

WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Autumn Term | Week 7



WEEK 7 — Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th November 2020

Monday 2nd November:

- **Lower School Assessments**
- **Year 7 Autumn Term Assessments**
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U12 Wetherby Premier League Round 5 (H) – 9:30am
- U11 Wetherby Premier League Round 5 (H) – 2:15pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm

Tuesday 3rd November:

- **Lower School Assessments**
- **Year 7 Autumn Term Assessments**
- U8/U9 Wetherby Premier League Round 5 (H) – 2:15pm

Wednesday 4th November:

- **Lower School Assessments**
- **Year 7 Autumn Term Assessments**
- Lower School Science Virtual Reality Workshop – am
this is a catch up session from last year's Science Week for last year's 3H, 4S, 5O and 5L (Newman to Yatsenko)

Thursday 5th November:

- **Lower School Assessments**
- **Year 7 Autumn Term Assessments**
- U13 Wetherby Premier League Round 5 – 9:30am
- U10 Wetherby Premier League Round 5 – 2:15pm
- Miss Bidie and Ms Russell to APG RS Forum – 4-6pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm

Friday 6th November:

- Staff Meeting—8am
- Whole School Assembly on Zoom – 8:45am
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 

Saturday 7th November:

Sunday 8th November:

Clubs

Monday

- Advanced English (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Choir (Years 7 & 8) – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing (Year 5) – 4-5pm
- Debating (Years 3, 4, 6 & 7) – 4-5pm
- Football (Years 3, 4 & 5) – 4-5pm
- Geography Club (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Homework Club (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Years 3 & 4) – 4-6pm

Tuesday

- Morning Running (Years 5 & 6) – 7:45-8:45am
- Rock Band (Year 5) – 8-9am
- Arts & Crafts (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Chess (Years 7 & 8) – 4-5pm
- Choir (Years 5 & 6) – 4-5pm
- Cookery Club (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Homework Club (Year 5) – 4-5pm
- Lego Robotics (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- After School Cricket Club (Year 5) – 5-7pm

Wednesday

- Tennis Club (Years 3 & 4) – 8-9am
- Code Club: Game Making (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- D&T/Engineering Club (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Year 5) – 4-6pm
- Homework Club (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Homework Club (Year 7) – 4-5pm
- Reasoning (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- Rock Band (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Table Tennis (Year 5) – 4-5pm

Thursday

- Rowing (Year 8) – 7:15-9am
- Morning Mental Maths (Years 3 & 4) – 7:45-8:20am
- Morning Running (Years 7 & 8) – 7:45-8:45am
- Morning Guitar & Harp Ensemble (Year 6) – 8-8:30am
- Advanced English (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Chess (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Code Club (Year 7) – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Drawing (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- Dodgeball Club (Year 5) – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Year 6) – 4-6pm
- Homework Club (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- Maths Revision (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- String Orchestra (Year 5) – 4-5pm

Friday

- Board Games & Puzzles (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Cookery (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Cricket (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Lego (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Warhammer (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Arts & Crafts (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Chess (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Drama (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Robotics – F1 Micro Cars (Year 5) – 2:15-5pm
- Skateboarding (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Cartoon Club (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Eaton Fives (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Horse Riding (Year 6) – 2:15-5pm
- Lego (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Public Speaking and Debating (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Wetherby Newspaper (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Airfix (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Film Review (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Running & Fitness (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Young Lawyers and Model UN (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Art Scholarship (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Classical Greek Language (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Film Review (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Running & Fitness (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Wetherby Cantata (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- After School Cricket Club (Year 6) – 5-7pm

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

What a half term that was! By no means the full setlist of acts normally expected in a Wetherby Prep termly performance but we did what we could, and, judging by the atmosphere in the building, the boys are happy... though I think everyone would admit that the holidays are probably more welcome than ever before. To 'get away' with just one class off for one week is pretty good going and perversely, our attendance rate of 96.2% for the first half of term is two points higher than at the same time last year. Not wanting to tempt fate but it's reassuring that in a global health crisis, the WPS community are staying healthy and stoic in an ever-uncertain environment. Lots of people are asking, "What do you think is going to happen? How long will it be like this?" And the simple answer is, I don't know. We can only control what we can control and we will simply continue to adapt to whatever guidelines are presented to us.

The spontaneity of visiting pubs and restaurants may have disappeared but if we can take anything positive out of the current restrictions, I don't think I have ever had a warmer welcome in the hospitality industry than I have in the last few months. I was always someone that preferred to stand rather than being confined to a table but in my middle age, a defined seat, with ordering by QR code and table service, particularly with a warm smile and engagement by staff, certainly gives a different and often welcome perspective. As the nights draw in, it can often be easier to stay in rather than go out but I find myself almost obliged to utilise the High Street and local business just to support these industries in tough times.

As I suggested last week, Wetherby Prep boys on a non-uniform day will come suitably attired in casual clothes...and some will make a special effort. There was fancy dress with Alistair O coming dressed as a banana-genie(?), Charlie K as a khaki dinosaur and Ferens C as a blue duck. Our Head Boy, fittingly on transfer deadline day, came as Watford FC's new signing (a new number 11 called 'Sammy'), Saverio A and Bailey P coordinated their own wardrobes beautifully and Duncan S wanted to channel a 'Mr Baker' style... I think that might be the first time ever that I've had a 'style' but I'll certainly take it. I would observe though that Duncan's shoes are a lot shinier than mine and if I have any job this Half Term it is to buy a new pair of school shoes and some brasso! An old friend of mine who worked in the City for years used to say that people only look at shoes and ties when assessing people in that industry, and if that's the case, I'm letting myself down at the moment. Will be sure to take a leaf out of Duncan's book two weeks on Monday.

Thank you for your support this first half of term. We share many parents' disappointment that they can't participate in Wetherby Prep life as much as they have done previously or expected to but we are still here, as open and accessible as we always have been, and your boys have been great company as always.

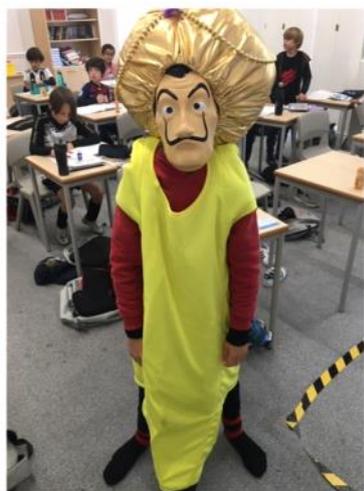
Have a great half term,

Nick Baker

Friday Assembly Broadcast

As many of you will know, we broadcast Friday Assembly internally on Teams and externally on Zoom and Instagram. The Zoom and Teams broadcast seems to be creating conflicts with the camera so going forward we will only have the Teams feed and Instagram feed.

If anyone techy knows why the camera drops out when using the dual platform please let me know but otherwise we will focus on Instagram (@wetherbyprep) and Teams.





Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Finn C in 7B**. Finn is a very helpful, courteous and polite young man who can always be found holding doors open and putting others before himself. A most impressive character and role model to all.



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is **John C in 7L**. John has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the 'Wetherby Premier League' and plays with a committed and enthusiastic attitude at all times. We would rather be playing against other schools of course but to John this is clearly the next best thing!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Hirofumi Z 6C

For making sure the classroom is organised and clean for the day ahead. He does this most mornings without me asking. Such a kind boy! *Miss Casserly*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Beckett W 8G**

Beckett brought me a chocolate brownie on Friday morning. Absolutely made my day, it was also one of the best brownies I've ever had! *Miss Orpwood*

◆ **Eric E 5C**

Eric comforted Zach (also 5C) when he was disappointed that he hadn't completed a trick in skateboarding club. Eric gave Zach a shoulder to lean on and encouraging words! *Miss Kirk*

◆ **Henry R 6F**

Henry helped me clear up my pen which had spilt blue ink everywhere- thank you! *Chase O 6E*

◆ **Cormac M 5W**

In swimming/games this week, another boy dropped the ball and Cormac ran over and said don't worry about it, it's no big deal everyone makes mistakes. Really good sportsmanship and kindness. *Mr Blundell*

◆ **Rishaan U 7T**

Rishaan got some M&Ms for me when I was feeling a little bit down- he really did cheer me up and is very kind. *Lorenz B*

◆ **Lucas A 4P**

For his generous donation towards Non-School Uniform day, he added £20 of his own money! *Miss Preece*

◆ **Zac N 5C**

He is incredibly kind in every way. He always holds the door open for anyone he sees and every morning upon entering the classroom, his first words are to ask how I am. On top of this, he always pays attention to everyone's needs. If you are having a bad day, he is by your side with kind and supporting words. He often makes my day! *Miss Cox*

◆ **Myles and Maxwell L 3H**

They baked cupcakes in Club and came up to my office to give me one. They are great boys! *Mr Blundell*

◆ **Finn C 7B**

He is such a polite young man. After lunch today he held the back door open for all the boys and then came back to open the door for me. He then proceeded to ask how I was and if I was looking forward to half term. A true gent! *Miss Andrews-Bowen*

◆ **Archie A 4P, Freddie M 4S Christopher A 4S**

These boys were so helpful tucking in chairs and tidying 4S after homework club - such lovely boys! *Miss Preece*

◆ **Henry M S 7T**

I would like to nominate Henry Moody Stuart as I had lost my surface go, but Henry kindly came to my class and gave it to me by sparing some time for me. *Vihaan T*

School Council

Miss Lister writes...

School Council Meeting Minutes Autumn Week 6: 13.10.20

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- Kindness Day 13th November 2020: School Council could do another a poster to put up around their bubbles?
- Kindness could be talked about in all lessons that day.
- Form Time activities- friendship hand idea (draw around your hand and write in examples of when people have been kind to you).
- Maybe, no homework on that day?
- Encourage more boys to nominate for the Kindness Cup that week.
- Board Games during WPS Break - make sure they are available in the classrooms.
- Homework Diary- are we using them as much? Sometimes people don't have them in school and HPs are lost. Housepoints on our Surface Go instead?
- Year 8 SC and PLT to set up a 'sweet cart' (suitable for all children in school) wearing masks and gloves. Year groups taken in their bubbles to get some sweets.

**The next meeting is scheduled for after Half Term: Tuesday 3rd November at 8:40am.
Have a great Half Term, everyone!**

English Department

Wetherby English Department celebrates Black History Month

As part of the schools celebration of 'Black History Month' the Y8 Scholars have been studying literature by writers from ethnic minorities. Their research and studies have culminated in a response to the following question:

"Black History Month is incredibly important for British society."

Write an essay for the school newsletter to explain your point of view on this topic.

All boys responded to this task in an intelligent and sensitive way, showing a mature engagement and understanding with this topical issue.

The following boys have had their work selected for you to read and enjoy:

Sami K writes...

For a large portion of human history, many black people have felt misjudged, mistreated, forced to denounce what they believe in. After so many years of harm and abuse, it was time for change, and thus came the birth of Black History Month. Though many have criticised Black History Month, it has given the opportunity for black people, both young and old, both rich and poor, to have a say in this world, to have a voice for change, for freedom and for righteousness.

In fact, it was president George Ford, during one of his last presidential speeches, who said that Black History Month gave a chance for the world to "seize the opportunity to honour the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavour throughout our history." And in this, George Ford is right. Through the cloudy, murky waters of history, it seems as though black people have often been forgotten, left aside as though they did not matter, as though they were abnormal, as though they were nothing... And so, what better way to celebrate Black History Month than to remember those forgotten heroes who sacrificed their fortune, safety and their lives to bring about equality and Black History Month.

We begin with Claudette Colvin, a pioneer in racial equality. I'm sure many of you have heard of Rosa Parks, refusing to give up her seat on that now infamous, world-renowned bus. However, nine months before that, Claudette Colvin, in Alabama too refused to give up her seat. She battled not only with the police but with the very core of the justice system itself. She protested that Segregation on public transport must be banned. And history she made. Thanks to Claudette Colvin, five States of America, including Alabama, banned racism on public transport. If it weren't for her, I myself can guarantee that discrimination would not be brought to light for its evilness and cruelty. Nowadays, thanks to Black History Month, we are able to recognise the ones whose history has been lost and destroyed through the course of time and discrimination. Now, we are able to remember those who changed the world.

Another revolutionary figure in the civil rights activist movement was Amelia Boynton Robinson. Arguably the most important female in the entire civil rights movement, Robinson helped in letting all people vote, no matter their gender or the colour of their skin. Unfortunately, however, life wasn't easy for Robinson. She constantly faced discrimination, and almost reached the point of quitting life all together... But the sad truth is that for most black people, life was not easy. Imagine being faced with constant judgement, hate and discrimination, to be forced to Labour as a slave for your entire life. The troubles that faced Robinson were the troubles that nearly all black people experienced throughout both the 19th and the early 20th century. It is so vital that we learn not only about the great victories of the world but the tremendous pain that many experienced. After all, "for victory we must learn defeat." Black History Month helps recognise the trouble, the hardship, and the struggle that so many of these pioneers experienced.

Though it may be right in its intentions, many people question Black History Month's inclusivity. After all, the United Kingdom is a multicultural and diverse society; so why should we only dedicate a month to black history and not to any other ethnic minority? Doesn't the fact that the United Kingdom (and many other nations) only celebrates one ethnic minority prove it to be not so multicultural as we think it to be? Furthermore, many would argue that it is wrongful to label black history as *black history*. We do not merely identify white history as *white history*; instead we just call it *history*. The same must be done for *black history*.

Whilst we must embrace and appreciate people from all cultures, I do not believe Black History Month is the way forward. By characterising someone by the colour of their skin, we are automatically boxing and barricading them from the world. How can we force these people to move over to a sub-category of history purely because of their race and ethnicity? *That* is racism. Do not label someone, but embrace them; for after all, we are all humans. Though we may look different, we are all members of the world, and so we must all strive for equality and freedom. It was the great Martin Luther King Jr. who said, "I have a dream." So now, it is our turn to revolutionise the world and turn that dream into a reality. Carpe Diem. Seize the day.

Drago S – J writes...

Significance of Black History

The notion of past struggles and the rise of Black culture and heroic endeavours is central to Black History month. Ever since its official creation in 1987, it has had a growing significance on our daily lives around us, and has reached paramount importance, pertaining to the worldwide movement of Black Lives Matter. Even prior to the abolition of slavery, figures such as Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks have had a huge impact on our daily lives. Another example of these unsung heroes are Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Dorothy Vaughan, whom I will go into further detail about regarding the significance of Black History Month.

Their eyes were fireflies, lit by the fire from the thing they had created. It was a wave of ghosts, the silence surrounding them deafening. The drums of time rolled and ceased. One spoke, his shaking voice amplified by the microphone. He began the countdown, behind him a sea of nameless faces, watching. Steam rolled down this automaton steadily. Suddenly, the voice said something that will change our lives forever, "LIFT OFF." A shower of incandescent lights was all one could see at this spectacle, the hope of the onlookers a pebble in the gloom. It rose to the sky, breaking through the clouds in its journey up towards heaven. The three women endured the daggers of heat piercing their skin. A sudden sweetness began to appear amid their past sorrows as their countenances broke into smiles. It rose up and out of sight. A tumultuous cheer could be heard all across America. NASA was applauded endlessly for their efforts. Yet those three knew, that it was them who had done it.

The story of these three incredible women was one like any other story of Black triumph, unheard of. It was only first recognised a whole 50 years after it happened, but then it was created into the film *Hidden Figures*, possibly one of the biggest movies pertaining to Black victory and is now is a story that is known globally. In conclusion, Black History is an idea that has changed our perspectives on how we think about non - white people and should be celebrated with an utmost importance.

Innes A writes...

"Black History Month is incredibly important for British society"

2020 has been a crazy year packed chockfull of racial tension and never before has Black History Month been taken so seriously as in the summer of 2020 when unarmed black man George Floyd was fatally choked to death by a white police officer. This sparked a global outcry when protesters filled the streets and chanted the signature cry "Black Lives Matter!". This month is the month to remember and learn about black heroes among British society and demand equality for black and all ethnic minorities.

Arguably, previous Black History Months have been diluted and focused primarily on black people's contributions. However, this year's events have shone a mirror on a murkier past of slave trading and discrimination in the UK.

It is a belief that black people first arrived in the UK in the 1940s, when Britain was recovering from WWII and needed more people to come to Britain and work to boost the economy. The government sent ships to the Caribbean with the promise of a better life. These people who migrated into Britain between 1948-1971 were known as the Windrush generation, after the ship, MV Empire Windrush which brought 492 passengers from the Caribbean to the UK in 1948. These people suffered from intense racism brought by the white natives of Britain. Housing and jobs were poor for black people back then and racial attacks on the streets by gangs were common. Unfortunately, they were not given official documents by the government and could not become UK citizens. Contrary to popular belief, science has proved that one of the first people to set foot in what was Britain in the stone age was believed to be a black man.

When people think about Black History, they generally think about Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus boycott in Alabama or the famous black activist Martin Luther King Jr. who campaigned for equality in the 1960s whose famous "I have a dream" speech rocked the world at that time. South Africa also had its share of black role models such as Nelson Mandela who was an Anti-Apartheid revolutionary for his country. However, little is generally known about black people in Britain. For example, everyone remembers the greatness that Florence Nightingale brought during the Crimean war, whereas little is known about Mary Seacole who was also a nurse in the same era, who also helped British soldiers in that war. A statue of her stands outside St. Thomas hospital in London.

This year has been year of tension. In the UK we have been reminded of the cases of Mark Duggan and Stephen Lawrence and claims of institutional racism in the police force and of slave trading, with statues being pulled down for example the statue of Edward Colston in Bristol. This is a very good year to celebrate what is great about Black History within British society and to raise awareness of the past violations made against black people in Britain.

Advanced English Club

Year 8 boys in Advanced English Club have researched the historical events of the 'Windrush Generation' using images of the event to create the following empathic responses.



Oliver T and Alexander N

Looking out at the land ahead: the land of my dreams, the land of potential for greatness, for wealth, the land of hopes and promise, I noticed the roar of Caribbean people hungry for jobs. Faces flaring with ambition for a new life, noses sniffing out success like search dogs and eyes burning with passion. The wind whistled over Windrush as the people joined its merry tune, the beautiful blaring sun smiled gleefully above the determined, soaring ship that sailed over the waves. This boat was a beacon of hope glimmering among the glistening sea.

Smoke erupted out of the funnel, a signal to the bigoted British that they should welcome these hospitable people who would bring so much joy and culture to their lives. People started to clamber out of the boat and onto land as the ropes were tossed ashore. Children's eyes amazed at the site of this place, their instinct beckoning for them to explore a new mysterious adventure.

Brooks S and James X

We were standing out on the lacquered deck, staring out to the coast of England and hypnotised by the chalk cliffs of Dover that we had heard about in stories, but never thought we would see. The soaring vessel glided effortlessly over the endless ocean, as we passed a local fishing boat, we all hailed toward him energetically hoping that he would wave back but instead the man looked away in disgust and went on with his day, this was the first bitter taste.

I have been traveling for ages, all those times waiting to see the great structures and cities of London; dreaming about the life I would be living inside a warm and comfortable house, working in a good job. I could honestly imagine how much mum and dad would be impressed. In the end, I have travelled to a place where they have never travelled to. I almost felt happiness burst out of the throat inside me.

The ship was soon closing in, traveling through the ocean, only a few hours or maybe a day left until I could see those huge buildings and large bridges that I have never in my life seen before. I knew I was coming up to a new experience that would change my life forever...

Theodore D

Emerald palm trees swayed in the soft breeze whilst beautiful birds flew overhead leaving an angel-like shadow on the golden ground. Gradually, the bronze sun fought its way under the horizon. The swaying sea monotonously tried to climb up the beach and into the land but to no avail. Further away from the shore the silver sea undulated, blocking out and then revealing the exhausted sun. As the moon came into the night sky the sea transformed into an expanse of diamonds that glowed like the jewel of a royal. They had seen the posters saying 'come to England where there are new opportunities and jobs' it had convinced almost everyone. A month later all the people that had cared for them and the beautiful landscape that surrounded them were about to be replaced by something that they were not expecting.

When they arrived, it was pouring with rain and the waterlogged landscape had dreary grey clouds looming overhead. Little did they know that they were entering a society that would never accept them for who they were and would try everything they could to make them regret the decision they made. The land of prosperity was in fact a land of hardship.

Black History Month

Miss Hood writes...

Across the school this week we have been raising awareness of Black History Month and recognising the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations. Boys have been engaging in activities such as, rehearsing African drumming, listening to podcasts, watching the news, researching influential black people in the science community, studying composers of black origin in Music, exploring the Windrush Generation in History, reflecting on the Lives of Faith in TPR and lots more!

We also had our 'Taste of Jamaica' lunch menu on Tuesday which was a huge hit with both boys and staff.





Maths Department

Mr Gascoine writes...

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER CHALLENGE ANSWERS

Thomas W

Leo B

Emilio N

Alexander K

UPPER CHALLENGE ANSWERS

Thomas W

Jack G

Kieran O'K

Reuben J

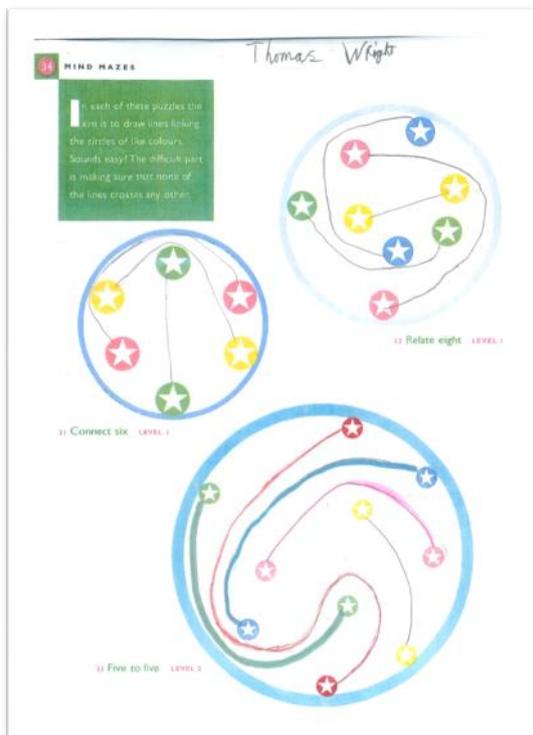
The Dark Horse

William P

Alexander K

Laith A

Taymour A



Top Ten Speed Kings 2020-21

Mr Gascoine writes...

And here we go in a new year of speedsters. Year 5 are holding all the aces thus far, though Year 3 and 4 will make a large contribution no doubt.

Well done to the lone wolf from Year 4, Philip M for making it into the first top ten. And to Dylan E (a good Welsh name) for leading the pack.

Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 12.10.20

Space Calendar 2020

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

LAST UPDATED September 22:

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

October

Oct. 16: New moon

Oct. 16: An Arianespace **Soyuz rocket** will launch the **Falcon Eye 2** Earth-imaging satellite for the United Arab Emirates. It will lift off from the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana, at 9:33 p.m. EDT (0133 GMT on Oct. 17). **Watch it live**

Oct. 17: A Russian **Soyuz rocket** will launch a **Glonass K** navigation satellite from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome in Russia.

Oct. 21-22: The [Orionid meteor shower](#) peaks.

Oct. 22: Just a day before reaching first quarter phase, the moon will be in [conjunction with Jupiter](#) at 1:12 p.m. EDT (1712 GMT). That same day, it will be in [conjunction with Saturn](#) at 11:42 p.m. EDT (0324 GMT on Oct. 23). Look for the trio in the evening sky.

Oct. 23: **SpaceX** will launch its [first operational Crew Dragon mission](#) to the International Space Station, called **Crew-1**, with NASA astronauts Michael Hopkins, Victor Glover and Shannon Walker and Japan's Soichi Noguchi. The mission will launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, at 5:47 a.m. EDT (0947 GMT). **Watch it live**

Oct. 29: The waxing, gibbous moon will be in [conjunction with Mars](#) at 12:16 p.m. EDT (0325 GMT). Look for the pair above the eastern horizon after sunset.

Oct. 31: [Uranus is at opposition](#). This is the best time of year to view the planet, as it is at its biggest and brightest. If the sky is dark enough, you may be able to spot it with your bare eyes.

Oct. 31: This month has two full moons, which means we'll have a "[Blue Moon](#)" on Halloween. The moon reaches full phase at 10:49 a.m. EDT (1449 GMT).

Astro photography that Ayden(4S) has worked on with his dad. Portraying an Andromeda.



Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

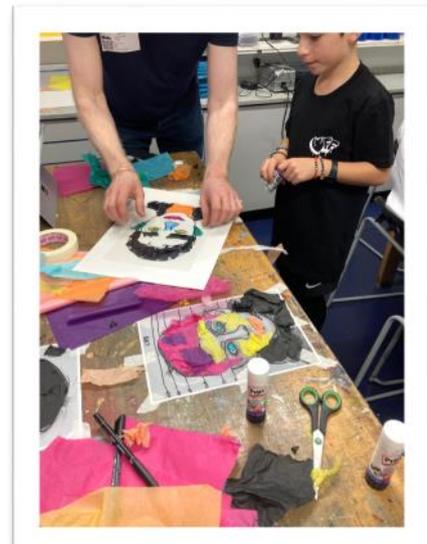
Wetherby Prep Art Department were delighted to welcome British artist Jonathan Huxley into the art room this week. Jonathan ran a series of workshops on portraiture discussing a range of portrait styles and guiding the artists to create their own self-portraits.

Huxley was awarded the Royal Academy Young Masters Prize in 1992 and the award for the most popular painting at the Royal College of Art show in 1997. He was featured in a 1991 documentary for Channel 4 'Behind the Eye'. Huxley was elected a member of the Royal Watercolour Society in 2014. He was a prize-winner in the 2009 RWS/Sunday Times Watercolour Competition, winning the Penguin Classics Prize for Cover Art, and was a finalist for the 2014 Jerwood Drawing Prize. He was featured in the Autumn 2016 issue of the Bankside Gallery RWS magazine.

His work can be viewed via the link below.

<https://jonathanhuxley.com/>

Many thanks to the Farhadi family for the introduction to this inspiring artist.





Flip Portraits

Classics Department

Mr Vogiatzis writes...

“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?”

8V would like to thank Mrs Kate Daudy for being such an inspiration to all of us with her magnificent presentation on refugees. The scholars thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and they were stimulated as well as emotionally moved and motivated by Mrs Daudy’s artistry and visual take on immigration. We are also very grateful for the wonderful gifts crafted by Syrian women. At uncertain times as such, we turn to art to find the kindness and love we are looking for. Mrs Daudy’s presentation had the power to remind us that art is both cathartic as well as an all-inclusive act of love.

Gratias Vobis Ago,
Magister V.



Wetherby Sport

Mr Trencher writes...

Wetherby Premier League

It has been a great first half term for the Wetherby Premier League, with all the boys displaying high levels of enthusiasm and skill throughout. The afternoon games session has become a battle ground for teams to translate the hard work from training into competitive games. As we go into the mid-season break, Sky Sports News has reported a 2-week transfer window. We are anticipating some big moves to strengthen teams as we go into the second half of the season.

U8/9

Anderlecht 5 vs. 4 Dortmund
MOTM: Max D

PSV 3 vs. 0 Ajax
MOTM: Maximilian P

Sporting Lisbon 2 vs. 1 Bayern Munich
MOTM: Victor C

Lyon 8 vs. 4 FC Porto
MOTM: Evo S

Fenerbache 3 vs. 2 Galatasaray
MOTM: Alessandro L

PSG 8 vs. 3 Club Brugge
MOTM: Maxwell L

U10

Man City 6 vs. 3 Arsenal
MOTM: Younis A

Liverpool 4 vs. 4 Spurs
MOTM: Cormac M

Man United 5 vs. 3 Chelsea
MOTM: Dylan E

West Ham 6 vs. 3 Wolves
MOTM: Ratan D'S

Fulham 4 vs. 1 Leeds United
MOTM: Methu M

U11

AC Milan 6 vs. 4 Juventus
MOTM: Tyler N

Seville 3 vs. 6 Barcelona
MOTM: Leo G

Inter Milan 4 vs. 3 Atalanta
MOTM: Alex W

Real Madrid 3 vs. 4 Atletico Madrid
MOTM: Lewis D

U12

Wales 5 vs. 4 Scotland
MOTM: Filippo H

England 3 vs. 2 Ireland
MOTM: Willoughby H

Finland 3 vs. 2 Norway
MOTM: Charles P

Denmark 3 vs. 2 Sweden
MOTM: Lucas G

U13

Chile 2 vs. 2 Argentina
MOTM: Tito H

Ecuador 5 vs. 0 Peru
MOTM: Elyas E

Brazil 2 vs. 1 Uruguay
MOTM: Rocco R

Colombia 2 vs. 2 Venezuela
MOTM: Monty S

Current League Tables

U8/9

	Team	Played	Points
1	PSG	5	15
2	Lyon	5	13
3	Club Brugge	5	10
4	PSV	5	9
5	FC Porto	5	7
6	Ajax	5	6

	Team	Played	Points
1	Sporting Lisbon	5	13
2	Galatasaray	5	11
3	Fenerbahce	5	11
4	Borussia Dortmund	5	10
5	Anderlecht	5	10
6	Bayern Munich	5	5

U10

	Team	Played	Points
1	West Ham United	5	15
2	Aston Villa	5	12
3	Wolves	5	9
4	Crystal Palace	5	9
5	Leeds United	5	7
6	Fulham	5	7

	Team	Played	Points
1	Chelsea	5	11
2	Liverpool	5	12
3	Tottenham	5	10
4	Man United	5	10
5	Man City	5	8
6	Arsenal	5	8

U11

	Team	Played	Points
1	Inter Milan	5	14
2	Atalanta	5	12
3	AC Milan	5	7
4	Juventus	5	5

	Team	Played	Points
1	Barcelona	5	12
2	Sevilla	5	11
3	Real Madrid	5	10
4	Atletico Madrid	5	9

U12

	Country	Played	Points
1	Denmark	5	13
2	Norway	5	10
3	Sweden	5	9
4	Finland	5	9

	Country	Played	Points
1	England	5	13
2	Wales	5	13
3	Scotland	5	9
4	Ireland	5	7

U13

	Country	Played	Points
1	Argentina	5	12
2	Chile	5	12
3	Brazil	5	10
4	Uruguay	5	7

	Country	Played	Points
1	Ecuador	5	16
2	Peru	5	13
3	Venezuela	5	10
4	Colombia	5	6

Team of the Week



Mr Trencher writes...

Paper Airplane Competition 7T

It was great to see 7T taking their 'Competition Thursday' to new heights this week. Lorenz Bjorgolfsson took responsibility to run the competition and showed great leadership skills. Boys had six minutes to design and test their paper airplanes before they took flight.

Well done to the following students for placing in the top three:

- 1st Kiran K**
- 2nd Dexter B**
- 3rd Jack J**



Year 8 Talk

Kit K writes...

Waterside Ape – Peter Rhys-Evans

On Tuesday afternoon we were told we were going to have a talk/book signing with a man called Peter Rhys-Evans. Peter had just finished writing his book, "waterside ape", and came to our school to spread the word about another theory of evolution and how there were crucial holes in the theory of evolution when it came to the matter of what happened between when we got down from the trees as monkeys, and when we started to walk on land and hunt. The current theory that is assumed by all geologists is that by natural selection, the apes stood up on land just because they needed to if they wanted to hunt and survive. They never take into account on how that happened and just assumed that it did. In 1960 Alistair Hardy became the first person to question how this would have worked, and put time and research into constructing the AAH (Aquatic Ape Theory). This theory argues that our marsupial ancestors was closer linked with the ocean and sea than we first thought. Hardy stated that before we learned to walk we learned to swim, and catch game in the water as well as adopting this walking position on land because that is how we would position ourselves in the water. The AAH fills so many of the gaps in the theory of evolution. For example, if we stayed on land the whole time why would we lose all of that hair? It is because having so much hair isn't useful in water and affects our ability to be streamlined whilst swimming. Peter has been fascinated by this small theory that makes so much sense since the 70's and has compiled all his information into one book, in the hopes that he might further educate people on how we came to be and if the theory of evolution we all know is in fact, wrong. After this talk I felt like I had a deeper understanding and respect for the ocean and the seas because I had always felt like we were two different worlds. I now think knowing that we once evolved and originated from a more water based ancestor makes me feel a lot more respect and trust over something we all don't know much about still to this day.



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Philip M - 44

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright	Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Chepstow Captain S. Bell	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou
679	678	635	615

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright	Chepstow Captain S. Bell
3024	3000	2936	2778

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4S 362	Form 4L 265	Form 7T 221



Photos of the Week

Science: Year 8 Forces





Cookery Club in action!



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