

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Summer Term | Week 33



WEEK 33 — Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th June 2020

Monday 22nd June:

- **Staff Meeting**—8:15am
- **Games for Year 6**—1:30-4pm

Tuesday 23rd June:

Wednesday 24th June:

Thursday 25th June:

Friday 26th June:

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

THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM



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

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents and Boys,

Well done, everyone!

That was a crazy nine weeks but just think of how far we have come and what we have achieved. If I think of my own Year 5 classes who started off with problems of printing out a newspaper template from Show My Homework and sending me images from their phones of their work that I had to look at sideways as I couldn't rotate it, to now, where we have a six week body of work, all completed and evidenced on Teams Class Notebook – that's a big change in a short space of time. Not everything has gone perfectly and we have all had our fair share of technical issues that have been beyond our control but we are much further forward than I expected we would be and it's gone better than expected. We have all learnt what went well and what didn't go so well and if there is ever a lockdown situation in the future, we will be suitably prepared. As a boy said to me this week, "Sir, what happened to those FIFA PlayStation fixtures you promised us?" Let's hope there isn't a next time but if there is, that can be a target for development...

I'm a reasonable man but what I have asked of our staff to do these past nine weeks has been completely unreasonable. To learn a new skill in a short space of time and become experts in communicating their craft in a way they have had no formal training in isn't fair. They shouldn't be expected to hand deliver computer hardware, man helpdesks, run Clubs, put on evening Concerts, post certificates, set projects...but they have done all this and more, trying to bring as much of Wetherby Prep into our boys' homes as they possibly can. I salute them all. We can only push the boundaries of what is possible within an educational environment if we have high quality staff resources to do it and, my word, do we have that resource in abundance. Really looking forward to having everyone back together on Monday.

Thank you for all of your kind words and support these past nine weeks. We emerge from an impossibly difficult period together; we can all be proud of the Wetherby Lockdown Experience.

Until...next Friday!

Nick Baker

Next Week

All parents will have received an email from their son's form tutor this afternoon regarding information for next week—it has also been posted to each boy's form Team. Some extra information is below:

Travelling to and from school

The email from your form tutor details drop off and pick up times. As there are no shuttle buses, please adhere to these times and do not loiter in the area. Siblings can go at the earlier time. With the roads quiet and new cycling lanes created, a number of our Year 6 boys are cycling in. We have a large locked bike store for any boy that wishes to store their bike.

Dress code

As with Year 6 these past three weeks, nothing can be worn that isn't machine washable, therefore all boys must be in their games/cricket kit not their blazer.

Return of Computer Hardware

If you were the recipient of a laptop through the 'Wetherby Air Lift' programme over the Easter break, please return it to the school next week. They can be taken straight to the new form rooms where they will be collected by Mr Lock.





Citizen of the Week

Jai M (4E)

Jai was so inspired by this week's PSHE lesson and World Refugee Day that he asked his mum how he could help refugees in London. Jai and his family came across a charity called Migrants Organise and committee member came to see them. They chatted and the boys handed over some hygiene products, non perishable foods and some PPE, some of which Aran and Jai paid for using their tooth fairy money.

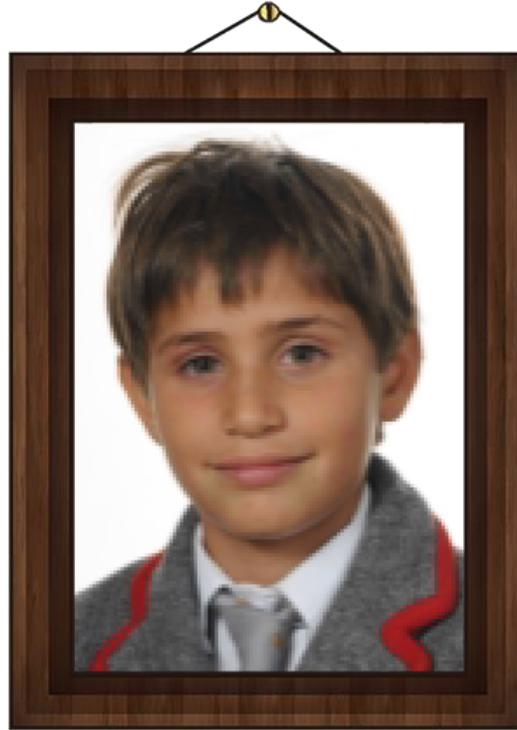
Here is a video in case you are interested: <https://youtu.be/mOkIvL5zKHg> and if you would like to donate, please use this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/migrantsorganiseLtd>



Class-Achievement

7B

Kindness Cup



Lorenzo R 4S

I completely lost my wifi during the English lesson and so I had to go onto my phone and use my 4G. It felt like a complete disaster as I had limited access to the lesson. All the boys in 4S got along with their work brilliantly, but Lorenzo tried to guide me through how to hotspot my 4G onto my laptop and then tried to youtube it for me so he could give me further instructions. His help was extremely kind and I was very grateful. *Miss Kroiter*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Saif M 7M**

This week was very difficult with the passing of my father and Saif's grandfather. I just wanted to share how Saif, being the only man of our family, showed incredible kindness, courage and support to me, my mother, sister and nieces. He watched his grandfather being buried, prayed, held my hand and took care of me all whilst juggling school work and his own emotions. Just wanted to share this with you and share with you his incredible show of kindness. I was so proud of him. *Dr Kirdar, Mother*

◆ **Tobia P B 5L**

I was so Impressed by Tobia, a good friend of Dylan's. During Assembly on Friday, unbeknown to Dylan, he received an HMGS for RS. Soon after, a note popped up on his screen from his friend Tobia saying "well done for getting that HMGS Dylan". I saw it myself and said to Dylan, that's a sign of a true friend who can be pleased for you about your achievements and congratulate you on the good news. What a kind and supportive gesture, Tobia. You're a good friend, and it put a smile on Dylan's face! *Samantha F, Mother*

◆ **Jasper F 6M**

We have lived in our home for nearly 10 years and live next door to a lovely elderly Irish couple who have been here for well over 25 years. Recently, they have not been well and their usually beautifully kept front garden is a real mess. On Saturday, Jasper decided to roll up his sleeves and set to work in clearing it up . As he was half way through, Frank staggered to the door and said he would like to help but couldn't. Jasper said it was fine he thought it needed sweeping and clearing. Frank put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a £5 Note and tried to give it Jasper, he kindly refused it saying he was happy to help them out as he knows that they are not able to take care of it like they used to. What a rewarding moment that was for all. *Samantha F, Mother*

◆ **Dmitry C 4S**

Dmitry saw me studying nonstop for the final project at my Harvard course, and he took initiative to help and cook lunch for the whole family. He also cooked delicious gnocchi with ham and egg yolk for dinner, his own recipe and first time he cooked ever in his life.

It was very touching to see that level of empathy in him! *Tatiana Titova, Mother*

◆ **Justin W 4P**

His manners are exemplary and in every lesson since remote learning began, has said 'hello' to me and the rest of the class at the beginning of the lesson and then thanked me for the lesson at the end. Also, yesterday I was having a few WiFi issues and immediately he gave me some very helpful advice as to what to do to try to resolve them. He is always so polite and so kind, and a model Wetherby citizen. *Mrs Jenne*

Team of the Week

99 ToW   MELITI

99 ToW   FARRELL

99 ToW   JONES

99 ToW   SCHWIMMER

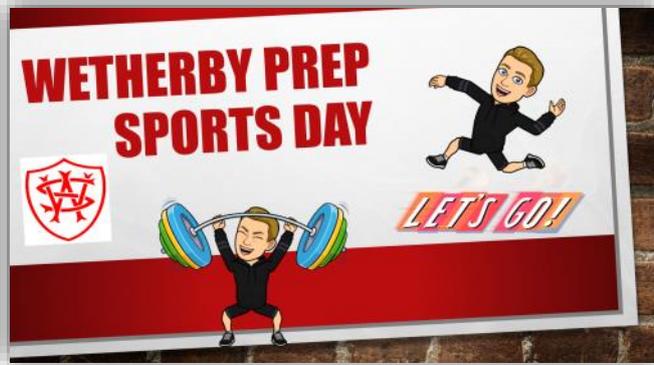
99 ToW   NAHAL

99 ToW  ECKERSLEY

99 ToW   WATT

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Notices



Mr Reid writes...

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that the WPS boys will be able to experience Sports Day after all this year! The Year Group Sports Days will take place during the following Games Sessions before the end of the Summer Term. The boys will compete in their bubbles for their houses in the traditional WPS Sports Day Events as well as a few new ones! Can I please ask that they wear their white PE kit, with house colour trim, when their sports day takes place: -

Thursday 25th June

Morning – Years 7 and 8

Afternoon – Year 5

Friday 26th June

Morning – Year 5

Monday 29th June

Afternoon – Year 6

Tuesday 30th June

Morning – Year 6

Afternoon – Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 1st July

Morning – Years 3 and 4

Thursday 2nd July

Morning – Years 7 and 8

Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 guidelines, no parents will be allowed to attend these events.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing the boys and some of you next week!

English Department

A talk from Sky News journalist, Charlotte Lomas-Farley

Mrs Callaghan writes...

Year 8 boys were extremely lucky to listen to a talk from Sky News journalist, Charlotte Lomas-Farley during their English lesson on Thursday. Charlotte spoke about her reporting on the Grenfell Tower disaster, the coronavirus and the many other current affairs she has covered. The boys asked intelligent questions about the different stories as well as genuine enquiries into what it takes to become a journalist.

Charlotte asked the boys how they consume news and advised on ways to ensure they get to the truth of a story or at least look at both sides of an argument before making a judgement. Charlotte has also very kindly offered to speak to any boy who is interested in journalism, to give advice on the best path to follow.



Kindness Bingo

Miss Bidie writes...

A weekend challenge for you, boys! Have a look at the choices on this 'Kindness Bingo' mat. See if you can achieve 5 in a row this weekend! Send me an email/photos with how you got on and I will issue housepoints for those who complete the challenge... columns, rows or diagonals are all allowed. Enjoy!



Kindness BINGO

WRITE 3 THANK-YOU NOTES TO 3 PEOPLE YOU APPRECIATE	TIDY YOUR BEDROOM WITHOUT BEING ASKED	WRITE POSITIVE NOTES OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE IN CHALK	COMPLIMENT AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU CAN IN ONE DAY	MAKE A CAKE TO SHARE
CONTACT SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO MIGHT BE LONELY	WATER SOME PLANTS	WASH A CAR	TAKE A DOG FOR A WALK	PLAY A BOARD GAME WITH SOMEONE WHO IS BORED
DON'T COMPLAIN ONCE, ALL DAY	LEARN HOW TO USE THE WASHING MACHINE & DO SOME WASHING	HELP TO TEACH SOMEONE A NEW SKILL	MAKE A FUNNY PHOTO OR VIDEO & SEND IT TO A FRIEND	SMILE AT EVERYONE YOU SEE FOR A DAY
DO SOME WEEDING OR SWEEPING OUTSIDE	MAKE A HANDMADE CARD FOR SOMEONE	CREATE A CHEERFUL PICTURE & PUT IT IN THE WINDOW	MAKE A BIRD FEEDER	HELP OUT BY MAKING LUNCH OR DINNER
SAY SOMETHING KIND OF EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY	SORT OUT OLD TOYS OR BOOKS TO DONATE TO CHARITY	MAKE SOMEONE A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE	READ A BOOK TO SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN YOU	WRITE 'HELLO' IN SEVEN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES & PUT IT IN YOUR WINDOW



A Festival of Speaking

Mrs Callaghan writes...

The English Speaking Union are running a festival of speaking and I encourage all of you to take part. The ESU helps young people become confident communicators and, in these testing times when most schooling is online, you will benefit from developing your speaking skills more than ever before.

All students from primary upwards are invited to film themselves in a short video (1-5 minutes) delivering a speech, a poem, a monologue etc and post it on a social media platform of their choice using the hashtag #esufestivalofspeaking.

You are free to talk about whichever subject you choose but if you're stuck for ideas, this week's theme is: 'What I have learnt from lockdown'. Perhaps it's how much you value your friends or how much you take for granted in your life but whatever it is, we want to hear from you!

For more information visit the ESU website where you will find helpful advice about the best way to video your entry and examples of other students work.

<https://www.esu.org/esu-festival-of-speaking/>



MATHS CHALLENGES!



LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Methu M
Alvaro C
Benjamin B
Hugo S

UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Methu M
Laith A
Taymour A
Nadhmi A

Mr Gascoine writes...

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Please remember to write your full name on the answer sheets.



Science Department

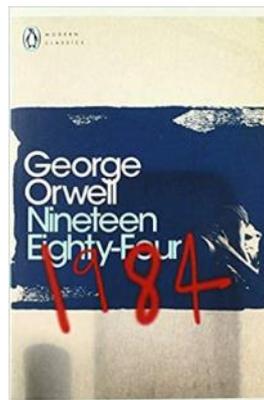
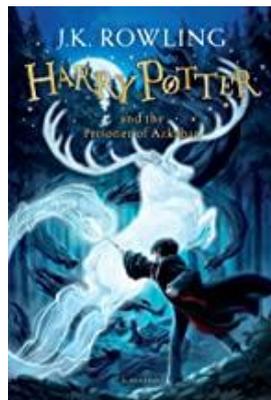
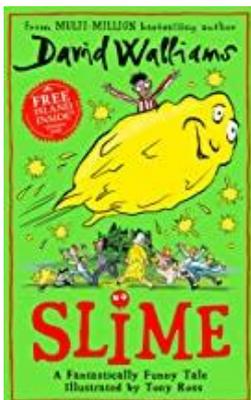
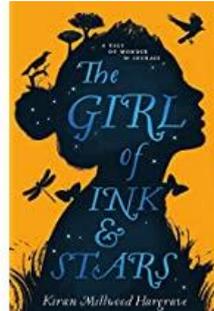
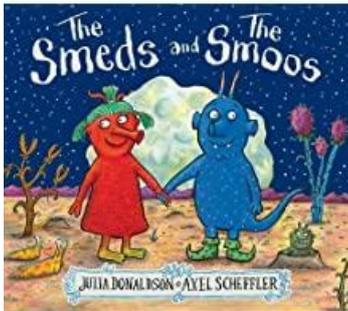
Space News w/c 22.06.20

Dear Wetherby family,

Science fiction builds mental resiliency in young readers

Young people who are “hooked” on watching fantasy or reading science fiction may be on to something. Contrary to a common misperception that reading this genre is an unworthy practice, reading science fiction and fantasy may help young people cope, especially with the stress and anxiety of living through the COVID-19 pandemic. While many people may not consider science fiction, fantasy or speculative fiction to be ‘literary,’ research shows that all fiction can generate critical thinking skills and emotional intelligence for young readers. Science fiction may have a power all its own.

Reading science fiction and fantasy can help readers make sense of the world. Rather than limiting readers’ capacity to deal with reality, exposure to outside-the-box creative stories may expand their ability to engage reality based on science. Here are some of my favourites...



Space calendar June/July 2020:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

LAST UPDATED June 11th:

These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.

June

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.

July

July 1: NASA astronauts Chris Cassidy and Bob Behnken will take a 7-hour spacewalk outside the International Space Station beginning at 7:35 a.m. EDT (1135 GMT). [Watch it live.](#)

July 4: Happy Aphelion Day! Earth is farthest from the sun today.

July 4-5: A [penumbral lunar eclipse](#) will be visible from the Americas and parts of Africa and Antarctica. The moon will begin passing through Earth's shadow on July 4 at 11:07 p.m. EST (0307 GMT on July 5), and the eclipse will last for 2 hours and 45 minutes.

July 5: The full moon of July, known as the Beaver Moon, occurs at 12:44 a.m. EDT (0444 GMT). That same day, the moon will be in [conjunction with Jupiter](#) at 5:38 p.m. EDT (2138 GMT). The moon will also be in [conjunction with Saturn](#) on July 6 at 4:38 a.m. EDT (0838 GMT). The trio will form a small triangle in the night sky before fading into the dawn.

July 8: The "morning star" [Venus is at its greatest brightness](#) for the year, shining at magnitude -4.5 in the morning sky.

July 11: The waning, gibbous moon will make a close approach to the Red Planet in the early morning sky. It will be in [conjunction with Mars](#) at 3:38 p.m. EDT (1938 GMT).

July 14: The United Arab Emirates plans to launch its first Mars orbiter, the [Hope Mars Mission](#). It will launch from the Tanegashima Space Center in Japan on a Japanese H-2A rocket, at 4:51 p.m. EDT (2051 GMT).

July 14: [Jupiter reaches opposition](#), which means the planet will appear at its biggest and brightest. This happens about once a year, when Jupiter's position is almost directly opposite the sun in the sky. Around the same time, Jupiter will also make its closest approach to Earth.

July 15: The U.S. Air Force will use a **Minotaur 4 rocket** to launch a classified spy satellite cargo for the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office. Dubbed **NROL-129**, the mission will lift off from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.

July 17: NASA's **Mars 2020 rover** launches to the Red Planet! It will lift off on a United Launch Alliance **Atlas V rocket** from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

July 17: The waning crescent moon will be in [conjunction with Venus](#), the "morning star," at 3:27 a.m. EDT (0727 GMT). Look for the pair above the eastern horizon before dawn.

July 20: New moon

July 20: [Saturn reaches opposition](#), which means the planet will appear at its biggest and brightest. This happens about once a year, when Saturn's position is almost directly opposite the sun in the sky. Around the same time, Saturn will also make its closest approach to Earth.

July 23: A Russian **Soyuz rocket** will launch the 76th [Progress cargo spacecraft](#) to the International Space Station. It will lift off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

July 30: A Russian **Proton rocket** will launch the **Express 80** and **Express 103** communications satellites for the Russian Satellite Communication Company. It will lift off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.



Experiment of measuring the Earth

Miss Lister writes...

The Royal Astronomical Society and the National Schools' Observatory have joined forces to run a national experiment which we are launching straight away. It can be done by school students, the public, everyone, and offers practical excitement in recreating a famous powerful experiment of measuring the Earth, along with an experience of uncertainty in science which is so crucial to understand at the current time. It is open to young and old wherever you are and our only requirement is for a sunny day over the next few days to be able to get a shadow. Then on the website given below you can enter the height of your stick, the length of the shadow, your post code and the day you are measuring the Earth. We'll include everyone as a dot on a map and reveal results next week after measurements have been made on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.

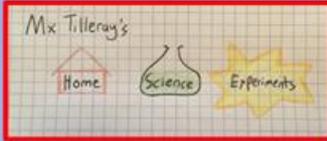
<https://www.schoolsobservatory.org/solstick>

Hope you'll join in with this first nationwide practical experiment on measuring the Earth.



Mx Tilleray writes...

In this week's Home Science Experiments, have a go at generating some static electricity & making your own rockets (indoor and outdoor versions).



Static Electricity

Introduction

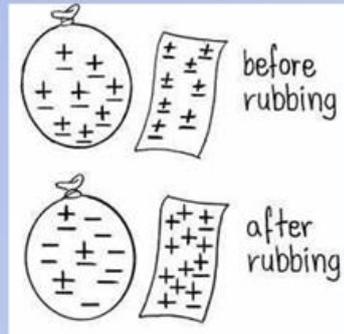
They say opposites attract and that couldn't be truer with these fun static electricity experiments. Find out about positively and negatively charged particles using a few basic items, can you control if they will be attracted or unattracted to each other?

What you'll need:

- 2 inflated balloons with string attached
- Your hair
- Aluminium can
- Woolen fabric

Instructions:

- Rub the 2 balloons one by one against the woolen fabric, then try moving the balloons together, do they want to or are they unattracted to each other?
- Rub 1 of the balloons back and forth on your hair then slowly it pull it away, ask someone nearby what they can see or if there's nobody else around try looking in a mirror.
- Put the aluminium can on its side on a table, after rubbing the balloon on your hair again hold the balloon close to the can and watch as it rolls towards it, slowly move the balloon away from the can and it will follow.



What's Happening

Rubbing the balloons against the woolen fabric or your hair creates static electricity. This involves negatively charged particles (electrons) jumping to positively charged objects. When you rub the balloons against your hair or the fabric they become negatively charged, they have taken some of the electrons from the hair/fabric and left them positively charged.

Your positively charged hair is attracted to the negatively charged balloon and starts to rise up to meet it. This is similar to the aluminium can which is drawn to the negatively charged balloon as the area near it becomes positively charged, once again opposites attract.

In the first experiment both the balloons were negatively charged after rubbing them against the woolen fabric, because of this they were unattracted to each other.



Creative Arts

James Mayhew Visit

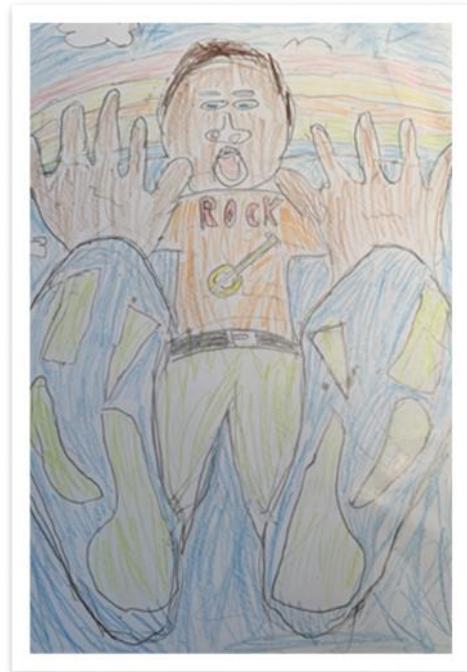
Mrs Tomsett-Rowe writes...

On Thursday, Year 3 had a very special lesson with a visit from author and illustrator, James Mayhew. James has written and illustrated many children's books, including the Katie and Ella Bella Ballerina series. The session began with James telling the Year 3s all about how he creates his work and the different materials he uses before Year 3 answered questions about A Midsummer Night's Dream, referencing our studies this term. After recapping the story, we listened to Listz's Fantasy on Themes from A Midsummer Night's Dream by Mendlessohn and watched James paint a picture of Titania and Bottom. It was amazing to see the painting come to life in real time and we're excited that it will soon have a permanent home in Wetherby! The boys had lots of questions which James happily answered and we're all inspired to have a go at painting to music. A HUGE thank you to James Mayhew for coming to our lesson! If you want to see more of James' work, visit his website: <https://www.jamesmayhew.co.uk/>

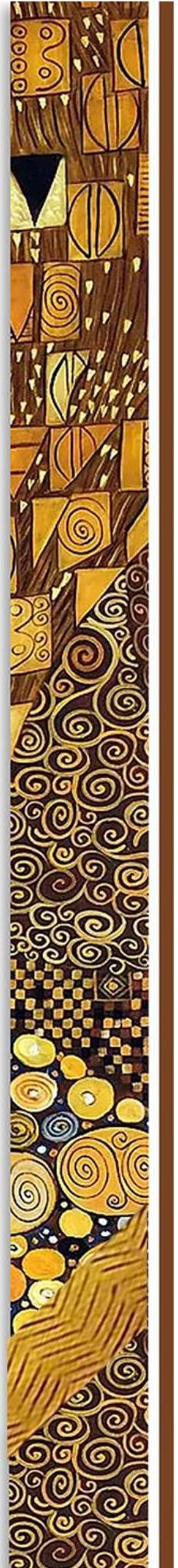


Art Department

This week's artwork:



Year 4 have been creating their own instruments....



Wetherby SPORT

Mr Billingham writes...

Year 8 were delighted to have a brilliant Q and A with Ireland test cricketer Tim Murtagh on Wednesday. For those that don't know him, he was the guy who got 5 wickets for 13 runs against England in that famous test at Lords!!!! Tim spoke on many topics including his love for cricket as child, his love for golf and the commitment needed to be a fast bowler still playing at the highest level at 38 years old.

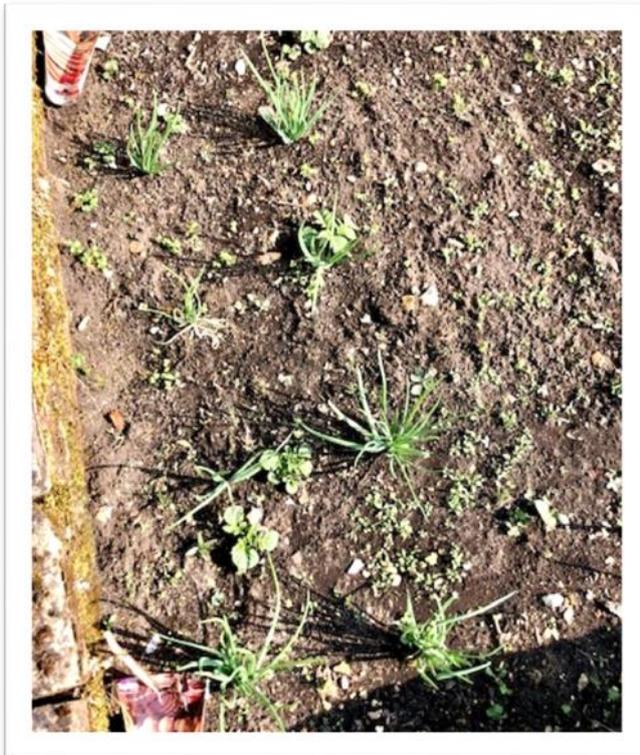
So what's the Wetherby connection you ask? He is good family friends with Mrs Katie Callaghan and her husband. Due to this contact, Tim would be delighted to get involved with some masterclasses and session at school when it is all good to do so and we will certainly make the most of his talent. He is a great guy and the boys will love working with him!



Outdoor Learning

Miss Hood writes...

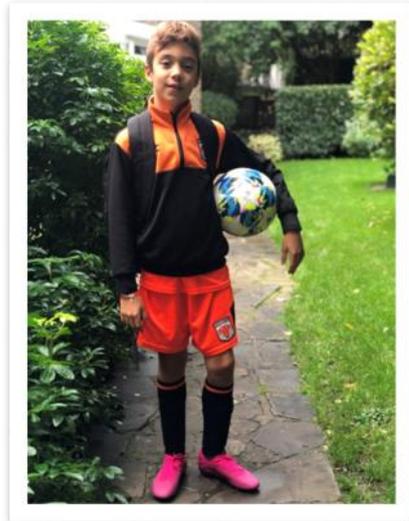
A throwback photo from the start of remote learning and a photo from this week of Reuben's shallots that he has been growing:



Wether-Me

Name and Form: **Nicolo F 5K**

House: **Pembridge**



What are your favourite subjects and why?

My favourite subjects are English and Art. I like English because I can put all my imagination onto one piece of paper and Art because I love drawing and creating my own works.

Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:

My biggest achievement was at Wetherby so far was winning the Kindness Cup.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A really good professional footballer! IF that doesn't work out, a football manager or a journalist.

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

I would teach English because I would make a Journalism term and my Class would go to different famous sporting events and then write a review on them when we get back to school.

What book are you reading at the moment?

Ninja in 6th Grade

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

I would probably focus on football, writing and getting into a school!

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hector Nahal	6A	Nima Hoveyda
4E	Jai Mehra	6C	Ilya Walker-Haworth
4H	Samuele Bertolo	6F	Lucas Godoy
4P	Alexander Hutt	6M	Taymour Auchi Yousif Al-Saffar
4S	Dmitry Chertischev	7B	Joshua Linnane
5A	Ziyang Peng	7L	Tito Hasecic
5K	Raahil Hasan	7M	Emmanuel Tomazos Leonardo Bertolo
5L	Bear Seidel	8B	Off Timetable
5O	Elias Rogn	8G	
		8S	
		8V	

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Samuele Bertolo- 74

Weekly Housepoint Totals

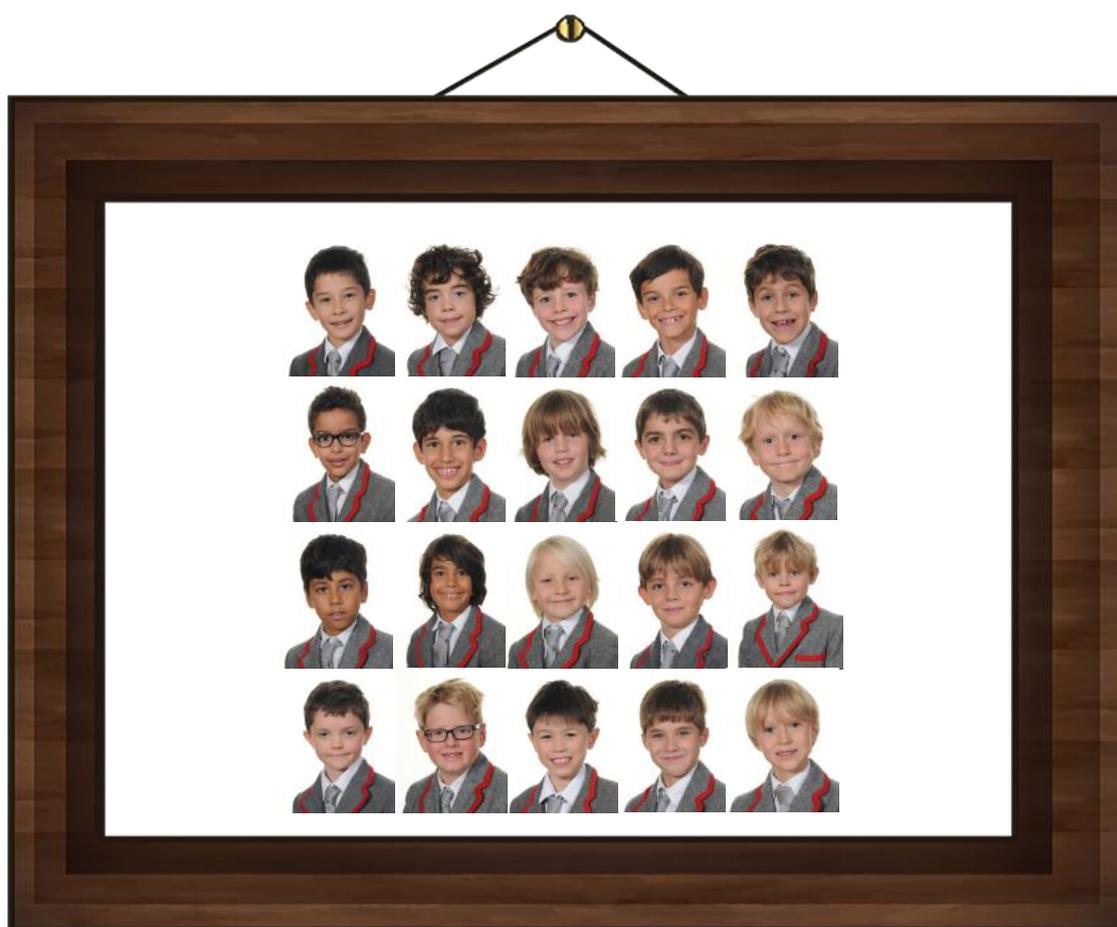
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
961	805	753	670

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
18,398	18,179	17,235	15,055

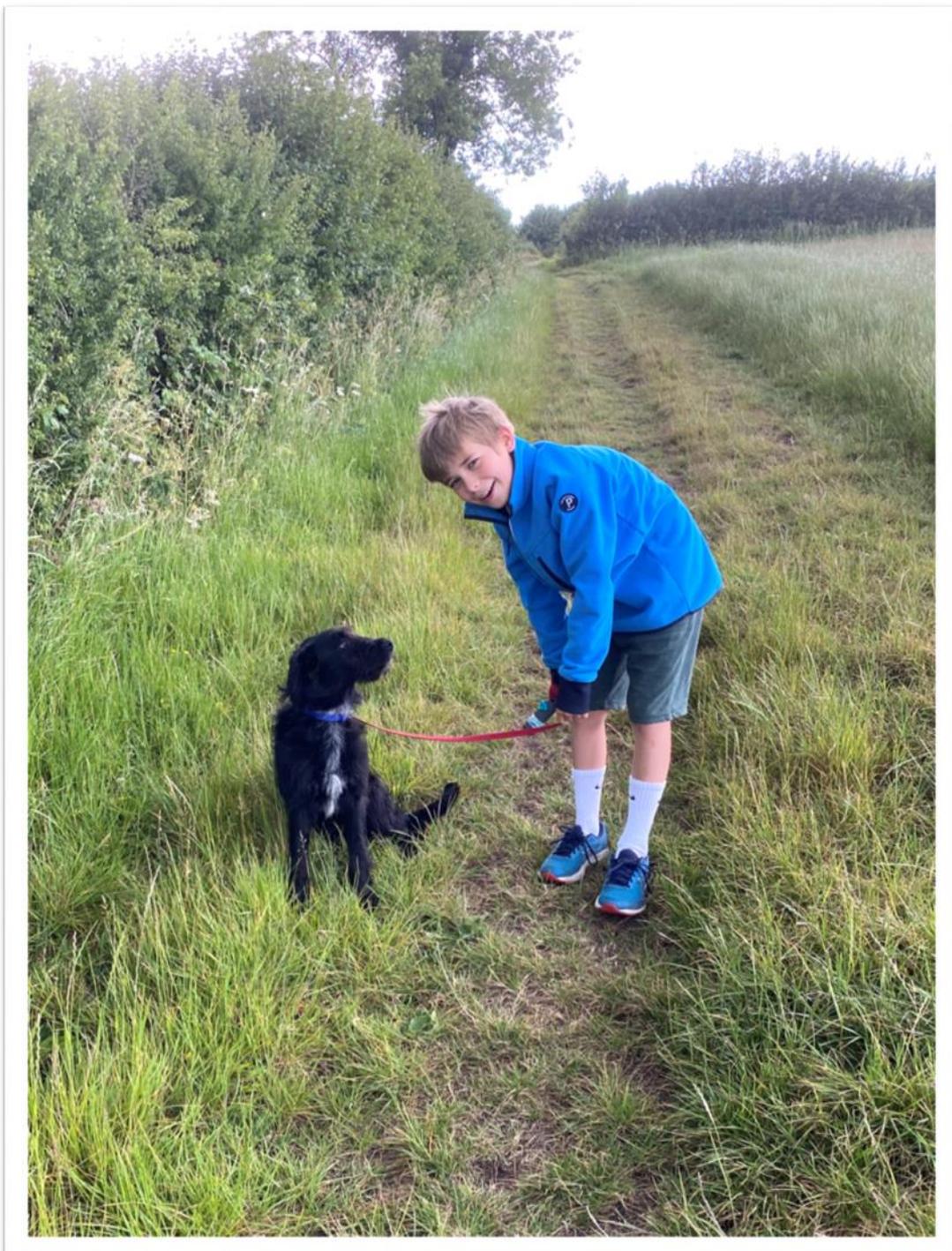
Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4H 428	Form 5L 275	Form 4P 273



Photos of the Week

Caspar and Bonnie on their first walk



Roman with George Russell





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