

# WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Summer Term | Week 32



## WEEK 32 — Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

### Monday 15th June:

- **Staff Meeting**—8:15am
- **Games for Year 6**—1:30-4pm
- **Chess Club with Tony Niccoli**—4-6pm

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### Tuesday 16th 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 17th June:

- **Space Rocks with Miss Lister**—4-5pm

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- **Quiz Night**—8pm

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### Thursday 18th June:

- **Debating with Miss Bevan & Miss Bidie**—4-5pm

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### Friday 19th 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,



As you will have noticed with my rhetoric in these columns, I have made no secret of our desire to get Wetherby Prep moving again. In light of the Government's announcement this week where, reluctantly, they conceded that it wouldn't be possible to get all primary age children back to school this term, I completely agree with the Chief Inspector of Schools, Amanda Spielman who said this week, "So many people perhaps have been looking at this from the point of view of what they can't do, rather than what they can." Neither I, nor any of my colleagues here, found the Department for Education guidelines confusing or restrictive. We completely understood the message that the 2m rule was aspirational and didn't reinvent it as a compulsory measure as some schools have done as a reason not to reopen. The teaching profession, sadly, is not well thought of in the UK, compared to other countries where its status has much more currency, and it is in situations like this where schools really don't do themselves any favours.

Year 6 have worked well this past two weeks and we go back to Games at Wetherby Sports Ground this Monday. Today we have enjoyed hot food and Cricket Club returns for all next week, so we're ramping back the provision, for sure! There has been no official word from the Government in terms of what we are officially allowed to do but some schools in London are thinking of getting other year groups back; as far as we are concerned, if the Government's wish remains that they want to get all year groups back, we can facilitate that. We have 63% of Year 6 back in the building currently. If this is replicated in other year groups, we can easily keep to below 15 in each class and run the timetable as normal, with the main logistical change of staying in one classroom for all lessons. Therefore, we will work towards a **re-start date of 22.6.20 for Years 3, 4 and 5**. For Year 7 and 8, the picture is not so clear as they are classified as 'secondary school' but we hope to bring them back before the end of term as well.

We do need to know how many boys would come back **by class group**. Please click on the link below, find your son's Form (e.g. 5A, 4P) and choose the relevant option. We won't hold you to this decision but it will help with our logistical planning.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9ozhbqy>

After the dramatic, apocalyptic days at the end of March when we had no choice but to conform, through to the realisation and embrace of all things lockdown, I think we're all getting to the point of the curve where, without wanting to be complacent or put anyone at increased risk, there is a growing acceptance that we do need to get going again, in all aspects of society.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



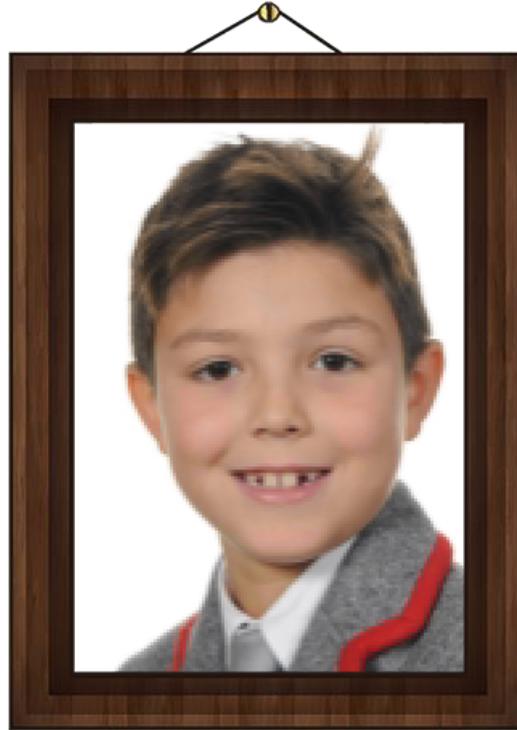
*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Ethan W in 5K**. Ethan is currently abroad and therefore has to access his classrooms at different times to when they are taking place. Despite this, his attitude has been first class and he regularly completes all work and follows all instructions. A model remote learning citizen. Well done, Ethan!



*Class-Achievement*

# Kindness Cup



**Cezar J (4S)**

Yesterday in Maths with Miss Aitken, it was noticeable that another boy was feeling down and unhappy. Cezar felt bad for this boy and after the lesson asked if we could send a doughnut to him via Deliveroo to cheer him up. Of course, I said absolutely, and what a thoughtful and kind idea. I think it is so incredibly kind of Cezar to want to make the other boy smile with a sweet treat. Sadly, we don't have his address and Miss Aitken doesn't either so we couldn't send anything, but the thought was still there. Instead, he sent the other boy a caring message on Teams to offer his ear if he ever needed to chat. *Marzena Jaworska, Mother*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- **Isri P 4H**

His cousin's dog has been stuck in London during lockdown. Isri took it upon himself to get the dog to the country and looks after him between lessons, and takes him for long country walks. *Michael P, Father*

- **Alexander A 7M**

Alexander is a wonderful student and always the first to offer help and assistance to other boys in the lesson! Goes above and beyond each week in History. He explained a task to another boy this week that was so much clearer than I had done. *Mr Blundell*

# Team of the Week

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ToW



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**VERGHIS-SMITH**

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**CHERTISCHEV**

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ToW



**GAEDE**

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**DAWSON**

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ToW



**BERKALIEV**

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ToW



**BECK**

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# Clubs

## Mr Dean writes...

Dear Parents,

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

- **Monday 15th June – Chess Club** with Tony Niccoli
- **Tuesday 16th June – Choir** with Miss Orpwood & Miss Tomsett-Rowe
- **Wednesday 17th June – Space Rocks** with Miss Lister, come and take part in some 'astronaut training' activities, as well as listen to a lecture on Asteroids, Comets and Meteorites!
- **Thursday 18th June – Debating** with Miss Bevan & Miss Bidie, join in the debate on a range of interesting topics, your arguments will be judged by Miss Bevan & Miss Bidie.

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](mailto:robert.dean@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

# English Department

## Empathy Day 2020 – 09.06.20

### Miss Bidie writes...

On Tuesday, it was Empathy Day and the focus was on reading as a way of building empathy. In their English lessons, the boys looked at the word's meaning, the skills that are strengthened when we practise empathy and some of the ways we could empathise with someone. After spending some time reading their own books, the boys were asked to think of ways they could empathise with the main character and - as ever - they did not disappoint, producing some very insightful comments!

Showing empathy promotes the skills of collaboration and creativity, and the boys showed this by recommending their favourite books to help create a Wetherby Boys' Reading List. All the books on this list have been put forward by boys from across the school, so if you're looking for your next good read or are just after some inspiration, browse through and see what you can find!  
Happy Reading!

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## Haiku poems

### Miss Hood writes...

The Year 3 boys have been writing their own Haiku poems about their time in lockdown...

At home there is fun,  
When outside there is nothing  
Inside there's laughter.  
- *Theo J*

Ominous lockdown,  
Affects our community  
And life in London.  
- *Hector N*

'The Light'  
Now it's time to shine,  
Bring the light to yourself and  
Think on the bright side.  
- *Elliot S*

Silent empty streets,  
Deserted sunny green parks  
Happy bird chirping.  
- *Ahmad S*

Though the world is apart,  
Also in isolation,  
We are still at peace.  
- *Raahil U*

# MATHS CHALLENGES!

## LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

|                  |
|------------------|
| James B          |
| Methu M          |
| Maximilian B     |
| Alastair O       |
| The Mathdelorian |

## UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

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|------------|
| Methu M    |
| Laith A    |
| Taymour A  |
| Nadhmi A   |
| Nicholas O |

## LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

A master glazier is working out the composition of a stained-glass window with the help of some matches. Here is his problem: how can he get six identical triangles by removing just three matches?

*Alastair O'dor*

## UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

*Nicholas O'dor*  
6C

FROM RECTANGLE TO SQUARE 2

He now asks his pupil to make three squares by moving three matches.

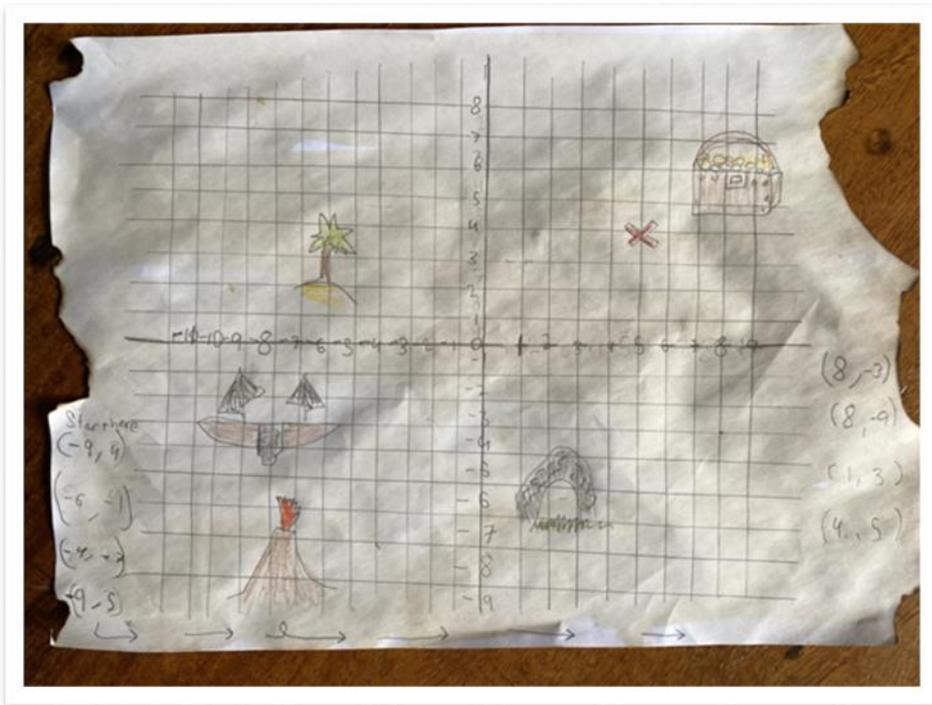


**Mrs Le Clanche writes...**

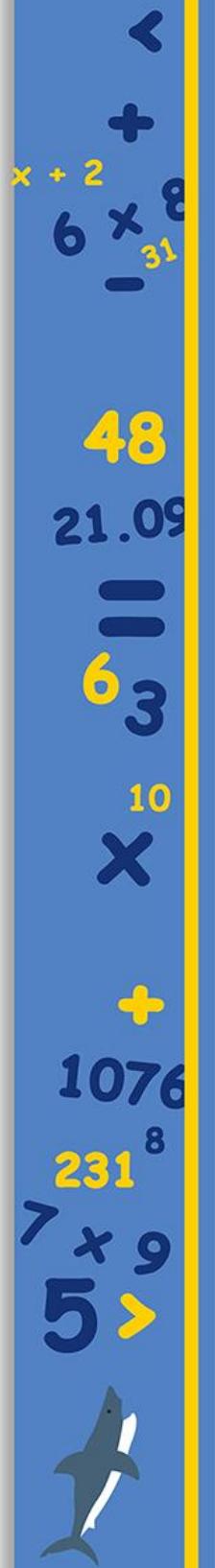
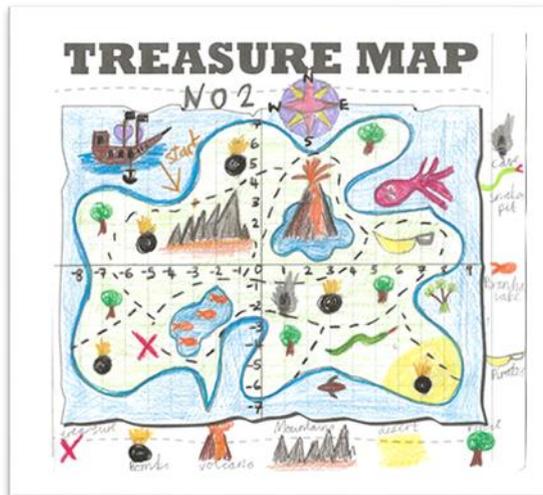
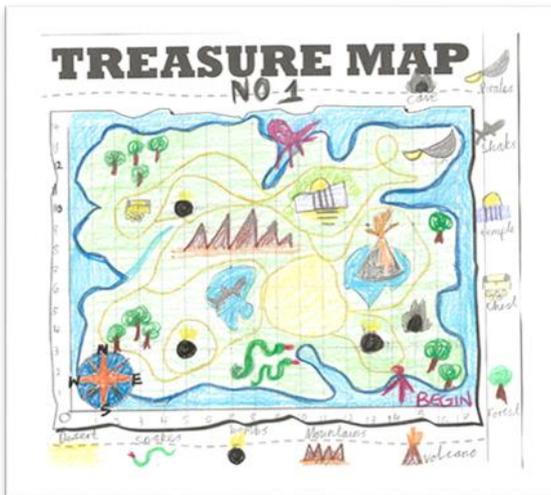
Year 4 boys have been putting their coordinate skills to the test in Maths by creating and solving pirate treasure map trails!

A brilliant effort by the boys and lots of fun was had by all.

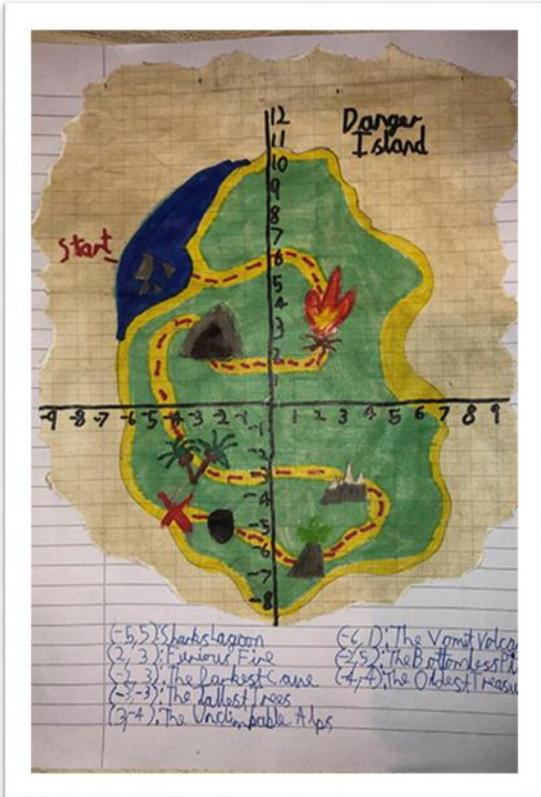
**Oliver M**



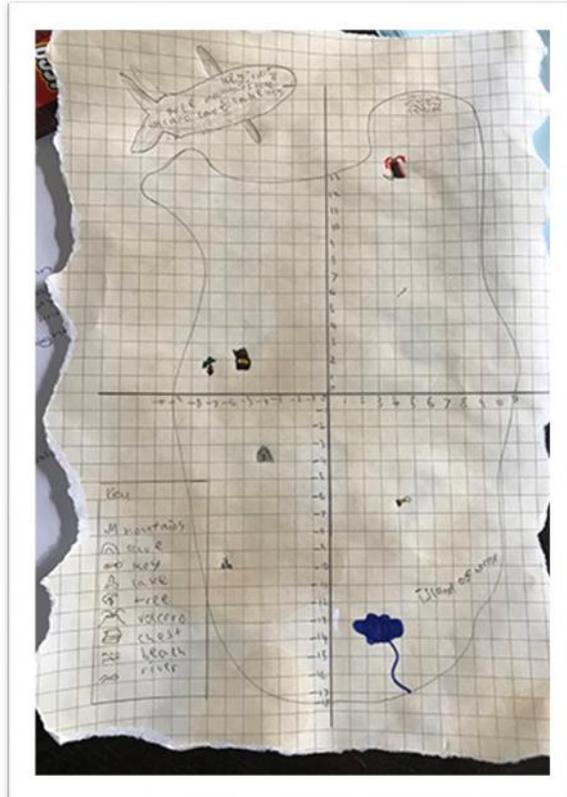
**Cezar J**



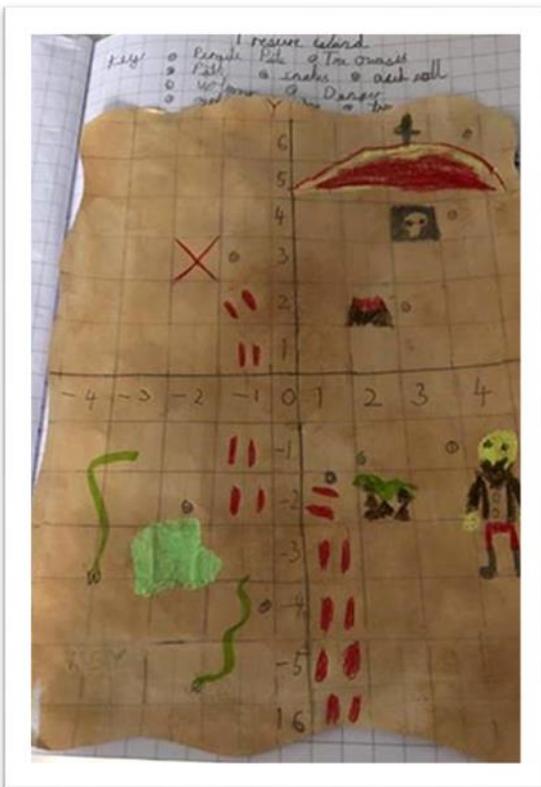
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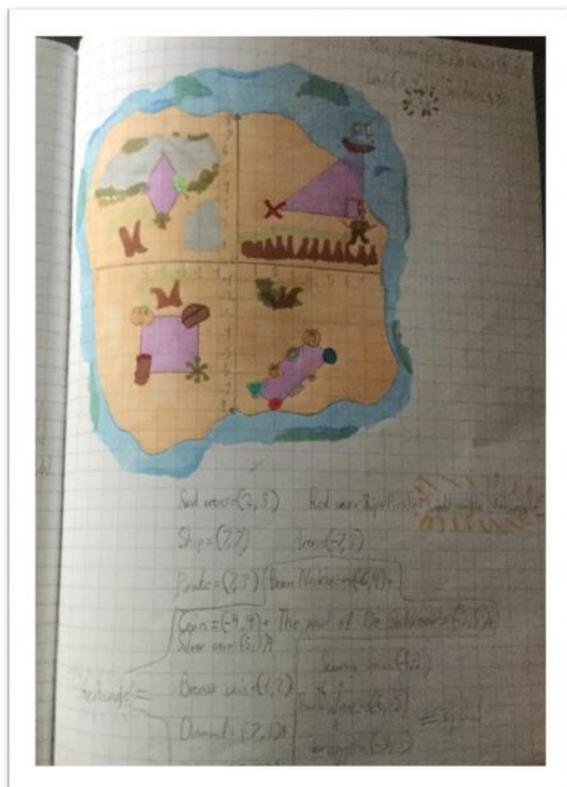
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Justin W



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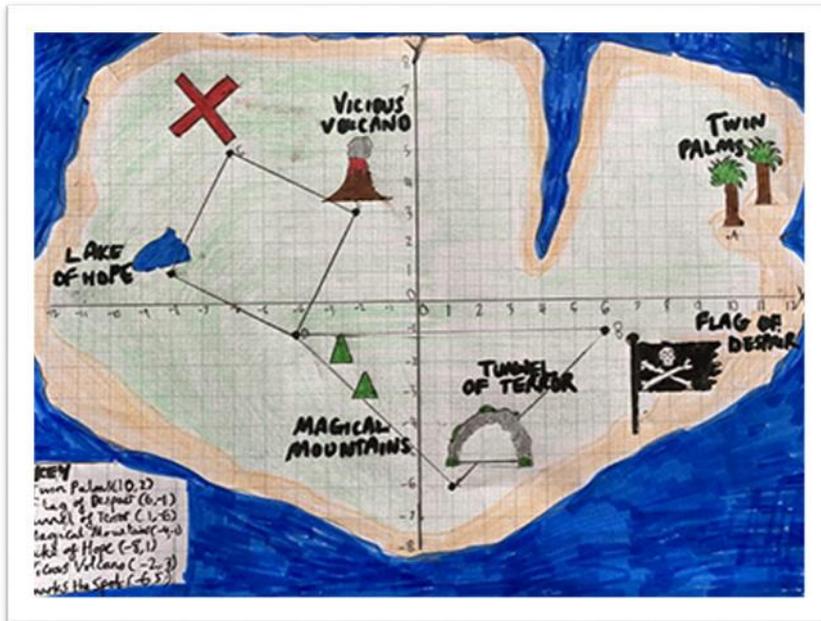


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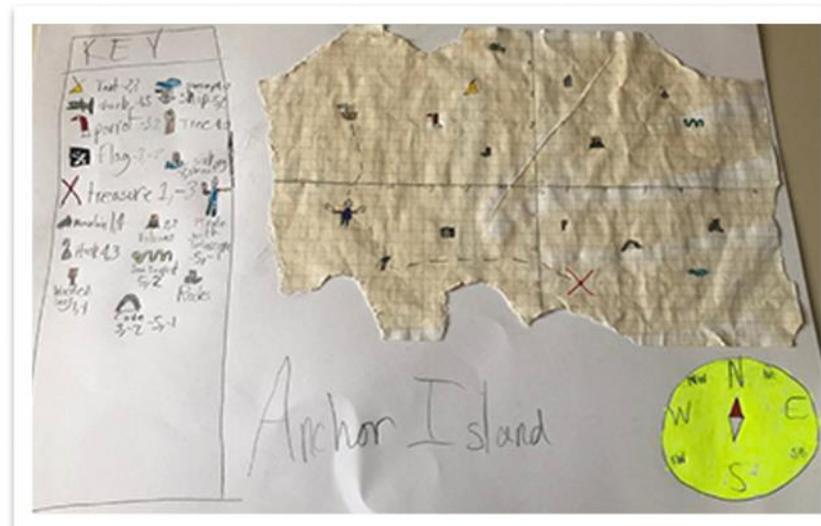
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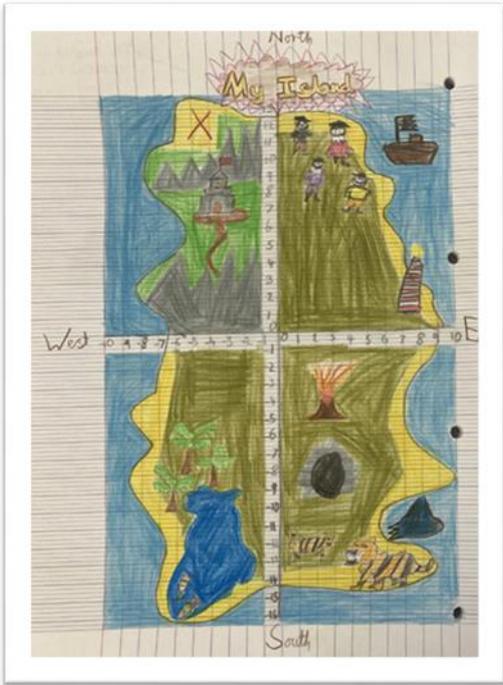
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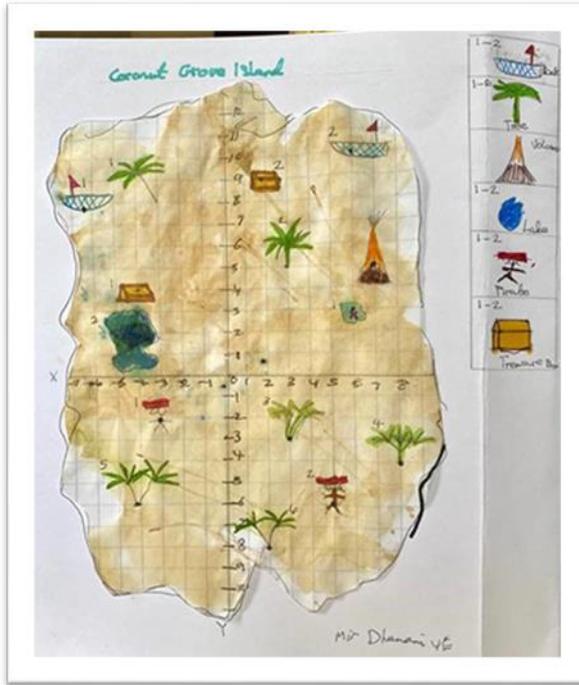
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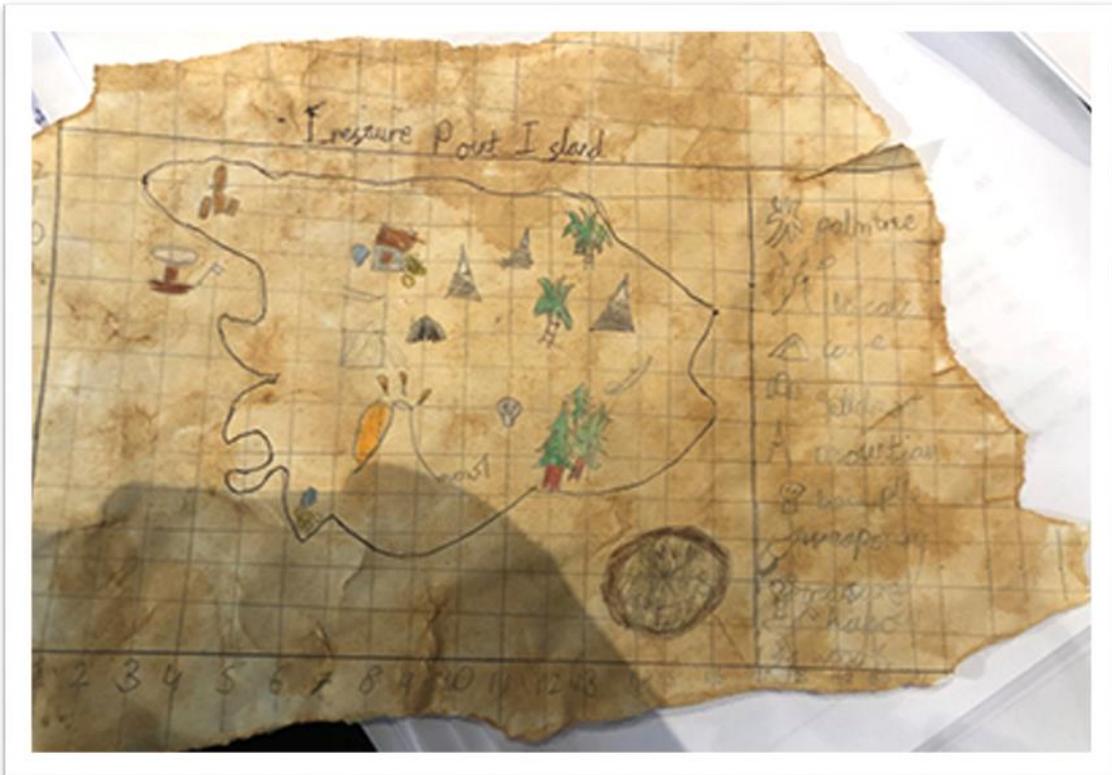
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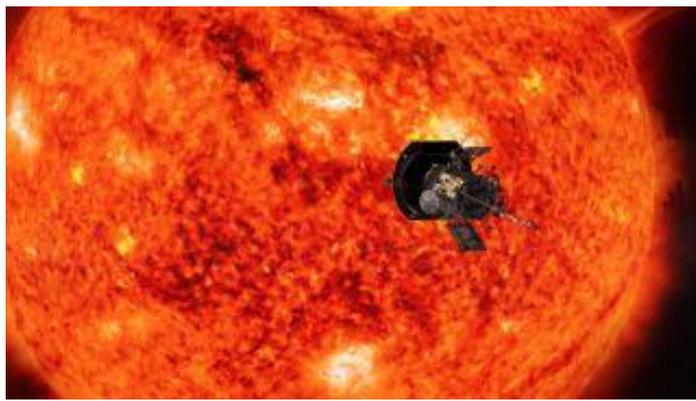

# Science Department

## Space News w/c 15.06.20

### Miss Lister writes...

Dear Wetherby family,

### NASA's Parker Solar Probe flies by the sun in 5th close encounter



NASA's daring Parker Solar Probe made its fifth daring flyby of the sun this weekend. The spacecraft has been conducting a marathon of solar observations since May 9<sup>th</sup>, as scientists affiliated with the mission look to crack more secrets about how the sun works. The observations will continue until June 28th, totalling more than seven weeks of measurements during the probe's fifth swing past the sun.

### China launches 2 rockets in 2 days, lofting 4 satellites to orbit



SpaceX's first astronaut launch wasn't the only spaceflight action last weekend. While NASA and SpaceX were busy supporting the historic Demo-2 mission from Florida last weekend, the first crewed orbital flight from the U.S. in nearly a decade, the Chinese were making space strides of their own.

China once again picked up the pace of its launches with two successful rocket flights back to back, around the same time that Demo-2 blasted off toward the International Space Station on May 30th.

# 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.*

**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](#)

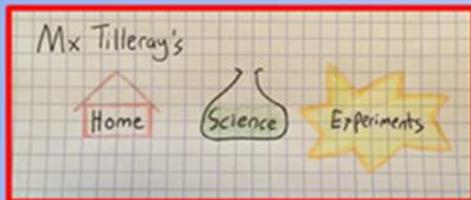
**June 30:** A SpaceX **Falcon 9 rocket** will launch the U.S. Air Force's third third-generation navigation satellite, designated GPS 3 SV03, for the Global Positioning System. It will lift off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.



## Mx Tilleray writes...

In this week's edition of Home Science Experiments, try your hand at making water move against gravity with capillary action & check out how differently sound travels through solids and gases.

# Escaping Water



Water can certainly move in mysterious ways, get the water from one cup to make its way up hill and back down into a second empty cup with the help of paper towels and an interesting scientific process.



## What's Happening

### What you'll need:

- A glass of water
- An empty glass
- Some paper towels

Your paper towel rope (or wick) starts getting wet, after a few minutes you will notice that the empty glass is starting to fill with water, it keeps filling until there is an even amount of water in each glass, how does this happen?

### Instructions:

- Twist a couple of pieces of paper towel together until it forms something that looks a little like a piece of rope, this will be the 'wick' that will absorb and transfer the water (a bit like the wick on a candle transferring the wax to the flame).
- Place one end of the paper towels into the glass filled with water and the other into the empty glass.
- Watch what happens (this experiment takes a little bit of patience).
- If you've mastered this, try playing around with food colouring to see how you might achieve the above picture.

This process is called 'capillary action', the water uses this process to move along the tiny gaps in the fibre of the paper towels. It occurs due to the adhesive force between the water and the paper towel being stronger than the cohesive forces inside the water itself. This process can also be seen in plants where moisture travels from the roots to the rest of the plant.

Capillary action happens when 3 forces called cohesion, adhesion, and surface tension work together.



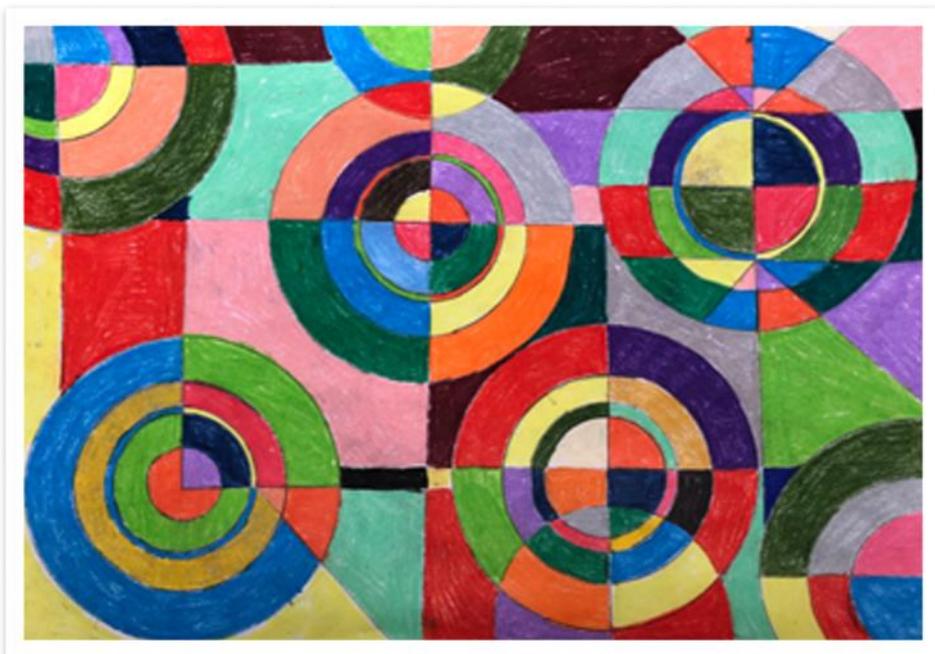
# Art Department

This week's artwork:

Jai



Jonas



Ari

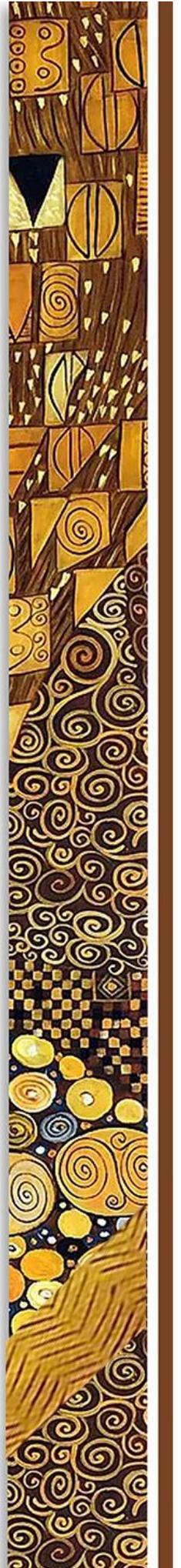




**Jonah**



**Louis**



# Wether-Me

Name and Form: **Rory M, 8V**

House: **Dawson**



**Describe Wetherby Prep in three words:**

BETTER THAN WATFORD

**Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:**

JOYOUS COMPLETION AND ULTIMATE SURVIVAL

**What would you like to be when you grow up?**

WE NEVER REALLY GROW UP, WE ONLY LEARN HOW TO ACT IN PUBLIC

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

SURVIVAL SKILLS DUE TO MY LONGEVITY AND EXPERT LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

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

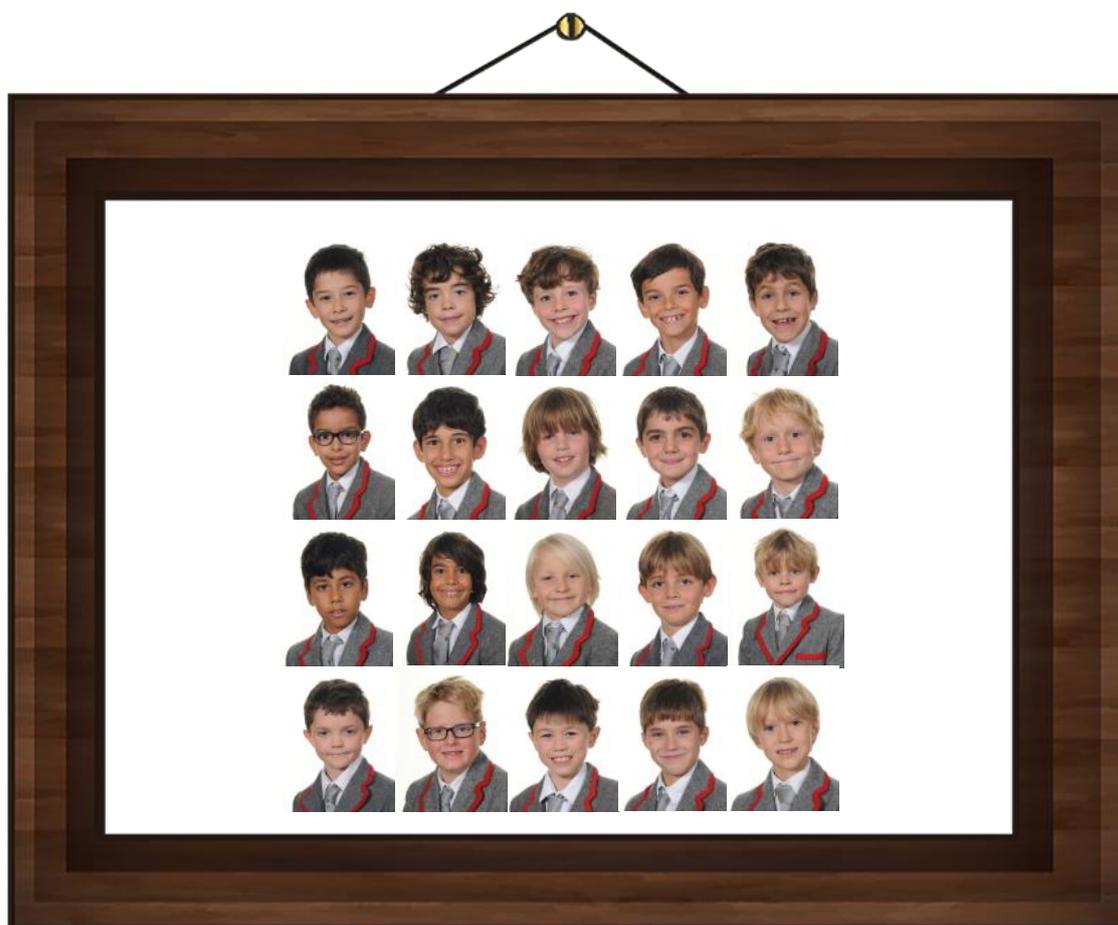
TRAVEL INTO THE WILDERNESS WITH MY DOG, A STICK OF CHEWING GUM AND A JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER

**Addendum:**

*All jokes aside, I would really like to thank every member of the staff and team at Wetherby. It's been the most amazing ride for me since I arrived here in Year 3. I am sad to close this chapter but I can't wait for the next!*  
Rory.

# Form Class Winners

| First Place           | Second Place          | Third Place           |
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| <b>Form 4H</b><br>430 | <b>Form 5O</b><br>363 | <b>Form 4S</b><br>347 |

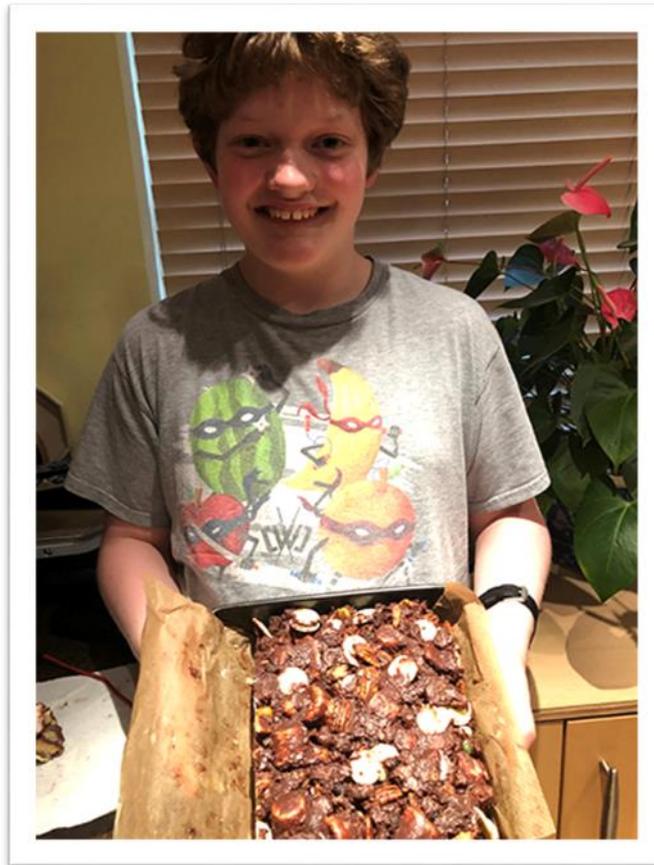


# Photos of the Week

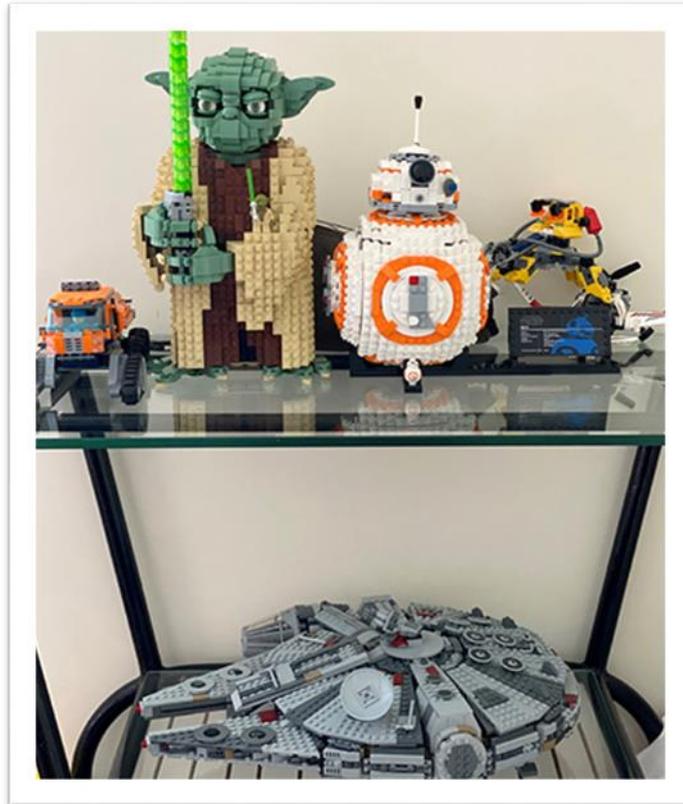
**Caspar and new family member, Daisy!**



Jack and Emilio after Miss Preece's Cookery Club



**Alexander R making the most of quarantine**



**Alexander's chimpanzee sculpture**





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