

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Autumn Term | Week 13



WEEK 13: 9th — 15th December 2019

MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- **Year 7** Shaking up Shakespeare – am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- **Carol Concert for Years 5-8 at Church of Annunciation – 6pm**

Monday Clubs

**NO SCHOOL CLUBS OR
HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY**
—**School Finishes at 4pm**

TUESDAY

- Wetherby Voices – 8-9am
- Swimming for **5K, 5O and 5T** – 9-11am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- Concert for the Blind Veterans, Marylebone Parish Church – Chamber Choir – 6:30pm

Tuesday Clubs

**NO SCHOOL CLUBS OR
HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY**
—**School Finishes at 4pm**

WEDNESDAY

- Breakfast Concert – 8:15am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- Carols at Chelsea Court Place – 5pm

Wednesday Clubs

**NO SCHOOL CLUBS OR
HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY**
—**School Finishes at 4pm**

THURSDAY

- **Christmas Jumper day – all day**
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm

Thursday Clubs

**NO SCHOOL CLUBS OR
HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY**
—**School Finishes at 4pm**

FRIDAY

- **LAST DAY OF TERM**
- Ski Trip departs – am (returns Thursday 19th December)
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly incorporating Sports' Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 11am.
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
Boys can be dismissed from the Church.
Buses will depart from school as usual from 12:45pm. Pick up will commence from 12:15pm.

Friday Clubs

**NO SCHOOL CLUBS OR
HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY**
—**School Closes at 1pm**

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Regular readers of this column will remember that I gifted myself a massive television some weeks ago. It was referred to as a 'vanity purchase' from the female in our household but its worth has never been more appreciated than the last couple of weeks as it becomes the focal point for the one occasion of the year where there is genuine, 'whole family viewing'. Love it or loathe it, *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!* is the one television programme that my boys will stop everything to come and watch; at every other time of the year, all they watch is YouTube. For me, the format is past its best but the boys still enjoy it and it provokes family conversation (What a treat with teenagers!), particularly with bullish claims about how successful one might be in a particular trial. Thankfully, I don't have celebrity status but if I did, you wouldn't find me anywhere near that show. Less FOMO, more FOJI – fear of joining in! The rats and the frogs and the lack of food wouldn't really bother me, but the enforced routine and large periods of doing nothing would drive me nuts. When I was growing up, a common child conundrum was, "For a million pounds, would you sleep the night alone in Madame Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors?" That place really scared/scares me, so no money would get me in there. When I asked my always pragmatic and logical father, he would say that he also wouldn't; not that he was scared, but more so because, "There is no bed down there. Why would I do that?" He would also challenge me on my claim that, "...cinema owners deliberately turn up the heat in the theatre so you buy more ice cream...", replying smartly, "That's ridiculous Nicky – if that was the case, why don't they turn the heat off and sell soup!" Parents can be so annoying sometimes...



Nothing annoying about the parents on Wednesday night as a great bunch of mums socialised with a great bunch of staff at *Mums' Night Out*. It was a genuinely fun night - you are all such interesting, amusing and entertaining company and there are not many schools that can create a similar atmosphere amongst the staff and parent body. A great start to the Christmas social season!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker





Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Jasper F. Jasper has been an excellent Head Chorister this term and really encouraged and enthused the younger boys with their singing. Well done, Jasper!



Sportsman of the Week

The rugby season has started at Wetherby which means Alexander S is 'in the zone'! Alexander is one of our standout players from Year 8 and has improved year on year. We look forward to January!



Class-Achievement

Mrs Le Clanche's and Miss Aitken's Year 7 Maths

Kindness Cup



Nicholas J (4E)

I have been so impressed with Nicholas' manners this week. He delivered a parcel to my office on Tuesday by knocking gently on the door saying 'excuse me' and then asked if I was having a good day. Such a lovely attitude! **Mrs Furnell**

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- ◆ **Alexandre D and Ari S (Year 5)** – Ari and Alex are always so nice to me. I had lost my shoes for three weeks and Ari and Alex looked in lost property and found my shoes. I felt so happy. **Andreas M**
- ◆ **Sebastian W (8B)** – Sebastian has exemplary manners and this week, has waited on numerous occasions for me to pass and held the door open for me every time. **Mrs Furnell**
- ◆ **Damien G (7M)** – Arki was unwell last Thursday for the Bake Sale so Damien, with his own money, bought some cakes for Arki and took them round to his house after school. **Mr Baker**
- ◆ **Nima H (6A)** – I was meant to be seeing another boy in 6A about something and the boy said he would come and find me to see me later in the day, but he wasn't sure which office I was in. Nima really kindly took the time to remind the other boy of when his meeting with me was and to show him up to the Maths Office – that is a lot of stairs and effort and it was so kind of him to take time out of his day to help a friend! **Ms Russell**
- ◆ **Kourosch M and Beau F (6M)** – For really kindly delivering a parcel to me – it was an important birthday gift for someone and I was worried that it wouldn't arrive in time and was delighted when they arrived at the top of the building with the parcel I needed! They were so kind to take the time to do this and I really appreciated it. **Ms Russell**

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- ◆ **Christmas Jumper Day** – Thank you to Miss Kroiter for organising this charity day and please can representatives remind their forms of the day next Thursday 12th December and to bring in £1.
- ◆ **Christmas Advent Calendars** – Thank you, Mr Baker, for the delicious chocolate Wetherby advent calendars.
- ◆ **Science Fair** – The boys loved this last year and would be very keen to bring this back again for 2020.
- ◆ **Post CE programme** – The Year 8s are keen to create their own films. For example, making a film script in English and then filming this in lessons post CE.
- ◆ **School lunch** – Boys are keen on different types of pasta, also they love the shepherd's pie/cottage pie. Also they asked for poppadums with their curries if possible.
- ◆ **Brunch** – The boys are quite keen on having a 'breakfast for lunch' i.e. brunch on a Friday. Some possible ideas include: eggs, sausages, juice, breakfast burritos.
- ◆ **Themed lunch days** – The boys are quite keen on themed lunch days e.g. Mexican Day. Or the boys are quite keen on 'World Food Week' so having a different focus on a country for each day of the week and basing it on the food there.
- ◆ **Class highest housepoint earners** – Possible suggestions for rewards include a two hour long break.

The final meeting for this term is scheduled for Tuesday 10th December at 8:30am in the Dining Room.

Notices

Miss Russell and Mr Lock write...

Revision Materials and Exams Information

All revision materials and guidelines are available on the school website and via Show My Homework for the upper school exams in January.

The timetable will be available in January when the boys will return to school.

For Year 8s, the French Speaking exam will be on Wednesday 8th January and French Listening on Thursday 9th January 2020. Note that this is a change from the date published in the exams schedule. All other exams will begin on the 20th January 2020.

Whilst we appreciate that some boys will spend part of the holiday revising, it is important to ensure that they get plenty of rest to recover from a busy term!

Unnamed (expensive!) Lost Property

Everything on this table is unnamed lost property and, I think conservatively, there is at least a thousand pounds worth of trainers, football boots, shin pads, equipment etc on display here. If anything looks familiar, please claim from the foyer before the end of term or we will have no option but to bin it.



MATHS CHALLENGES!

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

James B	Ziyang P
Maximilian B	The Birthday Boy
Sushi Master	Samuele B
Leo B	Oscar D
Nicholas J	

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Taymour A	Laith A
Ben G	The Great Snail
The 3 B's	Lucas N
Ludo R	Michael A
The Burrito-Pug	Joshua A
Elliot C	Jake G
Burrito Boy	Quentin Tarantino
Nicholas J	Daniil K
Rishaan U	

LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Empty Glasses

I have five glasses in a row. The first three are full and the other two empty. How can I arrange them so that they are alternately full and empty, by moving only one glass?

...and end up like this, moving only one glass.

Put the water from glass 2 to glass 4

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

MORE ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

Place + and - signs between the digits so that both sides of each equation are equal.

- $9 - 8 + 6 + 3 - 5 + 1 = 6$
- $5 - 3 + 4 + 4 - 2 + 9 = 17$
- $5 - 3 + 2 + 4 - 1 - 5 = 2$
- $3 + 2 + 1 - 4 - 1 + 3 = 6$
- $5 - 1 - 1 + 3 + 4 - 8 = 18$
- $4 - 9 - 3 - 7 + 3 - 1 = 19$
- $2 - 1 + 8 + 9 - 3 + 5 = 20$
- $8 - 7 - 1 + 4 + 4 - 6 = 14$
- $7 - 6 - 2 - 9 - 9 - 3 = 0$
- $3 - 5 - 3 - 9 - 6 - 5 = 15$

V.G.S.

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



Top Ten Speed Kings

1.	Samuele B	Year 4	1 min 30 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
	Maximilian B	Year 5	1 min 58 secs
7.	Jonah K	Year 5	1 min 59 secs
8.	Gleb I	Year 3	2 mins
9.	Alessandro A	Year 5	2 mins 05 secs
10.	Diego R	Year 5	2 mins 15 secs

Mr Gascoine writes...

So here is the Christmas Top Ten.

Jonah K is the big mover up from 10th to 7th after an improved time of 16 seconds. Alessandro has bettered his PB by 5 seconds, reinforcing his position at 9th. The Year 5s dominate the top ten but are unable to break into the top three. Will all that change in 2020?

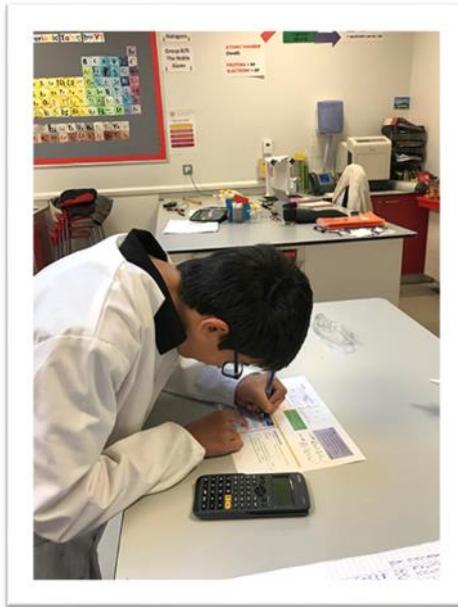
Hot off the press. Samuele B has bettered his WWR by 2 seconds. Samuele needs a nickname? Blowtorch Bertolo?



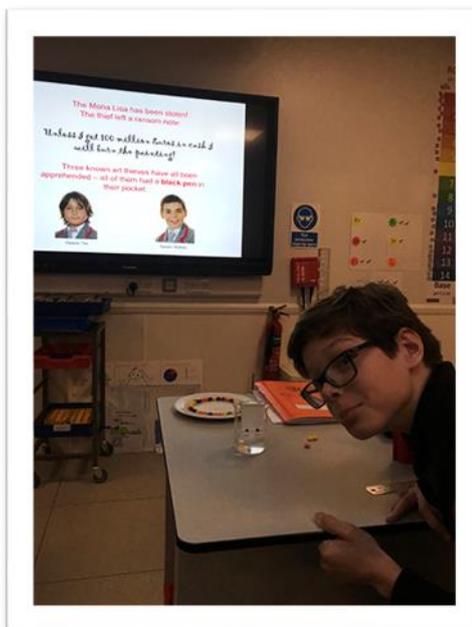
Science Department

Miss Casserly writes...

Year 8 have been completing GCSE investigations on the relationship between current and resistance. This practical requires precision and accuracy and the boys were amazing! Well done to all in Year 8!



Year 7 have been putting their investigation skills to the test using chromatography. The boys analysed the ink from their peer's pen to identify who stole the Mona Lisa...



RS Department

Ms Russell writes...

We were so lucky to welcome Mr Wattenberg and Ezra to talk to Year 5 about Hanukkah this week. They really helped us to develop our understanding of this exciting festival and the boys particularly enjoyed playing dreidel with chocolate coins! It has really helped them with their Hanukkah letter writing project and developed their understanding of how Jewish people celebrate at this time of year.

As the pictures show, the boys definitely had a fun filled afternoon!



Outdoor Learning

Miss Hood writes...

Today was our final outdoor learning session of 2019 and what a way to finish. Titled 'Battle of the Clans', the day featured 3H split into two teams: 'The Fireball Clan' and 'The Skull Clan'. During the morning, the boys used their problem-solving and team-work skills to build their fortress, featuring a giant Jenga tower topped with 'the crystal skull' and the use of the natural surrounds to create protection for it. After gearing up with homemade team flags and army face-paint, the boys strategized and executed the invasion of the opposition's fortress, trading their tokens for gems if successful. The accrued gems finally earned them 'cannon balls' to catapult at the opposition's Jenga tower. The team to break the tower were crowned the winners. Great fun had by all!



Wetherby SPORT

Rugby Term Sports Report Week One

U11 Rugby Tour to Yorkshire

The U11s had an excellent weekend of rugby up in Yorkshire over the weekend, playing against some of the best rugby schools in the country. Both the A and B's recorded wins against St Olaves School with the A's then narrowly losing to and very strong Aysgarth side. The B's (Mr Reid's boys) recovered from 25-5 down at half time to stage an outstanding second half recovery to draw 25-25 with Aysgarth B's in a super game of Rugby. All in all and excellent tour. Well done, boys!

U11 A – D vs. Thomas's Clapham

The U11s picked up 4 wins from 4 matches on a great afternoon of rugby against Thomas's Clapham.

Man of the match As: Benett H

Bs: Ilya W-H

Cs: Nima H

Ds: Alexander S

U9 A – D vs. Thomas's Clapham

The U9s took part in their first ever contact rugby session on Tuesday in training matches against Thomas's Clapham and The Mall. It was great to see such enthusiasm from the boys and all are thoroughly looking forward to the rugby season ahead.

U12 A - C vs. King's House

The U12s had a great first afternoon of rugby fixtures against King's House, with some excellent results and some brilliant rugby on show. The highlight was a 35-25 win for the C Team.

Man of the Match As: Gabriel W

Bs: Monty S

Cs: Reuben J

U13 A – E vs. King's House and Newland House

The U13s had a good afternoon of fixtures against King's House and Newland House. It was great to see all boys participating in a fixture for the first time. The highlight being a thrilling draw for the D team vs. King's House C team.

Man of the match As: Alex S

Bs: Jasper F

Cs: Lucas J

Ds: Maximilian A H

Es: Sebastian W

Mr Bayes writes...

Swimming News

Results have just been received for the Year 3-6 London Swim League Heats. The Wetherby Swim Squad has done amazing well, finishing a brilliant 3rd from 26 schools. Convincing victors against schools such as Latymer and Fulham Prep, the Wetherby Swim Team continues to strengthen year on year and cement its place as the best performing Prep school without its own pool. This is down to the commitment of the entire squad and the countless hours spent in the water. I was especially thrilled to see the Year 3 team of Gleb I, Hector N, Philip B-S and Elliot S displaying such a positive attitude and never-say-die approach to their first competitive gala. A special mention must also go to John C who filled in at the last minute for the Year 6 team and swam superbly well. Well done, to all squad swimmers. You have made an old coach very proud of your efforts. I look forward to the London Swim League Final taking place at Bute House on Friday 31st January.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hector N 6 th	Felix El Z 2 nd	Lucas P 3 rd	Alex S 3 rd , 1 st
Gleb I 6 th	Leonardo P 4 th	Milo D 5 th	Taymour A 1 st
Philip B-S 6 th	Kian D 1 st	Andreas M 1 st	Aran M 2 nd
Elliot S 2 nd	Mattias C 1 st	William D 5 th	Kieran O'K 3 rd
	Nicolas V 1 st	Ikenna U 1 st	Alex C B 4 th
	Tacredi S 1 st	Max B 1 st	John C 3 rd
	Dylan E 3 rd	Oliver F 1 st	Elendu U 1 st
	Benjamin M 1 st	Saverio A 3 rd	Beau F 1 st
Year 3 Front Relay 6 th	Year 4A Front Relay 1 st Year 4B Front Relay 1 st	Year 5A Front Relay 2 nd Year 5B Front Relay 1 st	Year 6A Front Relay 1 st Year 6B Front Relay 1 st
Year 3 Medley Relay 6 th	Year 4A Medley Relay 1 st Year 4B Medley Relay 1 st	Year 5A Medley Relay 1 st Year 5B Medley Relay 1 st	Year 6A Medley Relay 1 st Year 6B Medley Relay 2 nd
Year 4-6 Cannon Relay (12 swimmers) 1 st			



Charities

Miss Kroiter writes...

Christmas Jumper Day

This term the School Council asked for a Christmas Jumper day and so I am excited to announce that this will be on **12th December**, to coincide with Chef Pete's fabulous Christmas lunch.

I can't wait to see all your fabulous knitwear.

Donations will be made towards our school charities – please hand these into your form tutors asap (minimum of £1).



Holiday Clubs

Mr Bayes writes...

Christmas Holiday Clubs 2019

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

Please 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

Painting Workshop – Miss Kirby

Space club

Christmas - Active

Lead teacher : Miss Lister



Football Camp

Christmas - Active

Lead teacher : Mr Reid



Adventure Club

Christmas - Active

Lead teacher : Mr Bayes



Painting Workshop

Christmas - Active

Leader Teacher: Ms Kirby



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Gleb I	6A	Nima H
4E	Romell J	6C	Elendu U
4H	Samuele B	6F	Charles P
4P	Emilio N	6M	Kourosh M
4S	Cormac M		Laith A
5A	Oliver B	7B	Sam M
5K	Adrien C	7L	Riaz Q
5O	Oliver F	7M	Fergus F
5T	Lucas P	8B	Sebastian D
		8G	Jonathan C
		8S	George S
		8V	Maxwell B
			Max C-B

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Sam M and George S – 36

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
678	540	537	456

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
6,698	6,597	5,828	5,390

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4H 228	Form 7B 179	Form 5O 160



Out of School Achievements

Jack J (6A) - Thanksgiving Day Service

Jack J had the honour of reading two Bible passages at St. Paul's Cathedral last Thursday at the annual "Thanksgiving Day Service" attended by 1,000 members of the U.S. Diplomatic Community and their friends!



Photos of the Week

3H — Battle of the Clans



Action from U10 Rugby this week



Nativity Play



Reuben enjoys some Bake Off Xmas cake



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