

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 17



WEEK 17: Monday 27th January — Sunday 2nd February 2020

MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Lamington Bake Sale - am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A, C vs. Thomas's Battersea (H) – 2:30pm
- U11 B, D vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:30pm

TUESDAY

- Swimming for **5K, 5O and 5T** – 9-11am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U9 A, B, D, F vs. St John's, Northwood (H) – 2:30pm
- U9 C, E, G, H vs. Newland House (A) – 2:30pm
- U8 vs. Finton House (H) – 2:30pm
- 8B, 8G & 8S Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

WEDNESDAY

- Breakfast Concert – 8:15am
- Year 3 & 4 Cross Curricular Art Day – all day
- Science Quiz Championships heat, Science Museum IMAX theatre
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30amnd
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U13 A, B, D vs. King's House School (A) – 2:30pm
- U12 A, B, D vs. King's House School (H) – 2:30pm
- U13 C vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:30pm
- U12 C vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:30pm

THURSDAY

- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A, C, E Triangular vs. St Anthony's and NBHS (A @ SA) – 2:30pm
- U10 B, D vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:30pm
- U10 F, G, H vs. Garden House (H) – 2:30pm

FRIDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
- Games for **Year 5** – 9:15-11:45
- Years 3-6 London Swim League Finals, Bute House School – 4:30pm
- Under 12 Pre-Season Cricket Training – 5-7pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Monday Clubs

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

Tuesday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20am
- Morning Running – 7:45-8:20am
- Wetherby Voices – 8-9am
- 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

- 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
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Music Club – Theory and Musicianship – 4-5pm
- Reasoning – 4-5pm
- Rock Band – 4-5pm
- Table Tennis – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Swimming – Lower School Swim Squad – 4:15-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

Thursday Clubs

- Morning Drawing – 7:45-8:20
- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20
- Rowing – 7:15-9am
- Swimming – School Swim Squad – 7:30-8:30am
- Morning Guitar Club – 8:00-8:30am
- 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
- Science Club – 4-5pm
- String Orchestra – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

Friday Clubs

- Whole School Clubs – 2:15-4pm

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Walking to assembly this morning I was chatting to Miss Lister about our respective weekend plans and she told me she was holding a dinner party on Saturday. "What's your signature dish?" I asked. Without hesitation she replied, "Persian Chicken!" and then reeled off the recipe, key ingredients and technique that goes into it. Apparently Miss Lister's social circle swear by her Persian Chicken as it is so good. No such cooking talent in our household and a Baker Dinner Party is basically peanuts and champagne, followed by me popping out to pick up a takeaway. Dessert can be as glamorous as a choice of 'Mini Magnums' or, as we ended up doing at an evening we held last Saturday, raiding Joseph's beloved stash of Cadbury's Crème Eggs...I'm all prepared for when he finds out if he reads this on the Instabuzz...



There are 'secret chefs' in all walks of society and there is significant talent, like Miss Jenny Lister, in our Common Room at Wetherby Prep. To that end, we have been preparing for our bi-annual 'Come Dine With Us' event at Wetherby Prep (12 February, 6pm) - it gets bigger and bolder every year. Staff are cooking their own signature dishes for you, the parents, as our guests. Those that won't be cooking will be waiting tables and pouring wine in between the three courses - the menu reads as mouth-watering as ever! Mr Thorne and I will be broadcasting 'live' from the kitchen and beaming the images back to the Pioneer Hall for all to see what's going on behind the scenes. At the end of the evening, we will gather up the comment sheets - yes, you can grade and comment on service and quality of food - and have a feedback session to all. If you have had a fun and nourishing evening, we hope you will then dig deep and contribute what you feel the food and service is worth to our school charities. This is always a really jolly event and embodies everything great about our school community. If you would like to make a reservation or even a whole table together please email our WPS maître d', Jude in the coming days.

A busy but brilliant seven days just passed and anyone around me might have perceived a build-up of nervous tension as the week developed. Nothing school or even Watford FC related on this occasion; more the 9am release this morning of Morrissey tickets for his one London appearance this year. As always, Assembly takes some time at Wetherby but thankfully, by the time I got back at 9:24am and logged on, I could still secure a couple of seats. I whatsapped Brig to tell her that I had just successfully bought my own March birthday present from her and thanks very much for the tickets. She quizzically responded, "You're welcome?!? Am I coming, who's it for? Please don't tell me it's someone like Morrissey..." Some people have no taste!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Cezar J in 4S. On a fixture this week, the opposition were down on number but Cezar volunteered to play for the other side and enjoyed making friends and being collegiate. An excellent Wetherby ambassador... who was also the best player on the pitch for the opposition!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Tobia P B in 5L. Up against a formidable player for the opposition, Tobia was given a specific role to stay on him and assure he got tackled early. Tobia stuck to his instruction admirably, inspired the whole team, and ultimately lead them to what at first looked an unlikely victory!"



Class-Achievement

Miss Flomet's 50 French

Kindness Cup



Michael H 5O

I thought Michael H was particularly kind on Monday as one of the Year 5 boys wasn't well at break time and Michael very kindly stopped when he was getting off the bus to double check that the boy was ok and he also said that he hoped he would get better soon. **Miss Bevan**

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Alexander S 6F**

We have just begun studying Philosophy and Ethics in Year 6 and the boys have been full of interesting questions. For their homework, they had to research answers to some of the "big questions" in Philosophy. Alex found a really interesting video which was all about the links between Physics and Philosophy and really kindly took the time to email me the link to it as he thought I might find it interesting. It was such an interesting video and so thoughtful of Alexander to take the time to send it to me. **Ms Russell**

◆ **Jude Fekete**

I wanted to nominate/point out Jude for an act of kindness. Harrison's class, (Benett and Thompson's youngest brother/ Year 1 at Chepstow House) collected stamps over the holiday season for the CLIC Sargent Cancer charity. They then raise money by selling them on their eBay store. Jude kindly saved some stamps on mail that was sent to WPS and gave them to us. Above and beyond her plentiful duties to help families affected by cancer. **Mrs Higgins, Parent**

◆ **Alexander R 4P**

On Monday, when I went to pick up Carlos from football club at school and was looking for him at reception he kindly, on his own initiative, volunteered to show me down to the locker room where he thought Carlos was. A very polite and attentive boy, a pleasure to have at the school. **Barbara de Calonje, Parent**

◆ **Miss Amato-Pace**

Miss Amato-Pace helped me find my history book by searching her entire classroom. Also she helped calm me down because I had a history mock exam the next day. **Max A-Hamilton 8G**

◆ **Kasra S 6A**

Kasra was really kind when I forgot my tennis racket outside school. He gave me his one to use so that I wouldn't miss out. **Lucas G 6F**

◆ **Leo S 6A**

Could see I was carrying a lot of things up the stairs towards my form. He said 'I can see your hands are full, where are you going? I'll hold the doors for you.' He then proceeded to open every door on the way to the top floor. Lovely boy! **Miss Andrews-Bowen**

◆ **Oliver P 5K**

Thank you for putting trays away so nicely in the lunchroom today. **Nicolo F 5K**

Notices

Dr Lee writes...



Lamington Bake Sale, for Australian Bushfire and Wildlife Relief Monday, 27 January 2020

We have all been shocked at widespread devastation in Australia. A land mass greater than the size of England has been burnt. Many people have lost their lives, including firefighters. Homes have been razed, animals have died, Agricultural infrastructure has been lost. The disaster is not over, fires are still burning, and new ones are starting with severe hot weather and high fire risk conditions forecast.

Although Australia has bushfires every year, the scale and scope of this disaster is unprecedented and its magnitude has been unquestionably exacerbated by climate change.

The rebuilding and reconstruction of lives and the restitution of wildlife is a massive undertaking. The natural habitats of indigenous species alone is an incalculable task. It is anticipated that many species have become extinct, and those remaining have had their natural environments destroyed.

On Sunday (Australia Day), Australians from the Wetherby Preparatory School community in London will bake Lamingtons for Wetherby pupils and staff. On Monday Boys and staff will be given a Lamington in return for a donation. It is hoped that boys will understand the importance of giving generously and understand that the Lamington is a token of thanks from the Australian community. Form teachers will collect donations from boys on Monday morning and Lamingtons will be distributed thereafter. Lamingtons do not contain nuts.

Please give as generously as you can.

The Wetherby School giving portal has also been set up to receive more substantial funds. The portal can be reached at the URL that follows.

I hope Wetherby parents will take every opportunity to use this facility and to share this portal with wider family, friends and colleagues in your various networks and lines of work.

www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/wetherbybushfirerelief

50% of funds will go to the Australian Red Cross, and 50% will go to the WIRES, further details below.

Australian Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org.au/news-and-media/news/australian-bushfires-how-we-are-using-funds>

Wires: <https://www.wires.org.au>



Miss Aitken writes...

Relationships and Sex Education Talks for Years 6-8

Attached to the Wetherbuzz this week is a letter about the Relationships and Sex Education talks that will be taking place on Tuesday 11th February. Amy Forbes-Robertson will come and deliver an hour long talk to Years 6, 7 and 8 on Relationship and Sex Education. These talks will take place separately.

Amy will also be holding a talk for the Wetherby parents from 5-6:30pm where she will talk about some of the issues that were discussed in the sessions with the boys and look at some of the themes that were covered.

Please see the attached letter for more information and if you would like to attend the parent talk, please let either myself, Jude or Danielle know by email.

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 21st January 2020

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **World Book Day:** can we think of an outfit for Mr Baker to wear that is a book character? Staff to also dress-up.
- **Suggestions for Mufti Day at end of Spring Term:** have a 'normal' Mufti Day wearing our own clothes.
- **Same-day trips:** More trips that are not residential and more educational.
- **Meatball Monday went down very well! Thank you!**
- **Plans for 'food culture' days:** We will think of a future plan for these e.g. Mexican food served near Day of the Dead celebrations.
- **Trampoline Club:** For Years 3-5.
- **Water Cooler on top floor:** The one already up there is not always accessible.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th January at 8:40am in the Dining Room.



English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"A waterfall of colour exploded across the inky sky; a feast for the eyes watching below."

William D, Year 5

"The obsidian sky dotted with pearly white droplets that looked like flecks of paint on an infinite canvas."

George S, Year 8

"As the river of colours got brighter, the universe got darker. There was no doubt that your eyes would widen as the current carried the river away and into the mountains."

Lucas P, Year 5

"The tree was waving its blossoming branch at the flowers like a queen waving to the crowd."

Michael R, Year 5

"The next moment, a wave of purple light leapt across the sky. It was as if a giant dragon was breathing a kaleidoscope of flares."

Arlo N R, Year 5

MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Adam I (the one and only)

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Elliot C	5B's
Nadhmi A	Chinua O
Zehen S	Taymour A
Laith A	Alex K
Canadian Bacon	Burrito-Pug
Seb J	Maxwell B

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?

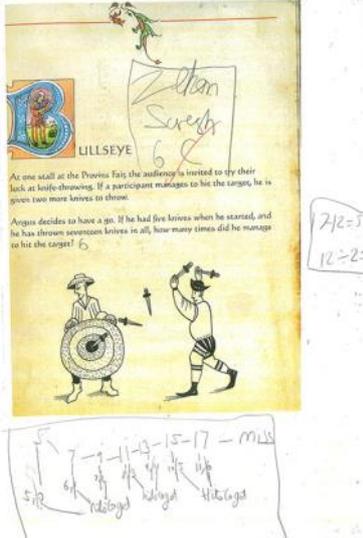


Start like this



And end up like this, moving only one glass.

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE




Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Year 4 Investigating Capacity

Boys in Year 4 were investigating capacity in their maths lesson this week. They had to estimate and then measure the capacity of an egg cup, plastic cup, mug and yogurt pot. Did you know that leaving the tap on whilst brushing your teeth wastes on average five litres of water? Thanks to Miss Preece for a really fun and interesting lesson!



Art Department

Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Year 5 boys are enjoying working on their environmental sea theme project this half term. Boys were asked to collect their plastic waste and bring it to their lesson. They then collectively sculpted a whale using chicken wire and filling it with their plastic waste. They hope that other boys in the school will start thinking about their plastic use and the impact it has on the environment. Well done, Year 5!



Miss Kirby writes...

East Asian writing on aesthetics is generally consistent in stating that the goal of ink and wash painting is not simply to reproduce the appearance of the subject, but to capture its spirit. This week Year 4 have been capturing the spirit of panda bears and bamboo plants and creating ink paintings on textured paper in the style of Chinese ink work in celebration of the Chinese New Year. We want our young artists to learn to take risks and enjoy learning about new techniques.



Music Department

Breakfast Concert



Science Department

Miss Lister writes...

NASA's next Mars rover will get one of these 9 names... Wetherby Boys, get voting!

The monikers, and the students who proposed them, are:

Endurance, K-4, Oliver Jacobs of Virginia.
Tenacity, K-4, Eamon Reilly of Pennsylvania.
Promise, K-4, Amira Shanshiry of Massachusetts.
Perseverance, 5-8, Alexander Mather of Virginia.
Vision, 5-8, Hadley Green of Mississippi.
Clarity, 5-8, Nora Benitez of California.
Ingenuity, 9-12, Vaneeza Rupani of Alabama.
Fortitude, 9-12, Anthony Yoon of Oklahoma.
Courage, 9-12, Tori Gray of Louisiana.



Public input is one criterion NASA will use to pick the final name, and the agency is therefore encouraging folks to vote for their favourite online at <https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/participate/name-the-rover/>. But you will have to act relatively fast; voting closes at midnight EST (0500 GMT) on 28th January.



Wetherby SPORT

Rugby Term Sports Report

U11 A – F vs. The Hall and Surbiton High Prep

The U11s picked up 5 wins from 6 matches against the hall and Surbiton. The highlight being a nail-biting 30 points to 25 win for the C team against The Hall B team.

Man of the match A's: Marley L

B's: Finlay D

C's: Kiran K

D's: Leo S

E's: Elliot S

F's: Max C

U9 A – I vs. Arnold House and Orchard House

The U9s recorded 6 wins from 9 matches on a cold Tuesday afternoon. The standout being an excellent 40 points to 10 victory for the A team against Arnold House.

Man of the Match A's: Caspar V

B's: Emilio N

C's: Oliver M

D's: Justin W

E's: Lorenzo R

F's: Cezar J

G's: Franklin C

H's: Maximilian van der K

I's: Harry C

U12 A - C vs. Thomas's Battersea and Arnold House

The U12s had a great first afternoon of rugby fixtures against Thomas's Battersea and Arnold House. The highlight was a 45-0 win for the A Team vs. Thomas's.

Man of the Match A's: John C

B's: Theodore D

C's: Freddie E

U13 A team vs. Arnold House

The U13's had an excellent afternoon of Rugby against Arnold House, playing some wonderful eye catching rugby in a comprehensive win.

Man of the match: Edward J

U10 A – I vs. Northbridge House and Surbiton

The U10's picked up 4 wins from 8 matches against the North Bridge house and Surbiton Prep. The highlight being a 25-20 win for the D team against Surbiton B team.

Man of the Match A's: Ikenna U

B's: Oliver F

C's: Ari S

D's: Tobia P-B

E's: Rolof Van H

F's: Jonah K

G's: Lucas P

H's: Bailey P

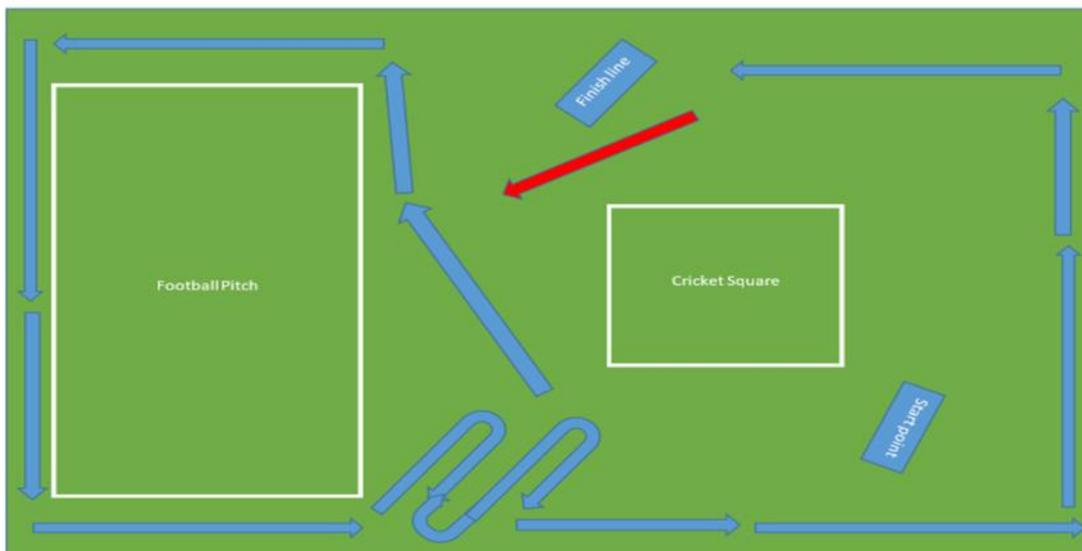
The Games Department writes...

Inter-House School Cross Country

On the week beginning the 24th February the whole school will take part in the Inter-House School Cross Country at the Wetherby Sports Ground. This will take place during the boy's morning Games sessions, with their afternoon session remaining as Rugby. We have selected a challenging but manageable course for all boys on the main side over at the David Lloyd Fitness Club.

The format will be as follows:

Year Group	Date and Time	Laps
6	25/2/2020 & 9:45	3
3 and 4 (separate races)	26/2/2020 & 9:45/10:05	2
7 and 8 (separate races)	27/2/2020 & 9:45/10:05	4
5	28/2/2020 & 9:45	3



For this event, all boys must wear either football boots or running spikes.

Please note that the Wetherby car park (located on the Wetherby Sports Ground side) will have limited space and that you must use the David Lloyd entrance. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on matt.evans@wetherbyprep.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you are at the start line!



Outdoor Learning

Miss Hood writes...

3H boys had to use their communication skills to direct their team to retrieve the animals from the pond. They then had to work as a team, without talking, to navigate the ball from the starting line to the finish line using only the tubes. The boys showed great resilience and didn't give up on a task until they had completed it!



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3H	Raahil U
4E	Hugo S
4H	Maximilian van der K
4P	Jack W
4S	Hugo M-S
	Methu M
5A	Ziyang P
5K	Raahil H
	Junyi C
5O	Murad K
5L	Tyler N

Upper School	
6A	Rishaan U
6C	Daniil K
6F	Harry L
6M	Aran M
7L	Michele A
7B	Joshua L
7M	Fergus F
8B	Exam Week
8G	Exam Week
8S	Exam Week
8V	Exam Week

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Ziyang P – 30

Weekly Housepoint Totals

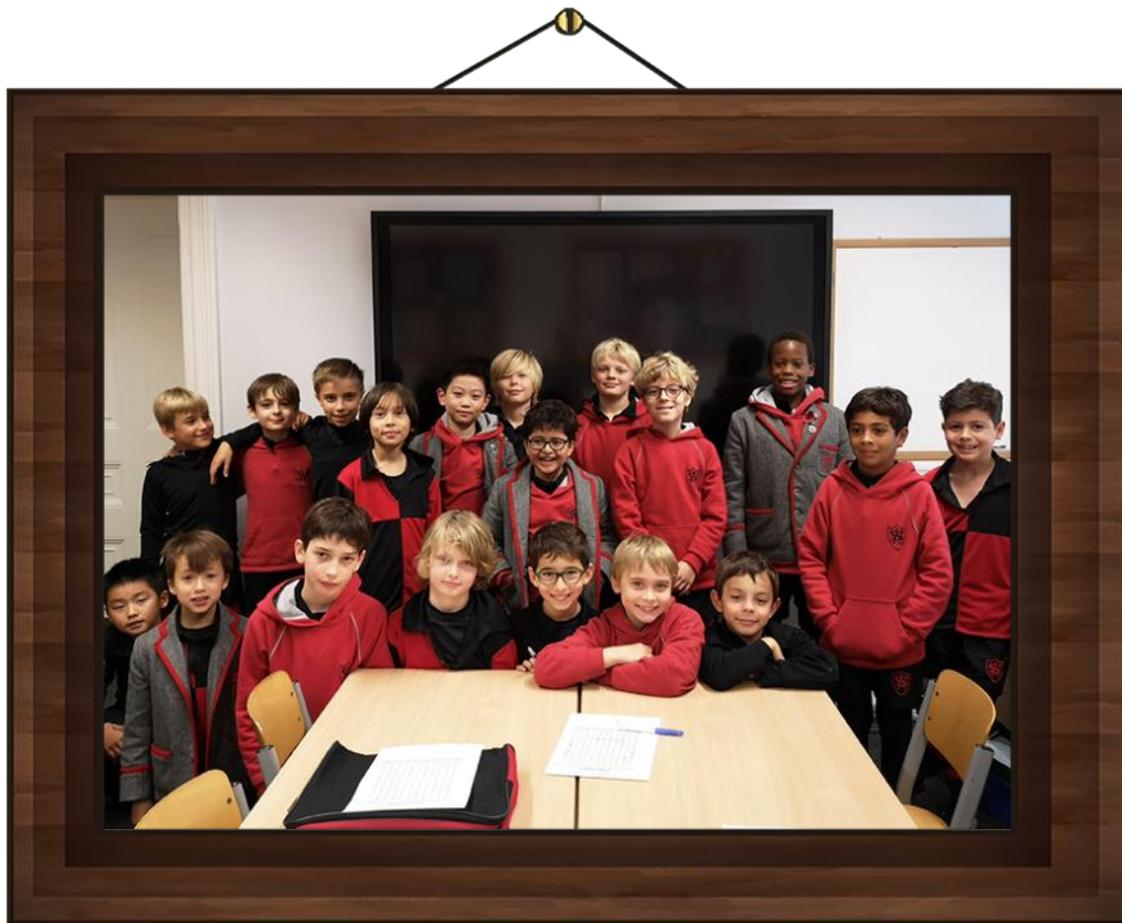
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
511	393	392	290

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
8,520	8,476	7,504	6,924

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5A 173	Form 4S 165	Form 3H 162



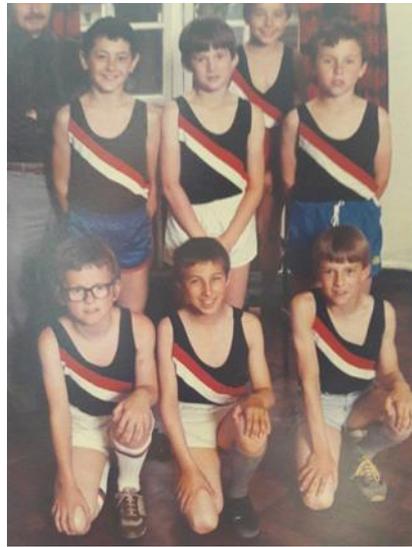
Skool Daze



Mr Baker writes...

For this edition of 'Skool Daze' I thought it would be fun to share pictures from the new display in my office. This half of term it is the turn of the Games Department who have made an excellent display entitled 'We Play Sport Too...' with photos of staff playing sport in their youth. Who do you recognise?





Photos of the Week

Bailey's beautiful drawing of a Kingfisher



3H boys hard at work for the pioneer 'Get Vegucated' session



3H boys have been exploring regular and irregular 2D shapes



This week's game against The Hall



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