

# WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 19



# WEEK 19: Monday 10th February — Sunday 16th February 2020

## MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- Thomas's Clapham U11 A Festival (A) - 10:15am
- U11 D and H vs. Chepstow House and Falcons (H) - 2.30pm
- U11 F and I vs. WUS (A) - 2.50pm
- U11 B, C, E, G vs. Hampton Prep (H) - 2.30pm

## TUESDAY

- Years 6, 7 & 8 Relationships and Sex Education talk – 1-4pm
- 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 C, D, G, H, I vs. Knightsbridge (A) - 2.30pm
- U9 A, B, E, F vs. Hampton Prep (A) - 2.30pm
- U8 vs. St Stephen's and Hampton Prep Triangular (H) - 2.30pm
- Relationship and Sex Education Parent talk – 5-6:30pm TBC

## WEDNESDAY

- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U13 A vs. Newland House (H) - 2.30pm
- U12 All Stars (D – squad of ten) vs. Newland House (H) - 2.30pm
- U12 C and U13 B vs. Hill House (A) - 2.30pm
- U12 B and U13 C vs. North Bridge House (A) - 2.30pm
- 'Come Dine With Us' – Staff & Parent Fundraising Event – 6-8pm

## THURSDAY

- Year 3 Outdoor Learning – 11am-2:45pm
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- Years 5-8 IAPS National Swimming Qualifying Heats, Latymer – 3:30pm
- U10 C and E vs. Arnold House (H) - 2.30pm
- U10 A, B, G, H vs. Newland House (A) - 2.30pm
- U10 D & F vs. Chepstow House (H) - 2.30pm
- 7L and half of 7M (Giles-Tomazos) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

## FRIDAY

- Staff Appreciation Day – all day
- 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
- U8/U9 Cricket Coaching Experience 5-7pm
- **BOYS BREAK UP AT 4pm**

## SATURDAY

### 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

## SUNDAY

# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Incredible Bake Sale yesterday; not just in terms of the money raised - £1400+ - but the quality of the produce on display and the attitude and enthusiasm of the boys. Not sure how this aligns with a school's promotion of healthy eating but as a one off I'm sure it's fine. I remember listening to Jamie Oliver being interviewed once and the interviewer asked him how bad kebabs were for you. His reply was refreshing, saying that he loved kebabs - the more chilli sauce, the better! But tempered this with 'everything in moderation'. I haven't had a kebab in years but good to know that one has permission from one of the country's pre-eminent food champions. When I was growing up, my mum used to buy my brother, sister and me, 'Friday sweets'; this would be a bag of penny sweets each and the memories stay with me to this day. As we got older, this would often morph into a bowl of cherries or a pomegranate. I like both these things and was, of course, grateful, but my tastes weren't *that* sophisticated and the (then exotic) fruits were never going to be a substitute for a bag of 'real' sweets. I wish I had been this disciplined with my own children, but they are far too spoilt, living too close to Marks and Spencers - their persuasive patter is far too effective; one can't help not coming back with a pint of milk... and a pack of Percy Pigs for P and J!



I'd like to think that even though treats are more prevalent in our household and at school than they were in my youth, there is still a 'reward' element to them and that they are earned and have the currency of being a rarity. This week, we have trialled a Year 8 Tuck Shop – the idea coming out of School Council – at break time, and the boys loved both the novelty and the experience. They are old enough and well-behaved enough to deserve this as a treat and I am sure they will respect the fact that, as a staff, we are happy to empower them to utilise these 'extras', safe in the knowledge that they can be taken away if they react in a negative way. The younger boys, of course, are saying that it is unfair that Year 8s *can* but they *can't*, but hey, life can be unfair, that's a lesson in itself!

Without wanting to sound too cryptic, this has been a great week for the School, with lots of exciting things happening behind the scenes. A few of you know exactly what I am talking about and we will share everything when it is appropriate to do so but suffice to say, year on year, this school gets better and better and the rewards even more satisfying than before. Substantial treats that have been hard-earned by staff and the boys.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



### *Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Taymour K in 6F. Taymour is a delight to teach and is always well prepared and equipped in the classroom. He gave a fantastic persuasive speech in English this week and organised and prepared the experiments in Science – a model Wetherby Citizen!



### *Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Moritz K in 4P. Moritz has played superbly in rugby this term and moved up several squads already. He is an 'animal' on the pitch by all accounts! Well done, Moritz!



### *Class-Achievement*

**Ms Russell's 6A Class**

# Kindness Cup



**Michael R 5L**

I am nominating Michael for always helping me get into a better mood when I am sad or annoyed. He really is a good friend! *Tobia P B 5L*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **John C 6F**

I was struggling with a cough in lessons on Monday and losing my voice. I had been teaching back to back lessons and not had time to go and fill up my water bottle by the time 6F got to me. John noticed that my water bottle was empty and that I was coughing and really sweetly offered to go and fill it up for me. To be so considerate and offer to do something like this without prompting was so thoughtful of him and I really appreciated it! *Ms Russell*

◆ **Alexander C-B 6A**

Oscar came in half way through the music lesson from a piano lesson and Alex just quietly and really nicely explained what was going on and helped him get the rhythm etc without causing a fuss. This meant that we could all keep going with the song and Oscar was able to join in really quickly. Alex did this without being asked and it was really nice to see him take the initiative. *Mrs Tomsett-Rowe*

◆ **Kian F 6C**

Kian took out a notebook and pen during the reading buddy take over to write notes for his Year 4 buddy. This was one of the sweetest acts of kindness I have seen and it was so lovely to see such positivity and kindness on a Wednesday morning. *Miss Casserly*

◆ **Luca P 7B**

During Tuesday morning Running Club, Luca noticed that I didn't have my gloves on and offered to give me his so my hands wouldn't get cold. He actually offered a few times as we were making our way around Hyde Park! This shows not only what a great member of the team that Luca is, but how much of a great club this is! *Miss Lister*

◆ **Zac M 6C**

I forgot my money for the Bake Sale and Zac asked me if I would like to have £2. This filled me with glee that I wouldn't miss out! *Ilya W-H 6C*

◆ **Nicholas V 4H**

I am nominating this boy because when I was in a very sad mood he let me play his game and made funny jokes! *George Y 5L*

◆ **Mick R 5L**

I love that he has taken the time to teach me Dutch! *Bailey P 5L*

◆ **Kasra S 6A**

On Wednesday I lost my Rock Climbing bag and I needed it very urgently. Without asking, Kasra looked very hard for it and found it and found it. He is always very kind to me. *Matteo G 6A*

◆ **Filippo H 6M**

He did something lovely and admirable earlier this week. He stood up for a boy in his class at a real time of need and showed an incredible sign of genuine kindness and decency. He's a real example of the attitude that all Wetherby boys should hope to emulate, and as such we feel he is very deserving of the kindness cup.

◆ **Jonah K 5A**

He's been working hard in Math's and he's helped out other children and always stays behind to help organize the classroom. *Mr Maguire*

♦ **Alexandros A 4P**

Mrs Aliboni would like to nominate Alexandros for the kindness cup as he showed her the way back from the Drama Suite to reception and held open every single door for her along the way. *Mrs Aliboni, Parent*

♦ **All Wetherby Boys**

I was really impressed with their manners at the bake sale and they were so kind sharing money with friends who didn't have any. The PTA and myself were really impressed by this. *Miss Kroiter and the PTA*

♦ **Chinua O 8V**

He saw me juggling lots of empty cake trays etc down from the Drama Suite and offered to help carry them even though it was in the wrong direction. *Miss Kroiter*

# Notices

Mr Lock writes...



I have arranged for boys in Y7 and 8 to have a study skills session with instructors from Elevate Education ([uk.elevateeducation.com/](http://uk.elevateeducation.com/)) on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The aim of these sessions is to help boys plan and manage their own revision as they build toward CE exams and starting life in senior schools.

I have also asked Elevate to run a parent session to share some of what they will be covering in the pupil workshops. This will consist of a 15 minute presentation followed by Q&A. You will leave with an e.book of tips and ideas.

Location – Pioneer Hall  
Time – 8.15 – 8.55am  
Date – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
RSVP – to Jude before Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

I look forward to seeing you there!

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## Whole School Photograph

We are sending a final reminder that the whole school photograph taken at Wetherby Preparatory School is online and available to order at the below site:

Website: [www.gillmanandsoame.co.uk](http://www.gillmanandsoame.co.uk)

Proof card login: **401195**

Proof card password: **364081**

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Gillman & Soame directly at [enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk) or on 01869 328200.



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Miss Aitken writes...

## Children's Mental Health Week 2020 #findyourbrave

The boys have done an amazing job of embracing Children's Mental Health week. From 'Jars of Bravery' recipes written by the Year 3s, to various dance routines taking place as movement breaks in lessons around the school, to 10 minute classroom Yoga practices and a whole lot more! We have had some furry friends visiting during form times and all of the boys in their PSHE lessons this week have been looking at the theme for this year #findyourbrave

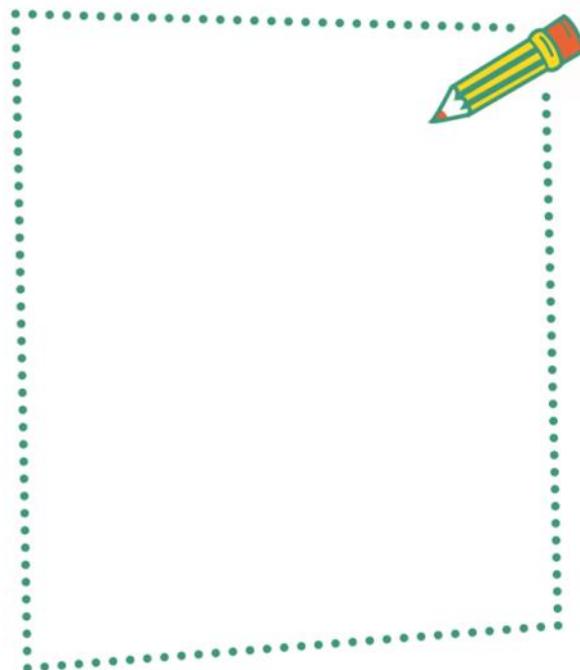
I have been speaking with the incredible charity Place2Be, who sent us some inspiring resources and our subscription to The Day website has also come up with some goodies.

If anyone would like to have a go at the below, please encourage your son to come and share their findings with either myself, their form teacher or their PSHE teacher.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend!

**Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices. Here are some things that might help you to FIND YOUR BRAVE.**

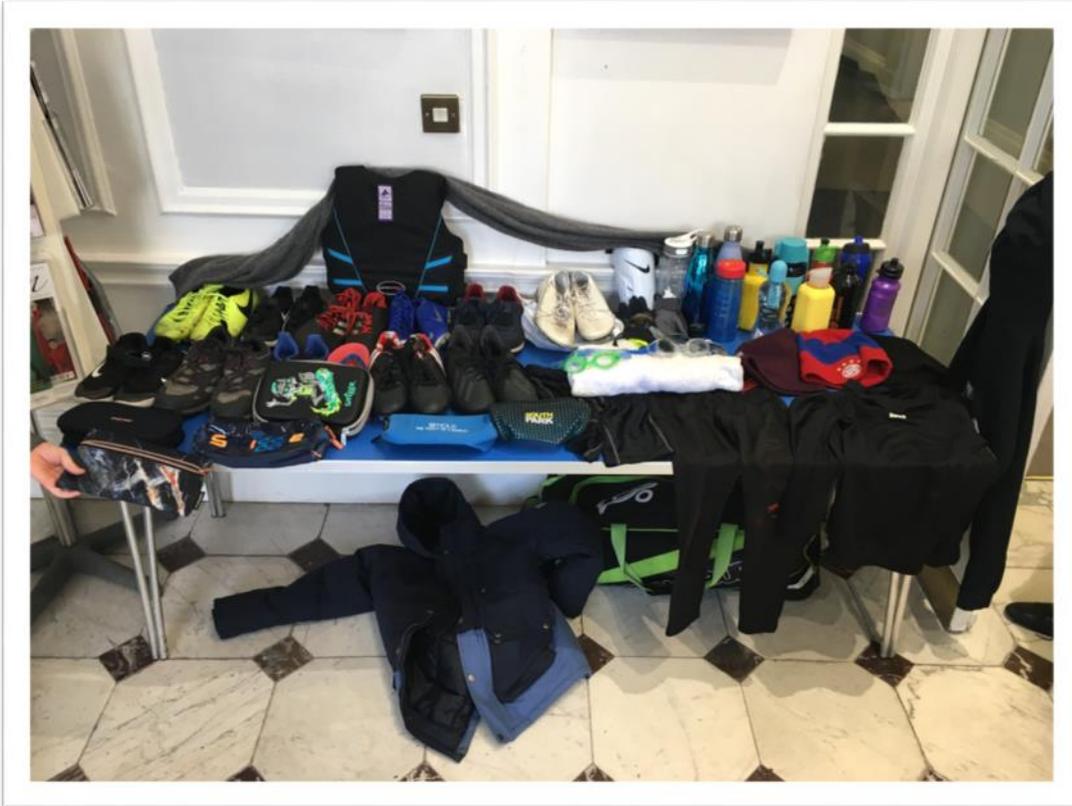
1. Think about something you've done where you felt brave. How did it make you feel?
2. Think of something brave you could do at school. (It could be speaking up in class, standing up for someone or volunteering for something).
3. Think of a new skill or activity you could try that you've never done before.
4. Ask your family, friends and teachers what they do to **FIND THEIR BRAVE** - they might have some good ideas you could try!
5. How do you **FIND YOUR BRAVE**? Write or draw something in the box to the right.



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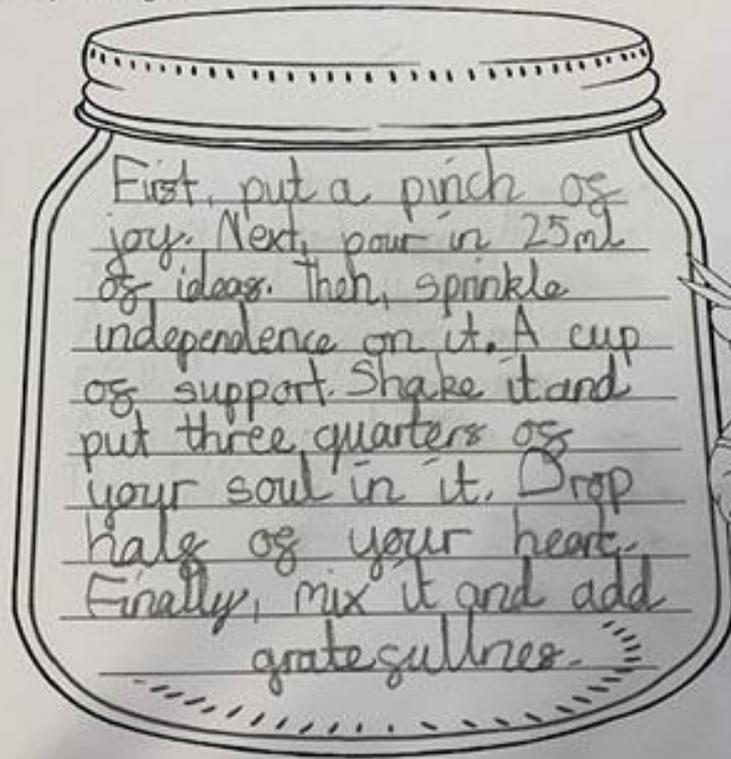
## End of half term unnamed lost property

This is everything that is unnamed since Christmas. The items will be on display in Reception until Friday (14th) at which point they will be thrown away.





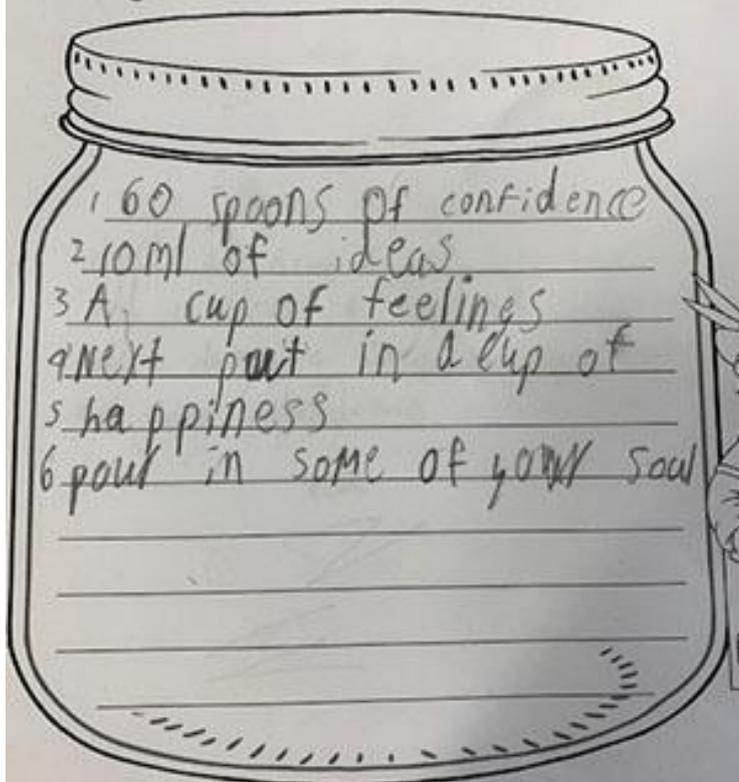
What do you put into a jar to give you courage? Write a set of ingredients for a jar of courage.



Think about:

Key Vocabulary:

What do you put into a jar to give you courage? Write a set of ingredients for a jar of courage.



Think about:

conjunctions to

Key Vocabulary:

Next

A cup of...

# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 4th February 2020

**Time:** 8:30am

**Attendance:** School Council Representatives and PLT

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

- **Batteries:** School Council members to tell their forms about battery recycling in school. We want this to become the 'norm' and PLT will collect and give to Miss Lister/Mr Tilleray to put in the recycling facility in the basement staffroom.
- **Names for Cricket Teams:** We need 30 team names to be forwarded to Mr Billingham ASAP.
- **Suggestions so far:** The Ogres, The Leprechauns, The Red Riders, The Piranhas, The Jedis, The First Order, The Muggles, The Pandas, The Resistance, The Turtles. TBC..
- **Tuck Shop:** Year 8 trialling tuck shop at the Sports Ground today. Suggestions that the Tuck Shop could possibly be a cart that is in school and run by various groups of boys.
- **Stop Motion Club:** We have the Stop Motion App downloaded on iPads already.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 8:40am in the Dining Room.**

# English Department

## Figurative TOP 5

### #1

*"Hesitantly, I tiptoed to the mocha coloured wardrobe. I could just about see my reflection in the distorted mirror."*

Hector N, Year 3

*"The milky, full-fat face of the moon stared down at me like a gentle guide."*

Oscar R, Year 7

*"There I lay, elongated on my alabaster-white beach chair while the beautiful colours of the Northern Lights bombarded my vision."*

Elias R, Year 5

*"The beautiful balloon sailed underneath the scorching sun, beaming down on the dry, golden, gleaming landscape below, where life ends in desperate thirst."*

William P, Year 4

*"Frost floated down like a silhouette of forgiveness. Summer had gone. I had dreamt of a sybaritic journey and yet I had ended up toiling towards a Sisyphian fate."*

Edward J, Year 8



**Wetherby Prep Literary Festival** will take place in the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (the first week back after half term). As is tradition, forms decorate classroom doors with a literary theme as part of a competition to earn the prestigious title of **Greatest Garnished Gateway**.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, as part of the festivities, boys in Years 6, 7 and 8 will be meeting guest speaker **Allie Esiri**, curator of *Poems for Every Day of the Year*. She will talk about Shakespeare's sonnets, monologues and soliloquys, followed by a book signing of her new book, *Shakespeare for Every Day of the Year* – pre-order on ParentPay now to avoid disappointment on the day. We also have arranged a Shakespeare workshop for boys in Year 5 conducted by a visiting team from The Globe Theatre.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, boys may dress up for **CosPlay Day** as a character from literature – as long as boys bring the matching book with them! On the same day, the PTA will hold a Book Sale in the Pioneer Hall – if you would like to donate books to the sale, please send into the school office. We often sell-out of books for older boys, so if you have any unwanted books from older siblings, please send them in for re-sale too! All proceeds go to our chosen charities. Class teachers will encourage boys to take part in the 500 Words competition, hold a story-time in the Library with the latest selection of fiction and non-fiction from the Carnegie Prize and much, much more!



# MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

SushiMaster	Dylan K
Adam I	James B
Hugo S	

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

The Great Snail	Taymour A
Laith A	Guy Ritchie
SushiMaster	The Riddler
Brazilian Barbecue Barbarian	

## 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

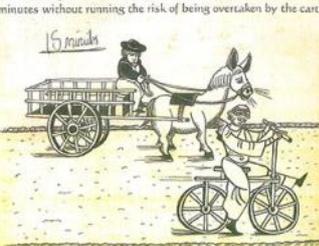
**THE RIDDLE**

15 mph difference when moving  
65 mph difference when the bicycle stopped  
 $65 - 50 = 15$   
3 hours as long when they both average  
**VEHICLES?**

A bicycle moving at 60 mph overtakes a cart whose speed is a constant 45 mph.

For how long must the bicycle travel in order to be able to halt for like minutes without running the risk of being overtaken by the cart?

15 minutes




### Mr Niccoli writes...

Please see below two pictures of our fabulous chess team who completed at the weekend in the local zone of the national primary schools chess association. We are pleased to say that both the under 11 and under 9 teams have progressed to the semi final stage in June, we need to train hard but we will be ready!

#### Under 9

S, Callum  
S, Hugo  
J, Nicholas  
P, Aidan  
T-W, Alexander

#### Under 11

A, Taymour  
A, Laith  
G, Arthur  
K, Daniil  
C, Junyi



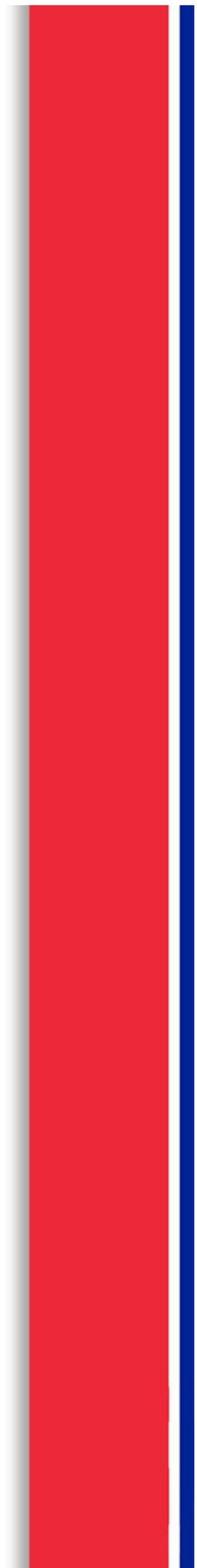
# French Department

Mrs Jenne writes...

## Languages Morning

On Tuesday, we held a 'Languages Morning' for all boys in Year 4. A huge 'grazie/gracias/obrigado' to Mrs Blumberg, Mrs Hutt, Mrs Campobenedetto and Ms Gimenez who came to teach the boys about their language. The boys were treated to some Spanish cuisine, including tortilla and gazpacho. In addition, they enjoyed practising how to order an ice cream in Italian and learning all about Italian culture, as well as trying out their Portuguese during a lesson all about Brazil. They even got to taste some Brazilian *brigadeiro*! Thank you so much to our lovely Wetherby mums for all their enthusiasm and hard work. A great morning was had by all!

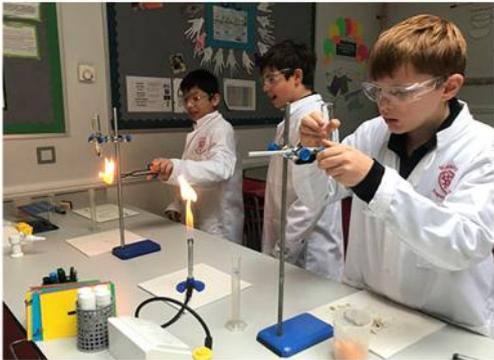




# Science Department

## Miss Casserly writes...

Year 7 were busy investigating the energy content in different types of crisps. They were incredibly organised and completed a fantastic practical with accurate and reliable results. You can see by the pictures they really enjoyed the practical lesson and were extremely focused. Well done to all!



# Wetherby SPORT

## U11 A – D vs. Fulham Prep and Hill House

The U11s picked up 4 wins from 7 matches against the Fulham Prep and Hill House. The highlight being an excellent 40 points to 30 win for the C team against Hill House B team.

**Man of the match A's: Jake M**

**B's: Michael A**

**C's: Jack S**

**D's: Nicholas O**

**E's: Alexander D**

**F's: Michael L**

**G's: Laith A**

## U9 A – H vs. Fulham Prep and The Falcons

The U9s recorded 5 wins from 7 matches on a brilliant afternoon of rugby. The standout being an excellent 30 points to 25 victory for the E team against Fulham Prep C team.

**Man of the Match A's: Moritz K**

**B's: Dmitry C**

**C's: Alastair O**

**D's: Younis A**

**E's: Alexander R**

**F's: Theodore S**

**G's: Rex S**

The U12 and U13 A team travelled to the Arnold House mini rugby festival on Wednesday. Both teams put in some excellent performances coming away with 6 wins from 6 matches between them.

**Man of the Tournament for the U12's: Becket W**

**For the U13's: Chinonso O**

## U12 B and C vs. The Hall and Fulham Prep

The U12s had a tough afternoon of rugby fixtures against Fulham Prep and The Hall.

**Man of the Match B's: Ethan R**

**C's: Chase D**

## U13 B and C vs. The Hall and Fulham Prep

The U13 B and C team had two tough fixtures against two A teams, however, both teams put in spirited performances and came away with many positives.

**Man of the Match B's: Misha K**

**C's: Michele A**

## U10 A – E vs. Thomas's Battersea and Fulham Prep

The U10s picked up 5 wins from 7 matches. The highlight being a 25-20 win for the C team against Thomas's Battersea A team.

**Man of the Match A's: Jonah G**

**B's: Oliver P**

**C's: Ethan W**

**D's: Max B**

**E's: David S**

**F's: Adam K**

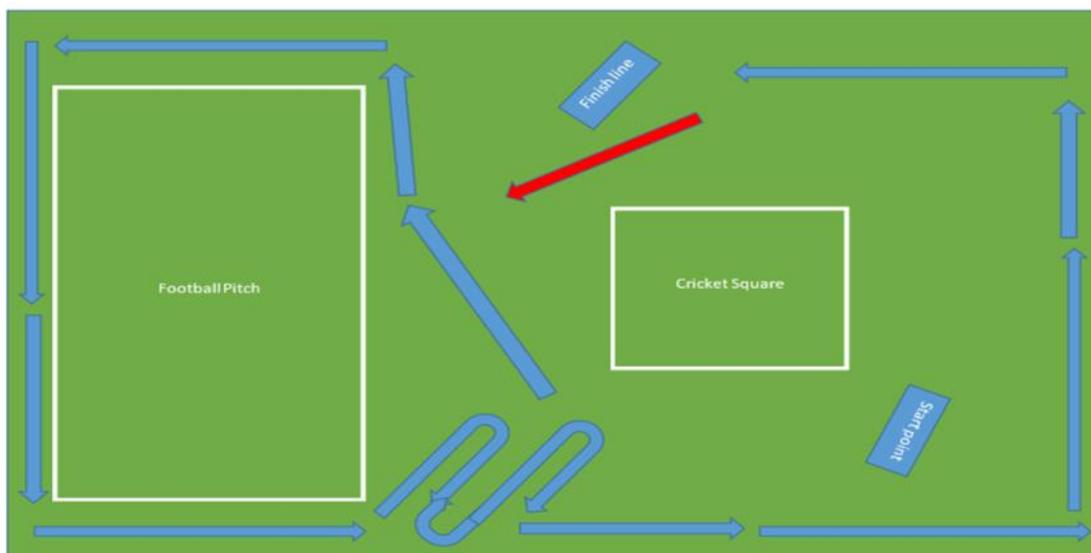
**G's: Hirofumi Z**

## The Games Department writes...

On the week beginning the 24<sup>th</sup> February the whole school will take part in the Inter-House Cross Country at the Park Club. This will take place during the boys' 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 Park 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](mailto:matt.evans@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

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

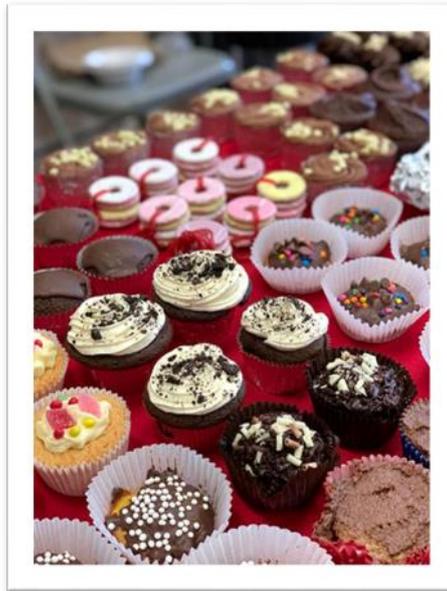


# Charities

Miss Kroiter writes...

## BAKESALE

A huge thanks to the PTA for organising another fantastic bake sale. The boys loved the sugar rush and we made £1400 for charity.



## COME DINE WITH WETHERBY

We are really excited about 'Wetherby Come Dine with Me' which will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> February** between **6pm-8pm**. This is always a fun, light hearted sociable evening that is definitely a highlight in the Wetherby social calendar and so if you would like a last minute place then please email Jude.

[jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School		
3H	Raahil U	6A	Raffi P	
	Philip M		6C	Daniil K
4E	Hugo S	Zachary M		6F
	4H	Miles C	6M	
4P		Jack W		7B
4S	Cormac M	7L	Oliver T	
5A	Oliver B		7M	Sami K
5K	Timothee C	8B		Jackson K
5L	Saverio A		8G	Lucas N
5O	Elias R	8S		George S
			8V	Nadhmi A

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Elias R - 37
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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>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papisavvas	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer
<b>614</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>486</b>

### Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Dawson</b> Captain B. Govindan	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain G. Granovski	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papisavvas
<b>9,704</b>	<b>9,553</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>7,973</b>

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 5A</b> 232	<b>Form 5O</b> 216	<b>Form 4S</b> 198



# Skool Daze



*This week, it is the turn of Mr Lock and Mr Maguire!*

## Where did you go to school?

We went to school in Seven Kings in the London borough of Redbridge but you could class it as Essex. Our families were pretty similar, Catholic of Irish heritage and our siblings were also in the same year so pretty much everyone knew each other. Our primary school was called St Aidan's and secondary school was Canon Palmer Catholic School.

## What was your favourite subject and why?

**Mr Lock:** Mine was maths. I loved working with numbers and enjoyed figuring things out. Anything related to design technology was a real favourite too. When we were in primary school there were only three computers which kept in the library locked away in a cupboard. I was one of a handful of monitors who were allowed to move them to classrooms at the start of each day. It was a real fuff.

**Mr Maguire:** I was also a big fan of Maths but also enjoyed sports (and a bit of dancing outside of school).

## Who was your favourite teacher and why?

**Mr Lock:** We both loved (and feared) Mrs Gummert. She was the Year 6 teacher and terrifying. As we had older siblings we knew a lot about her before going into her class. Her bark was not as bad as her bite!

**Mr Maguire:** Yes, Mrs Gummert was awesome and terrifying. She is a big part of why I am a teacher today.

## What was your most memorable trip/residential?

**Mr Lock:** In Year 6 we went to the north east to visit some really interesting places. Our school was called St Aidan's and named after a monk who spent his life on a tiny island called Lindisfarne in Northumberland.

**Mr Maguire:** Our school trip to Northumberland was the first time the school had been there and we loved it. Rollercoasters, beach walks, amusement arcades and a Victorian town where we 'learn a trade' for the day. I think I was a coal miner, but not very good at it.

## What didn't you like about school?

**Mr Lock:** Generally, I loved every minute of school. I had lots of friends and supportive teachers. I left school in 1998 and things were much simpler for teenagers back then. Social media consisted of going to the local Youth Club on a Friday evening and actually talking to friends! My one regret was not working as hard as I could have when revising for my GCSEs as I feel I could have done much better (especially in French).

**Mr Maguire:** Being six months younger than Mr. Lock means school didn't come as naturally to me. I had difficulty when I was really young because I wanted to play football all day and I couldn't understand why we had to be inside 'all the time'. By the time I reached Year 7, I started to understand what was being asked of me. I realised that if I tried my 'best' in what I was doing, then I didn't get into any trouble.

## What did you learn most from school?

**Mr Lock:** The importance of perseverance and determination. I took Physics A-level and had a terrible first year. Literally nothing made sense. As I started Upper Sixth it started to make click and I put in more effort to catch up.

**Mr Maguire:** One of the most important lessons I learned at school was how to listen to others, I'm from a large family and I probably spent more time, in my early school days, trying to make people listen to me rather than paying attention to what I should have been doing. I also learned (after the fact) that no one needs to take 13 GCSE's.

## If you went to Wetherby Prep which clubs would you have done?

**Mr Lock:** My club would be the same as I one I take here at Wetherby – running and fitness! I love being out in Hyde Park getting some (relatively) fresh air in all weathers. The sense of achievement, improvement and camaraderie are elements I love in a club.

**Mr Maguire:** It's a tough question, with so many amazing clubs, but I've always loved chess, sports and I like the sound of Robotics Club.



# Photos of the Week



4P led the Y3/Y4 assembly on Chinese New Year with an informative drama performance on the story of the Chinese Zodiac. The boys played different animals, who all raced across a river to the Jade Emperor in order to have one of the twelve years named after them. Unfortunately, the cat missed out on a place in the calendar due to the rascal rat pushing him into the river! And that is why cats hate rats...









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