

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Summer Term | Week 31



WEEK 31 — Monday 8th to Sunday 14th June 2020

Monday 8th June:

- **Staff Meeting**—8:15am
- **Chess Club with Tony Niccoli**—4-6pm

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

Tuesday 9th June:

- **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 10th June:

- **Cookery Club with Miss Preece**—4-5pm

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- **Quiz Night**—8pm

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Thursday 11th June:

- **Bike Basics with Mr Lock**—4-5pm

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Friday 12th June:

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

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

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Boys,

The end of the first week 'back' and whilst still a strange atmosphere, the Year 6 boys are in the swing of things and today the mood rose to our usual 'feel good Friday'. As we stated at the start of this period, we will review, this time next week, re: travelling to Wetherby Sports Ground. We are thinking this could be possible and particularly with warmer weather hopefully round the corner, it would be great to get the boys out.



Good to see lots of friendly faces amongst the parents picking their sons up this week and Year 8 parents visiting to collect Common Entrance papers. We listen eagerly for news of when we are allowed to gather together socially again and put in place Prize Giving, the Summer Fete, Dads' Night Out etc. If it beats us this term (and, if allowed outside, we could use Wetherby Sports Ground for all these things) we will endeavour to do this at the start of next term, as they are such important school events. In three weeks' time, we would come together as a staff to decide on the Pupil Leadership team for next year. We can do this remotely, of course, but the big reveal has to be done as a community event; I can't give that news in an email or even a phone call, there has to be a public declaration and celebration. Lots to think about but I am sure we can come up with something suitably Wetherby Prep...

Many of these events, of course, are organised by the PTA which has been brilliantly run this year by Elena Tsoka as Chair and Sofia Kupsin as Secretary; it is a real shame we will not see what they had planned for the Fete and the other events as their creativity, flair and imagination has no limits. Before the end of this term, I would like to have their successors in place. Traditionally, this is a role for a Year 8 parent so if anyone currently in Year 7 would like to put themselves forward please do let me know. Next year is a 'Ball Year' which, although a huge undertaking in itself, needn't put you off as I would be more than happy for that to be organised separately; in fact, it has its own bank account already established. If you are interested in either PTA Chair and/or running the Headmaster's Ball next academic year, please email me in the coming weeks.

Lastly, thank you for the comments, advice and Gumtree links (!) re: my frustration at not getting a Brompton bike until January. What a number of you have also suggested is organising a 'Cycling Proficiency' course (at least that's what it was called when I was growing up) for the boys. We have done this in the past, and today Mr Dean has started to get the ball rolling to see if we can offer one in the run up to next term or in the autumn. Someone I am definitely going to sign up for the course is Jude. She's very proud of her brand new electric bike and demonstrated so by speeding up and down the corridor this morning – look out London!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Scholarship News

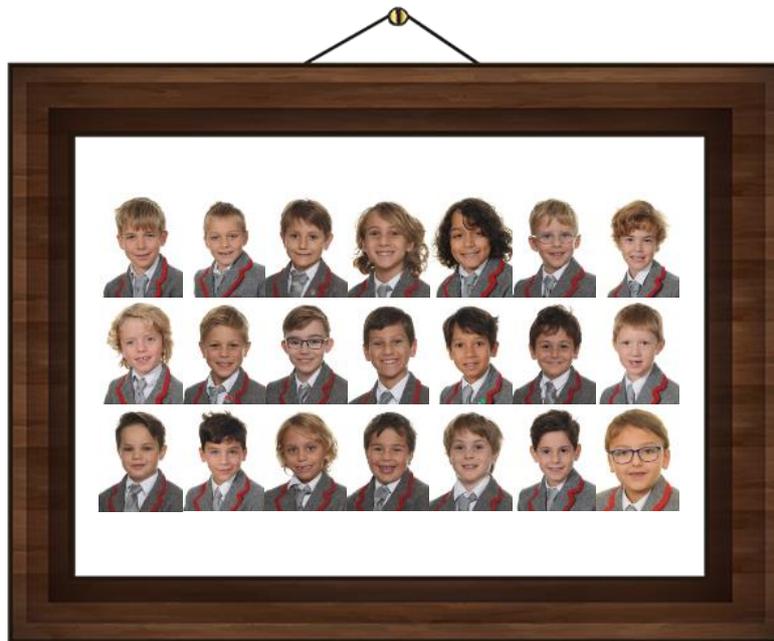
In what is an ever increasing Scholars board we have another one to announce as Jacob C has been awarded a Tennis Scholarship to Reed's School. This is arguably the finest tennis school in the country and for them to recognise Jacob in this way shows what a prodigious talent he is - on the board you go!





Citizen of the Week

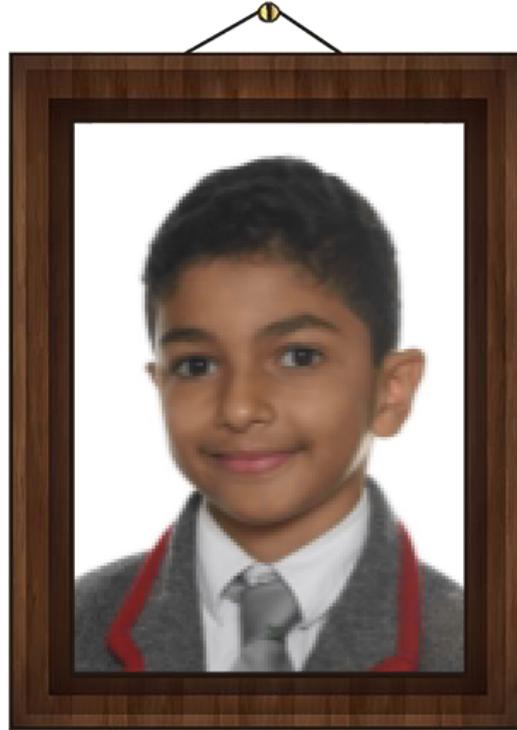
His week's Citizen of the Week is **Nima H in 6A**. Nima has been back at school this week and completely focused on his lessons and the new circumstances. Nima is one of our most able sportsman and the lack of Games lessons must be a struggle but he has been superb in the classroom and impressed all that have taught him. Well done, Nima!



Class-Achievement

Miss Preece's 4P

Kindness Cup



Yousif A-S, 6M

He's been in general very thoughtful and cooperative throughout the lockdown period but this week, and despite the fact that he was a bit anxious about going back to school, he came home on Monday and took a shower, changed his clothes and went straight into the kitchen to help me and his sister with preparing our 100 meal donation to our wonderful NHS Heroes. He was putting on lids, sticking labels, putting the meals in the fridge and then in the car the next morning. I was very pleased to see his enthusiasm and excitement at the completion of our task. *Zina Hameed, mother*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- **Moritz K, 4P**

I set a challenge for 4P to complete the 7 days of kindness challenge, and Moritz took it by the horns! He baked cookies for his family and is such a sweet boy. *Miss Preece*

- **Oscar R, 7B**

I accidentally gave Oscar the wrong information as I had misread one of the questions. I apologised and he said that he completely understood, that everyone makes mistakes and he was really grateful for the help. I just thought it was so lovely and he was incredibly polite. *Miss Saddington*

- **All the Boys in 5L**

Thank you, everyone in 5L, for listening to my worries on Tuesday morning when Nancy was taken to the groomers for the first time. You made me feel better about the situation, and were so kind to someone who was clearly being over-the-top and precious about her puppy. *Miss Lister*

Team of the Week



Notices

Blueshift coding courses

Mr Morrison writes...

Dear Parents

Blueshift will be running new coding courses this Half Term and are offering the Wetherby Prep community a 10% discount. Blueshift are already well-versed at running online code clubs and camps, and will be operating a maximum instructor/student ratio of 1:6.

Further information can be found on the attached flyer, which gives a link to a list of their courses and prices.

Should you wish to reserve a place, please note that all bookings should be made directly with Blueshift and not via the school offices. The 10% discount can be applied with the code 'SCHOOLS10'.

Clubs

Mr Dean writes...

Dear Parents,

Please see below the clubs we have to look forward to next week:

- **Monday 8th June – Chess Club** with Tony Niccoli
- **Tuesday 9th June – Choir** with Miss Orpwood & Mrs Tomsett-Rowe
- **Wednesday 10th June – Cookery Club** with Miss Preece, cookery club returns and this week and Miss Preece will be teaching you how to make some delicious chocolate tiffin.
- **Thursday 11th June – Bike Basics** with Mr Lock, cycling is a great way to get out and enjoy some fresh air and exercise during lockdown, join Mr Lock for a fun and informative session on the basics of maintaining your bike, how gears work, what to pack for a ride and lots of other top tips.

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

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

If you have any questions about clubs please e-mail:

robert.dean@wetherbyprep.co.uk

MATHS CHALLENGES!



Mr Gascoine writes...

'Don't play with matches!' Wise words. Though in this week's Maths Challenges it is a good idea (that's right in Maths we live on the edge). Set out the diagram using matches/tooth picks/ sticks (if you want to go LARGE) and try and solve.

Send answers and maybe pictures of the correct answer to me please.

Happy solving.



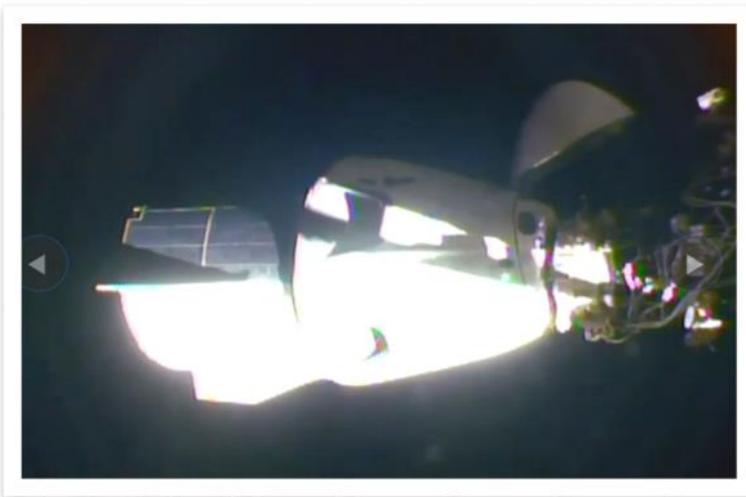
Science Department

Space News w/c 01.06.20

Miss Lister writes...

Dear Wetherby family,

I am sure you were all watching the historic SpaceX coverage on Sunday, after a delayed launch after bad weather in Florida.



SpaceX's first *Crew Dragon* spaceship to carry astronauts slid into a dock at the International Space Station Sunday (May 31), concluding a historic 19-hour voyage to for its veteran NASA crew.

The arrival marked a major feat: the first docking of a crewed U.S. spacecraft at the station since NASA's shuttle fleet retired in 2011. It's also the first docking of a commercial spacecraft carrying humans, in this case astronauts *Bob Behnken* and *Doug Hurley*.

"It's been a real honor to be just a small part of this nine-year year endeavor since the last time United States spaceship has docked with the International Space Station," said Hurley, commander of the Dragon capsule, as he thanked the SpaceX and NASA teams.

**With SpaceX's first astronaut launch,
a new era of human spaceflight has dawned:**

<https://www.space.com/spacex-astronaut-launch-new-spaceflight-era.html>

Space Calendar June 2020:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

LAST UPDATED June 1: **These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.**

- ◇ **May 31–June 4:** [236th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society](#)
- ◇ **June 5:** A [penumbral lunar eclipse](#) will be visible from Asia, Australia, Europe and Africa. The moon will begin passing through Earth's shadow at 1:45 p.m. EST (1745 GMT), and the eclipse will last for 3 hours and 18 minutes.
- ◇ **June 5:** The full moon of June, known as the Strawberry Moon, occurs at 3:12 p.m. EDT (1912 GMT).
- ◇ **June 8:** The waning, gibbous moon will form a small triangle with Jupiter and Saturn in the morning sky. It will be in [conjunction with Jupiter](#) at 1:21 p.m. EDT (1721 GMT), followed closely by a [conjunction with Saturn](#) about 9 hours later at 10:12 p.m. EDT (0212 GMT on June 9).
- ◇ **June 11:** [Rocket Lab](#) will launch an **Electron rocket** on a rideshare mission carrying three payloads for the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office. Also on board will be the ANDESITE CubeSat for Boston University and NASA's CubeSat Launch Initiative, which will study Earth's magnetosphere and space weather, and the M2 Pathfinder satellite, a technology demonstration mission that is a collaboration between the Australian government and the University of New South Wales Canberra Space. The mission, nicknamed "[Don't Stop Me Now](#)," will lift off from the company's New Zealand launch facility on the Mahia Peninsula.
- ◇ **June 12:** Just a day before reaching last quarter phase, the [moon will make a close approach to Mars](#) in the predawn sky. The pair will be in conjunction at 7:55 p.m. EDT (2355 GMT), but they will be below the horizon for skywatchers in the U.S. at that time. You can find them above the southeastern horizon for a few hours before sunrise.
- ◇ **June 17:** A Chinese **Long March 2D rocket** will launch China's third Gaofen 9 Earth observation satellite from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, at 3:25 a.m. EDT (0725 GMT).
- ◇ **June 18:** An Arianespace **Vega rocket** will launch on the Small Spacecraft Mission Service (SSMS) proof-of-concept mission carrying 42 microsattellites, nanosatellites and cubesats. The rideshare mission will lift off from the Guiana Space Center near Kourou, French Guiana.
- ◇ **June 19:** The one-day-old moon will make a close approach to Venus in the evening sky. It will be in [conjunction with Venus](#) at 4:53 EDT (0853 GMT). Look for them above the eastern horizon just before sunrise.
- ◇ **June 20:** Happy Solstice! Today marks the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of Winter in the Southern Hemisphere.
- ◇ **June 21:** An [annular solar eclipse](#) will be visible from parts of Africa and Asia.
- ◇ **June 30:** [Asteroid Day](#)
- ◇ **June 30:** A SpaceX **Falcon 9 rocket** will launch the U.S. Air Force's third third-generation navigation satellite, designated GPS 3 SV03, for the Global Positioning System. It will lift off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.



Mx Tilleray writes...

In this week's Home Science Experiments you can learn how to make an egg float, and go on a scavenger hunt for items to build a waterproof shelter for one of your toys (or you if you can find enough material!).

Mx Tilleray's
Home Science Experiments

Make an Egg Float in Salt Water

Introduction

An egg sinks to the bottom if you drop it into a glass of ordinary drinking water but what happens if you add salt? The results are very interesting and can teach you some fun facts about density.

What's Happening

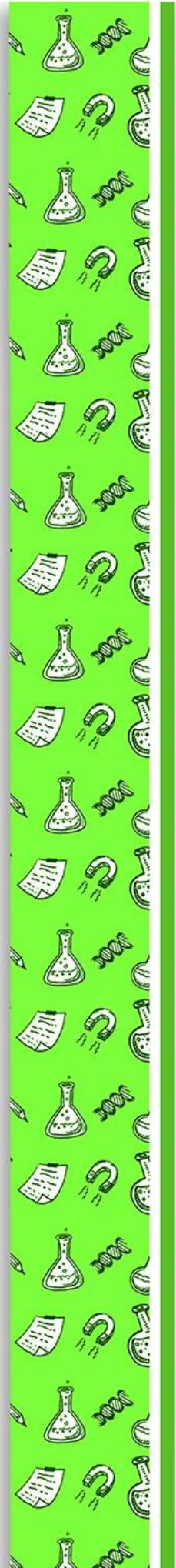
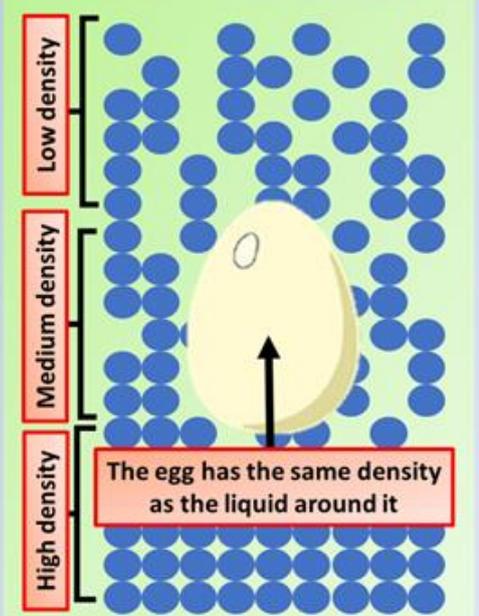
Salt water is denser than ordinary tap water, the denser the liquid the easier it is for an object to float in it. When you lower the egg into the liquid it drops through the tap water until it reaches the salty water, at this point the water is dense enough for the egg to float. If you were careful when you added the tap water to the salt water, they will not have mixed, enabling the egg to amazingly float in the middle of the glass.

What you'll need:

- One egg
- Water
- Salt
- A tall drinking glass

Instructions:

- Pour water into the glass until it is about half full.
- Stir in lots of salt (about 6 tablespoons).
- Carefully pour in tap water until the glass is nearly full (be careful to not disturb or mix the salty water with the tap water).
- Gently lower the egg into the water and watch what happens.



PSHE

'Lockdown Rollercoaster'

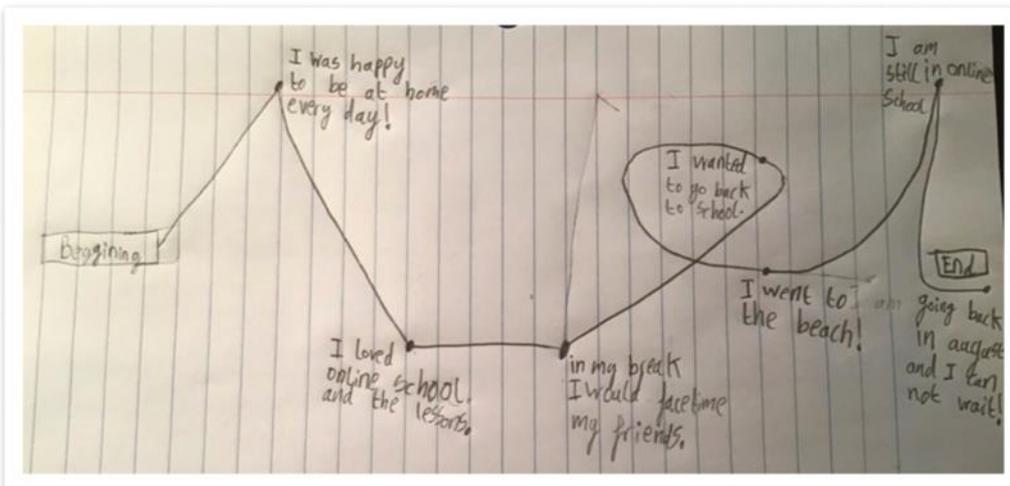
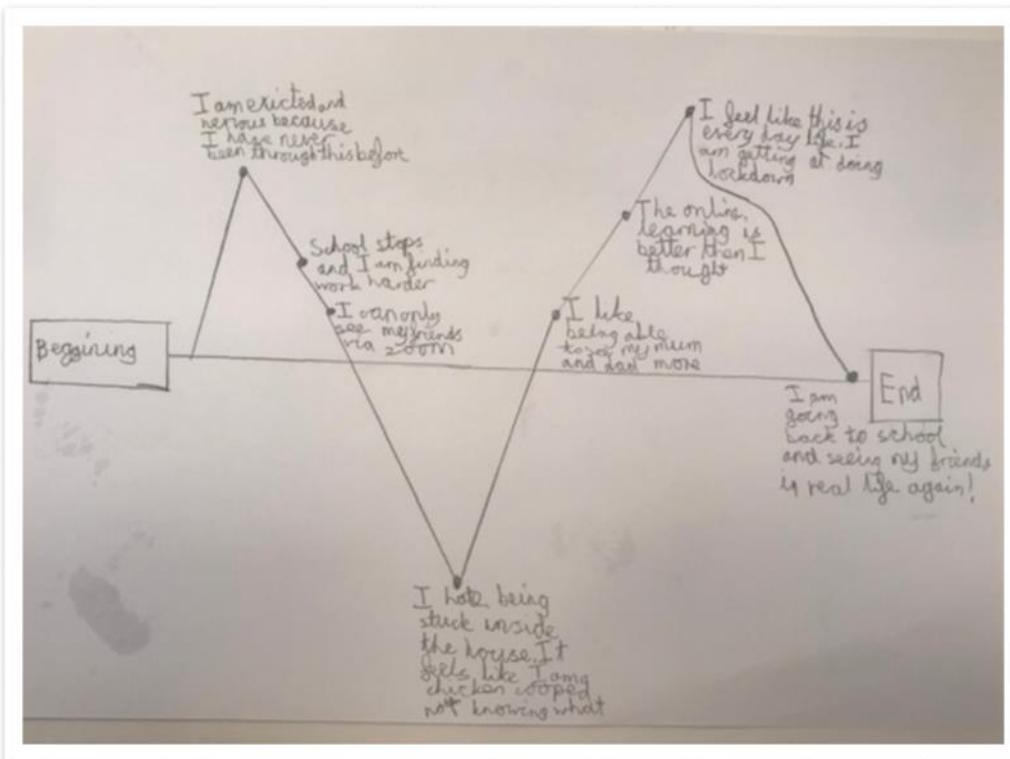
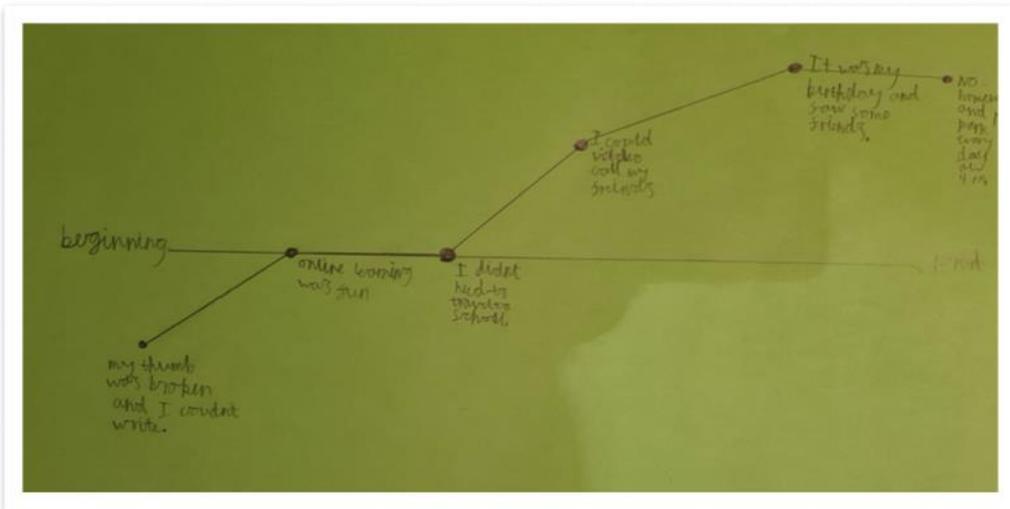
Miss Aitken writes...

This week in PSHE the boys have been reflecting on the pandemic to date and sharing their experiences, the highs and the lows, with each other. We discussed all the things we have learnt about ourselves and also looked ahead to the next few weeks, months and the transition into the next year school year. The word 'uncertainty' came up quite a bit and the boys were amazing at being honest with their feelings and giving helpful advice to each other on how to stay positive.

Listening to all the creative ways that they have come up with to keep themselves busy was brilliant and had us all laughing! The boys did a great job of exploring a range of emotions and they created their own personal 'Lockdown Rollercoaster'. Congratulations to those boys who received a HMGS for their work and the many that were given housepoints.

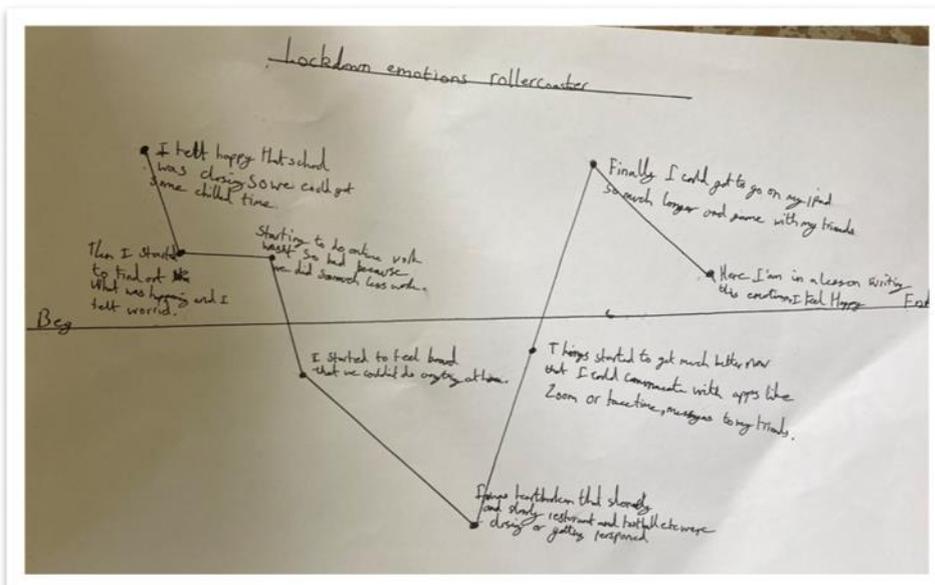
Here are a few that I would like to share with you:

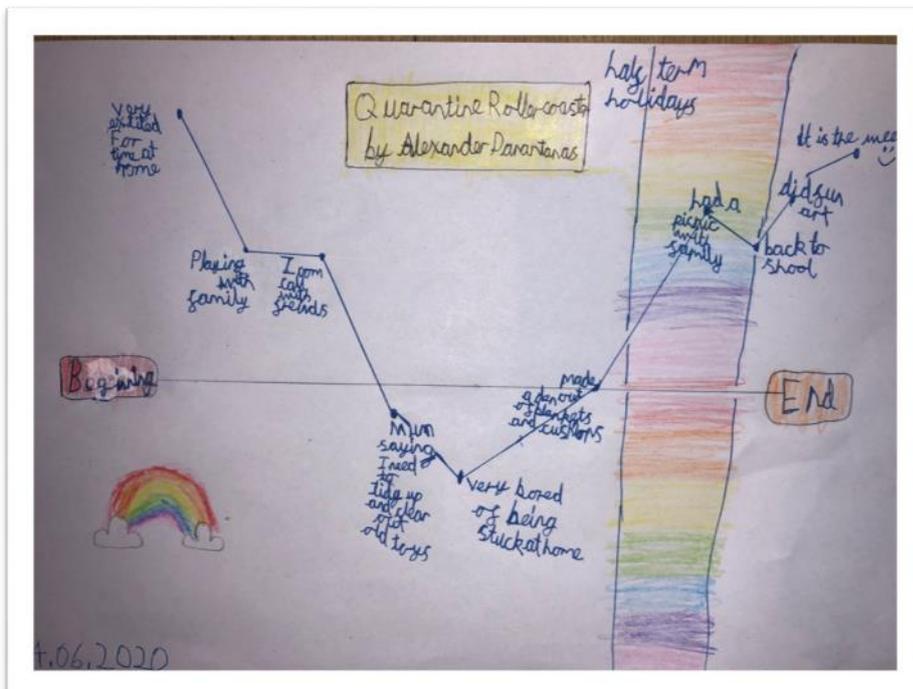
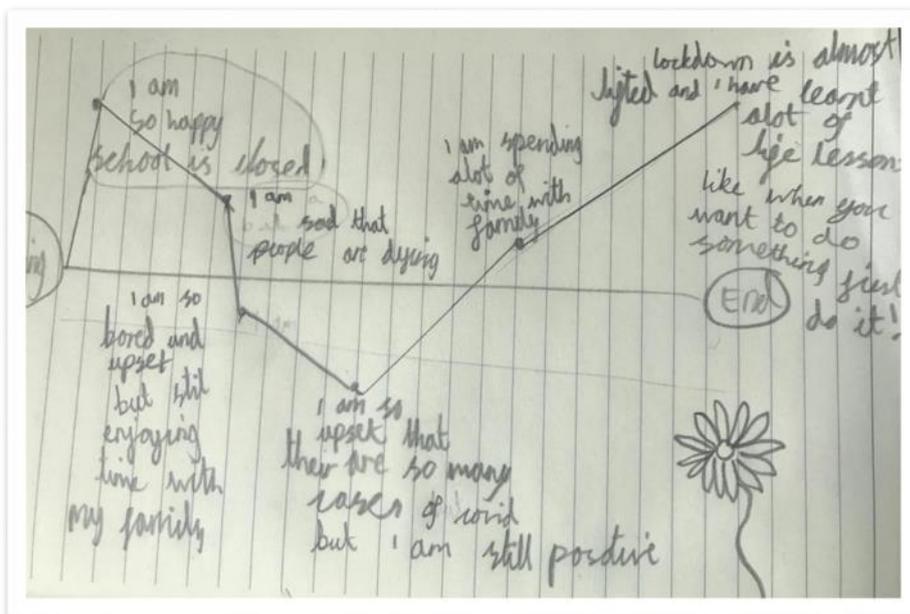
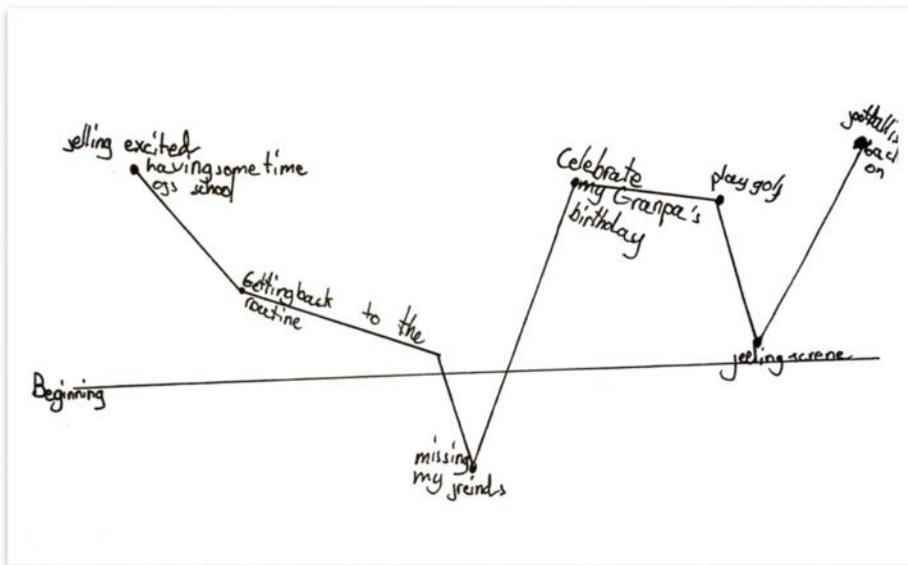




Lockdown emotion diary entry

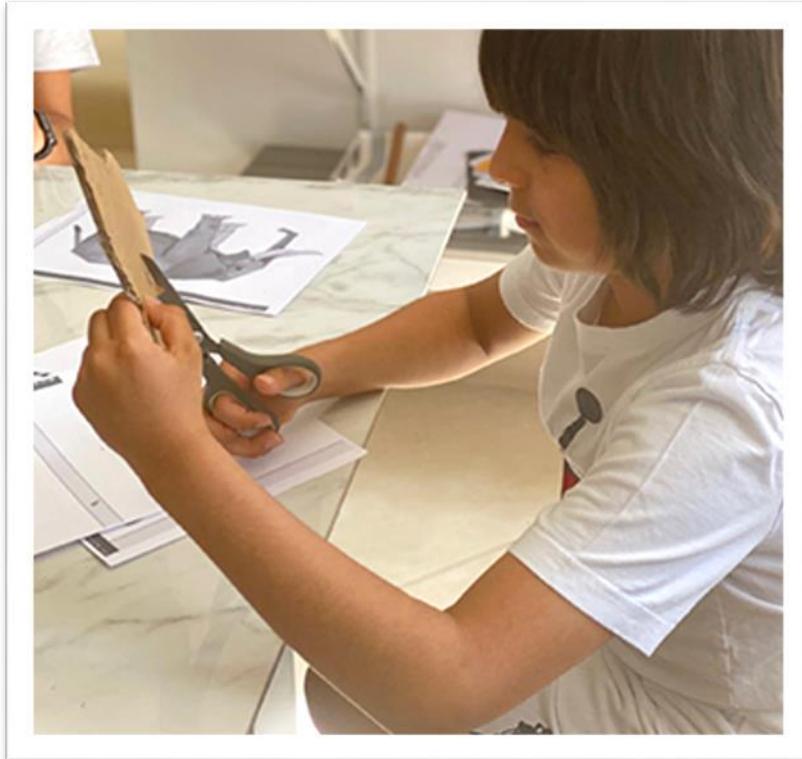
At the beginning of the devastating news also known as the coronavirus not many people took notice until a couple of weeks later when people started to die and then the prime minister announced to go into lockdown. When the nation heard the news, we got scared reason being because we did not know what was going to happen next. Some people thought that the world was coming to an end. After a couple of days of this announcement school closed and the government said that we could no longer travel on holiday or in general anywhere. I took that as a huge warning because school is something huge to a child's future and achieving their dreams. Then from there it went on the neutral line. The first thing was that I could no longer see my friends anymore to me it was very upsetting but then I remembered I could use Facetime, Hangout and all sorts of different video or audio communicating services. Before I carry on, I would like to say thank you to all the Services of communication. Ok, carrying on people started posting video's and websites on what to do in lockdown I was one of those people who followed a whole load of them and that was when I realized that maybe lockdown could be fun. Onto my second thing schools like I said were shut down and remote learning was formed remote learning is when you basically to school but via communicating within website like teams and all sorts of others I love online learning since and because I get in the morning to make myself a hot chocolate where as on a normal day I wouldn't because of the time it takes me to travel to school this makes me prepared for another lovely day of online learning. On to my third point During and going through these times I learned a whole lot of new manners and learnt how to cook new food including fried eggs of which are my favourite. Now finally coming to the end of this and the middle of major problems the briefing at Downing street stop which made people relax saying that there was probably not much danger left but still people died but very recently only 138 people died where as a couple of weeks ago around 600 people would die. Speaking about that Thank you to the 100's of thousands of NHS workers in the frontline. Only a couple of days ago again we found the cure to Coronavirus of which was Ramisdovre. I am so happy because today I will go and see a best friend of mine at Hyde of which is a huge area of space to play. Now I can see how hard scientists have studied risking their lives for us. Another thing I am so happy about is that we were informed that in 2-3 weeks we might go back to school. This has been a huge adventure of which everybody will forever remember and all the people who have learnt to do something. This has been a huge opportunity for me to do the things that I love.



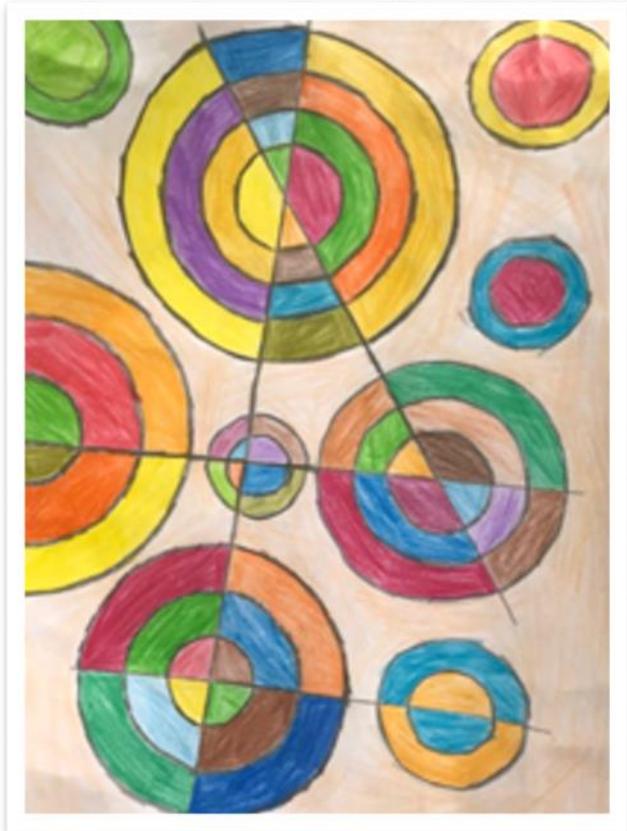
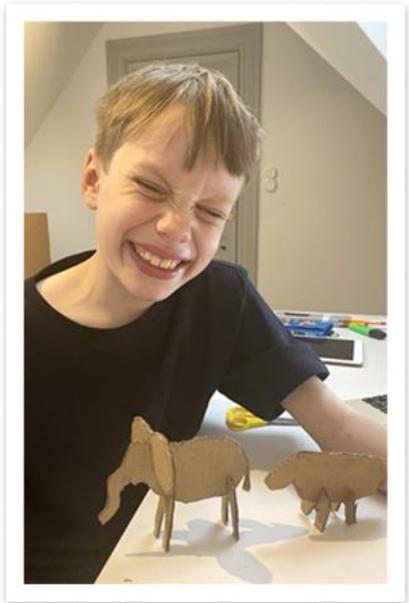


Art Department

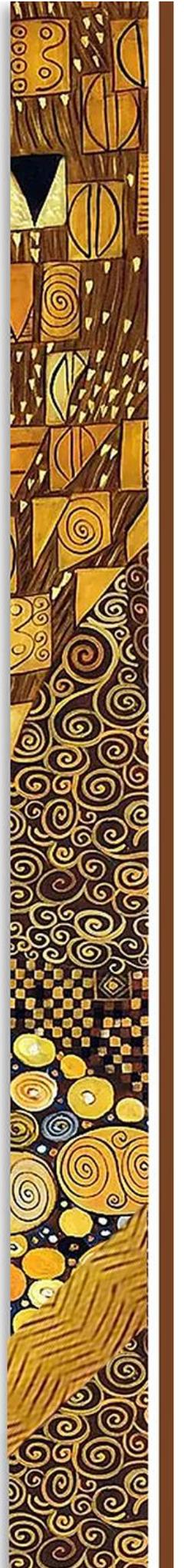
This week's artwork:











Music Department

Wetherby Prep's first ever virtual choir video

Miss Orpwood writes...

Remote learning has not stopped us from singing! The boys in choir have worked really hard over the past few weeks to learn new pieces and a few of our choristers have recorded themselves singing for Wetherby Prep's first ever virtual choir video.

A huge thank you to Aurelien A (7M), Josh L (7B), Sami K (7M), Saif M (7M), Aurelien A (7M), Theodore D (7L), Thomas D (7L), Reuben J (7L) and Finlay D (6M), for taking the time to record themselves singing.

Please do follow this link to hear them singing 'Like An Eagle' by Carl Strommen:

⇒ <https://youtu.be/11FuQhpf2rl>



Wether-Me

Name and Form: **Elliot S, 6M**

House: **Chepstow**



What are your favourite subjects and why?

Art, English and Music because they are creative and fun.

Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:

Winning Citizen of the Week.

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

Art, because it is my favourite subject.

What book are you reading at the moment?

Theodore Boone books, written by John Grisham.

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

Play outside, all day... every day!

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3H	Hector N
4E	Hugo S
4H	Samuele B
4P	Emilio N
4S	Cormac M
5A	Oliver B Ziyang P
5K	Raahil H
5L	William D
5O	Xan L

Upper School	
6A	Kiran K Alexander C-B
6C	Ilya W-H
6F	Lucas W
6M	Taymour A
7B	Joshua L
7L	Lachlan D
7M	Fergus F
8B	Lucas J
8G	Jack D
8S	Oliver B
8V	Rory M

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

William D — 74
Samuele B — 74

Weekly 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
834	813	683	675

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
16,648	16,620	15,724	13,746

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4H 358	Form 4S 290	Form 4P 282



Photos of the Week







Nancy's first groom



Moritz baking Kindness Cakes



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