

# WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Summer Term | Week 27



## WEEK 27 — Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Monday 4th May:

- **Staff Meeting**—8:15am
- **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 5th May:

- **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 6th May:

- **Cookery Club with Miss Bidie and Mrs Mandic**—4-5pm

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- **Quiz Night**—8pm

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### Thursday 7th May:

- **Staff Meeting**—8:00am
- **Whole School Assembly** —8:45am

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

- **Horse Management Club with Miss Andrews-Bowen**—4-5pm

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### Friday 8th May:

- **BANK HOLIDAY**

# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Boys,

A few years' ago, historians decided to mark the anniversary of the Blitz by sounding air raid sirens from the roofs of buildings in central London. But, they found that unless you were within 50 metres of the device, you couldn't hear them; the noise and hustle and bustle of modern day London drowned out the siren. With the current lockdown, I've read and heard on the radio, people talking about hearing birdsong and wildlife noises for the first time in their neighbourhood. For my part, I never knew the bells of the local church chimed on the hour during daytime until now. I've also become a little jumpy as I fall asleep as the High Street outside is so completely silent, the slightest innocuous creak in the floorboards makes me sit up, fearing an intruder.



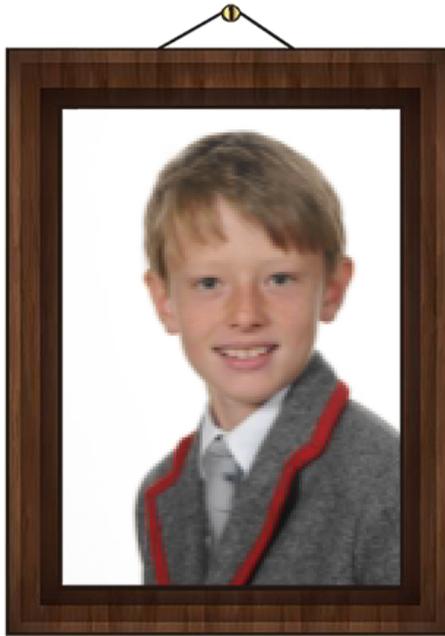
Difficult to condemn peace and quiet but I for one miss the hustle and bustle. I can sit next to our front window, perfectly content to watch the world go by...but, as there is no world passing, there's nothing to look at. I crave for anything of interest that passes; the intense rainstorms of earlier in the week held a fascination and interest with me that I hadn't experienced previously. A few days ago I spotted the mother of a boy that used to be in Patrick's class a few years ago. I wouldn't call her a close friend and don't know her very well at all but I knocked on the window and waved with the enthusiasm of seeing a family member after returning from a round-the-world holiday.

Strange times, but we're getting through them and as the Prime Minister said last night, we will be getting some clarity on what the plans are for school return next week, as well as other post-lockdown transition measures. There are various rumours around about what exactly this means for schools and probably wise to not get too optimistic or pessimistic at this stage but obviously as soon as we hear, we will let you know what this means in practical terms for the boys' return to BSQ.

As it says in the Calendar, no school next Friday due to the Bank Holiday which means that we will move Assembly to Thursday at 8:45am. Apart from that it's school as normal...as normal as it can be.

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

Nick Baker



### *Citizen of the Week*

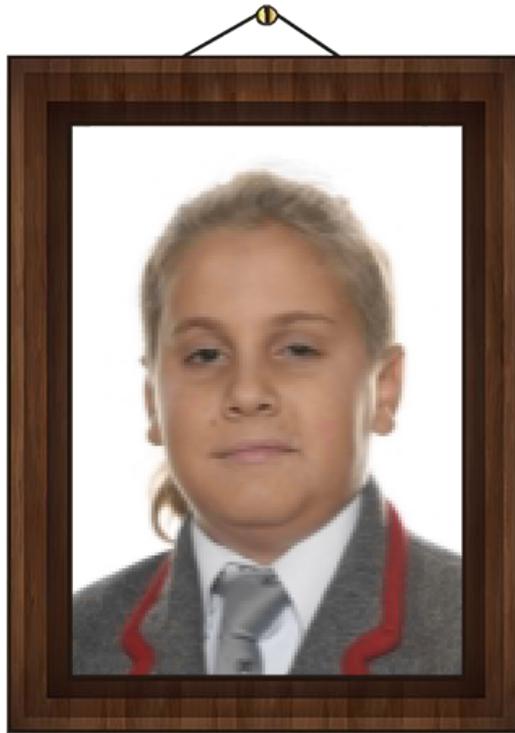
This week's Citizen of the Week is Ilya W-H in 6C. Ilya's attitude towards the remote learning has been first class. Not only does he turn up first to every lesson, he turns up in full school uniform. He is switched on, completely engaged and gives everything to each lesson. Well done, Ilya!



### *Class-Achievement*

**Miss Bidie's 7B Form**

# Kindness Cup



**Ivan G 8B**

Ivan was very helpful when Lucas Jorgensen was having IT problems and relaying information by phone backwards and forward to get things sorted. *Dr Lee*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

♦ **Marley L 6A**

I thought I would nominate Marley for a kindness award: he saw a homeless man sitting opposite our flat on a shop step looking very hot and thirsty. He took him down a big bottle of cold water and checked he was ok. *Sophie L, Mother*

♦ **Leonardo B 7M**

I would like to nominate Leo as he's done an incredible 'How to' for uploading work. Very kind and considerate! *Mrs Le Clanche*

♦ **Misha and Samuel K 8S and 7B**

I must say that Misha and Sammy have been extremely helpful, especially with their sisters, and with helping me out. They almost always set the table for lunch and dinner, they clean up after all of us and half the time wash the dishes. If they are not on remote classes themselves, they take the girls out into the garden to play with them, they help Sarah with her school assignments and when they see I'm busy in the kitchen they sit the girls down and play Jenga or Uno or 4 Connect with them. The most rewarding thing is to see how they never fail to forget to walk into the girl's bedroom before bedtime and give them a good night kiss. *Mrs K, Mother - who herself gets a nomination from her Husband for how wonderful she has been and how nice it has been to be all together as a family- a real blessing.*

♦ **Rory M 8V**

He has been an absolute superstar in 8V history lessons. Aside from the usual expectations of punctuality and mature behaviour regarding video calls, he has helped me out no end over the last two weeks. When my laptop decided to have a bit of a meltdown during our Wednesday lesson, all the boys were really patient and mature, but it was lovely to see that Rory had taken it upon himself to support his peers, using the post section of our Team. As I was unable to, he clarified the locations of the tasks that I had set and he has previously used screenshots to show his peers where to look for resources too. All in all, an excellent attitude, supporting his friends **and me too!** Much appreciated and a great example to others. *Miss Amato-Pace*

♦ **Jack D 8G**

Please may I nominate Jack for creating an Art Week poster. He has helped others learn photoshop and has a fantastic attitude to work, his peers and is so respectful and helpful. He's also used the "we are in this together" quote which I think is fab. *Miss Kirby*

# Team of the Week



# Notices

## Wetherby Chess Tournament Update

### Mr Gascoine writes...

Dear Parents and Boys,

Due to the fact that so many of our pupils at Wetherby, already have accounts with lichess, I have decided to use this platform as a more suitable place to hold the 2020 Wetherby Chess Tournament. Instructions to join are attached.

I hope to start this year's tournament next Friday.

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## Great Ormond Street Hospital wish list

### The PTA writes...

COVID-19 has had an effect on everyone and everywhere.

Children in hospitals are the most vulnerable. In order to contain the spread of infection in hospitals such as Great Ormond Street Hospital, children are left with:

**No playrooms**  
**No shared toys**  
**No visits from siblings**  
**Limited parent visits**

Let's help these children to fight their fight and be brave by supporting them through a curated [AMAZON wish list](#). No amount too little and even £5 will help these children.

Please find the link below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2HYGVR4IAHCAZ/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2HYGVR4IAHCAZ/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

Everything you order will go DIRECTLY to GOSH through Amazon. Just remember to add their delivery address which should come up automatically when you check out.

Let's help bring JOY, CREATIVITY, STABILITY, AND HAPPINESS to those who are scared and fighting this battle alone.

**Please help us spread the word, post, repost, and donate.**

Many thanks from The Soul Initiative,  
Sofia & Elena  
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## Fundraising Lego site

### Mr Baker writes...

Former pupils Frankie G and Toran H (Class of 2019) have set up their own fundraising Lego site [thedailylego.com](http://thedailylego.com) Frankie emailed me this week to explain more:

*The Daily Lego is a beacon for Lego fanatics. On The Daily Lego we find visitors the perfect Lego set for them, at the best price. With many themes to explore, such as; Marvel, Star Wars and Ninjago, The Daily Lego allows readers to expand their Lego world. Each Lego set has a clear and detailed Lego set review, and a link to show where the set is cheapest. Trusted by over 2000 readers, The Daily Lego is the place for you if your looking for a new Lego Set.*

*However, The Daily Lego is so much more than just a Lego review and refer website. Every time a reader visits The Daily Lego to find themselves the perfect set, they are helping to raise money for BBC Children In Need. During this hard time for everyone, The Daily Lego is doing all it can to help the young Lego fanbase. So we are giving 75% of referral earnings and commissions to BBC Children In Need, to support those most affected by Covid-19. Next time you buy a Lego set be sure to buy it through The Daily Lego. Not only will you be confident that what you buy is perfect for you, but you are also helping turn thousands of Children's lives around.*

# Clubs

## Mr Dean writes...

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all the boys who took part in Clubs this week, hope you enjoyed it! Next week we are offering the following clubs, all between 4 and 5 pm, and all free of charge. All boys are welcome to join any club so please do get involved!

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Chess Club with Tony Niccoli (extra info below)
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Choir with Miss Orpwood & Mrs Tomsett-Rowe
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Cookery Club with Miss Bidie and Mrs Mandic – baking is a great lockdown activity, this week join in to learn how to make Banana Bread, ingredients list attached.
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Horse Management with Miss Andrews-Bowen – join for some top tips on how to look after and manage horses, sure to be of interest to any aspiring riders.

Once again all clubs can be accessed using the zoom link below at 4 pm. Any questions regarding clubs please e-mail [robert.dean@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:robert.dean@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

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

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## Chess Club

### Mr Niccoli writes...

We would like to congratulate Hugo Samama for winning the inaugural Wetherby Remote Learning Chess Cup. Alexander Tsokris-Wildman came second and there was a tie for third place between Nicholas Jamison and Alexander Avaliani. Chess Club takes place EVERY Monday and there are also chances to play on Friday and take on other schools on Saturday.

Chess Club works very well in the online format and we have the capacity to cater for plenty more boys. All abilities welcome so if you have an interest in playing please do get involved. Further information is attached to this week's Wetherbuzz or email Tony Niccoli for more details. [tonyniccolichess@gmail.com](mailto:tonyniccolichess@gmail.com)

# MATHS CHALLENGES!



Mr Gascoine writes...

Boys who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Max B	Ferens C
Alistair O	Benjamin M
James Best	Hugo S
Oscar D	Elliott S
Samuele B	William F

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Seb J	Oliver B
William F	Chase D
Nadhmi A	Laith A
Taymour A	Rishaan U



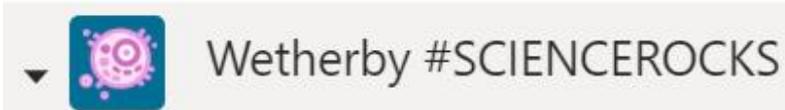
# Science Department

## Space News w/c 27.04.20

Miss Lister writes...

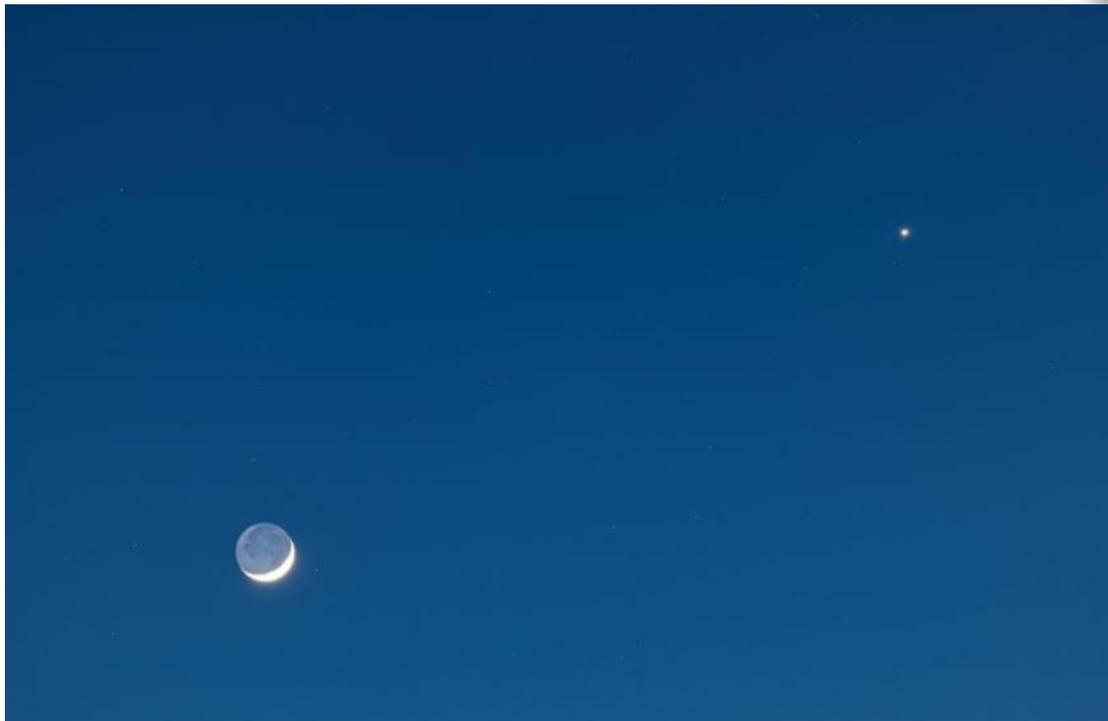


Dear Wetherby family,



All children will have now been added to Wetherby #SCIENCEROCKS Team, where lots of amazing Science things to watch, read, listen to or take part in will be put up.

## Venus meets the crescent moon



**Monday, April 27, 2020:** The bright "evening star" Venus shines near the crescent moon in this photo captured by astrophysicist Gianluca Masi of the Virtual Telescope Project in Rome.

**On This Day in Space! April 28, 2001:**

**World's 1st space tourist launches to Space Station!**

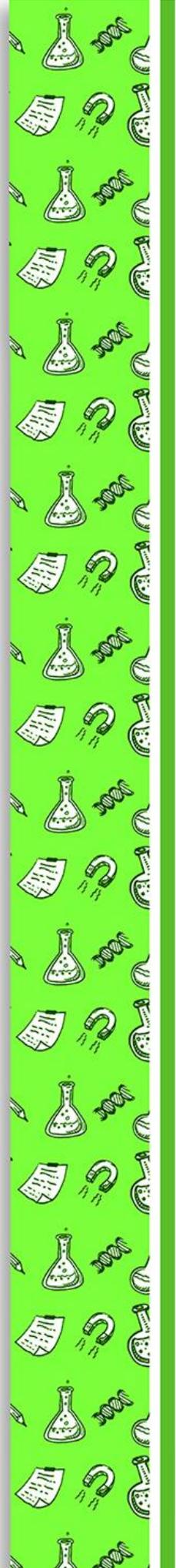


The 60-year-old businessman and multimillionaire Dennis Tito funded his own trip to space, and it cost him \$20 million.

**Eta Aquarid meteor shower 2020:**

**When, where and how to see it...**

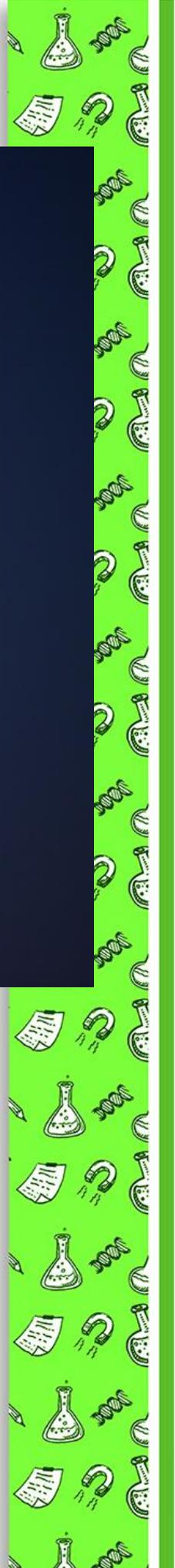
<https://www.space.com/36502-eta-aquarid-meteor-shower-guide.html>



Samuel Blumberg 6F took this incredible photo!



This is a picture of a 'blood moon' or super moon, taken on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. On this date, the Moon was the closest to Earth of any time in 2020.



## Mx Tilleray writes...

If you're looking for some extra Science to do around the house then gather round, this week we have instructions for a Spider Safari (attached to the Wetherbuzz), a 'gravity free' water experiment (below) and the STEAM challenge of the week.

All experiments and challenges can be found on the Wetherby #SCIENCEROCKS team.

Mx Tilleray's  
Home Science Experiments

### Gravity Free Water

#### Introduction

What goes up must come down right? Well try bending the rules a little with a cup of water that stays inside the glass when held upside down. You'll need the help of some cardboard and a little bit of air pressure.

#### What you'll need:

- A glass filled right to the top with water
- A piece of cardboard

#### Instructions:

- Put the cardboard over the mouth of the glass, making sure that no air bubbles enter the glass as you hold onto the cardboard.
- Turn the glass upside down (over a sink or outside until you get good).
- Take away your hand holding the cardboard.

#### What's Happening

If all goes to plan then the cardboard and water should stay put. Even though the cup of water is upside down the water stays in place, defying gravity! So why is this happening? With no air inside the glass, the air pressure from outside the glass is greater than the pressure of the water inside the glass. The extra air pressure manages to hold the cardboard in place, keeping you dry and your water where it should be, inside the glass.

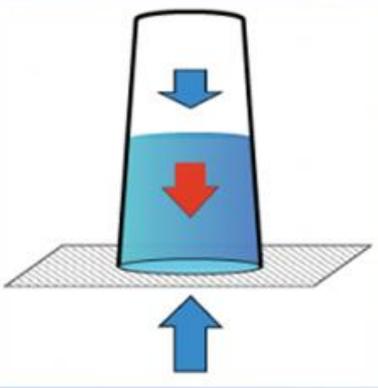


Diagram showing the relevant forces on the water. The blue arrows indicate the forces due to air pressure above and below the water. The red arrow indicates the force of gravity. Together, the three forces balance out to cancel each other.

This week's STEAM challenge is an Arduino task. Arduino is about making. It gives you the hardware and software to turn your own ideas and inventions into reality.

So, for this challenge think about what you could build for your own protective measure to help combat the coronavirus, let your imagination go. Provide a draft of your protective measure explaining how you will use the Arduino hardware to either keep your hands clean, not touch your face or maintain the distance from other people.

You **don't** have to have Arduino hardware to take part – just review the useful links on the challenge page and send your entries to Rapid Education to possibly win some amazing prizes.

Deadline: 6pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Challenge details: <https://www.rapidonline.com/steam-lab/challenge>



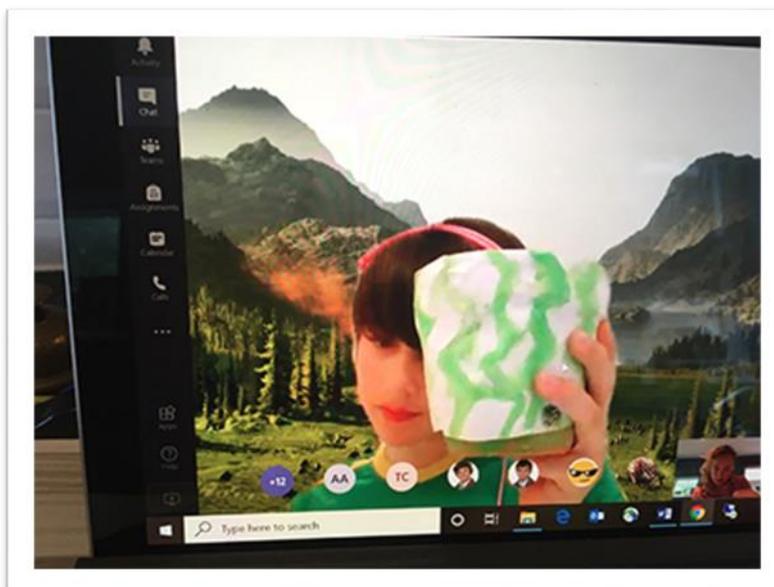
# Art Department

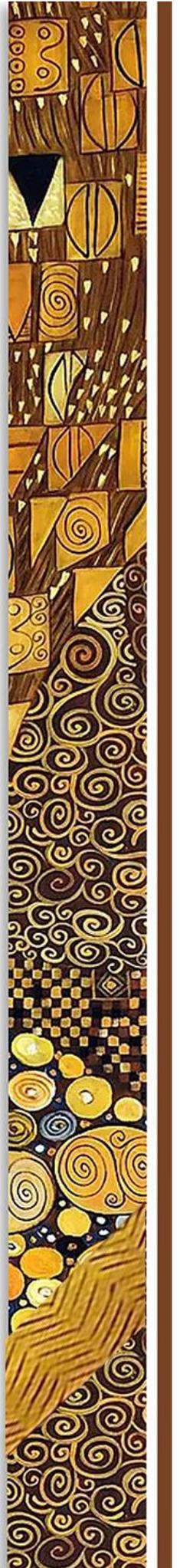
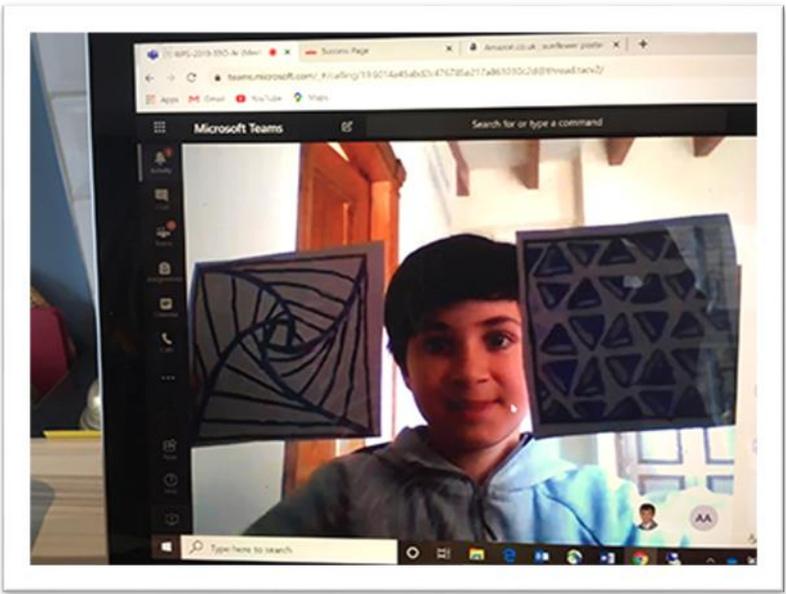
## Bridget Riley inspired artwork

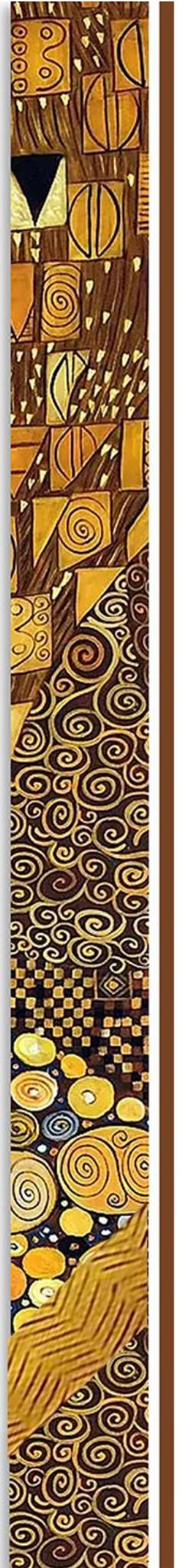
### Miss Kirby writes...

One of the highlights of the Art lesson is the artists discussion. We gather around the big table to discuss work in progress, to talk through our successes and give suggestions for improvements. This week we have mastered the online art critique taking turns to show the class via Teams. It has been wonderful to see our Wetherby Artists take turns and offer the usual Art critique with clarity and confidence. I am amazed by how quickly we adapt and find new ways of working as a whole school community. Well done, Wetherby Artists!

Here are some examples of Year 5 sharing some optical illusion outcomes inspired by Bridget Riley.





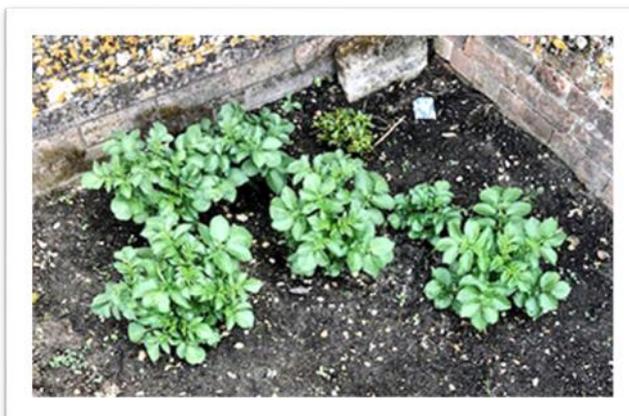


# Outdoor Learning

## Get Vegucated Update

### Miss Hood writes...

It's wonderful to see so many WPS boys growing their own produce and some are even reaping the rewards already by eating what they've grown! Keep the progress pictures coming in boys and keep up the great work!



# Wether-Me

Name and Form: **Max H 4S**  
House: **Dawson**



**Describe Wetherby Prep in three words:**  
LEARNING, FUN, CARING

**What are your favourite subjects and why?**  
ICT because it is fun and I don't have a computer at home so here I can practise, also I find the chairs are comfortable!

**Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:**  
Winning a Silver HMGS and being nominated for the Kindness Cup

**What would you like to be when you grow up?**  
A hotel manager

**If you could teach at Wetherby, what would you teach and why?**  
Games because I love to play outside!

**What topic would you love to learn in school/do you research in your own time?**  
I would love to do cooking in school

**What book are you reading at the moment?**  
I read quite a lot (as much as a book per day some days!) and have already read all my books at home! So I would like to go back to school to go to the library and pick up new ones!

**If you didn't come to Wetherby, what would you do instead in your spare time?**  
Researching History facts

### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Philip M	6A	Nima H
4E	William P	6C	Ilya W-H
4H	Maximilian Van Der K	6F	Lucas W
4P	Moritz K	6M	Finn C
4S	Methu M	7B	Luca P Oscar R
5A	Felix R	7L	Elyas E Lachlan D
5K	Raahil H	7M	Leonardo B
5L	Bear S	8B	Sebastian D
5O	Ansel G	8G	Jonathan C
		8S	Oliver B
		8V	Zayn S

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Maximilian Van Der K - 38

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

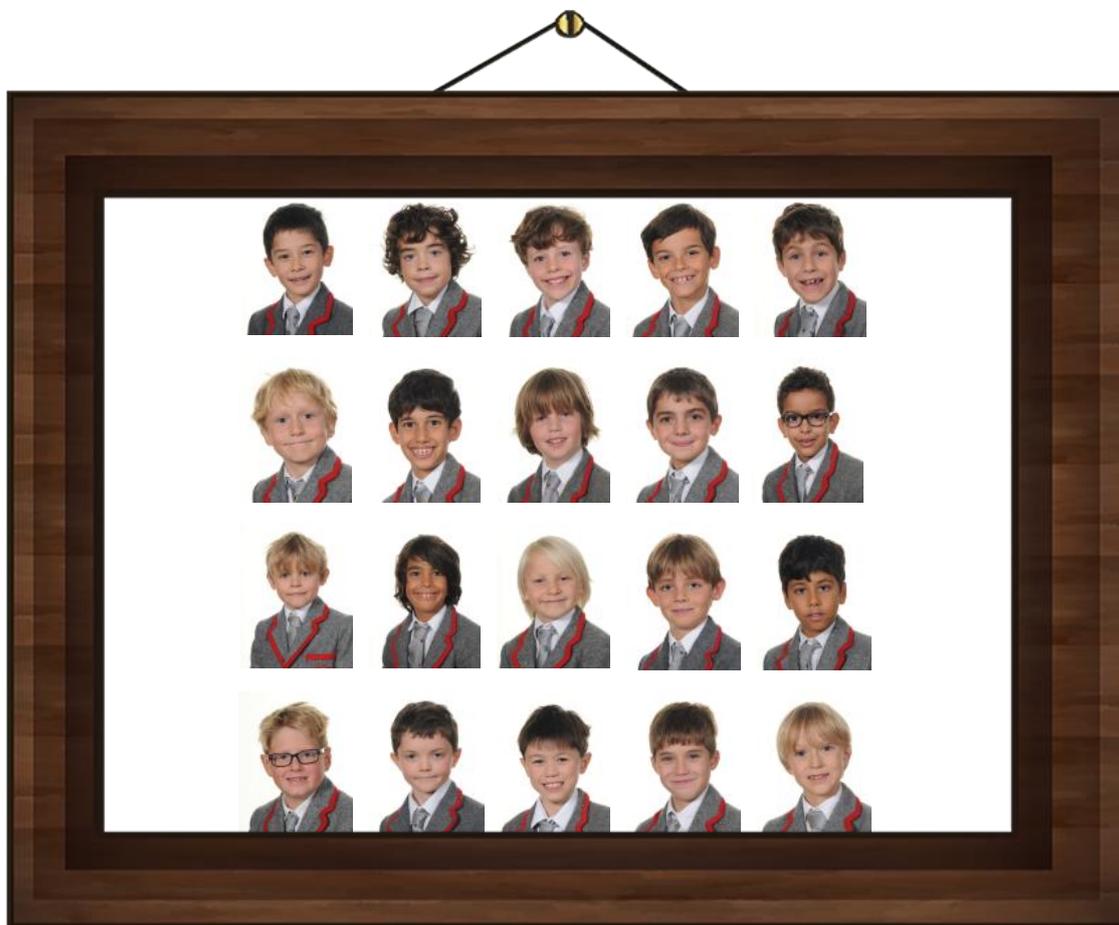
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Pembridge</b> Captain G. Granovski	<b>Dawson</b> Captain B. Govindan	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papasavvas	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer
<b>557</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>459</b>

### 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>12,916</b>	<b>12,758</b>	<b>12,571</b>	<b>10,742</b>

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4H 307	Form 4S 235	Form 5O 169



# Photos of the Week



**A take on 'CrossFit' - it was great to have the boys join me for a living room workout on Wednesday afternoon - burpees, plank, sit-ups and walkouts along with plenty of squats**



**Alvaro loving his Class Reader in 4S English**



**Saverio A - during my lockdown i have been visiting a river nearby and i made quite and amazing discovery- it was filled with clay- so i decided to make some pottery and send them over**



Romell (4E)



Hugo S (4E)



Nadhmi's collage



Reuben was making his craft from an old Wetherby book cover



Theo H



Here is an image of Alexander S, proud Australian who celebrated winning the WPS Trivia Friday night Quiz and Anzac Day by baking and eating the iconic Anzac biscuit



**Winning #TeamRemers from Wednesday Quiz Night**



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