

# WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Autumn Term | Week II



# WEEK 11: 25th November — 1st December 2019

## MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Swimming for **Year 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- U11 Inter House Football (H) – 2:15pm
- Chess Match vs. The Hall – 3:45-6pm
- 5A and 5K Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

## TUESDAY

- Swimming for **5K, 5O and 5T** – 9-11am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- U9 Inter House Football – 2:15pm
- Autumn Recital – 6:15pm

## WEDNESDAY

- Second Hand Uniform Sale, House of Wetherby Room at No 48 – 8-9am
- Form Reading Buddy TakeOver – 8:30am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7** – 1:30-4pm
- U13 Inter House Football – 2:15pm
- 8V Parents' Evening – 5-7pm

## THURSDAY

- Wetherby 'Bake Off' – all day
- Games for **Year 8** – 9-11:30am
- U12 Inter House Football – 9:30am
- U10 Inter House Football – 2:15pm

## FRIDAY

- Pupil Leadership Team Visit to Wellington
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Bryanston Square **LIVE**  – 8:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 9:15-11:45am
- U13 ESFA Cup – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round – St Bedes' Eastbourne (A) - pm

## SATURDAY

## Monday Clubs

- **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,

Good to be back with my Wetherby family today after spending the middle part of this week in the Midlands, inspecting a school for ISI. Inspection and Governance are two vitally important parts of the educational framework in this country and, together with my role as Chair of Governors of a prep school in Bucks, I feel it is my duty as a Headteacher to contribute to this structure. I have and continue to learn a lot from the process and have come back today with a few things that I observed this week that will inform our school's development going forward. Inspections used to be fairly combative processes and, what schools sometimes perceived as 'fault finding' missions; it was only back in 2012 where we were downgraded in one element due to not having enough taps for the number of toilets we had in the building – an extremely technical regulation that now no longer exists as such a precise calculation. These days, inspections are far more collegiate and have done much to make schools safer and more effective, pupil-centred institutions, whilst at the same time, giving parents (and the Department of Education) the assurance of accountability.



A shame then to read that as part of Labour's manifesto it would scrap OFSTED. I can't see any rationale that would support that view and every school leader and teacher I know, whilst understandably apprehensive of any inspection, genuinely looks forward to 'showing off' their school and having the affirmation and views from an independent body. All scrapping OFSTED would do is protect the underperforming school, leader and teacher from any form of constructive criticism which cannot be a good thing. As proud as I am of the profession, we have to be honest with ourselves and appreciate that poor practice does exist. I also noted with interest that the Liberal Democrat manifesto made a pledge to provide 20,000 extra teachers. There are shortages in certain subject areas but successive governments over the past twenty years have tried unsuccessfully to galvanise any significant recruitment drive. 20,000 is just a number, and a small one compared to a teaching workforce of around half-a-million in this country. What you actually need is a coordinated, thoughtful strategy to get some of our brightest minds and most effective communicators to consider teaching as a profession; one that builds its status in the UK. More competitive starting salaries and faster wage enhancement are obvious but I think you could also be more creative offering rent rebates in expensive areas, subsidised travel and free access to higher qualifications such as Masters and professional qualifications to enhance CPD. Turning all independent schools into state schools makes a good populist headline but what I would support is making it a condition of qualification as a teacher that all newly qualified teachers have to work for three years in the state sector. I have to selfishly admit that we have many brilliant teachers here who the state sector have never had the benefit of. If everyone had three years of this broader experience, all schools (and the teachers themselves) would improve as providers and maybe, there could end up being less of a brain drain to our sector. Unfortunately, at time of writing, no Conservative manifesto educational pledges for me to critique as it is still to be published...maybe I'll save that for next week's Wetherbuzz!

On a lighter note, what a day for the school and the U13 football team last Sunday. To win the Plate at the National IAPS football tournament is a remarkable achievement and another indication of our status at 'top table' as far as national school sporting success is concerned – great job boys!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker





### *Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Harry M in 8V**. A busy week for Harry with his 8V exams but this didn't stop him attending and performing at Candlelit Dinner on Monday night and taking time between performances to revise. Many would, and have, forego the Choir but not Harry—a true Wetherby Citizen!



### *Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is **Alexander S in 6F**. Alexander played up in football this week and is impressing everyone in the swimming pool. He is also very attentive in lessons and puts into practice, all that he learns in Games sessions—a model sportsman!



### *Class-Achievement*

Miss Kroiter' s 4P Maths

# Kindness Cup



**Oliver O (8B)**

I had a Year 4 boy sitting in my Year 8 PSHE lesson last week and it was a genuine pleasure to watch Oliver helping him with his work. He talked everything through with him, listened carefully and gave helpful but not obvious tips. Oliver was so engaged with the boy in question and even thanked me at the end of the lesson for letting him help! **Miss Aitken**

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **William S (4H)**

Last Friday, when William realised that I wasn't going to Skateboarding Club as usual, he said that he was sad as 'skateboarding club is always sunny when Miss Lister is there'. This made me practically melt with happiness and made my whole week even more lovely. Thank you, William, and you always make Skateboarding Club sunny as well. **Miss Lister**

◆ **Cezar J (4S)**

It's so great to see the boys looking after one another. This week, Cezar was searching for his jumper after school and unfortunately, he couldn't find it. Instead, he found Alexander Danantanas' jumper and immediately sought him out at reception to return it to him. Great attitude, Cezar! **Mrs Furnell**

◆ **George Y (5T)**

Over the last few weeks I've noticed that during Assembly, George always makes an effort to clap and applaud. It is so lovely that he makes the effort to celebrate other people's achievements and so kind that he does it regardless of whether or not he knows the boy in question. He is a brilliant role model. **Miss Aitken**

◆ **Benjamin G (8B)**

Ben is always helpful and kind around the school and always has a smile on his face. After assembly last Friday all the boys were lining up ready to head back to school and it was fairly chaotic. I spotted Ben on his hands and knees right in the middle of a large gaggle of Year 4 boys, picking up their hymn sheets without fuss. So kind. **Miss Aitken**

◆ **Shaan R (5A)**

I would like to nominate Shaan for the Kindness Cup as I lost my blazer yesterday and he lent me his blazer. I really found this kind, especially with the cold weather! The next day, he helped me look for my blazer and luckily, we found it! **Dylan K**

◆ **All of 6M, especially Yousif Al-S, Laith A and Aran M**

These boys have been incredibly helpful as I've been hobbling around on crutches. They've helped me onto the bus at break and even managed to help me around the building. **Jasper F**

◆ **Samuele B (4H)**

His work is always excellent, he helps other boys in my class as my trainee teacher and is an excellent student. **Mr Maguire**

# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Time:** 8:30am

**Attendance:** School Council Representatives and PLT

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

- **Clubs** – Thank you for all your suggestions and Mrs Garvey/Mr Dean have very kindly added Wetherby Newspaper Club to the programme for next term.
- **School lunch** – Chef Pete is really grateful for all your suggestions with the school lunch and will bring back the ‘bang bang’ dish in a few weeks’ time. He is also keen to add spring rolls to the menu and provide cheese at lunchtime so boys can create DIY sandwiches. If you have any suggestions for food, please let your School Council representative know and they will bring this up in the meeting.
- **DIY lunch/Mac and Cheese** – Some of the boys asked if it would be possible to have some of the sliced bread (rather than chunks of bread) to make their own sandwiches. Also some boys are keen to have mac and cheese for lunch too.
- **Mr Baker’s Christmas Costume** – Top 3 Christmas ideas: Scrooge, Christmas tree and Santa (and the staff dressed as elves).
- **School trips abroad** – Boys love the school trips abroad and have asked to bring back the Iceland trip!
- **Staff nativity** – One of the boys suggested a ‘staff nativity’ for the end of term assembly...
- **End of term prize for the form who have the highest housepoints** – One of the boys suggested having an end of term prize/reward for the form with the highest housepoints. School Council representatives should speak further with their forms about this to get some suggestions.
- **Wetherby Advent Calendar** – Boys are quite keen on having a Wetherby advent calendar for Christmas or each form having an advent calendar (like Mr Gascoine in 8G)!

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30am in the Dining Room.**

# Notices

## House of Wetherby - Second Hand Uniform

### Mrs Greenwood writes...

Dear Parents,

There will be an opportunity to buy WPS second hand uniform on Wednesday 27th November, between 8-9am.

This is a "drop-in" sale, being held in the House of Wetherby Room at No 48, rather than a big sale in Reception.

It is envisaged that you or your boys will come armed with a request for a specific item which we will source for you. If at all possible, please bring cash.

Any donations of unwanted or outgrown uniform can be dropped off next week.

The next big sale will be on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 from 8:15am, when it will be possible to browse all items.

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### The Cricket Department writes...

Dear Year 3 and 4 Parents,

We are delighted to offer your son a chance to have a coaching session at The Oval Indoor Centre on either the 10<sup>th</sup> January or 14<sup>th</sup> February. Your son can do both but priority will be given to another boy if your son has already attended the first session. The boys will be transported down to the Oval at 4pm and we will return to school for 7:30pm. The session will be led by Mr Billingham and Mr Evans as well as a coach from the Oval Indoor Centre. We only have 18 places available so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please email Mr Billingham at [tom.billingham@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:tom.billingham@wetherbyprep.co.uk) if you would like your son to attend. He will need hard ball kit if he has it, cricket whites, some water and a nut free snack.



# Holiday Clubs

Mr Dean writes...

## Christmas Holiday Clubs 2019

The Christmas Holiday Clubs have been finalised and are ready to go!

Please see the attached flyers, or visit the Wetherby Prep Holiday Clubs website.

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

### **Active clubs:**

Football Camp – Games Department

Adventure Camp – Mr Bayes

Space Camp – Miss Lister

# MATHS CHALLENGES!

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Samuele B	James B
Junyi C	

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Oscar D	Taymour A
Laith A	Ben G
The Dumpling King	The Great Snail
Alexander A	The 5 B's
Lucas N	Sushi Master
James B	Skinny Beef
Philip M	Thomas D
The Burrito-Pug	Leonardo B

## LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

**Number fun 2 LEVEL 2**  
 Every row and column contains a +, -, x and = signs with a different total number between 70 and 28 inclusive. Can you complete the grid?

4	x	11	-	29	+	8	=	23
x		x		+		x		
10	+	2	-	8	x	5	=	20
-		-		x		+		
22	+	3	x	2	-	22	=	28
+		+		-				
8	x	5	-	53	+	40	=	27
=		=		=		=		
26		24		21		22		

## UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

**5 B's (Basically Bygones and Buns)**  
**Number fun 3 LEVEL 3**  
 Can you replace the letters with the numbers they represent so that all the sums work?

15	-	B	x	17	+	B	=	79
+		-		+		x		
D	+	C	-	E	x	A	=	81
-		+		-		-		
E	x	3	-	B	+	D	=	58
x		x		x		+		
C	+	8	-	C	x	A	=	72
=		=		=		=		
80		80		88		87		

A=1  
 B=1  
 C=4  
 D=1  
 E=10

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



# Top Ten Speed Kings

1.	Samuele B	Year 4	1 min 32 secs (WWR)
2.	Raahil U	Year 3	1 min 35 secs
3.	Zaym Z	Year 3	1 min 38 secs
4.	Oliver P	Year 5	1 min 40 secs
5.	Ezra W	Year 5	1 min 51 secs
6.	Elias R	Year 5	1 min 58 secs
	Max B	Year 5	1 min 58 secs
7.	Gleb I	Year 3	2 mins
8.	Alessandro A	Year 5	2 mins 10 secs
9.	Diego R	Year 5	2 mins 15 secs
10.	Jonah K	Year 5	2 mins 15 secs

## Mr Gascoine writes...

It is as you were this week in Speed Land. Eren E (2 mins 31 secs) and Alexander T-K (2 mins 35 secs) both produced great times but did not break the 2 mins 15 secs barrier that protects the Top Ten.

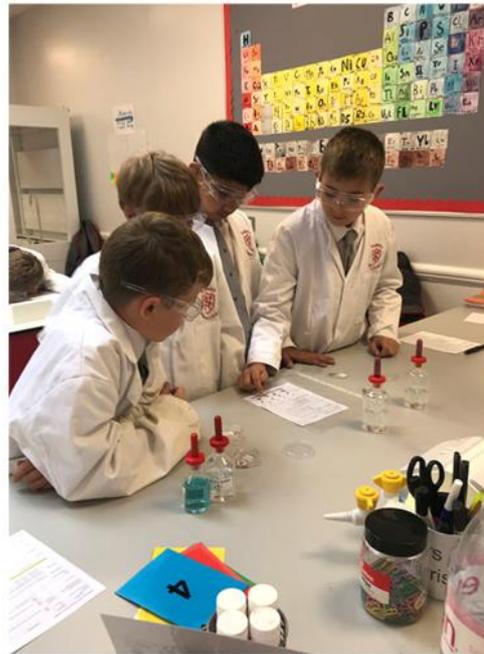
Who is going to be the Christmas Number 1?



# Science Department

## Miss Casserly writes...

Year 8 were learning about "how we hear" by making scientific models and wearing "super ears". Year 7 were learning about the reactivity of metals by conducting a scientific investigation.



# History Department

Miss Amato-Pace writes...

## *Battlefields Trip 2020*

*Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd May 2020*

Having produced some fantastic work, linking to Remembrance Day, boys in Years 6, 7 and 8 now have the opportunity to visit the battlefields of World War One in person! Not only will the boys be able to further develop their history subject knowledge, relating to the Great War, but they will be able to experience and explore what life was like for the soldiers that fought in it. Developing a deeper understanding of the harsh realities of trench warfare will undoubtedly provide them with new perspectives, enabling them to foster skills of historical empathy.



The three day trip will be organised by Equity, our chosen UK tour operator, who specialise in student trips and tailor-made holidays to the WW1 Battlefields and beyond. There are limited spaces available and these will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please refer to the attached [Battlefields Trip letter](#) for further details.



# Art Department

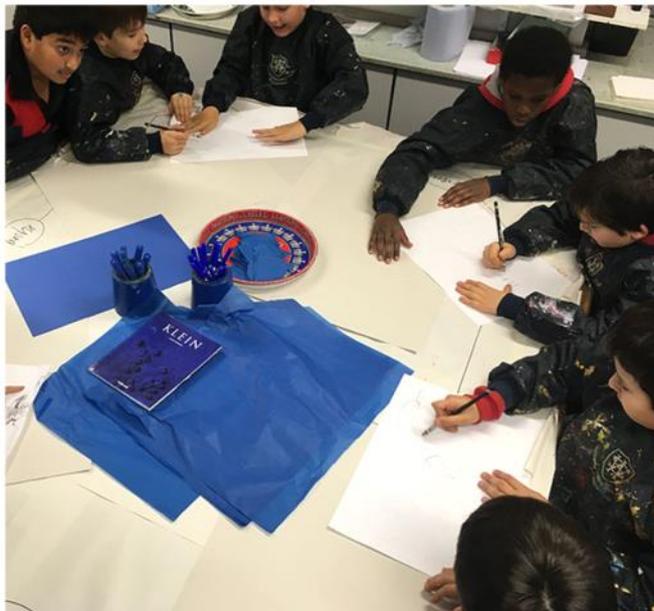
Miss Kirby writes...

## Creative Week REFLECTIONS

Creative Week aims to develop creative confidence through a range of individual and collaborative cross-circular tasks. The theme of REFLECTIONS has been explored in Art, Music, Drama and English lessons this week.

Each boy has been given an individual booklet with activities to complete and competitions to enter and a copy of the booklet has been uploaded to *Show My Homework*. Each form has been given a resource kit inspired by the artist Yves Klein and it is wonderful to see the form images coming through already!

The deadline for all submissions is Tuesday 3rd December.



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## Year 3 Trip to the British Museum

Year 3 visited the British Museum on Monday in search of Egyptian Canopic jars. Inspired by the paintings from the tomb of Nebamun, the boys created a digital collage which inspired self-reflection, the theme for Creative Week, and created deeper personal links with the historical themes they have been studying in Art and History this term. The boys used green screen technology and learnt image editing skills to create their collage. It was a fantastic morning that will help us to refine the final stages of our own Canopic jars back in the Art Room next week.



# Music Department

## Miss Orpwood writes...

On Wednesday our wonderful singing teacher Miss Rhonda Browne held a concert for all of her singing pupils. A huge well done to the following boys for their performances: Philip B-S (3P), Alexandros A (4P), Alex G (5A), Carl M (5A), Ziyang P (5A), Ansel G (5O), Tyler N (5T), William D(5T), Arlo N R (5T), Charles B-B (6C), Beau F (6M), Emanuele M (6A), Brooks S(7B), Kit K (7B), Sami K (7M), Zayd S(7L) and Saif Meliti (7L). I could not think of a better start to my Wednesday!



# Wetherby SPORT

## Football Term

### U10 A – D vs. St Anthony's

The U10s recorded 3 wins and 2 loses from their 5 matches vs St Anthony's. The highlight being a 6-0 win for the E team.

**Man of the match As: Johnny L**

**Bs: Alexandre D**

**Cs: Murad K**

**Ds: Bear S**

**Es: Leonardo G**

### U11 A – E vs. Thomas's Battersea

The U11s picked up 3 wins and 2 loses from their 5 matches on a great afternoon of fixtures against Thomas's.

**Man of the match As: Omer E**

**Bs: Alexander S**

**Cs: Nicolas O**

**Ds: Aran M**

**Es: Alfie A**

### U9 A – H vs. St Anthony's and Tower House

The U9s picked up 2 wins and 3 draws from 8 matches against two tough opposition. The highlight being a brilliant 7-2 victory for the A team.

**Man of the match As: Constantine L**

**Bs: Emilo N**

**Cs: James B**

**Ds: Alex T-W**

**Es: Nicholas J**

**Fs: Cormac M**

**Gs: Alexander H**

**Hs: Jonas O**

### U12 B and C vs. Arnold House

The U12s had a fun afternoon of fixtures against Arnold House. Picking up a good 2-2 draw in the C team.

**Man of the Match Bs: Mani T**

**Cs: Reuben J**

### U13 B and C vs. Arnold House

The U13s came away with 1 win and 1 loss from their two matches against Arnold house. The highlight being a 3-2 win for the B team.

**Man of the match Bs: Oliver B**

**Cs: Elliot C**

# Charities

Miss Kroiter writes...

## The Great 'Wetherby' bake off! - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

As most of you will be aware, **The Great Wetherby Bake Off** will be held next Thursday. Many thanks for all of the entries - I am excited to see the finished products! It is not too late to submit your entry. If your son would like to make a cake please do let me know over the next couple of days.

At 12:30pm the cakes will be sliced and we will be able to buy a piece. If you would like to purchase a delicious slice then make sure you bring in at least **£2.00**. All donations will be given to our school charities.

**Bakers:** as you know please make sure your cakes are delivered straight to the Drama Suite by **8:15am** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. The front door of 47 will be open on this occasion so you can take them straight through.

Good luck and have fun boys!

[deborah.kroiter@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:deborah.kroiter@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

GREAT  
WETHERBY  
**BAKE  
OFF**

Thursday 28th November 2019

Wetherby Prep School is delighted  
to announce the return of the  
Great 'Wetherby' Bake Off!

This year there will be a festive theme and we have celebrities  
**Fay Maschler**, the restaurant critic, and chef/restaurateur **Jackson Boxer**  
judging the competition.

Boys are welcome to make a cake of any type (no nuts)  
and the theme for 2019 is 'Christmas'.  
All proceeds go to our chosen charities

### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hector N	6A	Nima H
4E	Tancredi S	6C	Elendu U
4H	William S	6F	Alfie A
4P	Justin W		Felix von S
4S	Matthias C	6M	Taymour A
5A	Jonah K	7B	Luke T
5K	Junyi C		Aditya D
5O	Dillon D C	7L	Monty S
5T	Bear S	7M	Alexander A
		8B	Jackson K
		8G	Armaan M
		8S	Zac S
		8V	Nadhmi A
			Elliot C

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Zac S – 50
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### Weekly Housepoint Totals

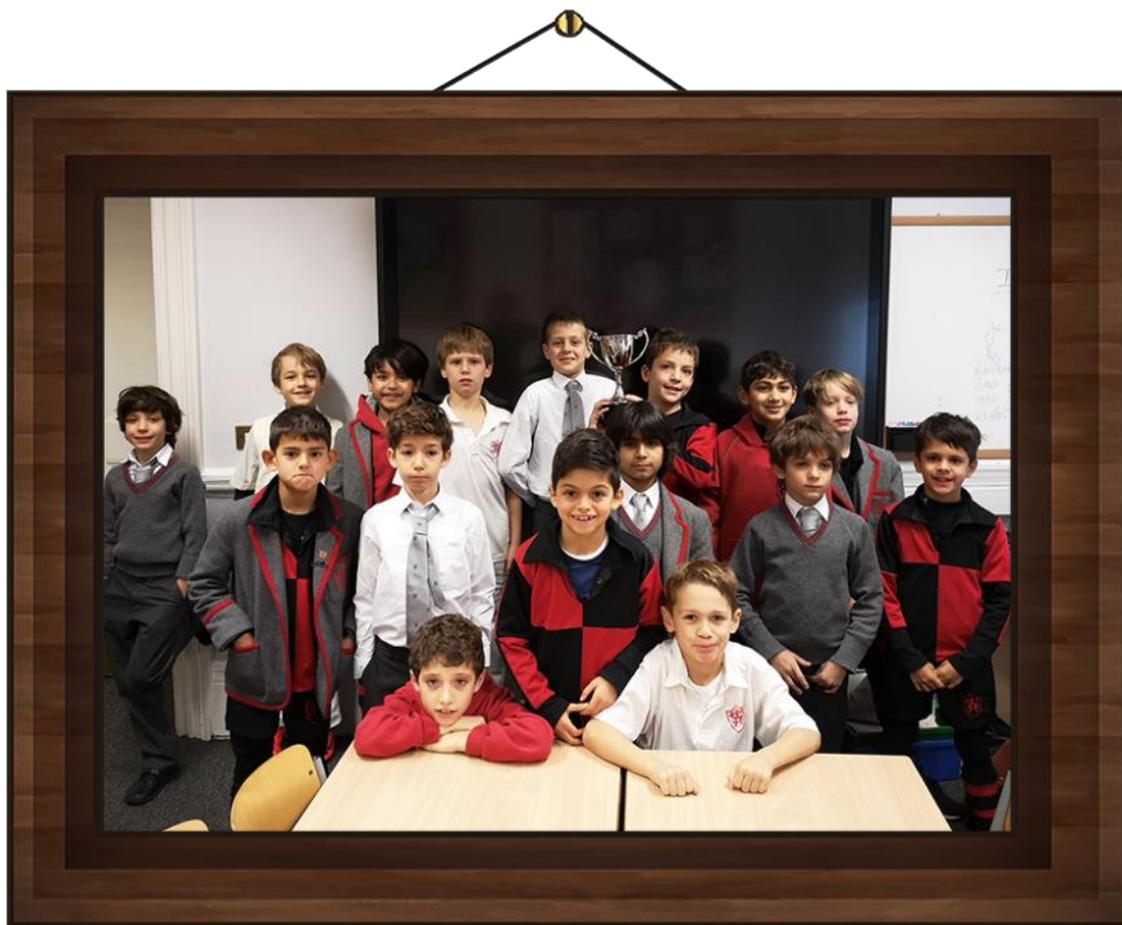
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Pembridge</b> Captain G. Granovski	<b>Dawson</b> Captain B. Govindan	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papisavvas
655	599	483	473

### Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Pembridge</b> Captain G. Granovski	<b>Dawson</b> Captain B. Govindan	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papisavvas
5,614	5,426	4,783	4,610

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 4E</b> 281	<b>Form 4P</b> 174	<b>Form 4H</b> 160



# Photos of the Week



We put forward Filippo H, Arthur G (U11) and Timothee C and Jonny L(U10) to represent the MTS Barbarians last Friday evening.



U10 D team



Marylebone Lights switch on



Candlelit Dinner



A wonderfully festive Wetherby wreath to kick off the festive season at the Meyohas' brothers house



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