



WETHERBUZZ



2020/21 | Autumn Term | Week 13



WEEK 13 — Monday 14th to Sunday 20th December 2020

Monday 14th December:

- **NO MORNING, AFTER SCHOOL OR AFTERNOON CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm**
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm

Tuesday 15th December:

- **NO MORNING, AFTER SCHOOL OR AFTERNOON CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm**
- Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December:

- **LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1pm**
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly **on ZOOM** – 11am

Thursday 17th December:

- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Friday 18th December:

- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Saturday 19th December:

Sunday 20th December:



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

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,

I trust everyone received a WPS Christmas Card this week and enjoyed the latest Fiona Macpherson creation; she captures the spirit of our school completely. A member of staff said to me that the card will only mean something to Wetherby boys, seeing as so few parents have entered into the building this term and some won't even have met our school dog Nancy who makes a guest appearance. Hopefully, the card gives you a bit of an insight into your son's 'other world' this term and we can welcome you into the school as you would normally do in the months and terms to come.



The last of our 'Parents' Evenings' took place on Monday. There are very few 'covid keeps' that we will take away from 2020 but I think the SchoolCloud Parents' Evenings may be here to stay judging by parental feedback. The five minutes can be brisk and my apologies for being brutally cut-off by the timed guillotine before being able to say 'Goodbye' but the time limit and count-down clock does ensure we (as teachers) get to the point and you can ask succinct questions. Of course, anything that requires a longer discussion can be made separately. We always say that there should be no surprises at Parents' Evenings and in end of year reports, because anything important should have been communicated beforehand. Parents' Evening should be an opportunity to merely 'catch up and check in' but I trust you found it worthwhile, convenient and efficient, and you appreciated not being in a long snaking queue akin to a warm summers day at Disneyland. There are a few other things that have gone better in Covid times that we may never have realised if not placed in this position. I think 2020 has made all of us think differently about all aspects of our personal and working lives.

With schools closing all around us, as they have got to their term end or for Covid reasons, we stay open and are determined to see this term through. Bake Sale today, Carol Concert broadcast next week, last Assembly still planned for Wednesday at 11am. We do not plan to close earlier than the stated date but we will start checkout from 12pm on Wednesday and buses leaving **by** 1pm just so we can stagger and spread out what is always a very busy and congested time for the school.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



New member of our Wetherby family!

Isla Maguire was born this morning—many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Maguire.





Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Methu M in 5W**. Methu is a brilliant pupil in class and always attentive and responsive. He is always ready with a response and he handles his intellect with humility and always good grace—a most impressive young man!



Sportsman of the Week

Sportsman of the Week is **Dylan E in 5A**. Dylan is a fine all-round sportsman and we have been disappointed not to show off his skills in fixtures against other schools this term. This week in Inter-House he excelled with his ability but even more so with how he organised and encouraged those around him—superb!



Class-Achievement

Year 5 Choir

Kindness Cup



Miles C 5S

Miles was so kind in Art this week. He saw that I was behind everyone, so he helped me by preparing all of my colours for me and checking I was OK. Thank you Miles! *Samuele B*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ 3H Form

Luca was feeling a little unwell after being on the bus and I was blown-away by the empathy and compassion of his peers in making sure he felt better, as well as helping him complete the tasks we were doing. What a team of kind Wetherby boys! *Miss Lister*

◆ 5S Form

Miss Andrews-Bowen and I couldn't have been more impressed with 5S on Thursday form time. There was a mix up with cover but rather than panic, they very calmly got on with some reading and just one boy kindly went to find a teacher. Such a mature and good attitude from the whole class! *Mrs G*

◆ Felix R 4T

He always wishes me a good morning each morning and asks me how I am!! Which is very considerate. Such a wonderful way to start the day. *Mr Thorne*

Notices

Mr Blundell writes...

'Oddballs' Hats

Dear Parents,

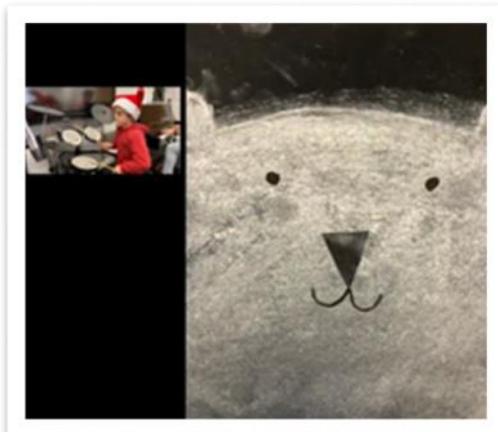
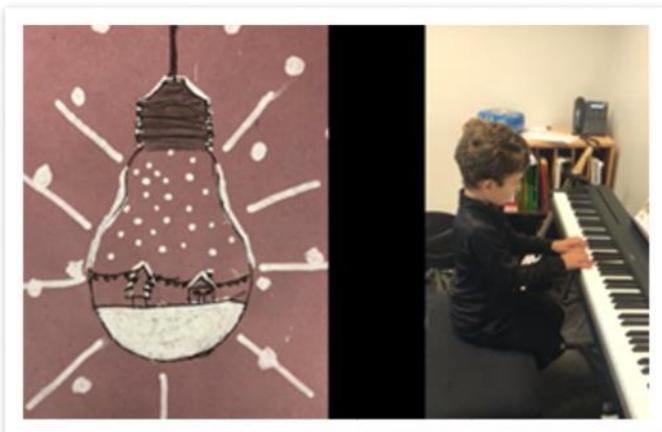
Brand new Wetherby 'Oddballs' hats are available from Jude and from the House of Wetherby. Please buy one to support a great charity and to keep warm this winter. £10 each

"Here's everything you need to know about the hats: The aim of the bobble hats is to get sport and schools teams across the UK wearing our bespoke, personalised bobble hats. We want to get teams talking about testicular cancer and raise awareness, as at the moment it is still a taboo subject and many are uncomfortable talking about it. We are trying to change that and with entire squads and clubs wearing our bobble hats we feel it is a big step in the right direction."



The Wetherby Christmas Video is up and live!

A selection of Christmas pieces and artwork from Wetherby Prep to bring some Christmas cheer in this gloomy year!



Link here <https://youtu.be/5zfSn6Yerrc> or scan the QR code!



Featuring Rock Band, String Ensemble, Guitar & Harp Ensemble, Cantata, Soloists and Staff.

Mr Bayes writes...

Wetherby Prep Christmas Clubs Section

Dear parents,

Please see the link below for details of the Wetherby Prep clubs that are running over the Christmas break, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December, and Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December.

<https://sites.google.com/wetherbyprepstudents.co.uk/clubsinformation/home>

I trust your son will find something that takes his interest.

Please direct any enquires or signups to the lead teacher for the specific club.

Regards,

Dean Bayes
Wetherby Prep Holiday Clubs Coordinator



School Council

Miss Lister writes...

School Council Meeting Minutes Autumn Week 12: 8.12.20

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Final list of Wetherby values: determination, generosity, kindness, knowledge, inquisitive, perseverance, helpful, loyal, community, hard-working, commitment, honesty, equality, inclusive, considerate, free-minded, gentleness, supportive, team-work, mature, respect, safe, selfless.**
- **Happy Birthday to SC Rep Hector!**
- **We've been thinking about food:**
 - **Burritos for lunch! Make your own tacos.**
 - **Sushi day.**
 - **Doughnuts at lunch.**
 - **Bring back Mr Gascoine's favourite- banoffee pie!**
 - **Wetherby signature foods.**
 - **School Council Reps helping with delivering and recycling Friday lunches.**

This Friday, SC Reps will help with distribution of packed lunches:

Years 3, 4 & 7 will be delivered.

But, ALL left-overs are to be brought to the dining room when finished.

Year 5 ----- Entrance area of 47.

Year 6 ----- Staff food serving area, basement 47.

Year 8 ----- Dining room.

ALL left-overs to be brought to dining room.

The next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday 12th January at 8:40am.

Have a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year!

Maths Department

Mr Gascoine writes...

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER CHALLENGE ANSWERS

William P

James B

Zaym Z

Mikhail L

Maxi P

Cezar J

Max D

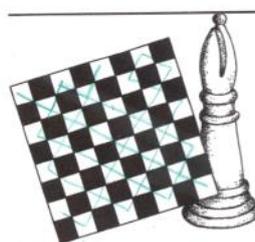
George Y

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 \text{Banana} + \overset{3}{\downarrow} \text{Clock} + \overset{3}{\downarrow} \text{Clock} = 10 \\
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UPPER CHALLENGE ANSWERS

Arthur G

Alex S



The white bishop

The white bishop has decided to visit each of his parishes. These are represented by the white squares on the chessboard. He may pass through his parishes more than once, but he is not allowed to travel the same path again. Each move is like the white bishop's in the game of chess. This means he can go diagonally along any number of the white squares, in a straight line and in any direction. What is the smallest number of moves he can do to complete his task?

17

Arthur
Gouillard
7L

English Department

THE CONFLICT INSIDE

At the crack of dawn, I woke up happily and energetically and tiptoed silently to my parent's bedroom to see if my mum was still in her bed. Like every morning. I saw the covers had moved from when my mum had placed it down and knew she had already gone to work. On the dining table, our breakfast was laid out with a little note saying;

Be good for Dad.

Hope you have a good day.

Love you all, Mum.

I felt a bit down-hearted because it was my birthday and I was finally turning 9. I wanted to open at least one present with her. When would she be back?

I felt proud of my Mum working hard in the NHS to help people but at the same time, I wanted her all to myself. Especially today...

That evening, we all stood side by side on the balcony clapping extremely loudly for the NHS. I clapped for my Mum. I felt proud of her and she was my hero. But at the same time, I felt worried and scared in case she caught the virus. It was very nerve wracking. My heart was telling me one thing and my head was telling me another.

As I lay in bed that night, I heard the front door open and I knew my Mum was home. She came in and gave me a hug and whispered goodnight. Closing my eyes, I felt warm arms covering my body and I felt at peace. I realised my Mum could help others and still be there for me...

By Marcus M 4S

Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 14.12.20

Dear Wetherby family,

Just in case Santa has been asked to bring a telescope...

Best telescopes for kids 2020:

Top picks from Celestron, Orion and Meade to suit all ages and budgets:

<https://www.space.com/29798-best-telescopes-for-kids.html>



Space Calendar 2020:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

December

Dec. 11: A Russian **Angara-A5 rocket** will launch on its second orbital test flight from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome in Russia, at 12:22 a.m. EST (0522 GMT).

Dec. 12: A Rocket Lab **Electron rocket** will launch the StriX- α synthetic aperture radar satellite for the Japanese Earth-imaging company Synspective. The mission, nicknamed "Owl's Night Begins," will lift off from the Mahia Peninsula in New Zealand, at 4:00-5:59 a.m. EST (0900-1059 GMT). [Watch it live](#)

Dec. 13-14: The [Geminid meteor shower](#) peaks.

Dec. 14: The only [total solar eclipse](#) of 2020 will cross through the southern tip of South America. The moon's shadow will take a similar path to the one it did for the "[Great South American Eclipse](#)" of July 2, 2019.

Dec. 14: The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will use a **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle** (PSLV-C50) to launch the **CMS 1** communications satellite. It will lift off from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, India, at approximately 4:30 a.m. EST (0930 GMT).

Dec. 16: Northrop Grumman's Cygnus CRS-14 cargo resupply spacecraft will depart the International Space Station and burn up in Earth's atmosphere. It is scheduled to be released from the station at 10:35 a.m. EST (1535 GMT), and NASA will broadcast live coverage beginning about 15 minutes before its departure. [Watch it live](#)

Dec. 16/17: The waxing crescent moon will be in [conjunction with Jupiter](#) at 11:30 p.m. EST (0430 GMT on Dec. 17). A few hours later on Dec. 17, it will be in [conjunction with Saturn](#) at 12:20 a.m. EST (0520 GMT). Look for the trio near the southwestern horizon just after sunset.

Dec. 17: A Russian **Soyuz rocket** will launch approximately 36 satellites into orbit for the OneWeb constellation of communications satellites. The mission, titled **OneWeb 4**, will launch from the Voskhodny Cosmodrome in Russia.

Dec. 19: Virgin Orbit's [LauncherOne](#) rocket will launch the **ELaNa-20** rideshare mission with 14 cubesats. A Boeing 747 named "Cosmic Girl" will air-launch the rocket over the Pacific Ocean after taking off from the Mojave Air and Space Port in California. It will lift off during a 4-hour launch window that opens at 1 p.m. EST (1800 GMT).

Dec. 20: China will launch a **Long March 8 rocket** on its inaugural flight. It will lift off from the Wenchang Space Launch Center in China's Hainan province, carrying a secret payload designated "XJY 7."

Dec. 21: The **solstice** arrives at 4:47 a.m. EST (0947 GMT), marking the first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

Dec. 21: Jupiter and Saturn will make a close approach in the evening sky — so close that they might even appear as a single "star" in the sky! The pair will be in conjunction at 8:24 a.m. EST (1324 GMT). Known as the "[Great Conjunction](#)," this will be the closest approach of the two planets since 1623 and offers a rare, once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the two planets within the same telescopic field of view.

Dec. 21-22: The [Ursid meteor shower](#) peaks.

Dec. 23: The waxing, gibbous moon will be in [conjunction with Mars](#) at 1:31 p.m. EST (1831 GMT). Look for the pair above the eastern horizon after sunset.

Dec. 28: An Ariespace **Soyuz rocket** will launch the second Composante Spatiale Optique (**CSO-2**) military reconnaissance satellite for the French space agency CNES and DGA, the French defense procurement agency. It will lift off from the Guiana Space Center in French Guiana. [Watch it live](#)

Dec. 29: The full moon of December, also known as the Cold Moon, occurs at 10:28 p.m. EST (0328 GMT).

LAST UPDATED Dec. 2: These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.

Classics Department

Miss Kate Bailey (Headmistress at Wetherby New York) writes...

Latin lesson from Mr V taught to our children at Wetherby New York!

That was great fun on all levels and thank you for your time and excellent classics teaching - the children loved it. Not easy to navigate dialling-in from London - not only to hear them but also to get to know them when they are all in masks. They loved you and this will make a real impact.

Thanks for the great new initiative!



Music Department

Mrs Tomsett-Rowe writes...

Carol Service

Sadly due to covid restrictions, we cannot all gather in the church this year to celebrate Christmas, but we have a solution! This week we have been recording our Carol Service in a variety of locations with covid distancing and our fabulous cameraman Robert McCourt. The whole school is involved singing hymns, year 8 providing readings, and of course the choirs singing a variety of carols. As a school we will be watching the service together on Tuesday 15th at 3pm in our form groups and we would love you to join us. We will send a link to you at the start of next week so that you will be able to enjoy our celebration of Christmas.



Wetherby Sport

Mr Trencher writes...

Inter House Sport Report

Years 3&4 were introduced to the glory of inter house this week. I am sure they were captivated by the magic of it all and in their first edition of Inter House, Pembridge came out as victors closely followed by Chepstow.

As one year was introduced to Inter house and all its majesty another year had their final edition of Inter House football. Year 8 had 5 years of house rivalry culminate in the boys in green winning in beautiful style. A great swan song for the footballers in Year 8.

Chepstow then continued their winning form with Year 7. There was slightly more action for second place as Dawson and Westbourne both were runners up.

Year 6 saw a return to winning for Pembridge who had two great teams win the tournaments in either tiers.

On Thursday afternoon Year 5 finished off this week of Inter House, and we finally saw a house break the duopoly of Pembridge and Chepstow. This was done by Westbourne who went undefeated in both of their tiers in a truly dominant display.

For the goal of the tournament a special mention must go to Dylan E who channelled his inner Beckham vs Wimbledon to score from the halfway line.

However, this leads to the result you have been waiting for, which is the overall winner of inter house this year. In fourth place on 11 points is Westbourne, in third place with 12 points is Dawson and in joint first place on 14 points are Pembridge and Chepstow.

Years 3 & 4

1. Pembridge
2. Chepstow
3. Westbourne
3. Dawson

Year 5

1. Westbourne
2. Dawson
- 3 Pembridge
- 4 Chepstow

Year 6

1. Pembridge
2. Dawson
3. Chepstow
4. Westbourne

Year 7

- 1st place Chepstow
Joint 2nd Dawson and Westbourne
4th Pembridge

Year 8

1. Chepstow
2. Pembridge
3. Dawson
4. Westbourne

Team of the Week



Charities

Mrs Jenne writes...

Christmas Hampers

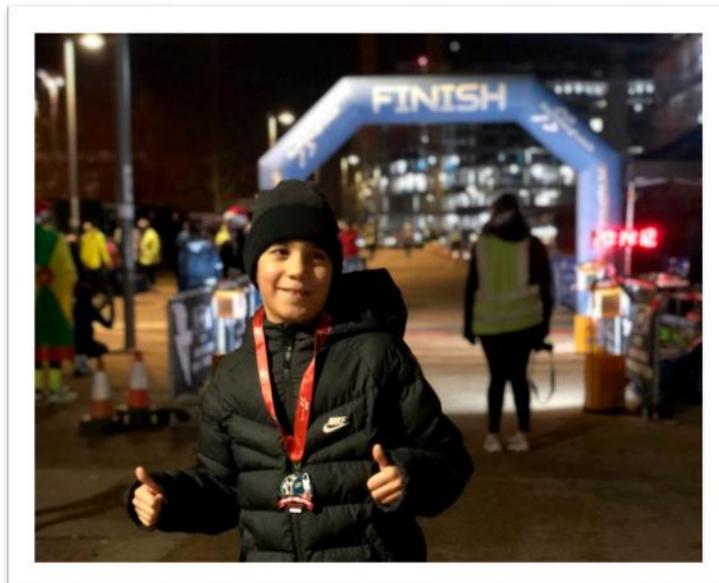
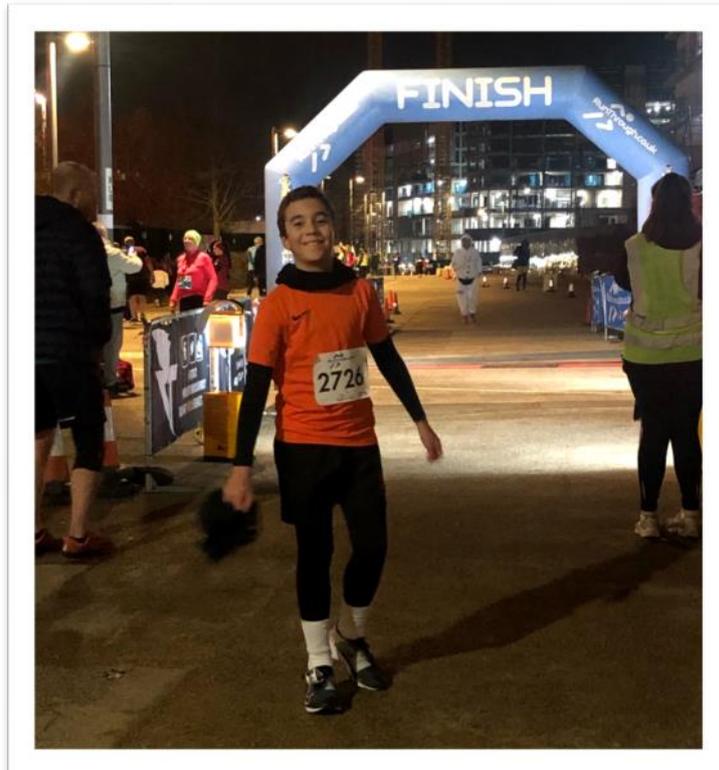
This week, boys, parents and staff have been busy assembling Christmas hampers to send to elderly residents in the local community. We were able to send over forty-five beautiful hampers to sheltered accommodation and care homes in Westminster, and I am sure those receiving them will be absolutely delighted. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed and sent in donations. It is hugely appreciated by all!



Out of School Achievements

Nicolo F—'Chase the Moon' Race

Nicolo ran the Chase the Moon, Olympic Park 5k race for the charity Action for Children. It was his first running race. He has been training for the past month either in the morning before school or at night after school.



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Hugo S—48

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Chepstow Captain S. Bell	Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou
637	581	564	555

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
6536	6506	6446	6232

Form Class Winners

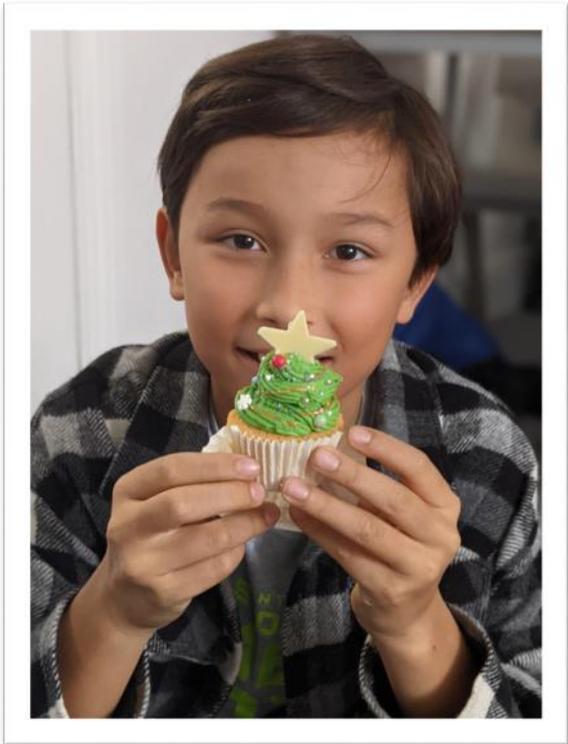
First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4L 332	Form 4P 289	Form 4S 212

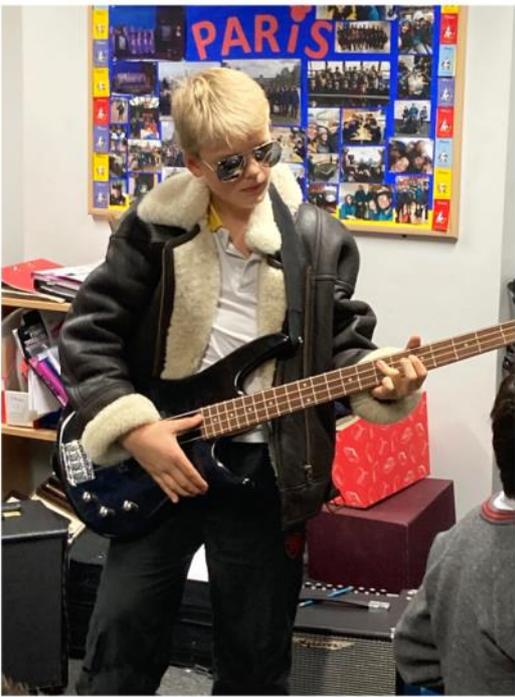


Photos of the Week

The TPR Department accompanying the Year 5 string ensemble









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