

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 20



WEEK 20: Monday 24th February — Sunday 1st March 2020

MONDAY

- **Book Week**
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Roald Dahl Charity Talk - am
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A, C, E, H vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) - 2.30pm
- U11 B, D, F vs. St Anthony's (H) – 2:30pm
- U11 G, I vs. Surbiton High Prep (A) – 2:30pm

TUESDAY

- Allie Esiri Shakespeare for everyday talk and workshops
- 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 vs. Thomas's Fulham (H) - 2.30pm
- U9 vs. Arnold House (A) - 2.30pm
- U8 vs. Arnold House (A) - 2.30pm
- 4P & 4S Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

WEDNESDAY

- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U13 A & C vs. St Anthony's (A) - 2.30pm
- U13 B vs. Eaton House the Manor (H) - 2.30pm
- U12 A and B Triangular vs. Thomas's Battersea (H) - 2.30pm
- Ski Championship Parent Information Meeting – 6pm

THURSDAY

- Charity PTA Book Sale – all day
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A - H Mini Festival Thomas's Fulham (H) – 2:30pm
- U11 – U13 Swim Meet @ Whitgift (Colfes, Eton College, WPS, Whitgift) – 4:30pm
- 3H, 4E & 4H Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

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
- Mr Baker to Marlborough College – 7:30pm

SATURDAY

- U13 Pre-Season Cricket Training – 1-3pm

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,

With Corona Virus still a very real threat overseas and at home, it goes without saying that we are encouraging boys and visitors to be extra vigilant with basic hygiene. In terms of a directive, we are insisting that any visitors to the school that have visited any of the countries concerned – China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Macau – have returned and are symptom free for 14 days before attending the school. This same directive applies to parents, boys and staff so please let us know if you are visiting these countries over half term as we will be enforcing this for the sake of everyone's welfare.



On behalf of all the staff, thank you for the incredible generosity and effort you, our parent body, has put into Staff Appreciation Day. The goodie bags are such a treat and even before I had arrived at school this morning, Brigid had texted me saying, "I don't mind what time you come home but DO NOT forget to bring the Staff Appreciation bag home!". Staff have been telling me of the incredibly touching and thoughtful gifts you and the boys have produced. It means a lot to us, and for the new staff to the school there is always the sense of bewilderment as nowhere, in any school, will this have been experienced before. Just as I finish writing this, we tuck into the incredible spread in the Library – a perfect way to end a most successful and rewarding half of term.

For those of you going skiing; have a great time and stay safe – no unnecessary risks, please, boys – I don't care how good or experienced skier you may be. For those staying at home, take time to rest and enjoy time with friends or family. And get on with your siblings; that's the best behaviour you can evidence to your parents. The Bakers are not going away this half term, taking time to admire our now pretty much complete renovation project, eighteen months since the first workman took sledgehammer to wall. Tonight I go home, looking forward to what will be the final piece of the jigsaw, the top floor, completely re-carpeted. A sense of satisfaction that the 'project' has come to an end and certainly a sigh of relief to my ever declining bank balance during this period, but I will miss the anticipation of seeing tangible change and improvement on a daily basis. At so many stages throughout this project, Brig and I have said, "We're not doing this again. Next time we'll buy a house with someone else's taste and be happy with it." But actually, I think I would do it again and I have learned so much from the mistakes and successes that have been made. As Head of this school for the past 13 years, at many points I have thought to myself, 'Let's just have a couple of years of consolidation.' but it never happens. I can't help myself; things can and do only get better.

Have a great half term,

Nick Baker



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Jonas O in 4E. Always helpful around the school and particularly in the Science classroom, Jonas not only advised Mr Hallett how to solve a Rubick's Cube but composed and presented written instructions the next day—what a super boy!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Raahil U in 3H. Raahil has been a real standout performer in the U8s this season and performed admirably in the cross country last Friday. Well done, Raahil!



Class-Achievement

Miss Kirby's Advanced Artists

Kindness Cup



Franklin C 4S

Franklin took it upon himself to gather in all of the boys' belongings from the sports ground during break when it began to rain yesterday. A very kind thing to do.

Mrs Le Clanche

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ Michael H 5O

Whenever I don't have a partner he is always there for me and he once helped me on the bus when I was hurt. *George Y 5L*

◆ Samuel S 6F

He has let me borrow ink for my pen three times (I will repay him) and when my pen first ran out of ink, he let me borrow his pen within seconds (very kind of Sam). *Jacob C 6F*

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◆ **Jack D 8G**

Jack has been very kind on the bus and very supportive. He to me is like a true Bus Captain! *Nicolo F 5K*

◆ **Alastair O 4H**

Alastair was going through the lost property box and came across a Rubix cube. He took the Rubix cube out of the box and said that it was William Shea's and that he must return it to him so that it wasn't disposed of during a lost property clear out, as he thought William would be upset about this. Such a thoughtful gesture! *Miss Hood*

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/) on Wednesday 4th 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, 4th March 2020

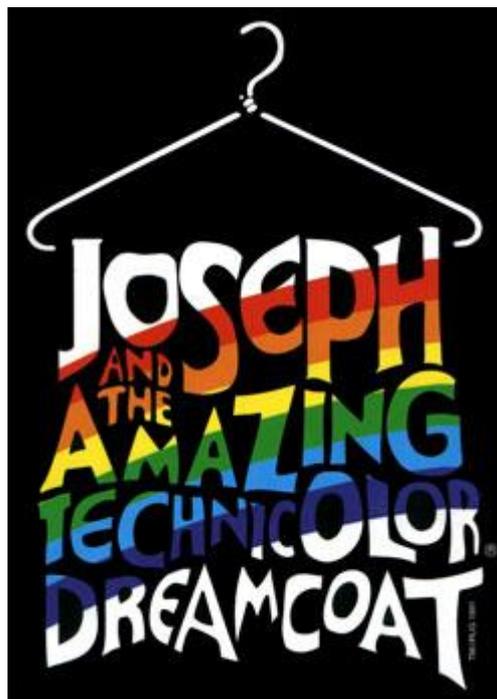
RSVP – to Jude before Monday, 3rd March 2020

I look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Tomsett-Rowe writes...

Tickets for Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat will be available from Saturday 15th February through parent pay .

Performance 25th March 2020, 7pm,
St Mary's, Crawford Street, Marylebone.



Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Year 3 and 4 Assemblies

Year 3 and 4 have rounded off their first half term of assemblies with a focus on 'Fake News'.

We considered how we spot fake news and why it can sometimes be dangerous.

We ended the assembly with a 'Would I Lie To You' staff special, featuring the Year 3 and 4 teachers and special guest Mr Lock.

Here are the staff truths - can you match which one goes with which member of staff?

- I did a law degree before training to become a teacher
- I used to trim goats' toe-nails as part of my first job
- I am passionate about horses and have done a lot of show jumping
- I have twin 9 year old sisters
- I worked with Mr Thorne in a previous school for 8 years
- I once got stuck on holiday because of a volcanic eruption and had to stay another 3 weeks
- I used to be at school with Mr Maguire and he used to copy my RS work every week
- I have a shower curtain that is a periodic table and I study it whenever I take a shower

Answers in order: Miss Saddington, Mrs Le Clanche, Mr Hallett, Miss Preece, Mrs Mandic, Mr Evans, Mr Lock, Miss Hood.



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INSPIRING FANTASTIC BOOKS

WETHERBYPREP PTA
ANNUAL CHARITY BOOKSALE

to celebrate
World Book Day

FEBRUARY 27TH, 2020
ALL BOYS ARE INVITED
IN THE PIONEER HALL

BOOK DONATIONS ARE COLLECTED AT
RECEPTION DEADLINE 26^H FEBRUARY 2020
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME:
leyla@moghadam1.com

English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"Startled, she avoided their grasp and saw they had nets, trying to capture her like a spider reeling in a fly."

Henry R, Year 5

"As I was skiing on the frosty, pearl, chiffon snow, the paralyzed, frozen, transparent lake was extremely still."

Emilio N, Year 4

"The crisp mist whipped across my freezing face."

Alexander R, Year 4

"The wind dictated my movements as if I were a puppet in a show."

Harry L, Year 7

"A dreary, lurid light shattered the windows with beams of unseen, deadly evil."

Henry C, Year 7



Wetherby Prep Literary Festival will take place straight 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 25th, 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 – today (Fri 14th) is the last day to pre-order copies***. We also have arranged a Shakespeare workshop for boys in Year 5 conducted by a visiting team from The Globe Theatre.

On Thursday 27th, 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 WPS-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!

Monday – Door Decorating with Forms

8.30-9.15 Y3/4 Assembly – Roald Dahl's Children's Charity – Pioneer Hall
(During English lessons) 500 Words competition – closing date Thursday

Tuesday - Door Decorating with Forms

(During English lessons) Family Favourite Short Stories Y4
10–11.30 - Shakespeare Workshop 5K Drama Studio
10.30 - Allie Esiri Talk and Book Signing Y7/8 Pioneer Hall (approx. 30 minutes + signing)
11.30 – Allie Esiri Talk and Book Signing Y6 Pioneer Hall (approx. 30 minutes + signing)
11.45-1 - Shakespeare Workshop 5L/5O Drama Studio
1.40-3.15 - Shakespeare Workshop 5A Drama Studio
(During English lessons) 500 Words competition – closing date Thursday.

Wednesday - Door Decorating with Forms

I SPY Competition– Spot the teacher's favourite books around school!
(During English lessons) 500 Words competition – closing date tomorrow.

Thursday - Door Decorating with Forms

Form Time - **Sports Department Go Reading**
All Day - **CosPlay Day** – Dress up as a literary character; bring the matching book with you!
All Day – PTA **Book Sale** Pioneer Hall
Judging of GREATEST GARNISHED GATEWAY 2020





MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Sushi Master	Adam I
Ziyang P	The Riddler
Jonah K	Philip M
Raahil U	Callum S
Theo H	Jamie H

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Daniil K	Sushi Master
Afonso de L	James B
Michael A	Sid G
Zehen S	Chase D

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 merging only one glass?

Start like this

and end up

Handwritten solution: Put the first and second glass together and the third and fourth glass together.

UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE



French Department

Miss Flomet writes...

The French Department subscribe to Linguascope, an interactive website/app to practice the language. It now offers a whole new range of Microsoft apps, which we recommend your son to try. Simply download the apps on your Windows device and log in with the school's username and password to unlock all units. Username and password have been given in class.

- Linguatrivia
- C'est Parti ! (Beginner)
- C'est Parti ! (Intermediate)
- Les Aventures de Tonnerre
- Vrai de vrai

We encourage your son to practise his French vocabulary and grammar during half term.



Linguatrivia



C'est parti!
(Beginner)



C'est parti!
(Intermediate)



Les Aventures
de Tonnerre!



Vrai de Vrai

Outdoor Learning

Miss Hood writes...

Another session full of fun and challenging activities. Great teamwork and problem solving, 3H!



School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 11th February 2020

Time: 8:40am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Tatler Schools' Guide 2021 Pupils' Questionnaire:** School Council members completing the questionnaire but need to think more fully about some questions for next week. We really enjoyed bringing back memories and thinking of all the great things about our School.
- **Names for Cricket Teams:** We needed 30 team names:
The list so far: The Ogres, The Leprechauns, The Red Riders, The Piranhas, The Jedis, The First Order, The Muggles, The Pandas, The Resistance, The Turtles, The Djangos, The Bryants, The Vipers, The Gentlemen, The E-Woks, The Bumblebees, The Scramblers.
- **School Sleepover:** an event in school that involves staying overnight. It could be a fundraiser, perhaps to raise money for the homeless.
- **School pet:** We would really love another school pet as we miss our snake! A dog would be amazing, and we think that one that does not cast hair would be best.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25th February (after Half Term) at 8:40am in the Dining Room.

Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

Digital Art talents

Lucas J in Yr 8 has been working on some new digital images for his clothing designs. He explains how he made the image here, "I created the image using Photoshop and played around with saturation and lighting for a while until I found the ideal match. After that I used an eraser tool with soft opacity to help the female character with the camera blend into the backdrop landscape and changed her colour to give a surreal and alien like look to mix well with the background then added a flash and small plant where the actual lens goes". Lucas is in 8B and is happy to answer any questions about his work and products.

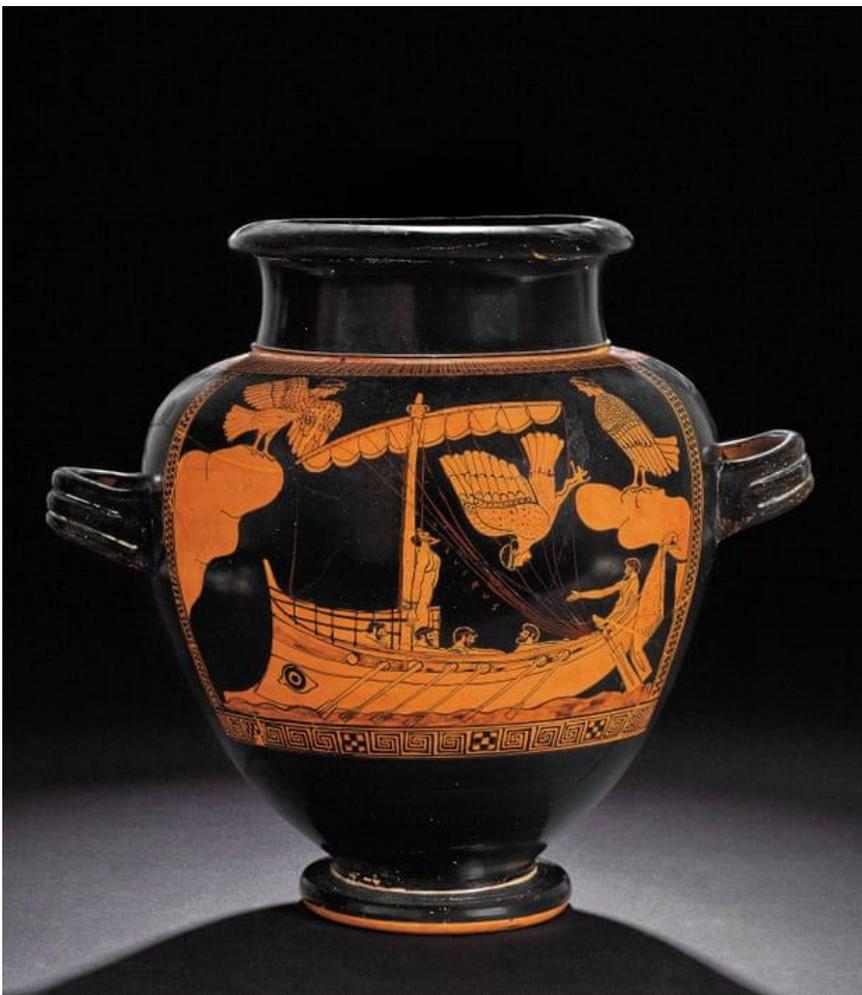
John C has also been mastering digital Art and his work has a David Hockney feel to it. Here is a wonderfully vibrant landscape that John created on an iPad. Great work, boys!



Miss Kirby writes...

If you are looking for a great cross- curricular exhibition the Art Department recommend a trip to the British Museum, London to see Troy: Myth and Reality.

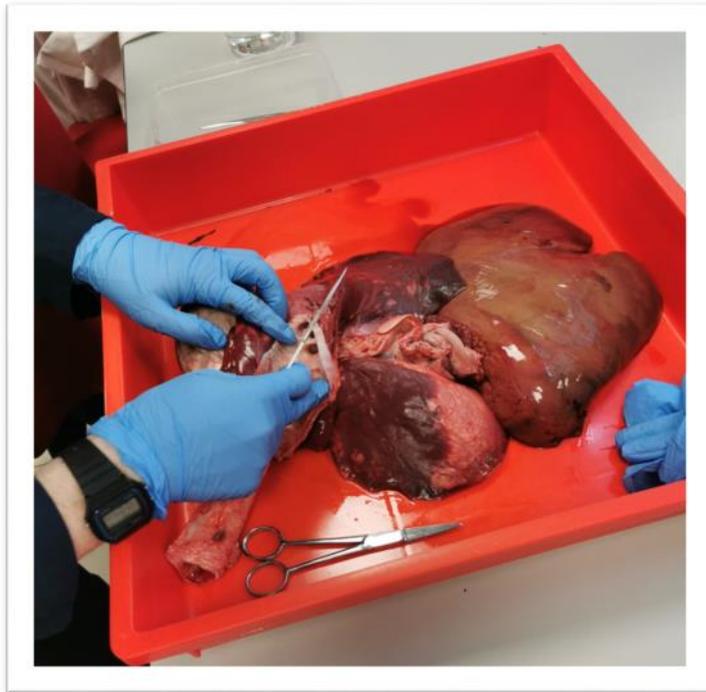
Paris, Helen, Odysseus and Achilles star in this sprawling show of Art ranging from Pompeii to today, inspired by the legend of Troy. The show is on until 8 March 2020.



Science Department

Miss Casserly writes...

Year 7 Scientists were very excited to see a pair of lungs in their Science lessons this week. The boys were fascinated by the lung dissection carried out by Mr Tilleray and were very surprised to see how close the heart is to the lungs. The boys could not believe how big the lungs became when air was pumped into them and all agreed it was a very fun lesson to end the week with!



Wetherby SPORT

Rugby Term Sports Report

U11 A – H vs. Hampton Prep and Chepstow House

The U11s picked up 5 wins from 8 matches against the Hampton Prep and Chepstow House. The highlight being an excellent 65 points to 40 win for the A team against the Hampton.

Man of the match A's: Benett H

B's: Daniil K

C's: Aydan I

D's: Leo S

E's: Alexander Da C

F's: Elvis S

G's: Felix Von S

U9 A – H vs. Hampton Prep and Knightsbridge School

The U9s recorded 6 wins from 8 matches on a brilliant afternoon of rugby. The standout being an excellent 45 points to 30 victory for the A team against Hampton Prep A team.

Man of the Match A's: Tancredi S

B's: Nicolas V

C's: William S

D's: Younis A

E's: Lorenzo R

F's: Nathan R

G's: Alvaro C

H's: Franklin C

U12 A Allianz Rugby Tournament

The U12 A headed to Allianz stadium to play against The Hall, Arnold House and St Anthony's. The boys played some fantastic rugby coming away as overall winners, winning all of their matches.

Player of the tournament: Sami K

U12 B and C vs. Hill House and Northbridge House

The U12s had a fun afternoon of rugby fixtures against Hill House and Northbridge house, both teams played some great rugby and showed real improvements.

Man of the Match B's: Rocco R

C's: Iskander Ali H

U13 A - C team vs. Hill House, Newland House and Northbridge House

The U13s had a successful afternoon of fixtures coming away with 3 wins from 3 matches. The highlight being an outstanding win for the A team vs. Newland House.

Man of the match A's: Edward J

B's: Luke A

C's: Jack D

U10 C, D, E vs. Arnold House and Chepstow House

The U10s C, D and E team suffered 3 losses from 3 tough matches against Chepstow House and Arnold House A teams.

Man of the Match C's: Alex W

D's: Ali E

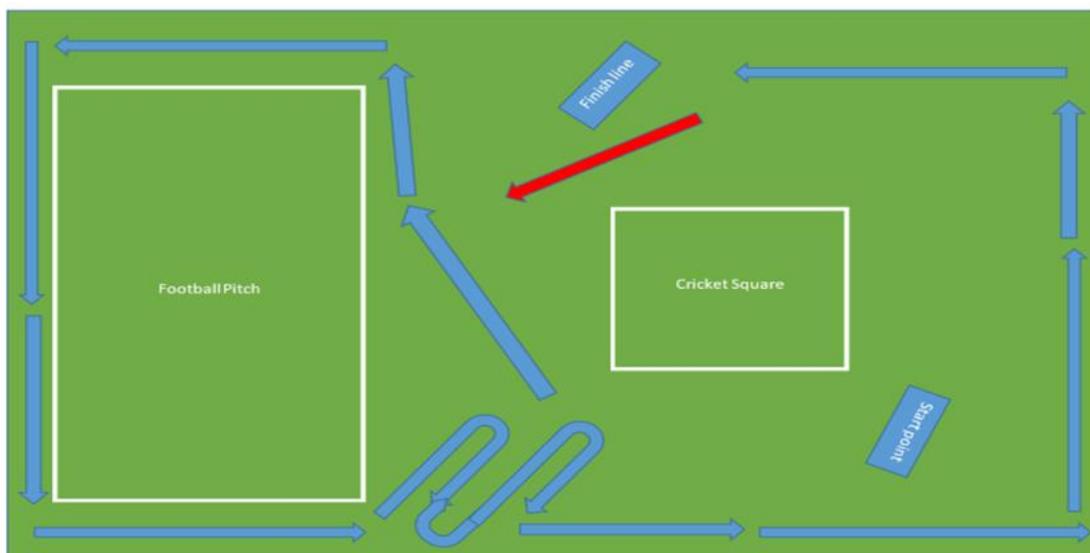
E's: Saverio A

The Games Department writes...

On the week beginning the 24th 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

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



Swimming

Mr Bayes writes...

A very busy last few weeks for the Wetherby Swim squad with our swimmers competing in the Northern final of the London League and qualifications for IAPS Nationals.

Travelling to Bute House with an extended squad, the swim team need to place 3rd or better to reach the London League Grand Final. A tough night in the pool, in addition to some technical infringements, hampered the team and we finished a solid 5th.

However, as a coach, we must now accept that as the team improves and reaches more of these finals, we must double down on the ability of the squad to swim, start and transition in a technically correct manner, and stay within the rules, no matter how strictly they may be applied.

Upon dissection of the results and removing the disqualifications, Wetherby would have finished 2nd, which is a (hypothetically) sensational result. One huge positive of the night was a comment made from the Head coach of Latymer. "My word, those Wetherby boys have improved".

We will head back to the pool and come back stronger. We will win London League in the next 3 years..... mark my words.

On Thursday night, the Wetherby representative swimmers took part in the IAPS Regional Qualifiers at Latymer. I was very pleased with the team, no disqualifications and a much more assured and confident display of rapid swimming. We won't receive the results until all of the 285 schools have completed their qualification rounds, and with over 5000 swimmers entering the competition, Wetherby is ready for this challenge.

Swimming galas coming up over the next half term :

Thursday 27 th February vs Whitgift	Yr 6/7/8	4.30pm start (away)
Thursday 5 th March vs Thomas's Clapham	Yr 3/4/5/6	4.30 start (away)



Charities

Miss Kroiter writes...

'Come Dine with Wetherby'

Thank you to all the parents who attended 'Come Dine with Wetherby' on Thursday evening. We all had a lot of fun and the evening was filled with so much warmth and Wetherby Spirit. The event so far has raised approximately £5000 and donations are still coming in. The best way to summarise the evening is with a few of the comments, left by parents on the evening, and some photos which are below.

There is still time to make a donation towards our school charities by either following the link or sending a cheque into school.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=11116&charityId=1013884>

'Great fun and loved interaction with the chefs and waiters.'

'Can you provide beds and duvets ? After this divine meal I can only sleep...'

'Beautifully presented dinner , very enjoyable musicians , lovely being served by Mr Maguire and having my coat taken at the entrance !! Impressive.'

'As always my favourite event at Wetherbyprep'

So far we have raised almost £5000 and generous donations are still coming in.

'Blundells Butternut Thai soup was excellent - I think I won with that one!'

'Best lamb shank I have ever had!! NEED THE RECIPE PLEASE MR LOCK.'

'Outstanding quality! Mr Lock should consider going to the next Master Chef!'

'Unbelievable churros- Mrs Noval can I please have the recipe?'



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Raahil U	6A	Raffi P
4E	Hugo S	6C	Omer E
4H	James B	6F	Alfie A
4P	Caspar V	6M	Taymour A
4S	Theodore S	7B	Drago S-J
5A	Ziyang P	7L	Iskander Ali H
5K	Alexandre D Raahil H	7M	Jack G
5L	Henry R	8B	Jake G
5O	Diego R	8G	Jonathan C
		8S	Hector B
		8V	Nadhmi A

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Iskander Ali H- 38

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski
583	463	459	447

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
10,287	10,000	8,971	8,432

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5A 185	Form 4P 169	Form 5K 167



Skool Daze



This week, it is the turn of Mr Morrison!

Where did you go to school?

Parkway Infants, Applecroft Junior School, then on to Stanborough School. All were about a mile from my house, in different directions. Parkway was a beautiful 1930's building, one of the oldest in the new town, Welwyn Garden City.

Which was your favourite subject and why?

I loved Art, and working with different media, and I was particularly proud of a pottery owl that I made. Games was another favourite too, and I always felt honored when asked to represent the school. The subject that I continue to use every day, and which still brings me pleasure, is Cookery.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

Mr Ridett, one of my Games teachers. He was good fun, highly dedicated, and I always felt that he took a genuine interest in my sporting achievements.

What was your most memorable trip/residential?

Towards the end of my time at senior school, we went on a brilliant trip to the Battlefields of France and Belgium. It was a moving experience, and highlighted the camaraderie I had with my friends.

What was your funniest/most enjoyable experience?

The funniest moment was when my Art teacher, Mr Heningham, set his jacket ablaze. He smoked a pipe, and one day had left it in his pocket, not realising it was still alight. He only noticed his mistake when I put my hand up and asked, "Is that a smoking jacket that you're wearing, Sir?" The same Mr Heningham was a former member of the one-hit-wonder band, 'The Crazy World of Arthur Brown', whose one hit, coincidentally, was called *Fire* <https://youtu.be/en1uwzl3SE>

What didn't you like about school?

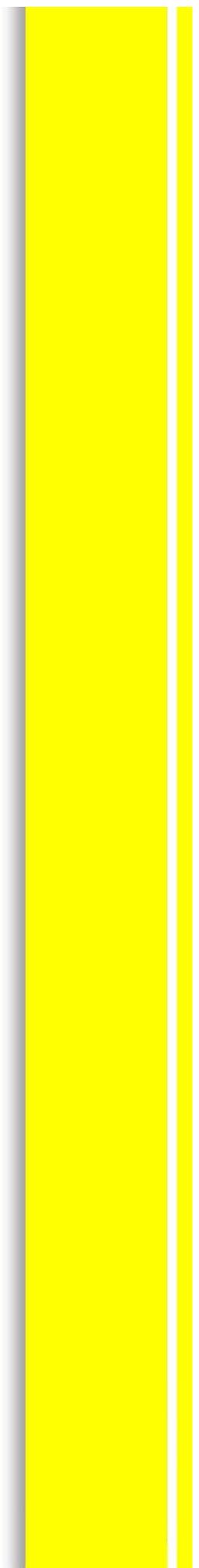
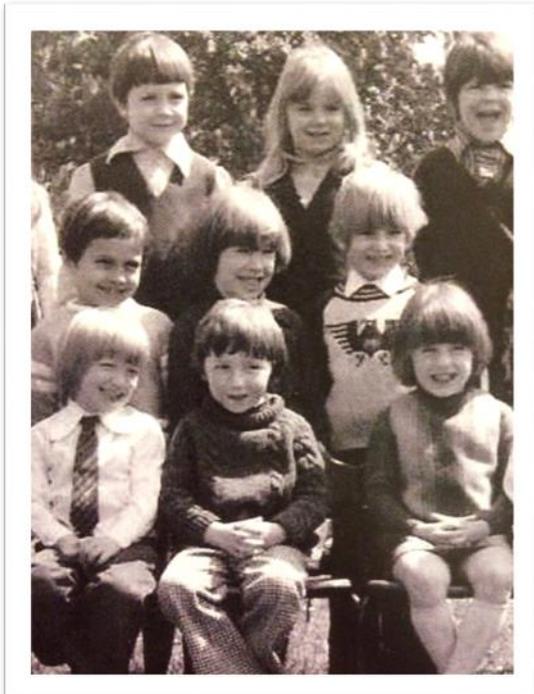
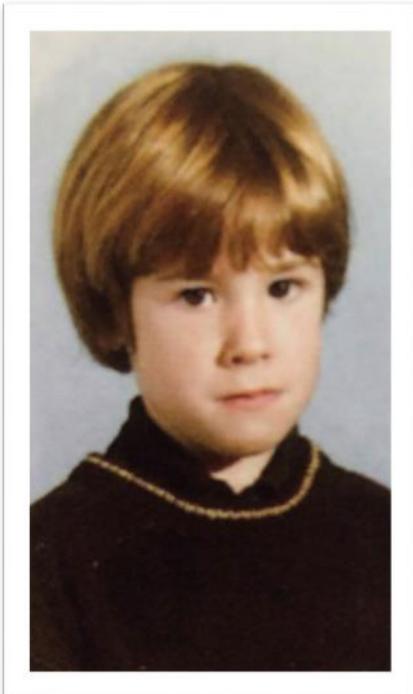
I never liked learning my spellings. Glad I did though!

What did you learn most from school?

The skills of working as part of a team – invaluable in so many situations through life - and the value of friendship.

If you went to Wetherby Prep, what Clubs would you have done?

Definitely Cricket Club. It's the sport that I would most like to improve in, and Mr Billingham puts so much fun and effort into what he does. He would have me batting for England by the end of the season!



Photos of the Week



Year 5, led by Saverio and Jonah, attempting to make the school's biggest Conga during Wednesday break



West London Cross Country Champs last Friday afternoon



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