

# WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 23



# WEEK 23: Monday 16th — Sunday 22nd March 2020

## MONDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- The Classical Roadshow, Cadogan Hall 'Battle of Trafalgar' – Wetherby Voices – 12:30pm
- Cadogan Hall 'Battle of Trafalgar' – Wetherby Voices – 1:30pm
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A, B, D vs. RPPS (A) - 2.30pm
- U11 C, E, F, G and H vs. Thomas's Battersea and Thomas's Kensington (H) - 2.30pm

## TUESDAY

- Lower School French Day – all day
- Swimming for **5K, 5O and 5T** – 9-11am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U8 vs. White House (H) - 2.30pm
- U9 All Teams Triangular with AHS and The Hall (H) - 2.30pm
- APG Heads and Principals Meeting, WPS – all day

## WEDNESDAY

- Breakfast Concert – 8:15am
- Drop-in 2nd Hand Uniform Sale—8:15-9am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- AHS U13 VIs Rugby Festival (A) – 2:30pm
- PTA Quiz Night, Pioneer Hall—7pm

## THURSDAY

- School Play Rehearsal – all day
- Eton King's Scholarship Exam
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- U10 B, D vs. Thomas's Battersea (H) - 2.30pm
- U10 A, C, E, F vs. RPPS (A) - 2:30pm

## FRIDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Eton King's Scholarship Exam
- 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

## SATURDAY

## SUNDAY

### Monday Clubs

- **Tour Choir** – 4-6pm
- **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,

It was my birthday yesterday and despite always a sunny day weather wise, felt more like Armageddon Day with so many news agencies running rampant with rumours and counter rumours circulating regarding the Corona Virus. The end of the day, though, brought clarity regarding keeping schools open and suspending international school trips; two protocols we will of course follow. We were, and still are, all ready to go with remote learning if this needs to be initiated but I take from the rhetoric of the Government yesterday that schools will in all likelihood be open for the remainder of this term. Assuming that fact and obviously appreciating the gravity of the situation, we have a collective responsibility for the boys' mental health and any extra anxiety we put onto young minds. We will continue to promote basic hygiene, of course, but there will be no panicking, hysteria or over-reaction in evidence here.



There is no question that, with more drastic measures put in place across Europe and around the world, this is a bold and brave move by UK Government. It is, however, a decision I can understand and if I look at our school at present with this week's 95% attendance rate and only 2 staff (out of 60) off for illness, I can see the rationale. If we did close with those statistics, at what point do we re-open? Particularly if the peak of this virus is some way off in the future. Therefore, we continue, as normal, for the remaining two weeks of term unless instructed to close or there is a specific issue relating to our School. In line with the advice given last night, there will be a zero tolerance to allow any boy to attend School who displays any symptoms, however slight. We expect all parents, staff and visitors to adhere to this protocol.

I do completely understand and respect that some families have different views to the UK Government and particular circumstances that lead them to make the decision to keep their children off school, irrespective of their son's good health. In this case, we will not code these absences as 'unauthorised' but simply let us know of the decision you have made. As school is operating normally, there will be no remote learning provided but those boys of course can access Show My Homework to at least complete any homework set next week.

One boy that need not do any homework until September is Harry Minderides (8V) as we heard last Friday that he has been awarded an academic scholarship award to Harrow; this is an incredible achievement for such a hardworking and humble young man and Harry is our first Wetherby boy to earn an academic scholarship to that fine school. I was at an ISI conference in Berkshire last Friday but when I received the news by email from Harrow, I had to excuse myself and telephone Wetherby Prep to give him the news. Click the link below to witness Mr Blundell informing Harry's Year group at lunchtime – great moment!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B9Z15KkATjK/>

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



### *Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Maximillian P in 8G. The CoW Plate is named after my late father, Dr T.J. Baker, who would have been 75 today. As a scientist, he would have definitely approved of Maximillian's commitment, enthusiasm, support and interest to Science Week. Well done, Maximillian!



### *Sportsman of the Week*

The rugby season often brings out strong parts of boys' characters and look no further for an example of this than Jack S in 6A. Jack loves rugby and his game awareness and controlled aggression has seen him invaluable to the U11 teams this season. Well done, Jack!



### *Class-Achievement*

Dr Lee's 7L Geography

# Kindness Cup



## Hector N 3H

Hector was super helpful to George with finding his missing belongs – what a great team player! *Miss Hood*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

### ◆ Raffi P 6A

I would like to nominate Raffi as he saw that I had a lot of stuff in my hand and kindly took my bookbag. *Leo S 6A*

### ◆ Justin W 4P

Thank you, Justin, for helping me when I cut my finger yesterday. You got me tissues and were very kind. *James B 4H*

◆ **Ethan R 5K**

I came to school last Friday morning and went directly to the school to find Dylan's football boots. They were named and have been lost for a least four weeks! Have even had Mr Reid on the case!

When I came to reception, Ethan greeted me and I told him I was here to find them. He then swiftly took me downstairs showed me all the possibilities of where they could be. Alas, we could not find them! I came into the school today and Ethan came up to me at reception and said 'Mrs Farhadi, I found Dylan's football boots on a Year 4 peg and I have put them on Dylan's peg. I was so delighted and told him that was so kind of him and how amazing he found them!

Thank you Ethan you are a star! You can come round anytime we can't find something at home.  
*Mrs Farhadi, Parent*

◆ **Kourosh M 6M**

Kourosh was super helpful whilst I covered UAB's drama lesson on Wednesday. Helping to organise the worksheets for the class, informing me about snack time and helping me take the register. What a star! *Miss Hood*

◆ **Jack D 8G**

Jack has helped me throughout the week to prepare the recycling posters to go up around the school, giving me tips to make the poster 'pop', as he thinks this will encourage the boys to take note! *Miss Hood*

◆ **Sholto S 6M**

Sholto has been so great with the recycling posters, offering to hand them out around the school and to encourage boys to take note! *Miss Hood*

◆ **Mr Tilleray**

Thank you for always helping me in DT Club and for supporting me in finishing my project. *Oliver B 6F*

◆ **Jonas O 4E**

I would like to nominate Jonas Obadia for the kindness cup, a really thoughtful boy who listens and also tries to help clear the classroom, give out books or do any jobs necessary. *Mr Maguire*

◆ **James X 7L**

Always helpful and now much more confident. Very positive attitude and has settled in well to the school. *Dr Lee*

# Notices

**Mrs Greenwood writes...**

**House of Wetherby  
Drop-in 2nd Hand Uniform Sale  
Wednesday 18th March 2020, 8.15 - 9 am**

There will be a drop-in sale of uniform in House of Wetherby on Wednesday 18th March, from 8:15-9am. The next big sale will be in May next term, so this sale is a chance to buy the odd specific item, rather than browse. Come and get cricket kit! Space is limited, so do consider giving your son cash and instructions on sizes, and we will help him to choose the best item available. All uniform donations can be left with Jude and Danielle, before 18th March.

Thank you for your continued support; all proceeds go to the Wetherby charities.

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**Mr Dean writes...**

**Clubs forms deadline - Monday 16th March**

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your son's clubs forms, just a reminder to those who haven't, the deadline is this Monday 16th March. Many of the most popular clubs are filling up fast!

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**The PTA writes...**

***Date for the Diary:***

All Year 8 Boys are invited to the Leavers' Disco on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9pm. We hope you can make it.  
RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Time:** 8:40am

**Attendance:** School Council Representatives and PLT

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

- Mufti-day at the end of the Spring Term. Maybe we could dress up in our House Colours.
- We in School Council are thinking about coming up with 6 core School Values that we will call 'Wetherby Words'. These will underpin everything that we stand for here at Wetherby Prep.
- Give housepoints for the awards that we give in Assembly.
- Let's give Westbourne a real boost- Miss Lister does not want them to remain last in housepoints for the rest of the year!
- Interview a boy each week for the Wetherbuzz.
- More 'hide-and-seek' games in the school.
- Burgers more often.
- Gaming tournament.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17th March at 8:40am in the Dining Room. As it is St. Patrick's Day, I'm expecting the SC Reps and PLT to be wearing a little bit of green- possibly green socks?**

# MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Boys who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Sushi Devil	James B
Timothee C	Jamie H
Nicolo F	Leo B
Ikenna U	Franklin C
Max H	Saverio A
Andreas M	Ziyang P

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Ben G	Taymour A
Laith A	The 3 B's
Sushi Devil	Aditya D
The Great Snail	

## LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

**Empty Glasses**

I have five glasses in a row. The first three are full and the other two are 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

How many triangles?

ACTIVE M



# Science Department

## Miss Lister writes...

At time of print, Science Week at Wetherby is only just drawing to a close (remember, Nationally it is still going until this Sunday and our leaflet outlined lots of fun things to do) but here is a small snippet of Science Fair action...

In a nutshell, #SCIENCEROCKS

Full report to follow next week!

Best Science wishes,

Science Team



# French Department

## LA JOURNÉE FRANÇAISE

at Wetherby Prep School



**mardi, 17 mars 2020**



# Music Department

## Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Year 3 and 4 boys were treated to a special performance from Tour Choir during our Monday Assembly. The boys sang beautifully and the 'Hand me down my silver trumpet' song got us all in good spirits.

Furthermore we had some superb performances from some of the Year 3 and 4 boys including Miles (violin), William (violin), Alistair (trombone), Hector (piano). Stand out performance from Hugo M-S, who practises for half an hour every day!

Well done to all those who performed - we look forward to hearing from you again later in the year.



# Art Department

Ms Kirby writes...

## 5L and 5O's visit to the Wallace Collection

This week it was 5L and 5O's turn to attend the Wallace Collection on Monday afternoon. The boys learnt how to understand different paintings by looking at portraits, allegorical and still life paintings by some of the greatest artists in the world. The lively session included observational drawing and object handling. Here are some pictures of the workshop.



# Wetherby SPORT

## Rugby Term Sports Report

### U11 A – H vs. Garden House and Tower House

The U11s picked up 7 wins from 7 matches in an excellent afternoon of rugby. The highlight being a dominant 40 points to 0 win for the A team against Tower House A team.

**Man of the match A's: Filippo H**

**B's: Daniil K**

**C's: Jack S**

**D's: Oliver B**

**E's: Michael L**

**F's: Henry M-S**

**G's: Harry L**

**H's: Laith A**

### U9 A - G vs. Eaton House The Manor and Notting Hill Prep

The U9s came away with 5 wins from 7 matches. Some brilliant rugby on show from all the boys. The standout being two excellent wins for the C team against both Knightsbridge and Eaton House B teams.

**Man of the Match A's: Carlos O de C**

**B's: William S**

**C's: Callum S**

**D's: Max M**

**E's: Maximilian van der K**

**F's: William P**

**G's: Leo B**

### U12s and 13s Caldicott 7's Tournament

The U13s had good wins against St Benedict's and Oratory with narrow loses coming against Shrewsbury House, Moultsford and Summerfield's.

**Player of the tournament: Chinonso O**

**The U12's had a great 20 all draw against Northcote Lodge and then narrow loses to Shrewsbury House, Millfield and Moultsford.**

**Player of the tournament: Sebastian B**

### U13 B vs. Notting Hill Prep and Knightsbridge

The U13s had two close fixtures against Notting Hill Prep and Knightsbridge on Wednesday, coming away with one win and one loss respectively.

**Man of the match B's: Zac S**

### U10 A - H vs. King's House and St Anthony's

The U10s had a great afternoon of fixtures in the sunshine against King's House and St Anthony's. The highlight being a 55-45 victory for the B team vs. King's House.

**Man of the Match A's: Redmond Mares**

**B's: Ethan W**

**C's: Saverio A**

**D's: Ali E**

**E's: David S**

**F's: George Y**

**G's: Shaan R**

# Outdoor Learning

## Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Year 4 boys had a fabulous day on Wednesday at their first Outdoor Learning Session on Hampstead Heath.

All boys got stuck in to a variety of team building games; particular favourites included the 'ant game' and 'magic carpets'.

The focus of the session was:

- Trying something new
- Leaving no person behind
- Being resilient
- Being positive
- Giving something back

Well done to all boys for participating so enthusiastically, and a big thank you to all form tutors for accompanying the boys. We look forward to our next session on April 22nd!

Don't forget to logon to the password protected site to see some of the photos from the session (the company will have them uploaded by Mon 16th):

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

**Password: wetherby-outdoors**



### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hector N	6A	Nima H
4E	Hugo S	6C	Vihaan T
4H	Samuele B	6F	Samuel B
4P	Alexander H	6M	Laith A
4S	Leonardo P	7B	Brooks S
5A	Ziyang P	7L	Elyas E
5K	Adrien C	7M	John C
5L	William D	8B	Gregory G
5O	Leonardo G	8G	Jonathan C
		8S	Hector B
		8V	Maxwell B

Vihaan T - 45

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Dawson</b> Captain B. Govindan	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain G. Granovski	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papasavvas	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer
522	500	414	413

### 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
11,763	11,410	10,421	9,718

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 3H</b> 150	<b>Form 7B</b> 49	<b>Form 6F</b> 46



# Skool Daze



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

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

For primary I went to a school called Southdown. I moved schools in Y4 to a school called St Giles and for high school I went to St Joseph's Catholic and Anglican High in Wrexham in Wales.

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

Music has been my favourite subject for as long as I can remember, I couldn't get enough of it and used to practise the piano instead of doing my homework ... I also really loved History and Religious Studies.

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

I had a fantastic Maths teacher at high school – Mr Donlon. I really struggled with Maths at school and he always took the time to help me and would even sit with me at lunch to go over Maths papers.

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

When I was in Y11 I went on a German Exchange trip, the girl I was partnered up with couldn't speak English and I couldn't speak German but we both played the violin. We played in each other's orchestras and went to concerts together and stayed in touch for many years. It was such a great trip and I will always remember it.

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

My funniest moment was during a school trip in Y10. We all had to go on a religious retreat where they made us fast for 12 hours. My friends and I were absolutely starving and decided to go to KFC where we bumped into all of our teachers (who were also supposed to be fasting!). We made a pact not to tell the people leading the retreat...!

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

I really didn't like doing P.E – especially cross country, running is not for me!!

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

I learnt to be myself and that it is ok to be different. I was always the 'weird one who played the piano and violin' (and probably still am!) but because of music I have met and played with some amazing people.

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

I have actually never been on a music tour so I would have 100% done Tour Choir. I would also have really enjoyed cookery club and horse riding.



# Photos of the Week

4H team building activities in outdoor learning





**Miss Baillieu's lovely English class reading their own stories about women who inspire them to the Y3s. We can't wait to repay the favour!**



### General Knowledge Quiz Competition

The boys in team 1 and 2 were brilliant ambassadors for the school and gave it their all in the super challenging quiz rounds. Well done, boys!



### RS

Y3 re-enacting the Last Supper, sharing bread and wine (blackcurrant squash!) between Jesus and his disciples.





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