

# WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Autumn Term | Week 3



## WEEK 3 — Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Monday 21st September:

- Year 8 Common Entrance Autumn Term Assessments
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 Wetherby Premier League Round 2 – 2:15pm

### Tuesday 22nd September:

- U8/U9 Premier League Round 2 – 2:15pm
- Year 8 Common Entrance Autumn Term Assessments

### Wednesday 23rd September:

- New Parents' Evening – 6pm  
ON ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>
- Year 8 Common Entrance Autumn Term Assessments
- U12 Wetherby Premier League Round 2 – 2:15pm

### Thursday 24th September:

- Year 8 Common Entrance Autumn Term Assessments
- U13 Wetherby Premier League Round 2 – 9:30am
- U10 Wetherby Premier League Round 2 – 2:15pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm

### Friday 25th September:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
  - Whole School Assembly on Zoom – 8:45am  
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
- AND ON ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

### Saturday 26th September:

### Sunday 27th September:

# From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

After my letters on Sunday, I have no doubt the WhatsApp form group chats were a frenzy of uncertainty and trepidation for the week ahead. Who would teach the boys? Would there be enough supervision? To what extent does the school have a Covid outbreak?

As we reach the end of a week, 4P, the one class learning remotely, has achieved more House Points than any other. The 12 staff that have been absent as a precautionary measure created over 300 hours of cover but all have been facilitated by a combination of staff still at the school and the teacher streaming-in live to the classroom to teach the boys. This has been an enormous effort by all – those at school and those at home. We had a long practice last term, of course, but the quality of education provided this week has been remarkable; the Surface Gos have been hard at work but with everyone back next week, they and their batteries can look forward to a bit of a rest. All 12 staff have been tested and reported that their result was negative. We also know of a number of boys and family members that have been tested and similarly produced negative results. Therefore, next week should be 'back to (the new) normal'.

It would be naïve to say, though, that this is the end of Covid-interrupted schooling. I think it is inevitable that the school goes through a similar week at some point this term or in subsequent terms. As we have proved this week though, it needn't signal an interruption to the boys' schooling or our teaching of them, whether they are at school or at home. My sincere thanks to our staff for their commitment, hard work, creativity and tech skills this week – they have worked harder than ever before. And, of course, to all our boys, who have adapted with their usual enthusiasm, good humour and scholarly attitude this week. This time last year, we had a training session on the use of Teams and I declared it as over-engineered Microsoft nonsense...now look at us...!

A few important dates for the diary coming up. New Parents' Evening on Wednesday 23 September at 6pm is, unfortunately, not to be our usual convivial cocktail party atmosphere in the Pioneer Hall. Instead, it will be on Zoom and will involve a short talk from me, a 'live' tour of the boys' classrooms, an introduction to their teachers and short addresses from key staff. During the event, you are encouraged to post any questions you would like answering. We will take note of these and answer at the end. I envisage the event will last no longer than 45 minutes. It is principally aimed at new parents to the school but anyone is invited – just bring a Zoom enabled device and, of course, your own cheese and wine...

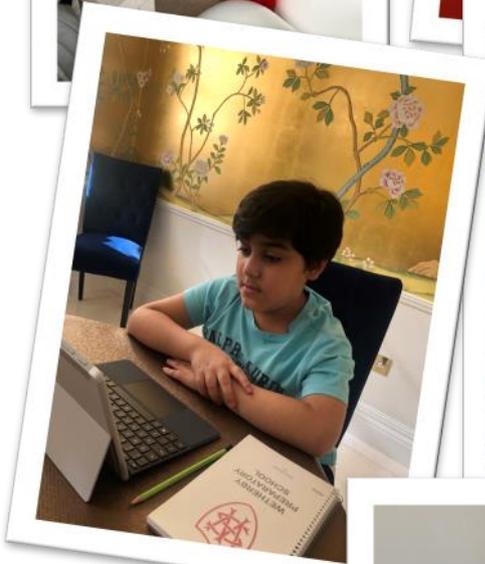
Secondly, for all Year 5 and 6 parents, and anyone in Year 4 that wants to get ahead in terms of their senior school transition knowledge, our annual 'Guide to Senior Schools' event will be on Zoom at 6pm on Wednesday 30 September. This will include our normal (and updated) presentation about all things senior school, and as with New Parents' Evening, include the opportunity for questions to be posted and answered.

Busy week gone; busy weeks coming up, but new staff have settled in well. We've had a few things thrown at us and dealt with them admirably and we're into our stride now – bring on the rest of 2020/2021!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker





4P hard at work

# New Staff



**Millie Purton**  
**Teaching Assistant**

Parents and boys who have been with us for some time may remember that we have had a whole generation of the Purton family - brother, sister, cousin— with us as gap students over the years; they were all brilliant. One of them, Millie, has re-joined us this week having completed her English degree at Newcastle University. She will work across the year groups, supporting and teaching English. Welcome back Millie!



*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Alexander T W in 5S**. Alexander has handled the recent Surface Go implementation in a very polite and mature manner, impressing many staff with his organization and good grace. Well done, Alexander!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is **Harry C in 5W**. Dubbed by Mr Reid as the 'Franchise Messi', Harry has shown energy, enthusiasm and no little skill in the Wetherby Premier League event so far this term, Well done, Harry!



*Class-Achievement*

# Kindness Cup



**Murad K 6M**

For encouraging me to play football when I thought I was not very good! *Saverio A 6F*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Henry S, 5C**

Henry was so kind at helping Miss Purton with all the technology in class on what must have been a very confusing first day for her. He was so calm and efficient and it really helped keep the lesson running smoothly. Well done, Henry and thank you! *Miss Bidie*

◆ **Cyrus F 4L**

Every day this term, Cyrus has made me smile. He is such a polite, smiley and kind young man who never fails to lend a hand without prompting. He is a great team player and always offers to help other boys in his class if they are missing equipment or can't find their books. *Mrs Gourlay*

◆ **Oscar D 6E**

For being a good friend and sitting next to me on the bus. *George Yatsenko 6F*

◆ **Elyas E 8V**

When I was ill last week, he sent me lots of messages of support. *Thomas Dunn*

# NOTICES

**Ms Russell writes...**

## **Online Textbooks**

All boys at Wetherby are able to access a selection of relevant textbooks online using the Dynamic Learning platform. Boys who are new to Wetherby this year will need to sign up for an account and we will show them how to do this next week. You can access the platform at home by visiting [my.dynamic-learning.co.uk](http://my.dynamic-learning.co.uk) and boys will need to log in using their Wetherby email address and the password they set when they first register; we will make sure that they write these in their diaries and it would be advisable also to keep a copy of their login credentials at home. Teachers will often set homework using this platform so it is important that boys are able to access Dynamic Learning when not at school.

I hope your son finds this a useful resource to work from at home.

# English Department

## Figurative TOP 5

*"Birds flying from nest to nest in the morning sunlight, frolicking with the dew drops, suddenly catch my eye."*

**Ali B, Year 4**

*"In the distance, the River Thames curled and wrapped itself about the landmarks like a scarf."*

**Willoughby H, Year 7**

*"The rich black depth of the night sky gave birth to platinum white stars and eccentric planets."*

**Michael L, Year 7**

*"He took a deep breath and stepped into the endless mist."*

**Fred R, Year 4**

*"The leaves started to dance in the wind and the sun sprinted across to join our little party."*

**Hugo S, Year 5**

# Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



**SPACE NEWS w/b 14.09.20**

Dear Wetherby family,

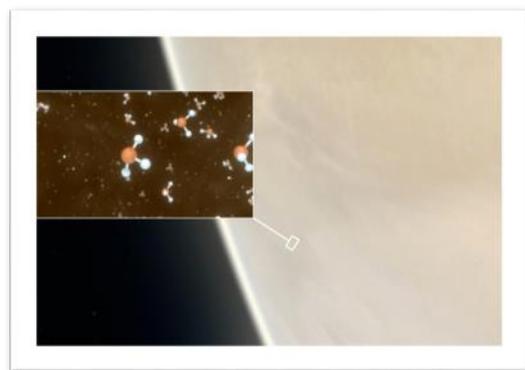
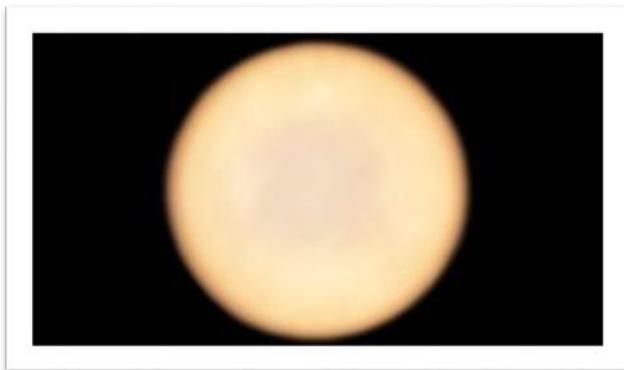
**An incredible announcement in the Astrophysics world this week!**

**Strange chemical in clouds of Venus defies explanation.**

**Could it be a sign of life?**

**Is there life on Venus?**

**A new discovery suggests we should look harder.**



An international team of astronomers, led by Professor Jane Greaves of Cardiff University, announced on Monday that it has spotted the chemical fingerprint of phosphine, which scientists have suggested may be tied to life, in the clouds of the second rock from the sun. The finding is no guarantee that life exists on Venus, but researchers say it's a tantalizing find that emphasizes the need for more missions to the hot, gassy planet next door.

## Summary of the discovery...

### What has been discovered?

A molecule called phosphine has been detected in the atmosphere of the planet Venus.

### Why is it interesting?

The amount of phosphine that has been detected is relatively large. On Earth, phosphine can result from natural processes such as lightning and volcanic activity, but only in small amounts. The only known processes that produce phosphine on Earth in similar quantities are biological in origin.

### Does that mean there is life on Venus?

**No.** What's exciting is that this is the first detection of a *possible sign of life* for which we have no plausible alternative explanation. That doesn't mean that there definitely is life, as we could be missing some other method of producing phosphine in the required amounts, but it's a very exciting possibility which needs more investigation.

### How was it detected?

Observations of the light passing through the atmosphere of Venus were made using the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope (JCMT) in Hawaii. Atoms and molecules absorb light at very specific and unique wavelengths, and the resulting 'absorption spectrum' revealed a gap at the wavelength of phosphine. This implied that phosphine was present, and absorbing light as it passed through the atmosphere.

### What further research would be needed to confirm life or not?

The best way of doing this would be to directly detect life itself. Ultimately this would involve re-visiting Venus with probes, which would make measurements in the planet's atmosphere, and potentially bring back samples to Earth for further analysis.

# Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

## Art Activity

Here is an art activity from the Firstsite collective. Give it a go and show the Art Department for housepoints!

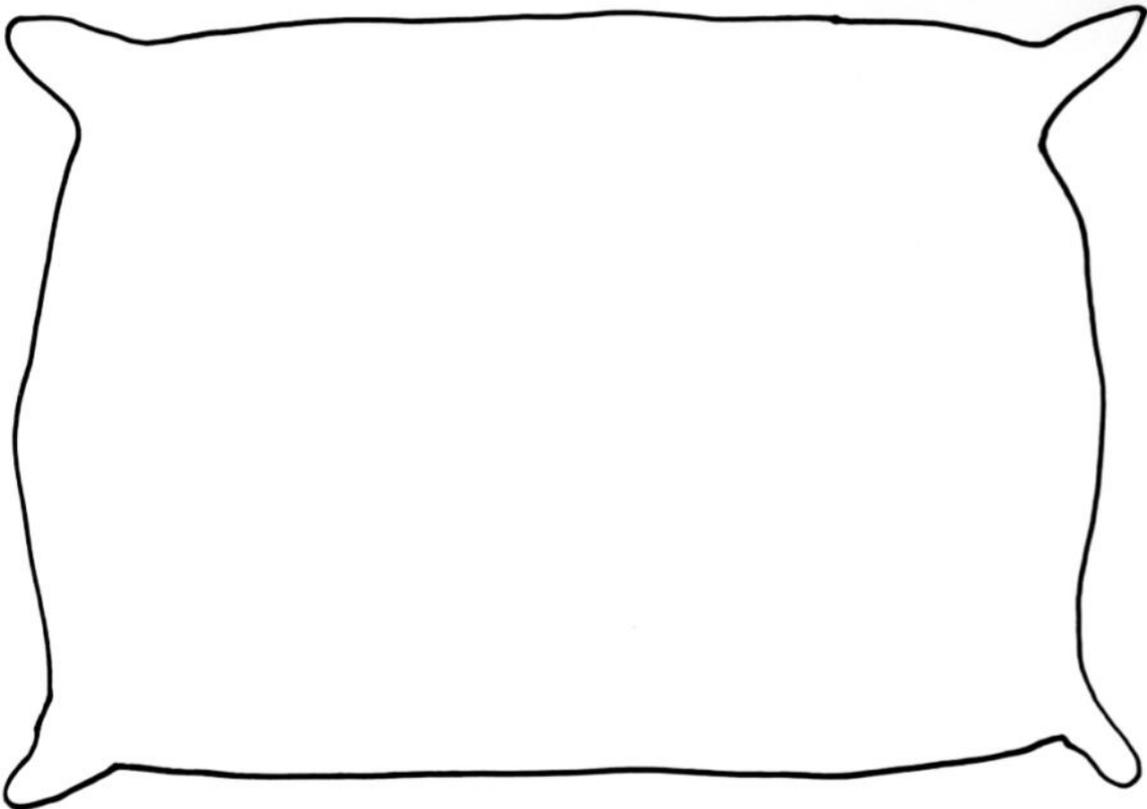
Hayley Newman

### Pillows

While at home I have been thinking about pillows and how they make you feel safe – every night billions of pillows help people all over the world to sleep, rest and dream 😊

Draw your own pillow or trace around this one and then fill it in by doing one or more of the following:

- Write about a dream you've had
- Draw your dream
- Decorate it with things you love
- Draw five pillows on a single sheet and fill each one with a feeling
- See what happens when your hand moves across the page/pillow without thinking – you might surprise yourself!



# Wetherby Sport

**Mr Trencher writes...**

## **SPORTS REPORT**

The Wetherby Premier League kicked off this week! With temperatures hitting highs of 28 degrees thought the week, we were certainly in for a fiery affair on the pitch. All players displayed high levels of teamwork, motivation and skills. It was great to see all year groups back at the WPS sports ground. The scores and results for this week are as follows:

### **U8 & U9**

PSG 4—2 Ajax  
MOTM: **Maxwell L**

Lyon 4—2 PSV  
MOTM: **Paddy B**

Galatasaray 4—1 Anderlecht  
MOTM: **Reis J**

Club Brugge 9—8 FC Porta  
MOTM: **Felix L**

Fenerbahce 4—1 Bayern Munich  
MOTM: **Finley R**

Borussia Dortmund 6—3 Sporting Lisbon  
MOTM: **Siwoo H**

### **U10**

Arsenal 5—4 Liverpool  
MOTM: **Dino L**

Chelsea 5—4 Tottenham  
MOTM: **Moritz K**

Man City 5—2 Man United  
MOTM: **Kian D**

Leeds United 6—1 Crystal Palace  
MOTM: **Adam S**

Wolves 9—4 Fulham  
MOTM: **Louis V S**

West Ham 6—2 Aston Villa  
MOTM: **Jai M**

## U11

Inter Milan 6—4 Juventus  
MOTM: **Junyi Chen**

Real Madrid 4—3 Sevilla  
MOTM: **Ludovic Baring**

Atletico 4—1 Barcelona  
MOTM: **Louie Dean**

Real Madrid 4—3 Sevilla  
MOTM: **Ludovic Baring**

Atalanta 4—1 AC Milan  
MOTM: **Dillon Du C**

## U12

Wales 3—1 Ireland  
MOTM: **Filippo H**

England 4—2 Scotland  
MOTM: **Jake M**

Denmark 5—0 Finland  
MOTM: Hugo **M-S**

Norway 5—3 Sweden  
MOTM: **Raffi P**

## U13

Argentina 7—5 Brazil  
MOTM: **Gabriel W**

Chile 4—1 Uruguay  
MOTM: **Seb B**

Colombia 4—6 Peru  
MOTM: **Orlando S**

Ecuador 2—1 Venezuela  
MOTM: **Luke T**

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 4P</b> 173	<b>Form 4L</b> 126	<b>Form 3H</b> 114



# Photos of the Week





# Feed



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**Hannah J Preece**

👤 Today at 2:52 PM

## School Running Club!

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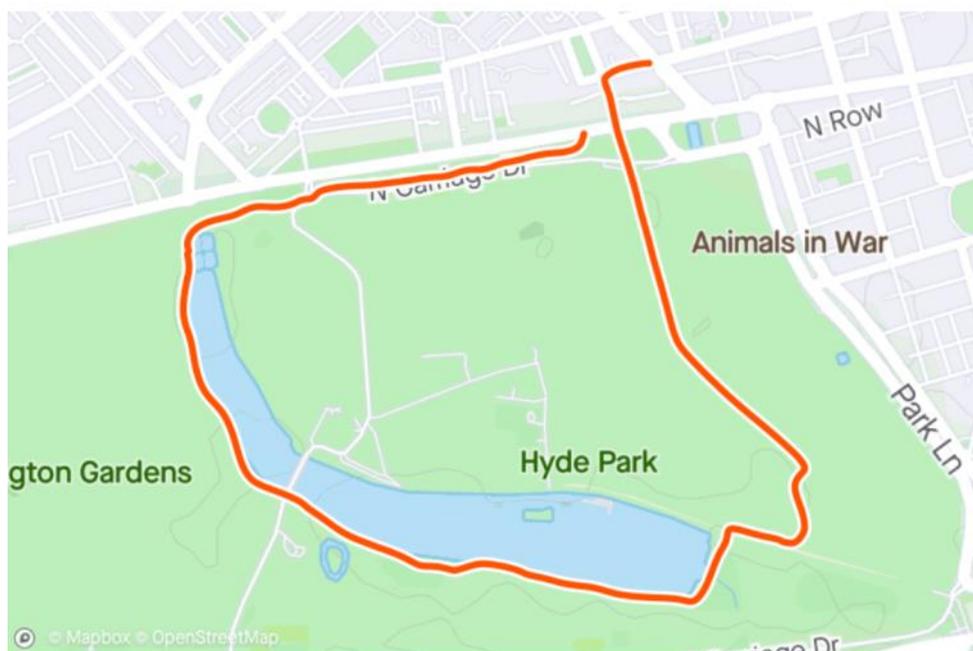
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Pace

7:29 /km

Achievements

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1 gave kudos



**Hannah J Preece**

📅 September 7, 2020 at 7:15 PM



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