Year 3	2 mins
7.	Diego R	Year 5	2 mins 15 secs
8.	Alessandro A	Year 5	2 mins 17 secs
9.	Jonah K	Year 5	2 mins 27 secs
10.	Dylan E	Year 4	2 mins 27 secs

Mr Gascoine writes...

Year 5 have joined the party! I have been inundated with brilliantly quick times and now, Year 5 dominate the top ten (well twelve). But Year 5 have not altered the top spots with the Year 3 duo of Raahil and Zaym leading the pack (how fast can they go?)

It is already turning out to be a very special year for the Speed Test Top Ten. Hold on to your hats!



English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"The tranquil tree rustled its ramshackle leaves."

Emilio N, 4P

I tasted the magnificent mangos hugging the trees like a tiger glued to a gazelle.

Oliver M, 4H

"I can touch the soft blooming flowers bursting into the world."

Miles C, 4H

"The grass was swaying swiftly and softly as the silky sky slowly turned orange."

Justin W, 4P

"Drops from the leaves fell endlessly into the peaceful, turquoise lake."

Rex S, 4P

Lower School

POETRY WRITING

SHORTLISTED

Truth

By Tito H, 7L

Where did truth fly off to?

Did it enter a cocoon and never emerged?

Will it return as a butterfly of truth?

Did it take a nap in the depths of the Earth and never woke?

Will it return strong and powerful ready to take back its place?

Or did man bury it in a mountain of lies?

Or a river of death and destruction meandering towards chaos?

Newspapers spitting untruthful words, swimming in them.

Will truth never see the sunlight?

Will truth ever mutter word or whisper a sentence?





<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/mr-thornes-spelling-with-dragons/id1031928158>



French Department

Madame Le Clanche writes...

French Breakfast

On Monday and Tuesday morning boys came for French breakfast. Unsurprisingly, this proved a very popular event and boys needed little encouragement to ask in French for their '*viennoiserie*'.

'*Pain au chocolat*' remains undoubtedly the boys' favourite choice with '*croissant*' taking a predictable second place. Only the very bravest of boys dared to try the '*pain aux raisins*'...

The French teachers were impressed by the boys' accents (clearly several years of experiencing Mme Sebag's wrath at pronouncing the dreaded 'n' in '*pain aux raisins/chocolat*' has sunken in...)

Bravo les garçons et merci to the kitchen staff!



Wetherby SPORT

Football Term Sports Report

U10 A – G vs. St Stephens and Northbridge House

The U10s recorded 4 wins and 1 draw on Thursday with the highlight being a 4-0 win for the A team against Northbridge House.

Man of the match A's: Chase O

B's: Dylan Du C

C's: Micheal R

D's: William D

E's: Felix R

F's: Tobia P B

G's: Louis L

U11 A to G vs. Hill House and Ravenscourt Park

The U11s picked up 2 wins and 2 draws from their 8 matches against two tough opposition. The highlight being an excellent 6-0 win for the G team against Ravenscourt Park D team.

Man of the match A's: Nima H

B's: Afonso de L

C's: Alex C

D's: Casper M

E's: Kiran K

F's: Jack S

G's: Felix von S

H's: Henry M S

U9 A to G vs Caldicott and Northbridge House

The U9s picked up 3 wins and 3 draws from 8 matches. The highlight being an outstanding 6-0 victory for the A team vs. Caldicott A team.

Man of the match A's: Dmitry C

B's: Alexandros A

C's: Kabir D

D's: William P

E's: Nicolas V

F's: James B

G's: Zachary N

H's: Alexander H

I's: Adam I

U8 A and B vs. Caldicott

The U8 A and B team played 2 matches vs. Caldicott and came away with 1 win and 1 loss on a great afternoon of football.

Man of the Match A's: Raahil U
B's: Elliot S

U13 A – D vs. Thomas's Clapham and Newland House

The U13s picked up 2 wins and 1 draw from their 4 matches. Some close games with the highlight being a 3-2 win for the D team.

Man of the match A's: Ben G
B's: Maximilian P
C's: Alex S
D's: Lucas N

U12 A – D vs. Thomas's Clapham and Newland House#

The U12s had a tough set of matches against two strong opposition. The highlight being a excellent 1-1 draw for the A team vs. Thomas's A.

Man of the Match A's: Beckett W
B's: Theodore D
C's: Elyas E
D's: Zayd S



Charities

Rwanda Aid

Dear Lisa and Elena,

I wanted to thank you and the PTA for their part in raising this wonderful sum of money - huge thanks to all those who have given so very generously.

We would like to put a proportion of the funds towards our new Alivera Project which is designed to provide support for children living with disability. The project is named after a little girl who sadly died as a result of epilepsy and neglect. We tried to help Alivera, but she lived in a very remote village and it was difficult to get to see her on a regular basis. Sadly after a gap of several months we visited her to find her starving to death: she was sixteen years old and weighed just sixteen kilograms. We took her to our health clinic and tried to feed her but she was past taking food. However, we were able to buy her a new dress which she loved. She was so brave. Right to the end she kept her radiant smile and liked to sing of being in Heaven with her maker. We determined then to try to prevent this happening to other children with disability.

Disability is not well understood in Rwanda. A child with mental disability is often thought to be possessed by the devil, and many children with disability are hidden away or, worse still, abandoned. Very few access schooling or employment. Our project sets out with the assumption that every human life is precious, and to show that with the right kind of support children living with disability can lead full, rich and independent lives.

The centre we are developing aims to provide care, support and inclusion for children living with disability in their homes, schools, community and workplace. There will be a big emphasis on training and we are also going to develop a little village with accommodation, workshops, hairdressing salon and café all staffed mainly by young people living with disability. We hope this will show people what can be achieved and we hope that it will be replicated. It is really encouraging that our local district is working in partnership with us gradually assuming full responsibility.

With your generous support we now have the confidence to press ahead with the aim of completion by September next year. If a party from Wetherby were able to join us for the official opening we would be absolutely delighted. I would love you to see the joy and gratitude on the faces of all the young people you are helping in our little corner of the world.

With best wishes and very big thanks,

David

Miss Kroiter writes...

Mufti Day

Boys get ready to leave your school blazers, ties and white shirts at home as on **Friday 18th October** it is Mufti Day. If you want to wear your own clothes to school then make sure you bring in at least £1.00 and hand it into your form tutor by Thursday 17th October.

All money raised will go to our school charities.

What better way to end the half of term!



"I JUST LOVE THESE CASUAL FRIDAYS."

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hector N	6A	Nima H
4E	Theodore E	6C	Daniil K
4H	Maximilian van der K	6F	John C
4P	William F	6M	Taymour A
	Jack W	7B	Aditya D
4S	Alexander D	7L	Thomas D
5A	Oliver B		Riaz Q
5K	Nicolo F	7M	Sami K
5O	Roman K	8B	Jackson K
5T	Bear S	8G	Jonathan C
		8S	Oliver B
		8V	Nadhmi A

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Sami K – 54

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer
775	694	570	560

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
3,190	3,100	2,745	2,580

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 3H 247	Form 6M 217	Form 5O 194



Out of School Achievements

Lucas W (6F) - 5km 'RBC Race for the Kids'

For the second year, Lucas W (6F) will be running the 5km 'RBC Race for the Kids' in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital this Saturday. You can make a donation via Lucas' Justgiving page and/ or come to Hyde Park tomorrow morning and support all the runners!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucas-wiedebach>



Photos of the Week



Detectives Club



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