

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Summer Term | Week 26



WEEK 26 — Monday 27th April to Sunday 3rd May 2020

Monday 27th April:

- **Staff Meeting**—8:15am
- **WPS Office Apps Guidance and Help Team**—4:30-5:15pm on Teams
- **Chess Club with Tony Niccoli**—4-6pm

(this will be a recurring club every Monday, please see further details attached to the Wetherbuzz)

THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON **zoom** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

Tuesday 28th April:

- **Choir with Miss Orpwood & Mrs Tomsett-Rowe**—4-5pm

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- **Music Night with Miss Orpwood & Mr Jenkinson**—8pm

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Wednesday 29th April:

- **CrossFit Club with Miss Kroiter**—4-5pm

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- **Quiz Night**—8pm

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Thursday 30th April:

- **Cricket Club with Mr Billingham & Mr Evans**—4-5pm

THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON **zoom** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

- **WPS Office Apps Guidance and Help Team**—4:30-5:15pm on Teams

Friday 1st May:

- **Staff Meeting**—8:15am
- **Whole School Assembly at Instagram**—8:45am

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AND ON **zoom** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

- **Choir with Miss Orpwood (Invite only)**—3pm
- **Quiz Night**—8pm

THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Boys,

Great to see so many viewers both on Instagram and on Zoom at this morning's Assembly. As the boys would say, the feed was quite "laggy" for the first half and we didn't manage to connect to Mr Lock at the end but it was fun to see it back and read all the messages and note the emojis. At the suggestion of a parent, we trialled a 'simulcast' via Zoom with one class as we know many boys don't have an Instagram account/phone of their own. We will continue with this for the future Friday morning Assemblies and cut to the teachers that want to contribute via Zoom, rather than Instagram as it seems to be more stable. The link is the same as it is for all Clubs - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416> - so please use this as an alternative to Instagram if you would like to.



If you were early to the broadcast, you might have been surprised to hear the sound of vacuuming in the background. As I received various comments after the last Assembly of the Spring Term noting, amongst others, the herringbone pattern on the floor on our kitchen, the mirrored splashback and even wife Brigid's colourful trainers, there was a vigorous last minute 'clean up session' just prior to broadcasting to the Wetherby world. With all news items, interviews and even panel shows, going direct to households, it's so interesting to see inside people's homes and even more interesting and surprising to see which room they chose to broadcast from. So many times over the past few weeks you think why has this MP or scientist chosen the room with the massive damp patch on the ceiling, bare lightbulb and mess all around. Maybe I'm overthinking it and there more important things to worry about but nothing wrong with being house proud...

Thank you for all your feedback and messages this week. I appreciate this has been a big change for all of us but your support has been very welcome and reassuring for the teaching staff who have found this week arguably the most intense of their careers. My thanks to everyone for their application and enthusiasm towards this week, but particularly the teaching staff who have not stopped over the past four weeks. Their commitment and desire to make the best of such a difficult and strange scenario has made me very proud and reaffirms what a special group of staff they are.

Have a good weekend and hopefully see you for Quiz Night at 8pm this evening.

Nick Baker

TWO GOLDEN RULES FOR REMOTE LEARNING

1 No boy must EVER start a video conference.

2 Boys must only JOIN a video conference when their teacher's avatar is shown as present in that meeting.



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Alexander H in 4P. The title 'Citizen of the Week' would benefit from the additional word 'Digital' at the start as we are now fully in a technological world for our learning. Alexander has taken to this new platform extremely well and has produced 'How to' guides for the other boys in his class. Excellent attitude and digital citizenship!

Class-Achievement

Mr Gascoine's Year 8 Maths

Kindness Cup



Alvaro C 4S

Yesterday, Alvaro helped me with my school project to make lunch for our parents. Alvaro made quesadillas with cheese and his own guacamole (which was delicious) and he helped me season mine with some extra spices (he likes spicy food). He has also been super kind this week and helped me tidy up my room and we created a creativity club together so that we could make things for our teachers when we go back to school. What I also really appreciated about my brother was that when I was studying for my 11+ exams before, he would wait for me to finish studying so that we could play together. He always made me feel less stressed. And he was really happy for me when I got my results. *Carolina, sister*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Alexander D 4S**

I would like to nominate Alexander as he has been an enormous help in always quickly and cheerfully volunteering to wash our dishes by hand since our dishwasher broke down at the start of lockdown (the engineer can't visit due to the restrictions so it was most unfortunate timing!). He often jumps up to get started on the dishes without being asked and is also helping with cooking, laundry and changing bed linen - all useful life skills. *Rebekah D, mother*

◆ **Kian F 6C**

In the English lesson where we were creating different a Fact File on George Orwell, Kian sent through resources giving the other boys useful websites and information to use in their own work. Brilliant! *Miss Andrews-Bowen*

◆ **Boys in Form 6M**

They have been super kind in welcoming our new Wetherby family member, Finn C. Bravo them!
Mr Lock

◆ **Nominations for all the Boys at Wetherby**

All the stressing last weekend about using Teams was a waste of energy as, when we were all online, the boys really brought a smile to my face and helped me out when delivering my first lessons. We are a very special School, even virtually. Furthermore, you getting your pets involved—absolute winner! *Miss Lister*

I would like to make a massive shout out to all the boys whom I have taught as they have been so brilliantly patient, helpful and proactive at finding the resources online and following guidelines. Particularly the Year 4 boys who I know find it very tricky. *Miss Kroiter*

All boys at Wetherby have made us proud - they have been so supportive of each other when getting online. *Mr Lock*

I have been so impressed with all of my Science classes who are showing such enthusiasm and dedication to their learning. It has been evident more than ever that you LOVE learning Science and love being a Wetherby Boy. Some of my students have been so dedicated, that they are joining my Science lessons at 4.30 and 5.30am. You have made me a very proud teacher! *Miss Casserly*

Team of the Week



Notices

Curiosity Project and WIRE Project entries

Ms Russell writes...

A huge thank you to all of you who have already sent me your Curiosity Project and WIRE Project entries. I have been bowled over by the high quality of your projects and how creative you have been. What an amazing effort you have all made; it has been such a highlight of my week reading them all! I know it has been a strange few weeks so I completely understand that some of your projects may be a little late. Please do get them to me in the next few days if you have not yet submitted!

We can't wait to start judging them!

Clubs

Mr Dean writes...

Dear Parents,

While we are away from the school building clubs will run slightly differently, there will be one free club per day (Monday – Thursday, 4-5pm) run via the schools zoom account. All boys need to do to join in is use the zoom meeting link below at 4pm each day:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

Next week we are offering the following clubs:

Monday – Chess Club with Tony Niccoli (this will be a recurring club every Monday, please see the further details attached to this week's Wetherbuzz, it sounds like great fun for any chess players)

Tuesday – Choir with Miss Orpwood & Mrs Tomsett-Rowe (again this will be every Tuesday)

Wednesday – CrossFit with Miss Kroiter, a great chance to get moving and stay healthy at home

Thursday – Cricket with Mr Billingham & Mr Evans, for anyone who is missing the cricket season!

I hope there is something to interest everyone there and lots of you will join for clubs next week.

12th Wetherby Chess Tournament

Mr Gascoine writes...

If you would like to enter the Annual Wetherby Chess Tournament (singles tournament only, for obvious reasons) then please follow the link attached with 'Chesskid'.

<https://www.chesskid.com/register/kid/group/PBEMC8>

It seems that parents have to do this.

We will set up the tournament next week and hopefully start playing the first round asap.

Blueshift Code Clubs

Mr Morrison writes...

Dear Parents,

Blueshift have been in touch as over the Easter holidays they successfully provided 200 hours of code clubs online. They are now running after school, online code clubs with an instructor/student ratio of 1:3.

Further information can be found on the attached flyer, which gives a link to a list of their courses and prices. Blueshift are offering WPS parents 15% off the price on their website with the code 'WETHERBY15'.

Should you wish to reserve a place, please note that all bookings should be made directly with Blueshift and not via the school offices.



ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2020

Dr Lee writes...

For those of Australian or New Zealand origin, you will know it is ANZAC Day on Saturday. I was going to organise an event where Australian and New Zealand originating parents and boys would attend the Dawn Service in London but sadly, with social distancing regulations this event is not being held. I understand from Mr Metherell and Mr Bayes, that there are no boys or families of NZ origin in school at present, so I have reproduced the information from the Australian High Commission below with a link to the NZ website, following.

ANZAC Day is the day that Australians and New Zealanders commemorate all those Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and the contribution and suffering of all those who have served. The date marks the anniversary of the first campaign (Gallipoli) that led to major casualties for Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.



The Australian High Commission has issued the following statement:

As we stand together apart this ANZAC Day, we invite you to join us in honouring those who have served, and continue to serve, on 24 April 2020 and 25 April 2020.

On Friday evening at 8.30pm and repeated at dawn in the UK, join Australians in a service of national commemoration broadcast live from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

On Saturday morning at 11.00am, join us for a special commemoration service hosted by the High Commissioner for Australia and the Acting High Commissioner for New Zealand from our respective homes in the UK.

From 3.00pm on Saturday, we invite you to join us in a cultural program that honours our past and speaks to our nation's future. The Australia House Ensemble and Friends will present 'Hope and Remembrance', a 30-minute virtual recital of well-known and new music from Waltzing Matilda to music by Australian composer Peter Sculthorpe to commemorate ANZAC Day 2020.

From 7.30pm on Saturday, join us for a special ANZAC Day reading of Alan Seymour's iconic play 'One Day of the Year' with guest presenter Kathy Lette; delivered together with Trish Wadley Productions. Directed by Wayne Harrison, former Artistic Director of the Sydney Theatre Company, will star an all Australian and New Zealand cast, including Mark Little, Kerry Fox, Daniel Monk, Celeste Dodwell and Paul Haley.

The commemorations can be viewed live from the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianHighCommissionUK/>

NZ details:

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/countries-and-regions/europe/united-kingdom/new-zealand-high-commission/living-in-the-uk/anzac-day/anzac-services-london/>

I would normally organise another baking spree with ANZAC biscuits, just for distribution and not for funds raising, but again this is not going to be viable. The Australian Women's Weekly provides a recipe for ANZAC biscuits here:

<https://www.womensweeklyfood.com.au/recipes/best-anzac-biscuits-recipe-28575>

It would be nice, however, if you cared to do so to take a photograph of some kind of ANZAC remembrance you might make at home, whether it be baking biscuits, lighting a candle, or gathering around the television to watch one of the commemorative services. A photograph from each Australian family (and NZ families should there be any), relating to ANZAC Day might make a fitting page in next week's Wetherbuzz.

MATHS CHALLENGES!



Mr Gascoine writes...

Boys who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Max B	Ferens C
Ethan R	

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Sacha A	Elvis S
Nicolas W-R	Jasper H
Zayn S	Nadhmi A
Max C-B	Alex K
Laith A	Taymour A



Science Department

Space News w/c 20.04.20

Miss Lister writes...

Dear Wetherby family,
I hope everyone had a great Easter break and that you were able to enjoy some special sights in our night sky, including the Full Pink Moon at the beginning of the month. A few amazing resources I use to keep up-to-date with what to look for and how to look for it are:



<https://www.schoolsobservatory.org/learn/astro/nightsky>



The Stellarium app (also available as web version) is incredible! Can be used day or night. My Year 5 pupils enjoyed using this during our Space topic during Autumn Term.



In the Wetherby #SCIENCEROCKS Team that you all have access to, you will find in the Mission X 'channel' your first weekly 'Mission X' activity. Mission X is an international educational challenge, focusing on fitness and nutrition, that encourages children to train like an astronaut. It has input from the below organisations so a lot of expertise has been shared! I've made some videos to support each weekly challenge - this week has been Crew Assembly Challenge. Please upload a photo in the posts section of the Mission X channel, or simply comment that you have completed it.

Virgin Orbit aims for first launch after finishing key test flight



Virgin Orbit is preparing to send cargo into space after the successful test flight of Cosmic Girl on Sunday (April 12). This milestone was described as an "end-to-end launch rehearsal" ahead of a test launch. Eventually, Cosmic Girl will drop an air-launch platform called LauncherOne at an altitude of 35,000 feet (10,700 m) to send payloads into low Earth orbit. The date of the first test launch has not been disclosed.

Human trio comes back from space on Apollo 13 landing anniversary



On the 50th anniversary that the famous Apollo 13 "successful failure" came back to Earth safely after an explosion derailed their moon landing, three humans made a landing from the International Space Station Friday (April 17). NASA astronauts Jessica Meir and Andrew Morgan, along with cosmonaut Oleg Skripochka, landed in their Soyuz spacecraft in rural Kazakhstan. Morgan logged 272 days in space, while Meir and Skripochka each racked up 205 days.

Wetherby #SCIENCEROCKS Team!

All children will have been added to above Team, where lots of amazing Science things to watch, read, listen to or take part in will be put up. There are going to be a variety of 'channels' including Mission X as mentioned above. We in the Science Department hope you enjoy!

▼  Wetherby #SCIENCEROCKS

- General
- Animal and Plant Life Cycle Watch
- Mission X

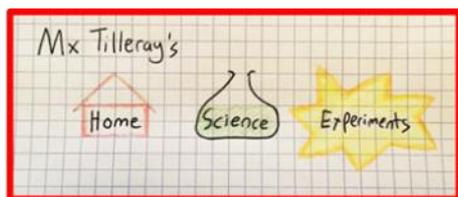


Mx Tilleray writes...

I have changed my name recently, so from now on will be going by Mx Tilleray from here on. For those that haven't come across this title before it is just like Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms, but Mx does not relate to a specific gender. It is most commonly pronounced *miks*. For me personally, I have decided to use this title as I am non-binary and this title is what makes me most comfortable.

I will be posting weekly experiments you can do at home into our new Wetherby #SCIENCEROCKS team mentioned above by Miss Lister. These are completely optional, you can do them yourself or with your siblings and you can show your results to everyone by uploading your pictures or videos into the channel.

This week you can try making your own lava lamp at home:



Make an Easy Lava Lamp

Introduction

Learn how to make an easy lava lamp with this fun science experiment for kids. Use simple household items such as vegetable oil, food coloring, Alka-Seltzer and a bottle to create chemical reactions and funky balls of color that move around like a real lava lamp.

What's Happening

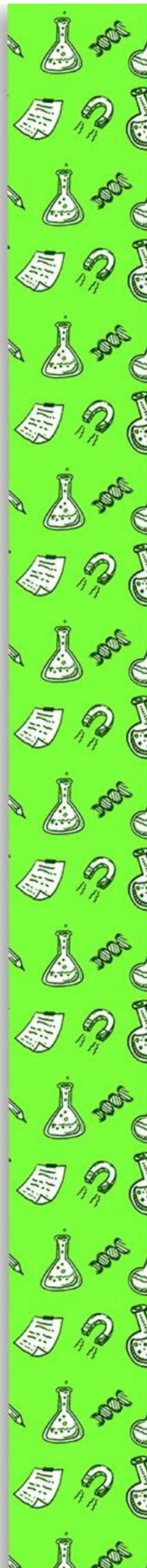
If you've tried our oil and water experiment you'll know that the two don't mix very well. The oil and water you added to the bottle separate from each other, with oil on top because it has a lower density than water. The food coloring falls through the oil and mixes with the water at the bottom. The piece of Alka-Seltzer tablet you drop in after releases small bubbles of carbon dioxide gas that rise to the top and take some of the colored water along for the ride. The gas escapes when it reaches the top and the colored water falls back down. The reason Alka-Seltzer fizzes in such a way is because it contains citric acid and baking soda (sodium bicarbonate), the two react with water to form sodium citrate and carbon dioxide gas (those are the bubbles that carry the colored water to the top of the bottle).

Instructions:

- Pour water into the plastic bottle until it is around one quarter full (you might want to use a funnel when filling the bottle so you don't spill anything).
- Pour in vegetable oil until the bottle is nearly full.
- Wait until the oil and water have separated.
- Add around a dozen drops of food coloring to the bottle (choose any color you like).
- Watch as the food coloring falls through the oil and mixes with the water.
- Cut an Alka-Seltzer tablet into smaller pieces (around 5 or 6) and drop one of them into the bottle, things should start getting a little crazy, just like a real lava lamp!
- When the bubbling stops, add another piece of Alka-Seltzer and enjoy the show!

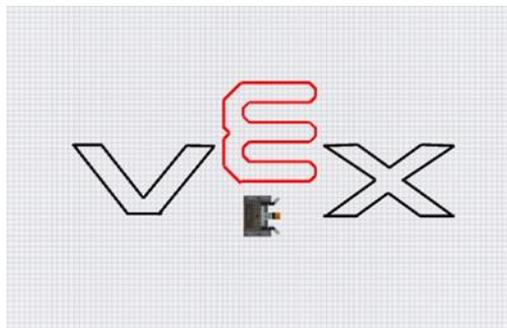
What you'll need:

- Water
- A clear plastic bottle
- Vegetable oil
- Food coloring
- Alka-Seltzer (or other tablets that fizz)



For those of you looking for a bit more of a challenge, there is a competition happening at Rapid Education where amazing prizes can be won every week! A new challenge is announced every Monday. This week's task is to use the robot in VEXcode VR to draw an image with the pen tool. You can draw absolutely anything you like – a pattern, a logo, a robot, a self-portrait – it is completely up to you! There is a really great video on their website with full instructions of how to get involved.

Check out Wetherby #SCIENCEROCKS or the direct website for updates.
<https://www.rapidonline.com/steam-lab/challenge>



Music Department

Miss Orpwood writes...

One thing I have really enjoyed about lockdown is that Mr Jenkinson and I have had much more time to play our instruments. Mr Jenkinson teaches a lot of our Wetherby boys piano, violin and cello and is a fantastic cellist himself. I absolutely love listening to him play the cello and regularly leave the door open so I can hear him practising whilst I am doing work.

We have also taken this opportunity to play together, I have been accompanying him on the piano and we have been playing duets on the violin and cello too. A highlight this week was Face Timing my 94 year old Grandad and playing a piece to him – when technology works, it is truly brilliant!

We thought we would share some of the pieces we have been working on with you this coming Tuesday (28th April) at 8pm on Instagram. We will be performing live some pop classics from Ed Sheeran to Pachelbel. Please do come along and watch!



Live Concert: Pop Classics

Tuesday 28th April, 8pm
With Miss Orpwood & Mr Jenkinson

ICT Department

From the Home Access Support hotline...

Mr Bayes writes...

Dear Parents,

We seem to be receiving fewer calls in terms on accessing the Teams platform with shift now to connections issues.

Microsoft has spent huge sums creating the infrastructure for the O365 platform to run smoothly. However, I don't think anyone predicted the demand that have now been placed system, especially Teams. As teachers, we are finding that the mornings seem to present more challenges in terms of the quality of connections and drop outs. The afternoons seem to be more stable.

I wanted to give some practical tips on how to maximise the ability for the boys and other family members to participate in live meetings with good video quality and reduce dropped calls.

- 1) Distance to the router. The further away a device is from the router the poorer the signal strength. Try to find working locations that bear this in mind.
- 2) Number of devices connected at once. The more devices that are connected the higher the likelihood of dropped video calls. Try to disperse live meeting throughout the day where possible. The bottleneck seems to be 8.45am where some families are reporting 4-5 family members are all trying to access live meetings at once.
- 3) Hotspot on your 4G/5G phone. Using a 5G phone connection is much, much faster than your home internet connection. Hot spotting a phones connection and connecting a device to it, can solve demand issues with multiple devices accessing your home broadband connection. 4G will also be suitable for a connection to reduce demand. Check that your plan allows unlimited data first!
- 4) Turn off any devices using your bandwidth. Netflix streaming 4K requires bandwidth of at least 25Mbps, which can seriously impact your connection if it's on during at the same time as your meetings.

Please find expert information on tips here :

<https://uk.pcmag.com/wireless-networking/9609/10-ways-to-boost-your-wi-fi-signal>



WPS Office Apps Guidance
and Help

WPS Office Apps Guidance and Help

The WPS Office Apps Guidance and Help Team has been setup on your son's Teams account. It will be monitored live on Monday and Thursday from 4.30 – 5.15pm by Mr Morrison and myself. We encourage any boys or parents to use the team to access our Office 365 knowledge and support. We can offer either written or video support on a one to one basis on a range of Office 365 issues, from accessing assignments in Teams, to saving to One Drive and using the apps Forms or Sway within the O365 suite.

Outdoor Learning

Miss Hood writes...

It has been wonderful to see everyone's efforts with planting and growing their own produce whilst at home. Many of these triumphs have been shared on the Wetherby Instagram page and we will continue to do this so, please keep sending your super progress pictures to Miss Hood. Also, keep an eye-out for planting tips and tricks and delicious recipes, using some homegrown produce!

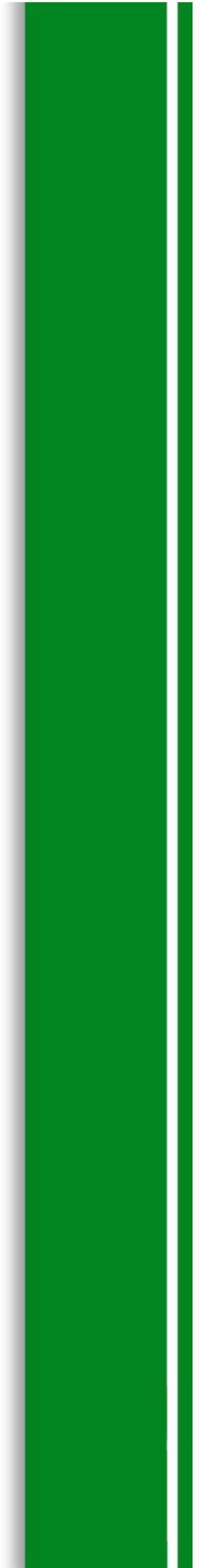
Ahmad, in Year 3, showcasing his windowsill vegetable patch and showing us that outdoor space isn't a necessity!



Ziyang, in Year 5, is in the early stages of his garlic growing and enjoyed taking his family back to their childhood!



Nancy supporting Miss Lister at their vegetable patch in sunny Cornwall!



Charities

Charities Update

Miss Kroiter writes...

I just wanted to give a little update on our charities and all the marvellous work that they are doing.

Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity

I touched base with them before the Easter break to check in and see how they were managing with Covid-19. The Roald Dahl Story Book Company has developed some ideas for teachers and parents alike to help keep children occupied, learning and focussed during this unprecedented time.

<https://www.roalddahl.com/things-to-do-indoors>

Rwanda Aid

Rwanda is currently in lockdown although the virus seems to be contained there. However, obviously fundraising is very challenging at the moment.

Rwanda Aid's main strategy at the moment is to batten down for a few months, cut costs to the minimum and try to come through the other side more or less intact. Then, more than ever, the young will need Rwanda Aid's help to rebuild the economy. If you would like to read more about some of the amazing work Rwanda Aid has been doing at this time of crisis please read the attached document

If you want to hear more of the work that Rwanda Aid have been doing before Covid-19 then attached is another document which highlights some of their amazing achievements.

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3H	Raahil U
4E	Hugo S
4H	Samuele B
4P	William F
4S	Theodore S
5A	Ari S
5K	Ethan R
5L	William D
	Bear S
5O	Leonardo G

Upper School	
6A	Lorenz B
6C	Zehen S
6F	Casper M
6M	Aman G
7B	Luca P
	Sebastian B
7L	Chase D
7M	Innes A
8B	Sebastian D
8G	Jack D
8S	Oliver B
8V	Jasper H

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

William F - 32

Weekly Housepoint Totals

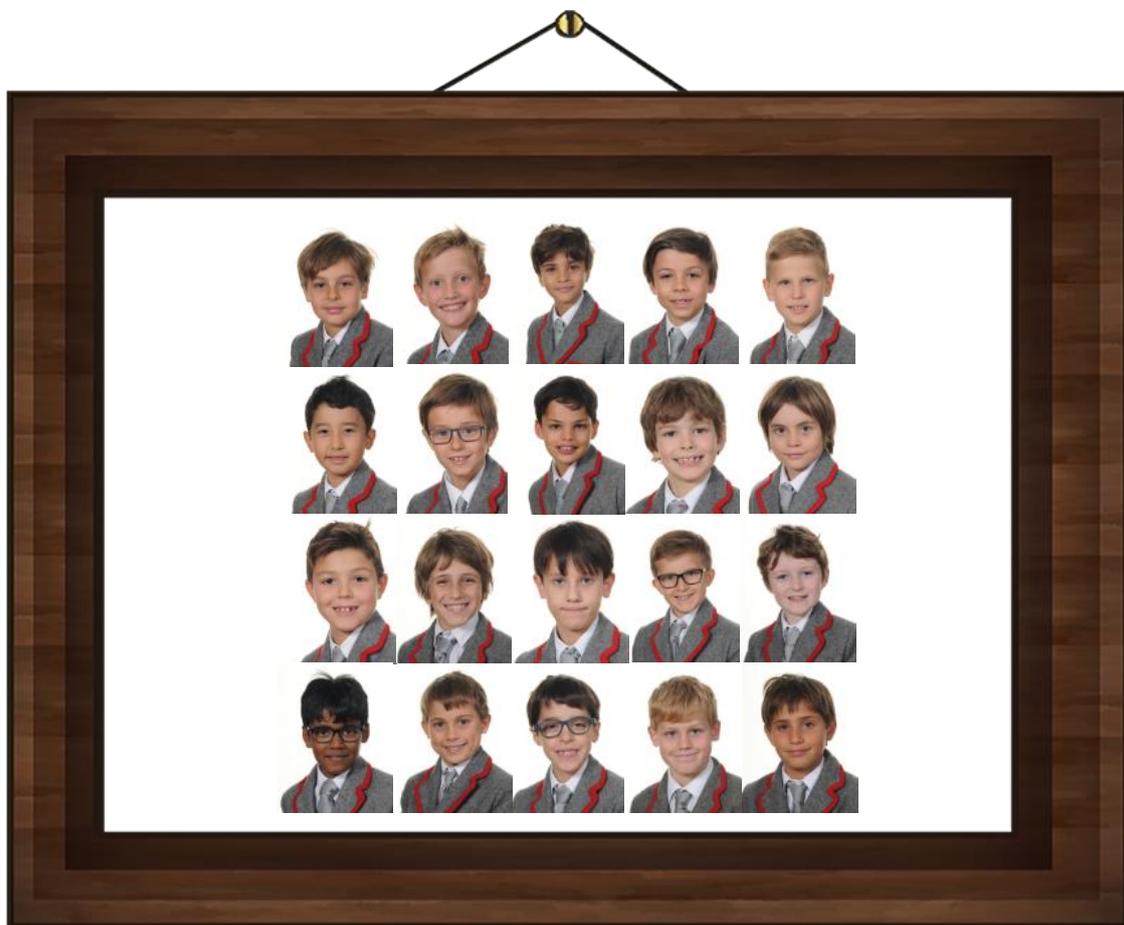
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
259	240	233	145

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
12,418	12,195	12,109	10,269

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4S 102	Form 5K 99	Form 5A 93



Photos of the Week



Keith Tyson on TV by Jack D, 8G



Cookery Club



Raffi's head shave for the NHS

Here is also the link to his just giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/raffi-penkethman?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=raffi-penkethman&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=fc2267f736c1480280cdaba40f0645cd.





**Wednesday Night Quiz Champs!
The R Family. Henry 5L and his older brother.
Dad behind the camera.**



Farhadi boys watching assembly today



We had to cancel our trip to NY and Washington - but Rex built it instead and his Lego alter ego put on his school uniform and face mask and went site seeing.











Freddie cracked on with the model afterwards and wanted to turn it into a Trojan Horse



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