

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 24



Remote Learning Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3	PE Maths English French Reading Art	PE Maths English Geography RS Drama	PE Maths English History Science Curiosity Project	PE Maths English ICT Science Reasoning	PE Maths English Music PSHE Curiosity Project
Y4	PE Maths English Music PSHE Curiosity Project	PE Maths English French Reading Art	PE Maths English Geography RS Drama	PE Maths English History Science Curiosity Project	PE Maths English ICT Science Reasoning
Y5	PE Maths English ICT Science Reasoning	PE Maths English Music PSHE Curiosity Project	PE Maths English French Reading Art	PE Maths English Geography RS Drama	PE Maths English History Science Curiosity Project
Y6	PE Maths English French Art Science	PE Maths English History Music RS	PE English French Latin Wire Project Science	PE Maths Latin Science Drama ICT	PE Maths English Geography PSHE Wire Project
Y7	PE Maths English Geography PSHE Wire Project	PE Maths English French Art Science	PE Maths English History Music RS	PE English French Latin Wire Project Science	PE Maths Latin Science Drama ICT
Y8	PE Maths Latin Science Drama ICT	PE Maths English Geography PSHE Wire Project	PE Maths English French Art Science	PE Maths English History Music RS	PE English French Latin Wire Project Science

Friday 27th March: Virtual Assembly—10am

THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,



The end of a quite remarkable week. No week is ever the same at Wetherby Prep but that was unprecedented. A declining roll throughout the week (that peculiarly went up on Wednesday!) and ending this lunchtime with around 80 boys, about a fifth of our cohort. We still managed an assembly in the normal way; an emotionally poignant event that no-one present will ever forget. As I watched it back on our Instagram story, what struck me was not only the number of boys and parents viewing but what they were saying and how they were interacting with their comments and emoticons. Whatever the crisis, no-one at Wetherby Prep will lose their sense of humour nor sense of camaraderie, that much was clear.

As has been experienced by the sector this week with those schools that have already closed, remote learning is going to take a bit of getting used to for everyone. As you will have seen from our letter on Wednesday, we are taking a pragmatic approach and building gradually in terms of what works and what doesn't. We of course have been live streaming events for many years and know the strengths and limitations of this approach. We also have many extremely technically minded staff but even with that broad skill set amongst our number, no-one really knows how this will pan out. I am also conscious of presumptions made in terms of every member of the household having access to a computer throughout the entire day, something not even the case in my own household. Getting children to do homework is stressful for many families; we completely understand that and schools have a responsibility not to exacerbate an already anxious and stressful situation.

We fully intend to do this as successfully as anyone...and, as with our live streaming of events, we may well set the tone for others to follow. We do, though, need to know from our boys and parents what is working and what is not so please keep in regular contact with us to make sure we stay as tight a community as possible through this remote period.

I will 'see' you (or rather you will see me), at our end of term Assembly next Friday 27 April at 10am and you will hear from me in the Wetherbuzz with our staffing announcements for September 2020 as is normal at the end of the Spring Term.

Lots to look forward to...as always...

Nick Baker

Key Worker Provision

In line with government guidelines, please do let me know as soon as possible if any parent has issues regarding childcare next week that prevents them from working. Email me at nick.baker@wetherbyprep.co.uk



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Kieran O'K in 7M. Kieran has really got started on his 'Curiosity Project' and showed admirable commitment and enthusiasm when filming excerpts and liaising with key staff. Can't wait to see the finished project!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Redmond M in 5L. The U10s retained the trophy at the St James tournament last week and one of the stars of the show was Redmond. Strong in the tackle, reading the game well and playing with authority—great work Redmond!



Class-Achievement

Mr Maguire's 6M

Kindness Cup



Alexander G 5A

Alex is always on good form when I see him around the school and during our lessons together, but it's been particularly uplifting seeing his happy face around school this week and I've enjoyed all of our chats over the last few days. He has been so appreciative of the school being open and even took it upon himself to talk Mr Maguire through his every detailed ppt about tanks. Mr Maguire was so grateful as he has a keen interest in military history! *Miss Aitken*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

♦ **Ali A, 8G**

Ludo couldn't find his blazer at the end of the break session, and was becoming worried as it contained his phone and some money for a taxi. Ali scoured the Sports Ground and eventually found it just as the boys were about to leave. Great attitude from Ali. What a nice friend. *Ludovic R*

♦ **Marley L 6A and Elliot S 6M**

I was organising the Cricket equipment for next term and Marley and Elliot were great assistants in getting the right amount of stumps into each member of staff's kit bag. This would have been a very long process for one person to do by themselves so I am incredibly thankful for their help. *Mr Evans*

♦ **Kieran O’K 6F**

Thank you so much for looking after me so well when I was feeling poorly. A great friend and support. *Oliver B 6F*

♦ **Harrison B 5K**

Harrison hasn’t failed to bring a smile and a fab sense of humour into my Year 5 Maths lessons this week – he has done a brilliant job of keeping everyone’s spirits up and been such a helping hand in the classroom as well. I really appreciate his effort and attitude! *Miss Aitken*

♦ **Aran M, 6M**

Aran is a great member of the class and helps to tidy and organise the room without being asked. *Mr Maguire*

♦ **All the dog-lovers at Wetherby**

Can I say a huge thank you to everyone, big and small, who has helped me to welcome Nancy in to our wonderful School. She is one lucky pup and totally spoiled; I tell her this everyday- especially when she is eating my shoes and handbags. *Miss Lister*

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 17th March 2020

Time: 8:40am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- Happy St Patrick's Day everybody!
- Wetherby Words ideas so far... Academic, Hard-Working, Kind, Sporty, Inclusive, Global, Diverse, Healthy, Determination, Resilient.
- Air-Soft arena at certain points in the school year.
- Donating food to food banks/elderly people because of the current issues the world is facing.
- Community Duty suspended due to the virus- PLT and School Council Reps to encourage their peers to be as tidy as possible.
- Wetherbuzz Student interview questions compiled today- we have named it 'Wether-Me'.

English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"The sky was murky grey, dyeing the clouds above, when all of a sudden I saw a luminous light, for winter was finished and spring was rising up."

- Justin W, Year 4

"I was staying in a cold brick box like a labyrinth with an echo of darkness."

- Chase O, Year 5

"Over the Finnish skies, like a child drawing on the wall with a crayon, rainbow ink blotches of beauty linger on our atmosphere."

- Alex G, Year 5

"The stars were like fish in the sea of the universe."

- Lewis D, Year 5

"Lethargic waves caressed the silky sand while an array of songs from the regal eagles invaded the air."

- Amar de R, Year 5

*“Though much is taken, much abides;
and though we are not that strength which in old days
moved earth and heaven,
that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
made weak by time and fate,
but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield.”*

Alfred Lord Tennyson

www.youtube.com/breakthruchris

The image shows a screenshot of a YouTube channel page for 'breakthruchris'. The channel name is 'Story Starters' with 4 videos and 688 subscribers. The main video featured is 'A GHOST STORY'. To the right, a playlist titled 'Mr Thorne Does Grammar' is shown, containing 53 videos and 27376 subscribers. The playlist includes videos on grammar topics like 'Active & Passive Voice', 'Apostrophes for Possession', 'Types of Noun', 'Contractions', 'Exclamation Marks', and 'Question Marks'.

Video Title	Views	Comments	Likes	Dislikes
Story Starters - A Ghost Story	2,053	0	11	2
Story Starters with Mr Thorne - The M...	2,396	1	22	0
Story Starters - An Island Story	3,389	0	25	1
Top 10 Story Writing Tips	15,845	0	457	24
Active & Passive Voice - Mr Thorne D...	3,785	0	108	2
Apostrophes for Possession - Mr Tho...	8,531	2	88	6
Types of Noun - Mr Thorne Does Gra...	4,832	0	57	1
Contractions - Mr Thorne Does Gram...	92,694	0	92	4
Exclamation Marks - Mr Thorne Does...	7,056	0	74	4
Question Marks	6,146	0	54	6



MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Boys who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

No right answers this week. I have included the question in the Wetherbuzz for future attempts.

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Aditya d	The Great Snail
Elendu U	Lucas N
Sam M	Sami K
Drago S-J	

LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

FARMLAND MATHS 30
Name

Here is a plot of land. It has been divided into 64 squares.

The land is to be divided between the farmer's four sons so that each son gets a piece of land, with a house (H) and a pond (P), the same shape and area as each of his brothers.

Using colour, show how the land can be divided correctly.

P			H				P
			H				
			H				
			H				
P							P



Science Department

Miss Casserly writes...

Science Week 2020

What a fantastic Science Week 2020! The Year 8 boys enjoyed an exciting Space Masterclass with Dr Sheila Kanani. They worked together at different stations investigating materials for rockets, how gravity changes on different planets and my personal favourite, Space Jenga. The boys were incredibly enthusiastic and were an asset to the school. Year 6 and 7s enjoyed the 'Science Dome' where they explored the Solar System in a 360 degree planetarium. The dome was so good that Wetherby Staff continued to visit it throughout the day. Mr Metherell was very jealous that he did not get a chance to see it, but we have promised him a place next year! Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a Virtual Reality Workshop exploring space. It was a joy to see how animated the boys got and Miss Kroiter really enjoyed it too (see below). The Science Fair was the highlight of the week for the Science Department. We were blown away by the tremendous efforts of our young scientists. The detail and quality of their work was so incredible that the judges were debating for over an hour. Congratulations to all who participated!

1st Place – Raahil U with “Memory Matters”

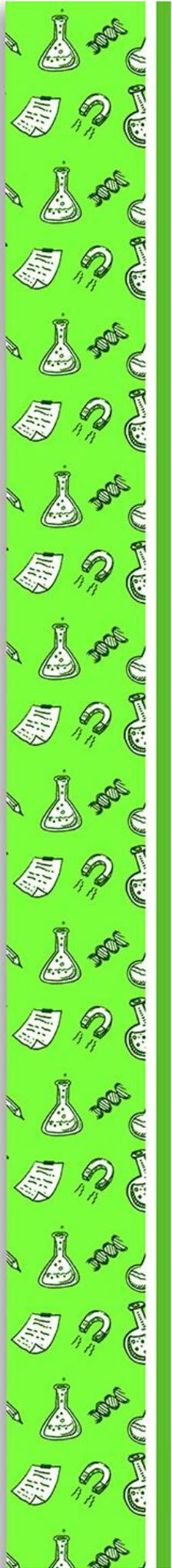
2nd Place – Ivan G and Aidan S with “Schrödinger’s Cat”

3rd Place – Oliver T with “Great Eggspectations”

We cannot wait for Science Week, 2021.

The Science Team





French Department

Mademoiselle Flomet writes...

Il était une fois... La Journée Française, organised on Tuesday for Lower School.

Year 3 and 4 had a whole day learning about France and its culture. In English, for instance, boys researched the famous French author Charles Perrault. In Maths, they worked on converting some pounds into euros. In Art, they had to create a structure with marshmallows (Tour Eiffel, Arc de Triomphe or Pyramide du Louvre). In Science, they learnt about the very interesting life of Marie Curie, who was born in Poland, got French citizenship and lived in Mademoiselle Flomet's hometown, Sceaux (pronounced 'so'), on the outskirts of Paris. Mademoiselle Flomet's high school was even called 'Collège Lycée Marie Curie.'

Chef Peter and his team prepared a delicious French lunch, where boys got the chance to try some snails! Délicieux!

Finally, a French theatre company came in and performed to Year 5. They saw two fantastic performances of *Le Petit Chaperon Rouge* (Little Red Riding Hood) and *Jacques et les Haricots Magiques* (Jack and the Beanstalk). The session was all in French and the boys did really well at understanding the stories. Some were even asked to come onto the stage to act out the scenes! Everyone had a great time!

It was great to see so many smiley faces...



Music Department

Miss Tomsett-Rowe writes...

Tour Choir, although sadly not able to visit Barcelona, performed instead to a packed Pioneer Hall on Monday. Their repertoire included a variety of pieces that they had been preparing to perform in the Sagrada Familia, including Lead Me Lord and the ever favourite Joshua! We are hoping to visit Spain once the madness settles down, but you can catch the choir at our next concert on the 9th June at the Royal Overseas League, London at 5pm. Huge thanks must go to Miss Orpwood and Mrs Pozzo for all their organising of the tour.

Lead Me Lord

https://youtu.be/vLnwMkR_i9s

Joshua

<https://youtu.be/KIWamH1yroc>

Irish Blessing

<https://youtu.be/PSmsfoQ2KKo>



Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

Year 7 have been working on vibrant Cezanne inspired oil pastel still life works. They look great!



Miss Kirby writes...

Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show

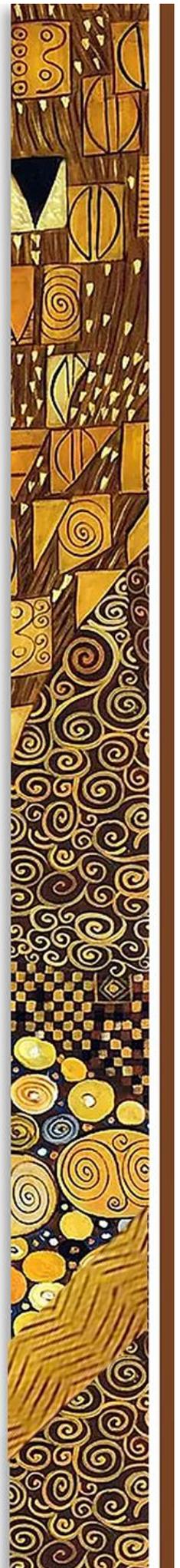
Well done to those who have already entered the Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show. You can upload your work via the website. The online gallery will be full of amazing artwork from all around the country and it would be great to see lots of Wetherby artists on there. The closing date is 24th April.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

You can expect to see lots more online galleries and wonderful creative initiatives in the coming weeks. The final lesson of your topic will be uploaded to SMHW next week. We will continue to produce an amazing array of artworks and to enjoy learning about all aspects of the creative arts together. Wetherby Prep is a truly creative community bursting with innovative ideas. Artists adapt to change and turn it into something positive!



Artwork by Bob & Roberta Smith



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Theodore J	6A	Henry M-S Kiran K
4E	Hugo S	6C	Zacharia M
4H	Callum S	6F	Alexander S
4P	Justin W	6M	Sean S-S
4S	Cormac M	7B	Aditya D
5A	Oliver B	7L	Philip G
5K	Raahil H	7M	Leonardo B
5L	Bear S	8B	Sebastian D
5O	Dillon Du C	8G	Jonathan C
		8S	Hector B
		8V	Elliot C Rory M Max G

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Bear S - 37

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papisavvas	Dawson Captain B. Govindan
163	118	98	42

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. Papisavvas
11,805	11,573	11,539	9,817

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5L 92	Form 4E 60	Form 6F 48



Photos of the Week







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