

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Summer Term | Week 28



WEEK 28 — Monday 11th to Sunday 17th May 2020

Monday 11th 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 12th 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 13th May:

- **Arts & Crafts with Miss Kirby (and daughters!)**—4-5pm

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- **Quiz Night**—8pm

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Thursday 14th May:

- **Card Tricks with Mr Blundell**—4-5pm

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Friday 15th May:

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

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

- **Rush Hour Concert**—4pm

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From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Boys,

Here's some good news to share with our school community. This morning we learned that Nadhmi Auchi in 8V has been awarded a King's Scholarship to Eton. To put this achievement into context, around 1400 boys apply to Eton every year from all over the world. These boys are then long-listed and shortlisted down to approximately 250 places awarded. A boy's whole character is assessed but academics does form a significant part of the benchmark criteria and consequently a large number of those awarded places elect to sit the academic scholarship paper, known as the King's Scholarship, to get on the 'roll' of what is normally around 14 boys every year. Therefore, Nadhmi couldn't be good, he couldn't even afford to merely excel, he had to effectively be the best (of the best) in at least one subject. Nadhmi has always been an intellectually able boy at Wetherby Prep but what has been more impressive and has defined him as a pupil here is his commitment, dedication and hard-working attitude. This is a richly deserved award and as we have said a number of times already this year, 'Up on the Scholars Board you go'.



As we await news from the government on Sunday regarding the return to School, speculation continues to mount as to which types of school or even which year groups will be permitted to return. We have had no inside information on this but the feeling amongst the independent community at least is that we could well get 'guidelines and recommendations' as opposed to direct instruction, leaving it up to individual schools as to what they decide to do and how they can mitigate risks to health and safety. Alpha Plus and all of our schools have already started to plan for this and as soon as there is news on what action we will take, it will be communicated to all parents. It goes without saying that our collective desire is to get all the boys back to the school building as quickly as possible and create a safe environment within which they can learn.

And finally, thank you for the comments after my email of last night regarding the 'Big Baker Cut Off' next week. One parent has mischievously declared that he will donate £500 to NHS charities if my haircut is broadcast live to all boys and parents AND if Patrick and Joseph shave a 'W F C' into my scalp. When I read this out to the family, Brigid shook her head and said, 'no, they're not doing that', Patrick on the other hand nodded his head and said, 'definitely!' Therefore, if we are to do this LIVE in next Friday's Assembly, email Jude jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk with your pledge and if we can get to 2.5k, Baker Boys will make this happen...a once in a lifetime lockdown only event...

And then if that wasn't enough, another parent has offered a hairdresser friend of hers to give a tutorial to all Wetherby boys and parents on how to go about giving your son the best cut possible. So, expert help for the boys' cuts, head shave and branding for me???? Come on Boris, do the decent thing and announce everyone back to school and let's stop this nonsense!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Citizen of the Week

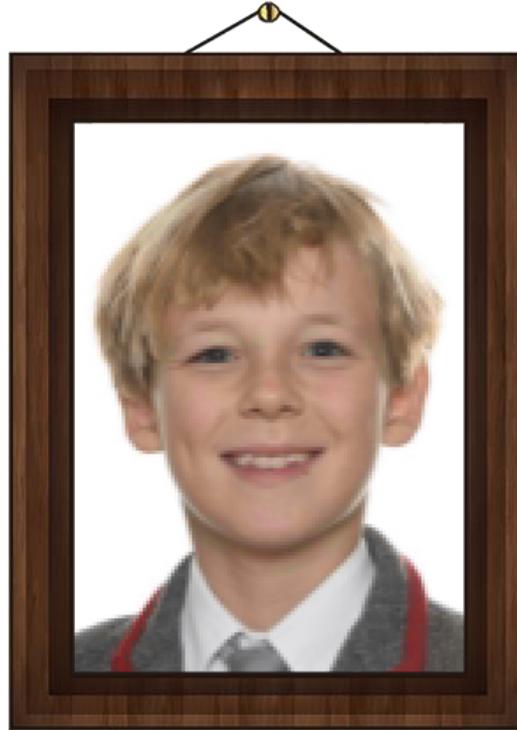
This week's Citizen of the Week is **Louis L in 5A**. Even before we broke for Easter, Louis was an accomplished user of the digital SMH platform. Now, he is an expert with Microsoft Teams and fully committed and enthused in all lessons. Teaching staff commented in the staff meeting this morning of his 'excellent output' across the curriculum and willingness to contribute to all classes; something I know is true from our geography lessons. Well done, Louis!



Class-Achievement

Miss Kroiter's 5K Form

Kindness Cup



William D 5L

During my Year 5 Maths lesson on Wednesday, my microphone decided to stop working. I started to communicate with the boys through the chat and William was so kind to read out the answers and make sure everyone knew what to do. I am very grateful to have such a wonderfully kind boy in my class! *Miss Aitken*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Kilian S 8V**

I worked on my science project on Saturday and Kilian held my notes so I could remind myself/read off them whilst mum was filming. He helped me through two retakes and there is one little bit where you can hear Kilian saying "perfect".

On another note, Kilian was really amazing last night making fresh juices for the week and pre dinner cocktails for parents! In the morning he tidied up his room and mopped the kitchen, changed light bulbs and was really helpful all round. *Bear Seidel, brother*

From Mum: Bear also helped hoovering, taking the rubbish out, laying the table and making the icing for the carrot cake. They were both so helpful and it was lovely to all help in this situation.

◆ **Ethan W 5O**

Ethan always makes me smile in Science lessons, but this week he really impressed me by saying that 'I had the choice of either sleeping in past 5am or joining the Science lesson, and I definitely wanted to join the Science lesson'. Thank you for working so hard - even though it is practically the middle of the night for you! He also keeps me informed of the latest musical developments! *Miss Lister*

◆ **Matthew R 7L**

Thank you, Matthew, for taking the time to show me a puzzle. A lovely, sociable thing to do! *Dr Lee*

◆ **Saif M 7M**

In choir, Saif encouraged the other children to behave well and to pay attention! He was clearly really working hard and was keen for everyone to have a good experience and learn. *Miss Orpwood and Mrs Tomsett-Rowe*

◆ **Leo S 6A**

He helped me work out where assignment feedback is posted and gave a really helpful, accurate description of where it was to the other boys in the class so they could access it, too. Very sweet of him! *Miss Bidie*

◆ **Theodore S 4S**

I was trying to make a house out of cushions on the sofa. I was struggling as the cushions were too heavy. Theo was working on his homework but asked if he could pause to help. He sat with me, designed a double storey cushion house then built it with me, coaching, guiding and lifting all the heavy bits. He then came back without being asked to finish his homework task. What a star. *Hector, brother*

◆ **Maxwell B 8V**

Thank you for staying online at the end of the day to help me with a video upload issue I was having. So kind of him! *Miss Andrews-Bowen*

◆ **Samuel K 7B**

Sammy Kupsin engaged in a conversation with me about my baby niece and gave a very sincere and warm "CONGRATULATIONS" whilst acknowledging that she must be eating very well...kind, caring and oh so thoughtful. He is a real ray of sunshine. *Miss Baillieu*

Team of the Week



Notices

Update on The Curiosity Project and WIRE Project

Ms Russell writes...

Thank you all so much for your brilliant Curiosity Project and WIRE Project entries! We have begun the judging process and will get back to you all at the end of next week with feedback and the list of finalists for each project. Well done for all of your efforts – we have been bowled over by how fantastic they are!

Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Dear Parents and Year 3/4 boys,

Well done for getting to the end of week 3 Remote Learning! Just a few points that have cropped up over the past week or so that are worth a quick mention:

Boys, some **GOLDEN RULES** to remember:

- Remember not to start a call yourselves; you have got MUCH better at this, but there are still instances of it occurring so it would be great to iron these out
- Remember to always MUTE yourself unless your teacher is speaking directly to you (again this has got a lot better) and not to write on the chat unless asked to do so
- As you know, we are monitoring your accounts so we will see if you are writing silly things and there will be consequences
- Please remember to go to the LOO before the call (and if you need to go within the lesson, just let your teacher know) – there is no need to take your computer with you!!
- Try and be as INDEPENDENT as you can when following your lessons and remember to stay on the call if you need to ask your teacher a question/need your teacher to re-explain something to you
- Be mindful that your parents are BUSY people so try to only ask them for help when you really need it

Top tips for parents:

We are all very aware that this is an extremely difficult time for everyone, particularly those trying to juggle work at the same time as monitoring school work. If you are not already doing so, it may be helpful to:

- Encourage the boys to be as independent as they can and to stay on the call if they have a question/need help – they should ask their teacher rather than you
- Please don't do the work for them – it is important for teachers to know what they have understood themselves
- Organise regular remote 'play dates' with friends via platforms such as Skype/Zoom – this will help boys to feel less isolated
- Use willing family members or friends to help support/entertain/read to the boys from a distance via Skype/Zoom to take the pressure off you
- Encourage interest in activities that involve minimal input from you e.g. reading/Lego/model making/drawing/playing in the garden/listening to audio books etc
- Email subject teachers directly if you are ever concerned about progress in a particular subject

The Cricket Clinic

Mr Billingham writes...

The Cricket Department are proud to introduce: **The Cricket Clinic**

This is open to any boy who would like some feedback on where their cricket is currently and suggestions to improve their game.

All you need to do is email Mr Billingham and Mr Evans 5 minutes of the skill (batting, bowling fielding or wicket keeping) you would like looked at. Please try and film from a few different angles so we can give the best feedback possible.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

tom.billingham@wetherbyprep.co.uk
matt.evans@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Online Talks at Wellington College

Mr Baker writes...

Our colleagues at Wellington College have let us know of two talks that are occurring online over the next two weeks. They look very interesting and I encourage any parent or boy interested to tune in. The explanation and links are below:

"Every Monday evening during normal term time James Dahl hosts a Fireside talk in the Master's Lodge and invites an outside speaker to share their experiences and encourage the students to question their preconceptions. These have continued remotely this term.

Next Monday 11th May at 5.30pm we have an Arctic explorer, Alex Hibbert, sharing his experiences over Teams in a talk entitled *"Icebergs, sled dogs and Polar Eskimos - lessons learned in the High Arctic"*. If your parents and pupils would like to attend they can do so using the link: [Microsoft Teams Fireside Talk Alex Hibbert](#). More information about Alex Hibbert is available here: <https://www.alexhibbert.com/alexhibbert>

The following Monday 18th May at 5.30pm we have TV producer Reza Pakavran, giving a talk entitled *"Race to the end of the earth: why an explorer's mind set matters"*. To join use [Microsoft Teams Fireside Talks Reza Pakavran](#). He will be talking about his record breaking, 11,000 miles length of the planet bike ride from Norway to Cape Town, discussing the adventures he encountered including some of the harshest conditions in the Arctic and the Sahara desert and the lessons learnt. More information about Reza Pakavran is available here: <https://www.rezapakravan.com/about-reza>

During both talks there is an opportunity for your pupils and their parents to pose any questions to the speaker using the Q&A feature of teams. Alternatively we could send you a link to the talk afterwards which would avoid the need to have downloaded teams but means they don't have the ability to interact through the Q&A."

Clubs

Mr Dean writes...

I hope you enjoyed last week's clubs, this week we have the following activities to look forward to:

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- **Tuesday 12th May** – **Choir** with Miss Orpwood & Miss Tomsett-Rowe
- **Wednesday 13th May** – **Arts & Crafts** with Miss Kirby (and daughters!) Miss Kirby will be teaching origami animals and other fun crafting techniques with a little help from her daughters!
- **Thursday 14th May** – **Card Tricks** with Mr Blundell. Wow your friends and family after learning some magic tricks with Mr Blundell!

All clubs will start at 4pm and can be accessed via the normal zoom link:

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

Or if you have any questions about clubs please e-mail:

robert.dean@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Chess Club

Well done to Sohum L for winning the weekly online chess competition. Second place went to Hugo S and third to Junyi C. Congratulations to all.

The school team also played in a 7 way online school competition on Saturday coming in second place behind a very strong team from Latymer. We are looking for revenge this week!

There is still time to join Chess Club. Please email tonyniccolichess@gmail.com if you are interested or simply join in at 4pm on Monday.

English Department

Figurative TOP 5

#1

"A dim light glowed in the mysterious darkness, illuminating the overgrown fountain, and the weeds suspiciously covering up the once-beautiful ornament,"

- Jamie H, Year 5

"You could see the fields ripped open by the ruthless storm above; its shriveled and dry crops shifted in the wind that passed through like a ghost searching for a new life."

- Gregory G, Year 8

"A cascade of mist concealed the decrepit manor; cobwebs germinating on the archaic walls,"

- Elias R, Year 5

"What began as the sound of high winds and the occasional smattering of rain had built into something much more sinister. The wind no longer howled, it screamed and the rain had turned into a hard, merciless downpour",

- Rishaan U, Year 6

"The glistening teeth of the wolves looked like knives in the moonlight,"

- Emilio N, Year 4

"Misshapen and leaning, the derelict house shoved the innocent girl away with its eerie impression. The world around her felt, cold, conniving and cruel. The girl glared ahead, mesmerized."

- Lucas N, Year 8

MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Boys who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Ferens C	James B
Hugo S	Alvaro C
Ben B	Ethan R
Ziyang P	

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Seb J	Max B
Ethan R	Jack G
Nadhmi A	Laith A
Taymour A	Sam B
Sacha A	



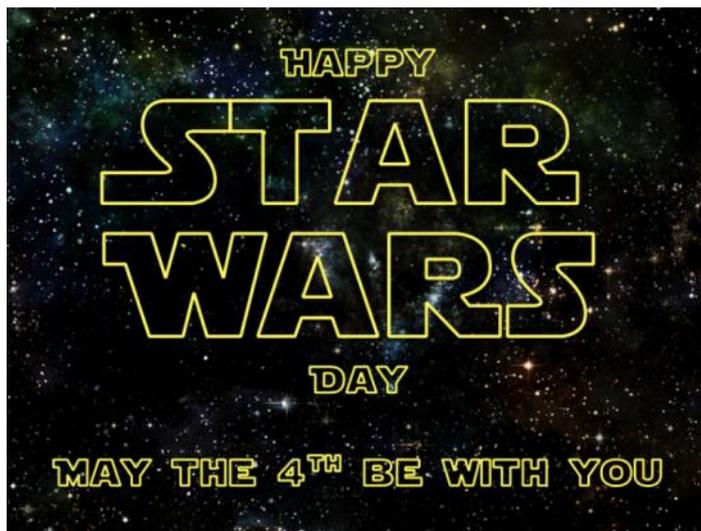
Science Department

Space News w/c 4.05.20

Miss Lister writes...

Dear Wetherby family,

I hope that you all had a wonderful start to this week with May the 4th being Star Wars Day! I've just finished Mandalorian Season 1 on Disney+ (highly recommended), and still cannot cope the amazingness of Baby Yoda! A Yoda costume for Nancy is currently being sourced...



China launches next-generation space capsule on Long March 5B rocket test flight

The rocket will launch China's space station, too.



"Spaceship Earth," a new documentary set to premiere May 8, reveals the incredible true story of life in quarantine inside the experimental habitat Biosphere 2

Biosphere 2 was constructed in Oracle, Arizona between 1987 and 1991 as an experimental research facility originally intended to show that human researchers could be kept alive and healthy in an isolated "bubble-like" environment. In 1991, the first team of scientists sealed itself inside the habitat.



Mx Tilleray writes...

This week's home experiments involve building paper helicopters and the classic Diet Coke & Mentos eruption. Please make sure if you are attempting the eruption experiment that you do it outside! It **will** go everywhere so it's not one for your living room.

Mx Tilleray's
Home Science Experiments

Diet Coke & Mentos Eruption

Introduction

One of the most popular experiments of modern times is the Diet Coke and Mentos Geyser. Made popular by Steve Spangler, this experiment is a lot of fun and sure to amaze your friends and family (assuming you do it outside rather than in the living room).

What's Happening

Although there are a few different theories around about how this experiment works, the most favoured reason is because of the combination of carbon dioxide in the Diet Coke and the little dimples found on Mentos candy pieces.

The thing that makes soda drinks bubbly is the carbon dioxide that is pumped in when they bottle the drink at the factory. It doesn't get released from the liquid until you pour it into a glass and drink it, some also gets released when you open the lid (more if you shake it up beforehand). This means that there is a whole lot of carbon dioxide gas just waiting to escape the liquid in the form of bubbles.

Dropping something into the Diet Coke speeds up this process by both breaking the surface tension of the liquid and also allowing bubbles to form on the surface area of the Mentos. Mentos candy pieces are covered in tiny dimples (a bit like a golf ball), which dramatically increases the surface area and allows a huge amount of bubbles to form.

What you'll need:

- Large bottle of Diet Coke
- About half a pack of Mentos
- Geyser tube (optional but makes things much easier)

Instructions:

- Make sure you are doing this experiment in a place where you won't get in trouble for getting Diet Coke everywhere. Outside on some grass is perfect, please don't try this one in your family lounge!!
- Stand the Diet Coke upright and unscrew the lid. Put some sort of funnel or tube on top of it so you can drop the Mentos in at the same time (about half the pack is a good amount). Doing this part can be tricky if you don't have a specially designed geyser tube, I recommend buying one from a local store such as Natures Discoveries (NZ) or online.
- Time for the fun part, drop the Mentos into the Diet Coke and run like mad! If you've done it properly a huge geyser of Diet Coke should come flying out of the bottle, it's a very impressive sight.



This week's STEAM Challenge uses Shape Robotics. Imagine if you had a robot that could bake you a cake! There are already pizza restaurants where robots make the pizza but now we are in lockdown, what are we all doing? – yes, baking! This challenge incorporates coding whilst at the same time seeing if a member of your family – or whoever you are in lockdown with – will test your code to bake you a cake.

Find a recipe and create a code plan using the Fable Blockly application. Upload photos of your creation and you have the chance to win an amazing prize.

For more detail: <https://www.rapidonline.com/steam-lab/challenge>

Deadline: 6pm 10th May



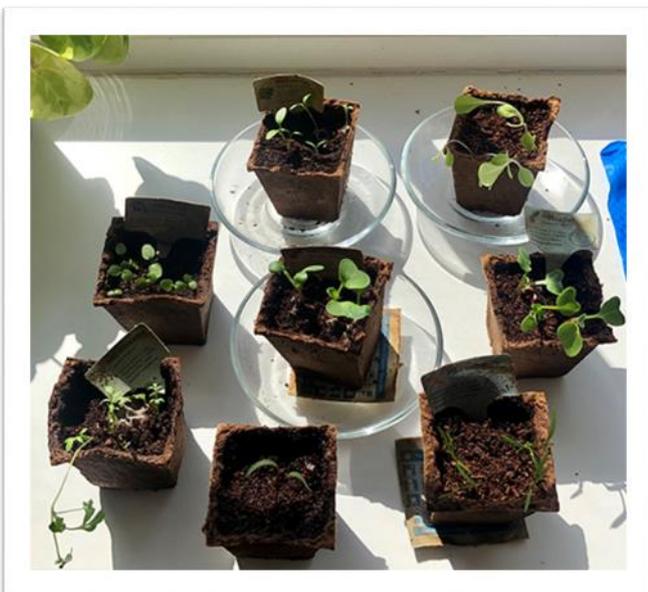
Outdoor Learning

Get Vegucated Update

Miss Hood writes...

We are loving the progress updates from the boys about what they're growing... and now eating! It's great to see so many outdoors and learning to become more self-sufficient during these unusual times. Keep the pictures coming, boys!

Please also see this week's "Planting Hack" about how to germinate seeds in plastic bags!





Planting Hack:

Germinate Seeds in Plastic Bags

Equipment

- Clear plastic bag with/without a zipper.
- Absorbent material: towel, coffee filter, paper towels or cotton wool.
- Seeds
- Toothpicks
- Water
- Sunlight

1. Use a clear plastic bag with/without a zipper.
2. Next, moisten your absorbent material and then squeeze out excess water. Lay it out flat and place seeds on one side of the material and then fold over.
3. Put the seeds in the plastic bag and seal it.
4. If the seeds need light, place them by a bright window. If not, put them in a drawer or cupboard where it is warm.



5. Every 5 to 7 days, open the bag to release excess condensation.
6. Keep the absorbent material moderately wet when needed.
7. Once they have sprouted, use toothpicks to carefully transplant seedlings to soil to grow on until time to plant!

Remember, the two most crucial items for seed germination are moisture and heat!

Wether-Me

Name and Form: **Kourosh M 6M**
House: **Chepstow**



Describe Wetherby Prep in three words:

Supportive, exciting and helpful

What are your favourite subjects and why?

History, Maths, English, Drama and Science

Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:

Winning Citizen of the Week

What would you like to be when you grow up?

I would want to be an eco-friendly architect or an investor

If you could teach at Wetherby, what would you teach and why?

I would teach History because you can dive into different time periods

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

I would love to learn to learn survival skills

What book are you reading at the moment?

I am reading Stephen Fry's Myths and Legends

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

I would explore the world

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Raahil U	6A	Nima H
4E	Hugo S	6C	Vihaan T
4H	Samuele B	6F	Alexander S
4P	Ferens C	6M	Sholto S
4S	Nathan R	7B	Aditya D
	Cormac M	7L	Philipp G
5A	Ziyang P	7M	Leonardo B
5K	Raahil H	8B	Benjamin G
5L	Bear S		Jake G
5O	Murad K	8G	Jonathan C
		8S	Leonardo O'S
		8V	Rory M

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Samuele B - 43

Weekly Housepoint Totals

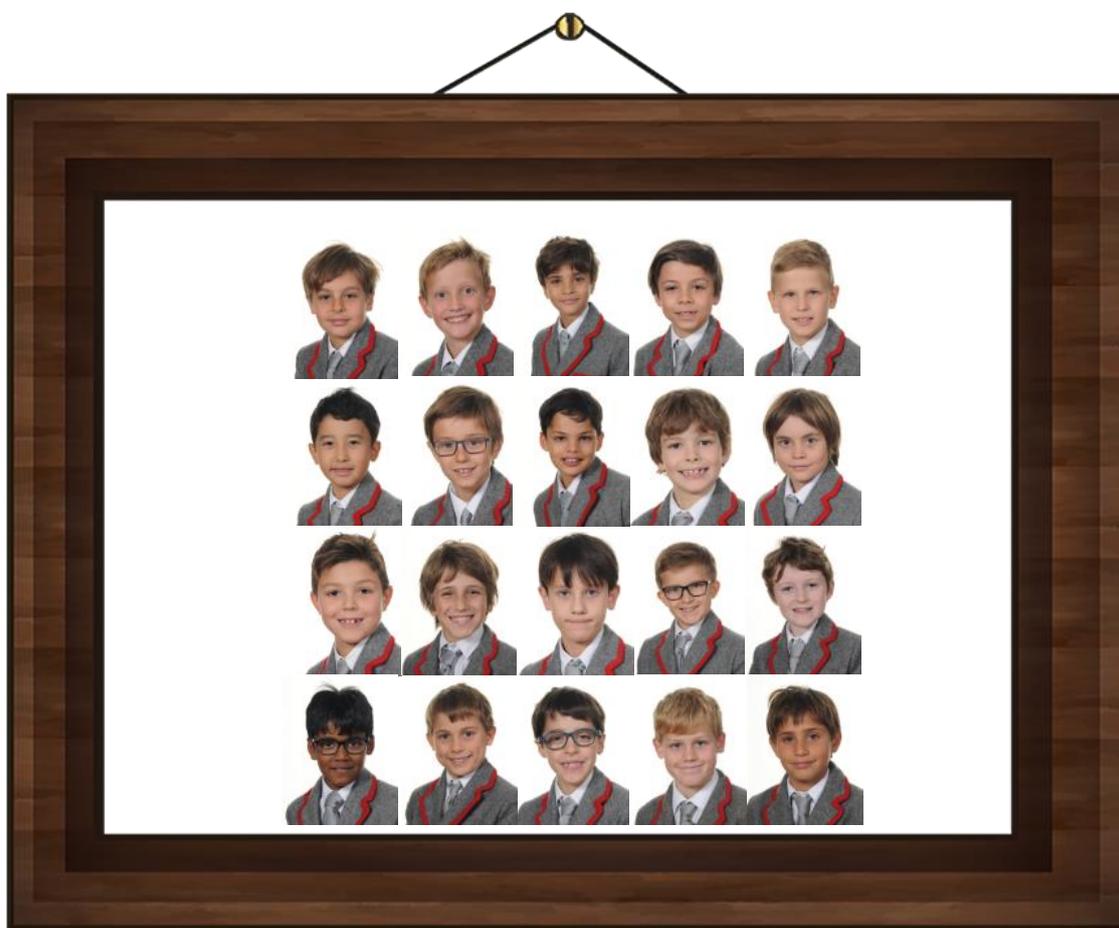
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Westbourne Captain M. Papisavvas	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer
830	653	624	587

Yearly Housepoint Totals

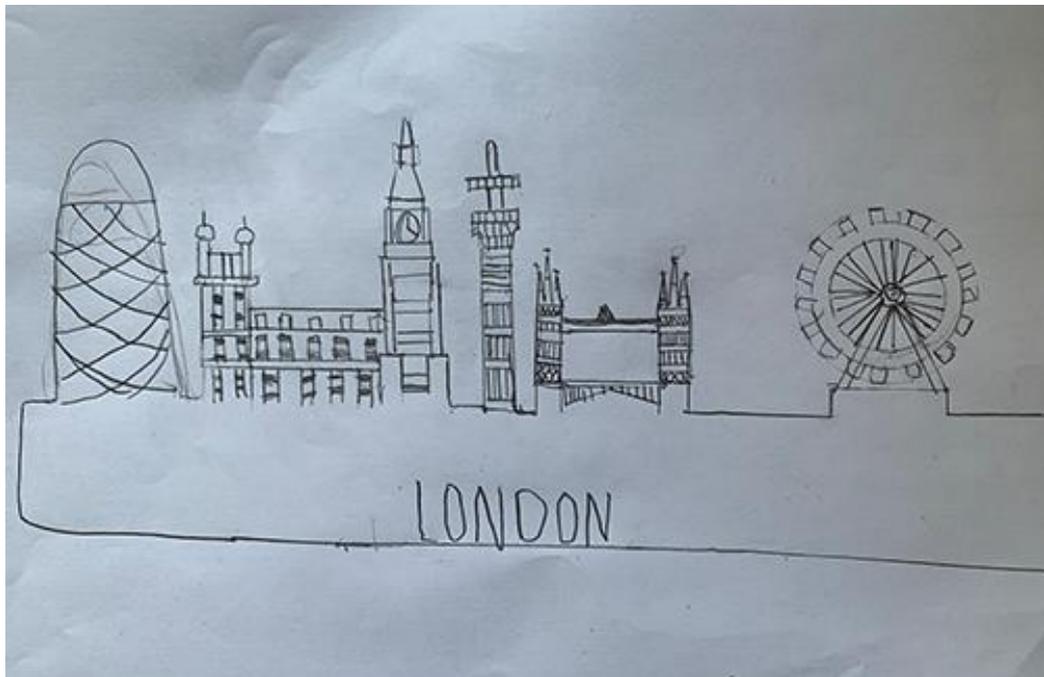
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13,590	13,571	13,162	11,379

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4S 264	Form 7M 254	Form 4H 242



Photos of the Week



Aidan P



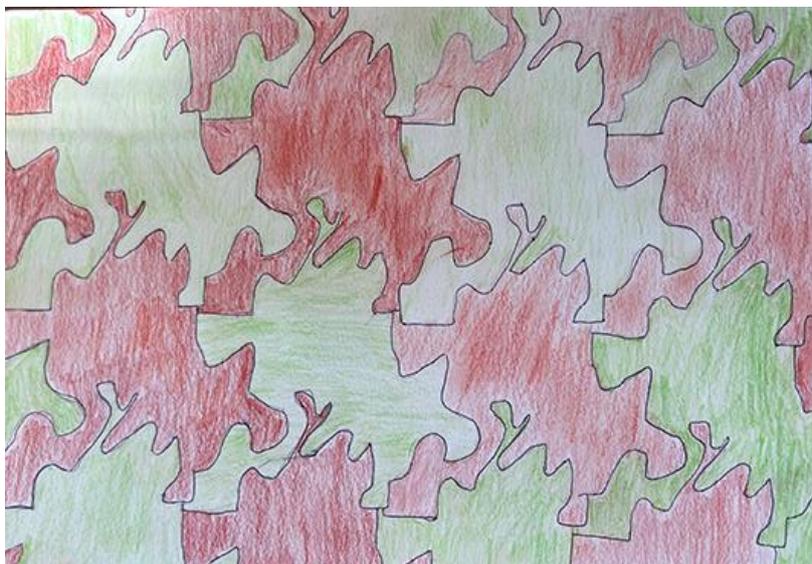
Dmitry C, 4S



Alexander De B, 4E



Eric E, 4P



Kian D



Aliboni brothers play a game of who can keep the £10 note against the wall for the longest



Alex knocked on doors in the neighbourhood to see if anyone needed assistance—one nice lady around the corner asked if he could wash a car

Banana Bread from Cookery Club





Benjamin completed an amazing challenge—LEGO Millennium Falcon, 7k pieces



Benjamin has also cut his dad's hair!



Hector (3H) at his weekly riding lesson



Leon D, 5A



Louis L, 5A



Adrien C doing some sightseeing on his bike! We'll be back soon!



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