

# WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 21



# WEEK 21: Monday 2nd — Sunday 8th March 2020

## MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- 5A & 5K to Workshop at the Wallace Collection – 12:30-3pm
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 C, E, G, H Triangular vs. Thomas's Battersea, Thomas's Kensington (H) - 2.30pm
- U11 B, D, F Triangular vs. St Anthony's, Arnold House (A) - 2.30pm
- Year 6 RS Talk BAHA'

## 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
- U11 A Rokeby Rugby Festival – all day
- U8 vs. Caldicott (A) - 2:30pm
- U9 A, C, E vs. Caldicott (A) – 2:30pm

## WEDNESDAY

- Year 4 Cross Curricular Maths Day – all day
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U12 A – C vs. Northcote Lodge (A) – 2:30pm
- U13 A and B vs. Northcote Lodge (H) – 2:30pm

## THURSDAY

- Form Buddy Reading Takeover
- PTA Meeting in the Dining Room – 10am
- Year 3 Outdoor Learning - 11am-2:45pm
- Art Workshop – Portraits with Gideon Summerfield, 7L - 2-4pm
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A, C, F vs. Newland House (A) – 2:30pm
- U10 B, D vs. St Anthony's (H) – 2:30pm
- U10 E, G, H vs. Fulham Prep School (A) – 2:30pm
- Swim Meet vs. Thomas's Clapham (A) – 4:30pm
- Fencing Fixture vs. SPJS (A) – 4:15pm

## FRIDAY

- Mr Baker on ISI Training – 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
- WPS Parents vs. Staff Cricket @ Lords – 6:00pm

## SATURDAY

- IAPS Ski Champs Trip Departs—TBC
- U13 Pre-Season Cricket at the Oval—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

- Berkhamsted U11 Rugby Festival—all day

# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Many of you will know that at the end of the Spring Term I send a letter detailing the staff changes for September 2020. We have some very exciting developments to announce in that regard but one addition requires special attention as the appointment started this week.

At every School Council Meeting since anyone can remember, the boys have asked for one thing over any other - a school dog. We have put a lot of thought into this and ultimately come to the conclusion that it is not practical, unless, a member of staff takes domestic responsibility for the school dog. Fortunately for us, Miss Jenny Lister and her partner Ed, have taken ownership of a cavachon puppy, Nancy, which will become our school dog. We will be training Nancy as a Therapy and Reading Dog as well as obviously carrying out a detailed Risk Assessment and ensuring she has all the relevant medication and jabs. Having met Nancy, I have no doubt she will become everyone's favourite member of our school community and be a huge asset to everything we do here. I am aware, though, that 'man's best friend' is not the case for everyone. If you have any concerns relating to any potential interaction that your son will have with Nancy, do get in touch. As much as the boys might like Nancy to be wandering freely around the building, she will be relatively contained in certain areas of the school building so it is very easy to avoid any contact whatsoever.



A big night on the Wetherby PTA social calendar is just around the corner with Quiz Night on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Do come to what is always a highly competitive but fun event. Mr Thorne and I mix up the rounds every year and there is truly something for everyone. There will be traditional quiz questions, of course, but you don't need to have a wealth of niche general knowledge (or the ability to check things on Wikipedia on your iPhone underneath the table...) as many of our rounds require entirely different mental (and physical) skills. It will be a great night!

As I said to the boys in Assembly this morning and you will have seen in my email to all parents yesterday, the current Corona virus remains an ongoing public health issue and an excellent reminder to everyone to focus on personal hygiene and maximise protection from illness or disease in the cold weather. Below is guideline poster that has been circulated to all schools today and we have displayed in all classrooms; there is nothing new in this advice but practical, visible reminders for us all are always beneficial.

School and day-to-day events continue as normal and at one such event, Prep Heads' Dinner at St Paul's last night, it was great to hear of the progress and success of so many of our boys and report back that our mutual old boy, Adam Pogrud, currently here as a gap student, is doing a super job and a fine example of a Pauline and Wetherby boy. I meet up with another Wetherby Prep success story later on this evening when I travel to Marlborough for their Prefects' Dinner. At this event, the new College Prefects invite their Prep School Head to attend a gala black tie event and I am delighted to attend and congratulate Giacomo P (class of 2015), on his appointment. Giacomo was a great lad here and I not surprised in the slightest that he has become one of Marlborough's finest.

Have a great weekend,

Nick Baker

**How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?**

<p><b>If you need to cough or sneeze</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Catch it with a tissue</li><li> Bin it</li><li> Kill it by washing your hands with soap &amp; water or hand sanitiser</li></ul>	<p><b>You should wash hands with soap &amp; water or hand sanitiser</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> After breaks &amp; sport activities</li><li> Before cooking &amp; eating</li><li> On arrival at any childcare or educational setting</li><li> After using the toilet</li><li> Before leaving home</li></ul>	
<p> Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands</p>	<p> Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups &amp; bottles</p>	<p> If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils &amp; towels</p>



### *Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Jack D in 8G. Traditionally, Year 8 boys start to lose a bit of focus at this time of the year but Jack has been superb in the classroom this year and is working towards getting what I am sure will be a splendid set of CE results in June. He is particularly outstanding in Drama where he has even written his own play script for the boys to perform!



### *Sportsman of the Week*

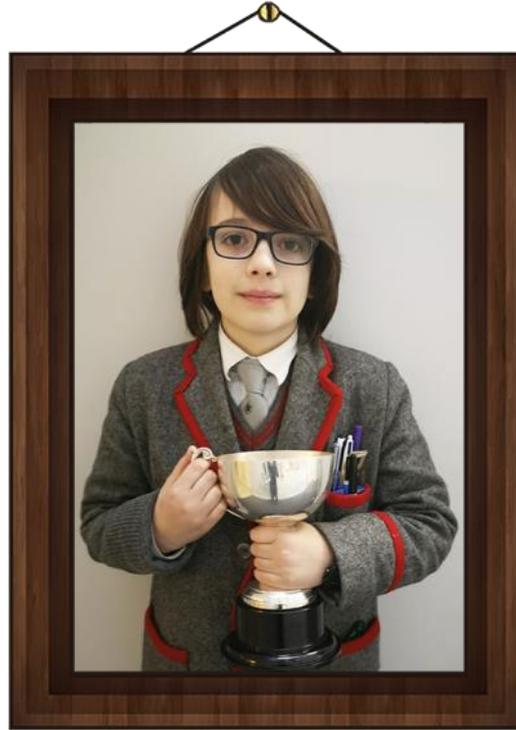
His week's Sportsman of the Week is Justin W in 4P. As we increasingly look at games statistically, Justin made the most tackles (30!) in his rugby match against Arnold House and was no doubt the main reason his team came out victorious! Well done, Justin!



### *Class-Achievement*

**Mr Lock's Year 8 Maths**

# Kindness Cup



**Zachary M 6C**

Zach always notices if I'm on my own or feeling a bit lonely at break and always includes me in whatever he is doing. A great friend! *Rishan U, 6A*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

♦ **John C 7M**

All the children have been amazing with Nancy this week, though John has shown real initiative and incredible compassion for our little bundle of fluff. Helping me get her things together in my lab, helping her become happy in her new environment and making sure she wasn't scared after our fire alarm. Thank you, Uncle John. *Miss Lister (and Nancy)*

♦ **Kourosch M 6M**

He very kindly offered to help me put the first aid kit and medicine away after a busy break duty! I thought this was really thoughtful. *Miss Saddington*

Helping a teary Y4 select a book from the book sale. *Miss Preece*

◆ **Omer E 6C**

Omer offered to buy an Art Book for the Art dept. which I thought was so thoughtful and a brilliant attitude in contributing to the school. *Miss Kirby*

◆ **Dylan K and Shaan R, 5A**

They SO sweetly wrote a letter to Mark the bus driver just to say thank you for everything he does for them and for always being such a kind and friendly driver. Such a lovely, lovely thing to do and I know he really appreciated it. *Miss Russell*

◆ **Louis L, 5A**

He has given up his free time this week to help me with organising the door for the Literacy Festival- so kind! *Miss Andrews-Bowen 5A*

# Notices

## Year 4 Outdoor Learning – Hampstead Heath

### Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Just a reminder that Year 4 boys will be participating in four outdoor learning sessions over the coming few months. These will take place on Hampstead Heath.

The dates are as follows:

**11<sup>th</sup> March** - boys should come to school in games kit as they will be attending games as normal in the morning. They must also bring waterproof clothing and boots with them. We will depart at 11:30am and be back by 4pm in time for buses.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April** (as above)

**14<sup>th</sup> May** – boys should come in non-uniform and bring waterproof clothing and boots. We will depart at 11:30am and be back by 4pm in time for buses.

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – boys should come in non-uniform + bring waterproof clothing and boots (dependant on forecast). We will depart at 8:30am and be back by 4pm in time for buses.

The main focus of the sessions will be team building which will encompass communication, critical thinking, problem solving, empathy and overcoming challenges.

We will upload photos after each session so please do log into the password-protected site to see these:

<https://explorationsociety.co.uk/wetherby-outdoors/>

**Password: wetherby-outdoors**

If you would like a taste of what to expect, do log in in advance and see some of the photos that are already there from our Year 3 sessions.

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## Nancy @wheretherebenancy

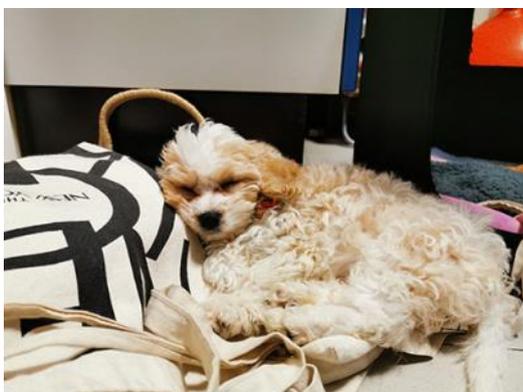
### Miss Lister writes...

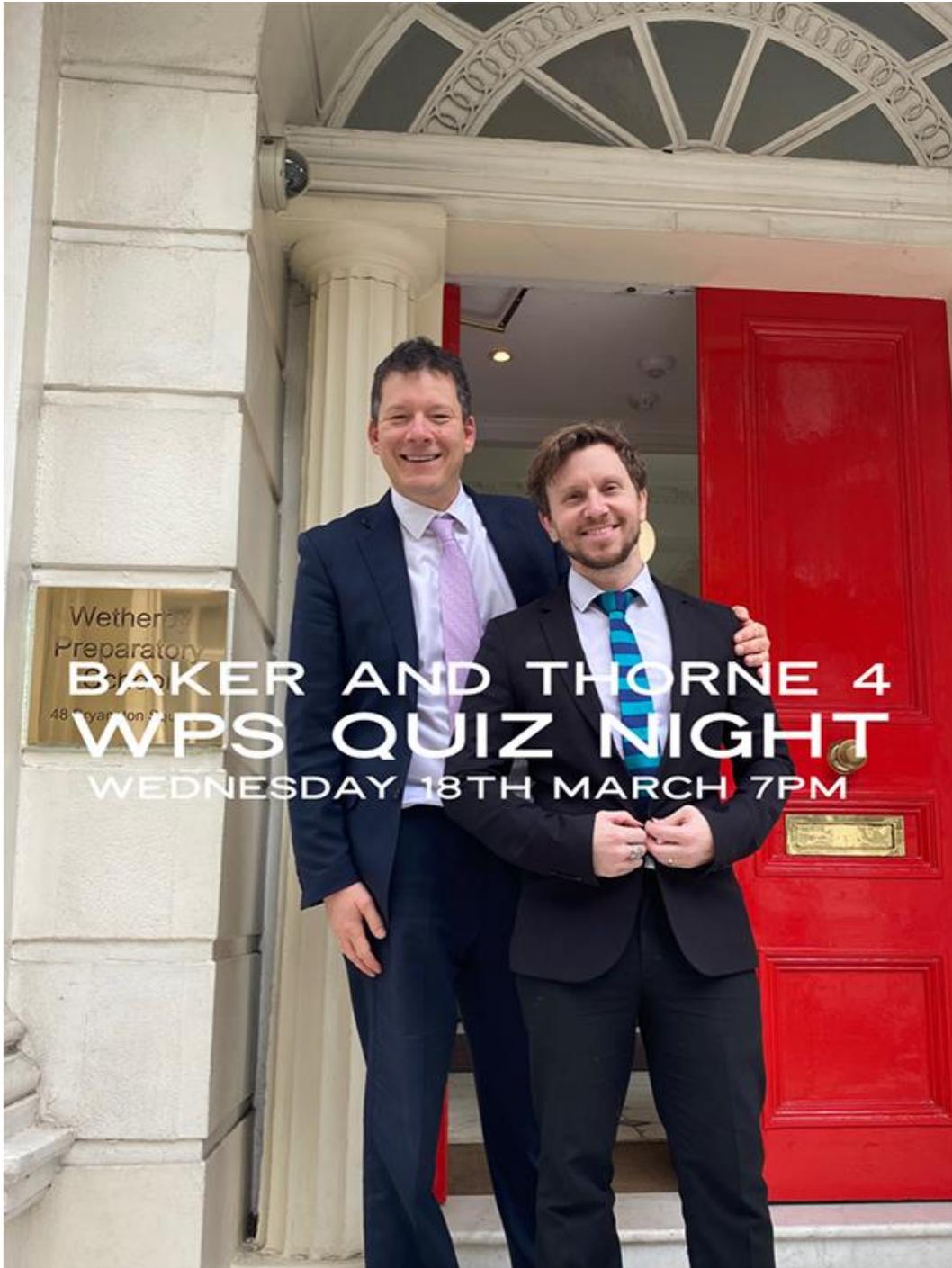
I would like to introduce you to my new puppy, Nancy, who I am very happy to enrol as a member of the wonderful cohort at Wetherby Prep (the first girl pupil in history, Mr Baker?). She will be a school dog and join in with lots of the activities at the school which School Council are already thinking about. She is a Cavachon and currently ten weeks old, so still a few weeks away from being allowed to be let loose on the mean streets of London. Nancy has many interests including Science, moving trainers around and performing arts, her vet has officially diagnosed her as a drama queen... can't think where she got that from.

When she is old enough, she will be trained as a therapy dog to be able to support the pupils, staff, parents and anyone else who comes her way.

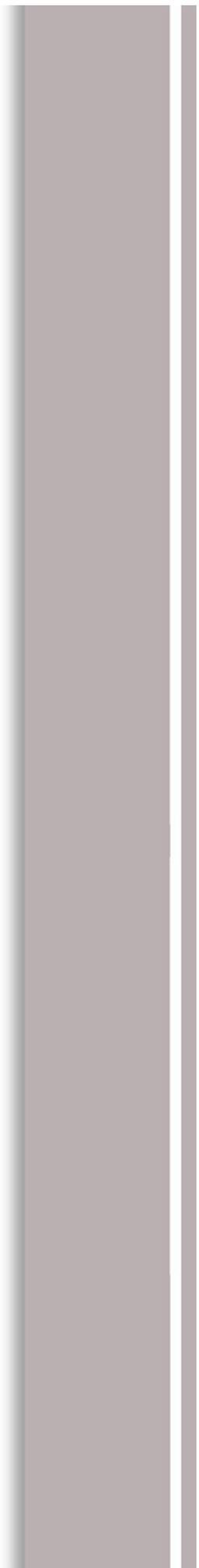
She has really enjoyed her time at Wetherby Prep this week and really loves meeting the boys. Children have already commented at how she 'makes them feel calm and ready for their day at school'. I want to thank all of our wonderful children in how they have made sure that she is feeling settled and welcomed. Nancy even took part in her first fire drill and, even if I do say so myself, remained silent and calm throughout and I was a very proud puppy-mummy. Yes, I have turned into one of those obsessive dog parents!

What an exciting journey for this little pup who I know is going to love being at Wetherby as much as her mum.





**BAKER AND THORNE 4**  
**WPS QUIZ NIGHT**  
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 7PM



# QUIZ NIGHT



**WPS**

unmissable

BY  
**MR BAKER**  
**MR THORNE**

**Wednesday 18th March**  
**AT THE PIONEER HALL**

6.30pm for a prompt 7.00pm start

**TICKETS: £40** (bank transfer or cheque)

**TURKISH SHARED MENU**

FOR BOOKINGS, PLEASE EMAIL  
MISS FEKETE

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE [jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

All proceeds go to our chosen charities

# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 25th February 2020

**Time:** 8:40am

**Attendance:** School Council Representatives and PLT

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

- **School Sleepover:** another idea has come about having a sports event over-night or late into the night.
- **Basketball club in school?**
- **School pet:** We would like to introduce you to Nancy, the Wetherby School Dog! She belongs to Miss Lister but is going to be a member of the school and join in with school life a lot!
- **Ideas for Nancy:** to be in the Hub as dogs help make people feel better. She could be trained as a therapy dog - Miss Lister is going to look into this! The highest housepoint form for each half term or term could have Nancy for the day.



**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd March at 8:40am in the Dining Room.**

# English Department

## Mr Thorne writes...

Throughout the long illustrious history of this competition, we have had many winners and many losers. Some doors have come and gone. New doors have appeared. Plenty of doors have remained. Since Mr Froggatt's 3-year winning streak, the other classes have upped their gateway garnishing game!

I'm proud to say that this year's nominees have been the most diverse.

Most likely to have been created by the teacher – 4E – Minimalism?

Best experience – 8S – Shrek

Most subversive – 8V Testing Farm – Testing times – The uses and abuses of educational assessment

Creativity award – 5O – Tom Marvolo Riddle

Reader's reader award 7M – Surrounded by book titles, this door, said everything by saying nothing

Attention to detail award – 7B – The Woman in Black

Cover to cover award – 4S - Tom Gates

Childhood classic award – 6A – Goodnight Mr Tom

Most inspired – 6C - The Fall

Endeavour award – 6M - Jungle Book

Most relevant – 7L - Climate Change

Lifetime achievement award for decorated doorways – 8G – James Bond

Most ambitious – 5L Dog Boy

Best newcomer – 4H - Lord of the Rings

Most original – 8B - Animal Farm

Most artistic – 3H – Narnia Inspired Doorway

Most sensory – 4P – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Runner up prize – Learning Enrichment Team – Dr Seuss

Runner up prize - Most Immersive – 5K & 5A - Alice in Wonderland

**Winner – 6F - Tintin and the Shooting Star**

# MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

George Y	Gabriel B
Callum S	Andreas M
Lorenzo R	Alvaro C
Ziyang P	Adam I
Matthias C	

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Zehen S	Taymour A
Laith A	The 3 B's

## 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

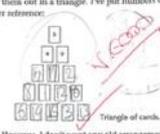


and one is full, this, or only one glass.

*Handwritten solution: Take the glass from the first glass and put it in the second glass.*

**Triangle of Cards**

I have 15 cards, numbered consecutively from 1 to 15. I want to lay them out in a triangle. I've put numbers on the top three for later reference.



Triangle of cards.

However, I don't want any old arrangement. I want each card to be the difference between the two cards immediately below it, to left and right. For example, 5 is the difference between 4 and 9. (The differences are always calculated so that they are positive.) This condition does not apply to the cards in the bottom row, you appreciate.

The top three cards are already in place - and correct. Can you find how to place the remaining twelve cards?

Mathematicians have found 'difference triangles' like this with two, three or four rows of cards, using consecutive whole numbers starting from 1. It has been proved that no difference triangle can have six or more rows.

*Handwritten calculations and diagrams showing the solution for the 3x3 triangle.*



# French Department

Linguascope is a great website for boys to practise their French vocabulary at home in a fun and interactive way. There is also some grammar and conjugation practice to help boys in Years 6, 7 and 8.

Please log in using the details below:

[WWW.LINGUASCOPE.COM](http://WWW.LINGUASCOPE.COM)

Username: wetherbyprep

Password: french4life

Bonne chance!





# Art Department

## Young Artists' Summer Show at The Royal Academy

### Miss Kirby writes...

For more than 250 years, the Royal Academy has been run by artists, with art and creativity at its heart. We are committed to leading the way in championing the importance of the arts and creative thinking in education.

Taking inspiration from the annual Summer Exhibition, the Young Artists' Summer Show is an opportunity for young artists aged 5 - 19 years to exhibit their work online and on-site at the Royal Academy.

Wetherby Prep is registered and can take part Young Artists' Summer Show. Artworks can be submitted online by students (over 13 years) or on their behalf by their parent or guardian. Submitted artworks will be judged by a panel of art experts including Royal Academicians, RA curators and RA Schools students, with prizes awarded within each key stage.

Please follow this link <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> for further details and to submit work. The deadline for entries is Friday 24th April 2020. Do get in touch if you have any questions.

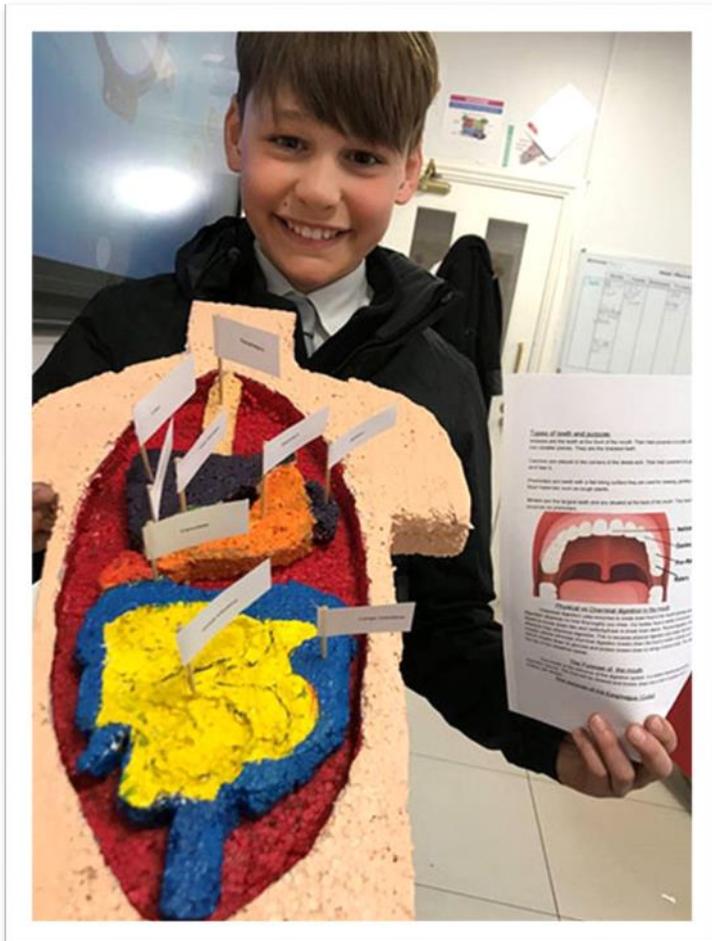
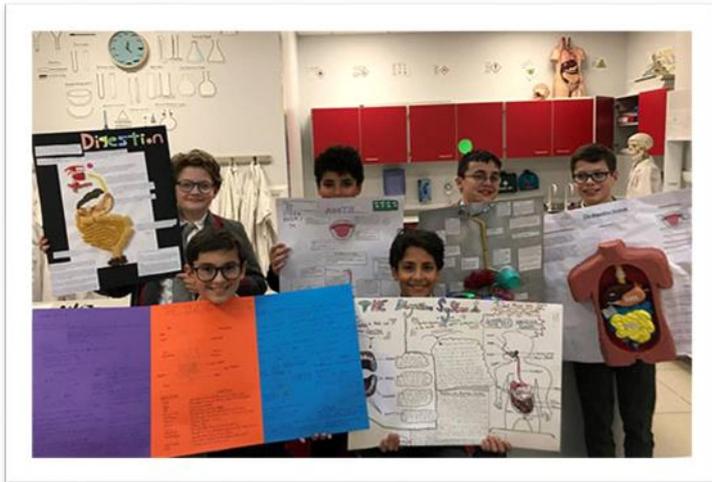
# Young Artists' Summer Show



# Science Department

## Miss Casserly writes...

Year 7 have really impressed Mr Hallett and me with their amazing digestive system models and posters. This project has been a huge success with the boys revising content from Year 5 and completing extension activities from Year 10, GCSE Biology. There was a great buzz around the Science Department and we all agree the creativity and detail was fantastic. We cannot wait for the next project!



# Wetherby SPORT

## Rugby Term Sports Report

### U 11 A – G vs. Thomas's Fulham, Surbiton and St Anthony's

The U11s picked up 6 wins from 7 matches in an excellent afternoon of rugby. The stand-out being an excellent 35 points to 25 win for the B team against St Anthony's A team.

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

**B's: Finlay D**

**C's: Jack Swan**

**D's: Leo S**

**E's: Alexander DC**

**F's: Michael L**

**G's: Harry L**

### U9 A – H vs. Hampton Prep

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: Moritz K**

**B's: Bobby B**

**C's: Callum S**

**D's: Felix EI Z**

**E's: Hugo M-S**

**F's: Jonas O**

**G's: Leo B**

**H's: Kabir D**

**I's: Carlo G**

### U12 A and B vs. Thomas's Battersea and Fulham Prep

The U12s had a strong afternoon of fixtures against Thomas's Battersea and Fulham Prep, both teams came away unbeaten with the A team picking up a 50-0 win against Thomas's Battersea.

**Man of the Match A's: Emmanuel T**

**B's: Sam McG**

### U12 C vs. Eaton House the Manor

The U12 C team came off second best against a strong Eaton House side.

**Man of the match: Saif M**

### U13 A - C team vs. St Anthony's and Eaton House the Manor

The U13s recorded 4 wins from 6 matches on Wednesday afternoon. The A team picked up two wins against both St Anthony's and Eaton House and played some excellent rugby.

**Man of the match A's: Andre D and Josh A**

**B's: Leonardo O'S**

**C's: Lucas N**

### U10 A - H vs. The Hall and St James

The U10s picked up 4 wins from 7 matches against The Hall and St James's. The standout being a 30 points to 25 win for the D team.

**Man of the Match A's: Timothee C**

**B's: Oliver F**

**C's: Henry R**

**D's: Ali E**

**E's: Rolof van H**

**F's: Jonah K**

**G's: Thomas W**

**H's: Aleksandar I**



# Charities

## **Book Sale**

On behalf of the PTA a big thank you to all the parents at Wetherby Prep for all the wonderful contributions of books for this year's Book Sale.

We definitely had quality rather than quantity this year nevertheless we raised more than £1000 for our charities and it was a joy to see the boys buying and discussing the books so enthusiastically.

We had wonderful volunteers who showed the boys of all ages into the right direction.

Thank you to all!

### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3H	Raahil U
4E	Hugo S
4H	Miles C
4P	Alexander H
4S	Dmitry C
5A	Louis L
5K	Nicolo F
5L	Tyler N
5O	Elias R

Upper School	
6A	Nima H
6C	Zehen S
6F	Lucas W
6M	Laith A
7B	Matthew P
7L	Theodore D
7M	Alexander A
8B	Aidan S
8G	Jonathan C
8S	Philip M
8V	Maxwell B

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

**Alexander Avaliani - 42**

### Weekly 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. Papasavvas
<b>542</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>395</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. Papasavvas
<b>10,869</b>	<b>10,551</b>	<b>9,438</b>	<b>8,845</b>

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 7M</b> 195	<b>Form 4S</b> 160	<b>Form 3H</b> 138



# Skool Daze



*This week, it is the turn of Miss Preece!*

## **Where did you go to school?**

I was very lucky to live in the beautiful Cotswolds when I was younger and I went to Powell's Primary School and then onto Deer Park for Secondary. Deer Park was named because the site was previously the deer park for the Bathurst Estate.

## **Which was your favourite subject and why?**

English was my favourite subject. I walked around with my face in a book and loved discussing, analysing and writing about stories and poetry.

## **Who was your favourite teacher and why?**

Ms Harper was my absolute favourite teacher. She was mad about Shakespeare, calling him 'Shakey Pants'. I will always remember that she told me to dedicate my first novel to her, which if I ever get round to writing one, I will!

## **What was your most memorable trip/residential?**

A history trip to Poland was the most memorable. It was with all my friends, my favourite teachers and we had such a laugh walking around singing songs from The Sound of Music.

**What was your funniest/most enjoyable experience?**

One of the best experiences I had was winning the School Talent show. My friends and I put on this futuristic dance performance, where we dressed all in black and wore white masks on the front and backs of our heads. It was really fun to perform in front of everyone, and I did the final glitter throw!

**What didn't you like about school?**

I really enjoyed school, but found the early morning walk a struggle!

**What did you learn most from school?**

I learnt the importance of curiosity.

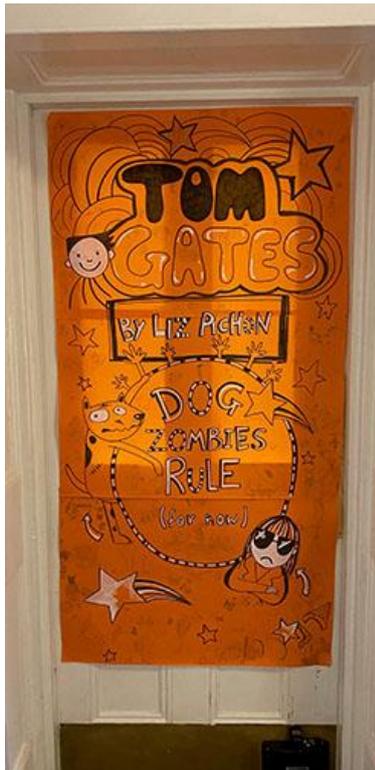
**If you went to Wetherby Prep, what Clubs would you have done?**

I played a lot of hockey and netball at school, and so would have to continue the club I currently do, Running and Fitness. It is great to be outdoors, the boys are such good company and it is the best way to end the week.



# Photos of the Week

## Book Week Doors







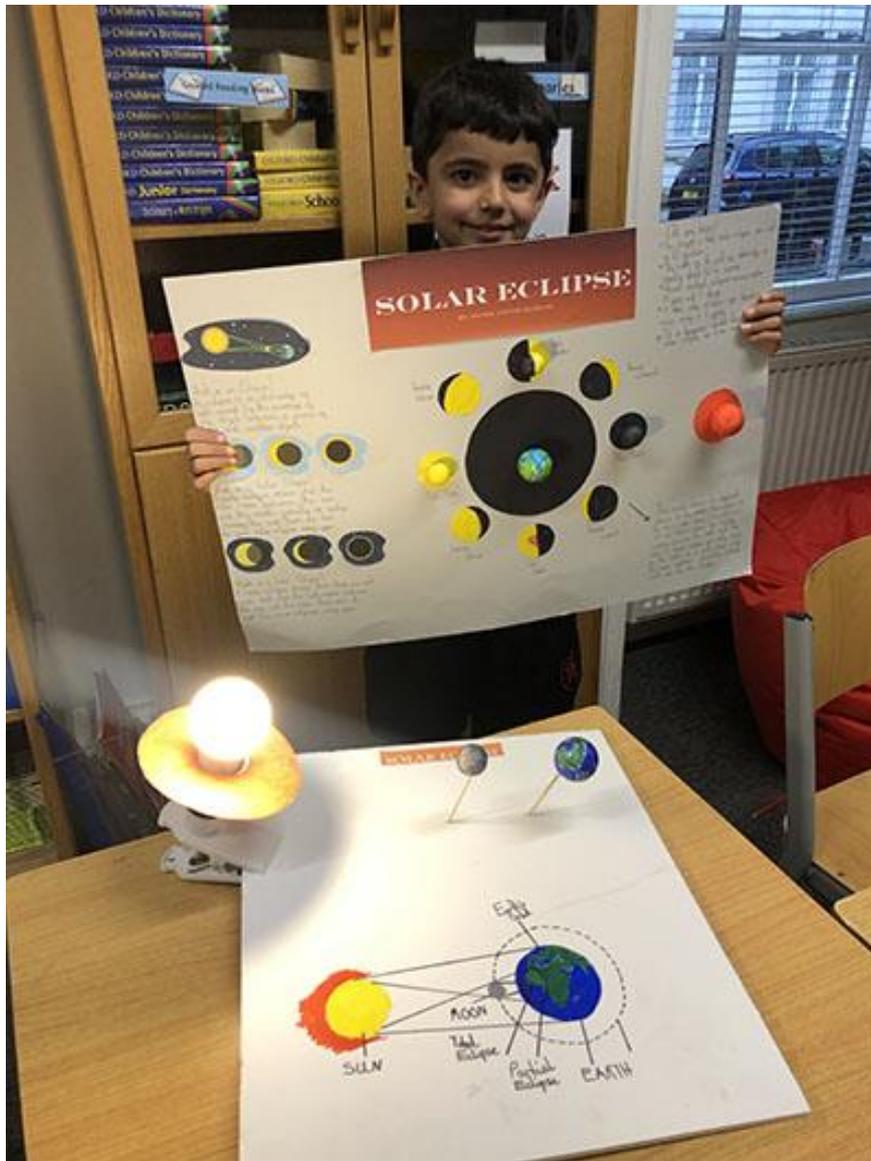
# Book Week





Year 3 produced outstanding research and models of a total solar eclipse and photographed the process





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