

WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 14



WEEK 14 — Monday 11th to Sunday 17th January 2021

Monday 11th January:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing

Tuesday 12th January:

Wednesday 13th January:

- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm
- Wetherby Lockdown Quiz **LIVE on Instagram** – 8pm



Thursday 14th January:

- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing

Friday 15th January:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly **LIVE on Instagram and Zoom** – 8:45am



Saturday 16th January:

Sunday 17th January:



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

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Good to see everyone at Assembly this morning – I think that was a record attendance with over 400 on Zoom and Instagram – and yes, well spotted to those that emailed me this morning, Joseph had just got out of bed! I will make sure we have got up a bit earlier, gone through the names and got the joke ready in plenty of time next week...



We continue to be impressed with how the boys are getting on with the remote learning and their proficiency with the tech. A few issues remain and like yesterday and today, the Teams platform itself has suffered a few problems globally which are beyond our control – no doubt because the whole of the educational world has started using it again and overloaded the system. The problems resolved around 11am yesterday and same time today and we have had emails stating that the issues are acknowledged and being rectified so hopefully it is just teething and reintegration issues at the start of a new lockdown.

Some of you will recall from a Wetherbuzz last term that it was an intention of ours to have a sponsored 'Offline Week' in January but that might just be a bit counter-intuitive during the current situation; we'll put that on hold as a post lockdown treat for us all. This school lockdown feels more organised and controlled; there is no fear of the unknown and the end is in sight but on the flip side, the bleak weather outside and shorter days make for a somewhat more depressing backdrop to the situation. As the weeks go by, though, the days will get longer and we will get closer and closer to what it was like pre-Covid once the vaccine takes hold. Even small things, like the incredible picture of Ben B (5S) doing his remote learning this week (see last picture at end of this Wetherbuzz), made me excitedly research holidays in Tanzania...so important to stay upbeat and look forward.

Not the same as being in School - nothing is - but we as a staff have enjoyed the remote learning this week and feel as if we have made real academic and educational progress with the boys. The boys themselves have been great fun, get the situation completely and have made us smile with how they interact with us and each other in a virtual world. If children are the future then with exchanges like this (after Max D's piano performance to 4L) we are in safe hands...

Have a good weekend,

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Nick Baker





Citizen of the Week

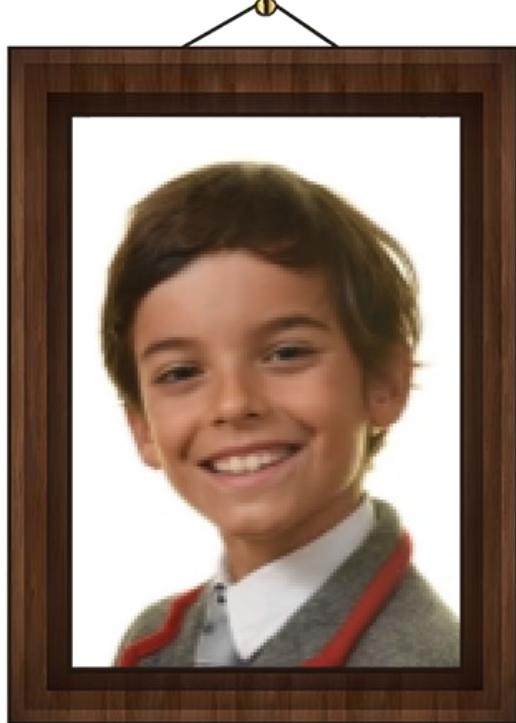
This week's Citizen of the Week is Harry W in 4L. Harry's nomination for Citizen of the Week has been on the cards for some time as he has been such a standout character since starting Wetherby last September. This week he has been in the school building and has got on with his work with no fuss and a smile on his face despite the strange atmosphere and absence of the community. Well done, Harry!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Alexandros E in 4S. Alexandros has been incredibly enthusiastic towards his Games lessons this week. He has emailed his own warm-up plan to his teachers and is completely committed to the sessions and keeping fit. Well done, Alexandros!

Kindness Cup



Samuele B 5S

Before starting back at Wetherby, Samuele messaged me to wish me a Happy New Year and that he was looking forward to his History lessons with me. It was a lovely message to receive and made me feel at home again with the Wetherby family. *Mrs Furnell*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

♦ Oscar L 4T

On the morning of Mufti Day, when I realised I had come in to school in my uniform, I was feeling a little nervous going into class. Oscar helped support me and make me feel OK. You are very kind! *Hendrik P*

♦ Casper M 7L

Whilst walking through the corridor, I managed to drop everything that I was holding on the floor and he stopped straight away to help me pick everything up! Thank you, Casper! *Mrs Jenne*

♦ Max D 4L

Max was kind (and brave!) enough to start our English lesson by playing us a very impressive piano piece on Teams! On behalf of 4L, and all the teachers I showed, we want to thank Max and whoever was holding the camera for him - such a wonderful way to start the lesson and we all loved listening. *Mrs Gourlay*

Art Department

Artwork this week



Felix R



Finlay R

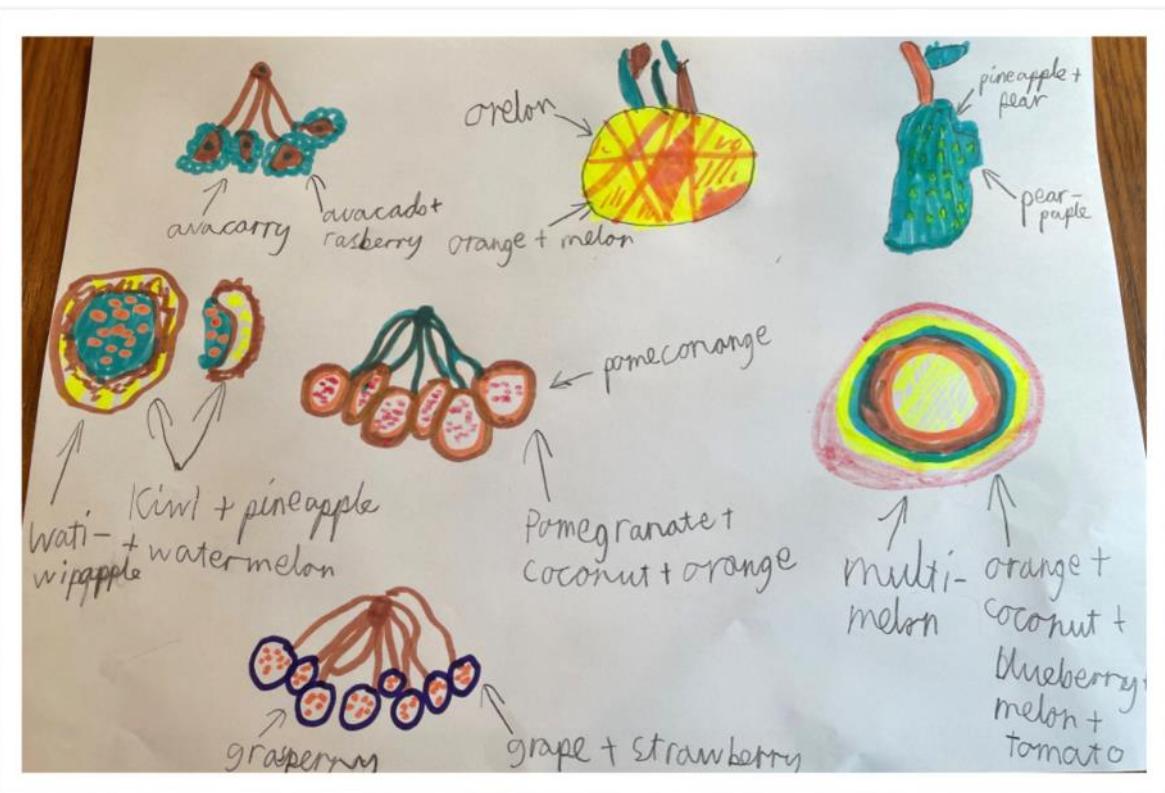


Pine Pom

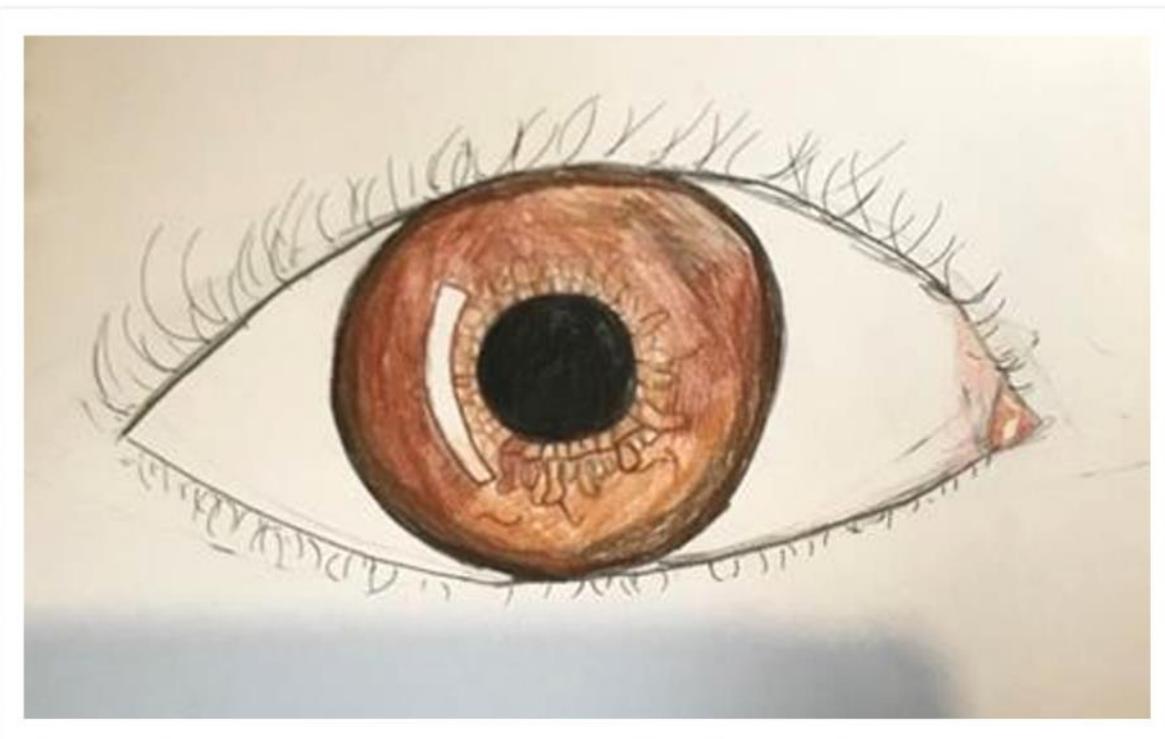
Tarek S



Rufus M-S



Michael Z



Kiran K

Miss Kirby writes...

Sam M, 8G, has a fantastic creative offer to brighten up our lockdown learning. Please scan this QR code to enter a world where Van Gogh's *Starry Night* comes to life in a very unexpected way! Best of luck to Sam, who has now finished preparing his Art Scholarship portfolio and has his exam next week.



English Department

Miss Preece writes...

Our librarian, Mr Munday, has collated these excellent reading resources.

Please do have a read and review the great links!

National Literacy Trust's [Virtual School Library](#) – every week a top author or illustrator is interviewed - includes recommendations and free content (like the audiobook of the excellent *Boy Underwater*)

SLA - <https://www.sla.org.uk/school-closure-resources-books-and-reading>
Loads of information here including reading for pleasure resources, links to authors' & illustrators' websites etc.

'Reading for Pleasure – Resources to Help Children Enjoy Books at Home' a fantastic and extremely up-to-date post by Anne Thompson, full of great resources.
<https://alibrarylady.blog/2021/01/05/reading-for-pleasure-resources-to-help-children-enjoy-books-at-home-2/>

Free football themed resources for football mad youngsters - a selection of features for free download from *Kickaround*, the children's football magazine that closed in September 2019. Suitable for 7-13 yrs

<https://www.wsc.co.uk/stories/14311-free-football-themed-resources-to-help-with-home-schooling-children>

Epic! the US ebook platform which is completely free to use between normal school hours <https://www.getepic.com/> - good audiobook selection, everything is (understandably) Americanised

February is **Michael Morpurgo Month**, and a chance for boys to read and review one of six selected titles:

<https://www.michaelmorpurgo.com/morpurgomonth/>

World Book Day will be launching a bookclub in March, you can see details here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/bookclub/>

Bookmatch - A useful website that brilliantly answers the perennial question: "I like this book so what else will I like?" <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch>

Maths Department

Top Ten Speed Kings 2020-21

1. Samuele [REDACTED]	Year 5	1.43 mins
2. Dmitry [REDACTED]ev	Year 5	2.30 mins
3. Dylan [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.39 mins
Eren [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.39 mins
4. Nicolas [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.52 mins
5. Ben [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.55 mins
6. Adrien [REDACTED]	Year 5	3.05 mins
7. William [REDACTED]	Year 5	3.07 mins
8. James [REDACTED]	Year 5	3.10 mins
9. Kian [REDACTED]	Year 5	3.23 mins
10. Max [REDACTED]	Year 4	3.31 mins

Mr Gascoine writes...

So Top Tanners and all you speedsters out there. We have a new updated and tougher speed test sheet, that includes the 12 times table. Therefore, a new top ten is already taking shape. Early Number 1 is Nicolas V. I will put together the top ten for next week when I have a full list. Meanwhile I think its appropriate that we celebrate the above boys for their skill by awarding Samuele a Gold HMGS, Dmitry a Silver and both Dylan and Eren a Bronze HMGS. All others in the top ten gets two HPs each. Look forward to seeing how fast the new speed test sheet can be completed in?

Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 4.1.21

China's Tianwen-1 spacecraft will reach Mars orbit on February 10



China's Tianwen-1 Mars orbiter and rover are speeding toward the Red Planet and preparing to arrive on Feb. 10, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) has said.

Tianwen-1 has been in space for nearly 24 weeks and was around 81 million miles (130 million kilometers) from Earth and 5.15 million miles (8.3 million km) from Mars on Jan. 3 Beijing time.

Space calendar 2021:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

January

Jan. 10: Virgin Orbit's [LauncherOne rocket](#) will conduct its second demonstration flight after air-dropping from a carrier jet, which will take off from the Mojave Air and Space Port in California. The test is scheduled to take place during a four-hour launch window that opens at 1 p.m. EST (1800 GMT).

Jan. 11: SpaceX's [Dragon CRS-21](#) cargo resupply spacecraft will depart the **International Space Station** at 9:25 a.m. EST (1325 GMT) and return to Earth for a parachute-assisted splashdown in the Atlantic Ocean. [Watch it live](#)

Jan. 13: The new moon arrives at midnight EST (0400 GMT).

Jan. 14: A SpaceX **Falcon 9 rocket** will launch the **Transporter 1** rideshare mission with dozens of tiny satellites for commercial and government customers. It will lift off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

Jan. 21: The [moon, Mars and Uranus](#) will make a close approach in the evening sky. The trio will be above the southwest horizon after sunset.

Jan. 23: [Mercury at greatest elongation east](#). The innermost planet will reach its greatest eastern separation from the sun, shining brightly at magnitude -0.7. Catch the elusive planet above the western horizon shortly after sunset.

Jan. 27: [Mercury reaches its highest point in the evening sky](#), shining brightly at magnitude -0.7. See it just above the southwest horizon after sunset.

Jan. 28: The full moon of January, known as the **Full Wolf Moon**, arrives at 2:16 p.m. EST (1916 GMT).

Also scheduled to launch in January (from [Spaceflight Now](#)):

A SpaceX **Falcon 9 rocket** will launch approximately 60 satellites for SpaceX's Starlink broadband network, a mission designated **Starlink 16**. It will lift off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

LAST UPDATED Jan. 5: *These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.*



This week in History



4th January:

- 1809: Louis Braille was born in France. Blinded as a boy, he later invented a reading system for the blind using punch marks in paper
- 1954: Elvis Presley recorded his first demo record

5th January:

- 1914: Henry Ford introduces \$5 per day for his workers
- 1919: The German Worker's Party (Deutsche Arbeiterpartei) was founded by Anton Drexler in Munich. Its seventh member was Adolf Hitler who (in April 1920) changed the name to the National Socialist German Workers Party (Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei) commonly shorted to the Nazi Party
- 1933: Work began on Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco Bay

6th January:

- 1412: Joan of Arc was born in France. After a series of mystic visitations by saints, she inspired French troops to break the British siege at Orleans and win several important victories during the Hundred Years' War (1337-1453) between France and Britain. She was eventually captured and sold to the British who tried her for heresy and burned her at the stake. In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church

7th January:

- 1714: A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing"

9th January:

- 1960: With the first blast of dynamite, construction work began on the Aswan High Dam across the Nile River in southern Egypt. One third of the project's billion-dollar cost was underwritten by Soviet Russia. The dam created Lake Nasser, one of the world's largest reservoirs, at nearly 2,000 square miles and irrigated over 100,000 acres of surrounding desert. The dam was opened in January of 1971 by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and President Nikolai Podgorny of the Soviet Union



10th January:

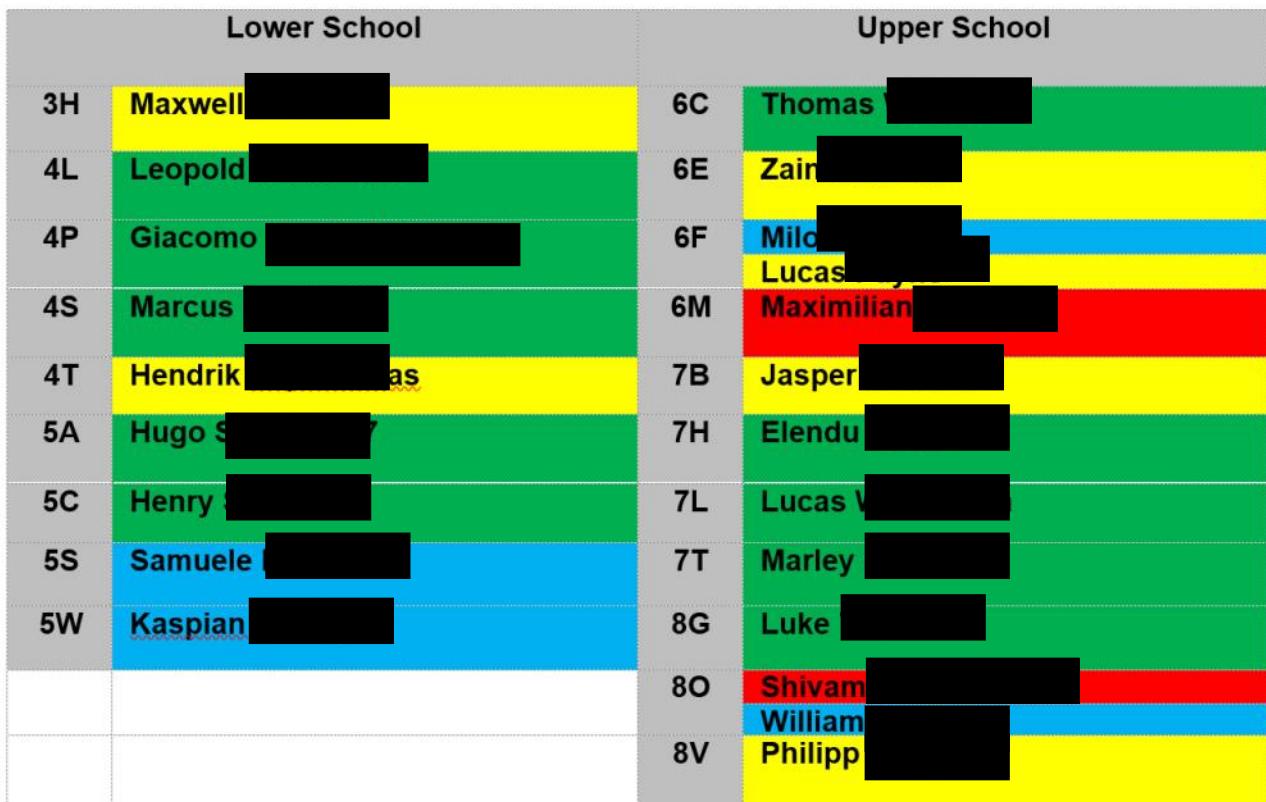
- 1776: Common Sense, a fifty-page pamphlet by Thomas Paine, was published. It sold over 500,000 copies in America and Europe, influencing, among others, the authors of the Declaration of Independence
- 1946: The first general assembly of the United Nations

Wetherby Sport

Team of the Week



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class



Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Hugo [REDACTED] 37

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Chepstow Captain S. Bell	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright
498	492	417	387

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
7066	6959	6869	6760

Photos of the Week

Jack Blundell showing his dad how Teams works





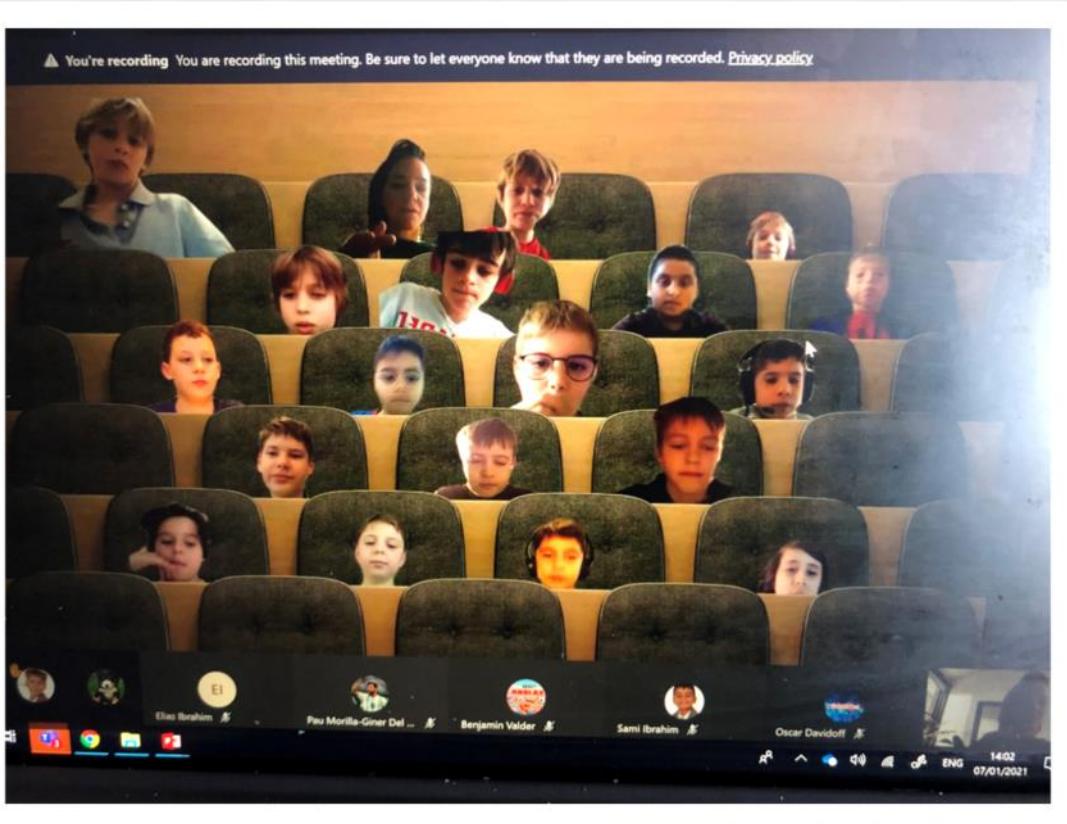
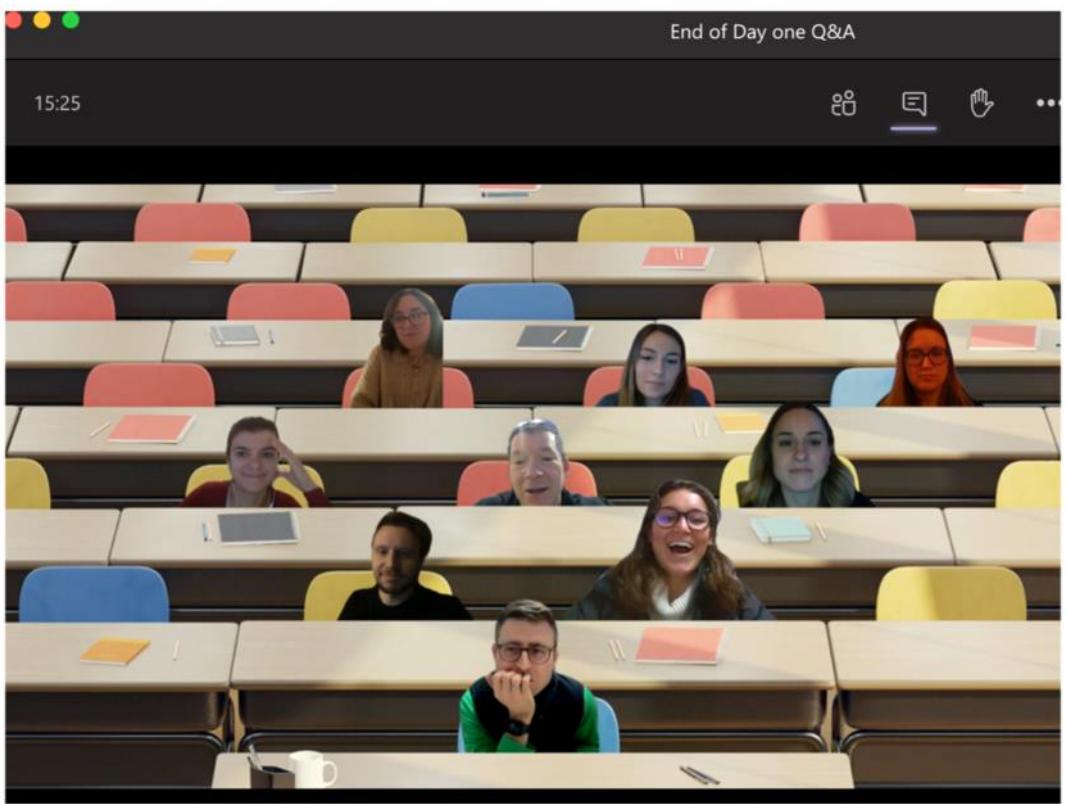
Mr Trencher channelling his inner Joe Wicks in Year 8 Games

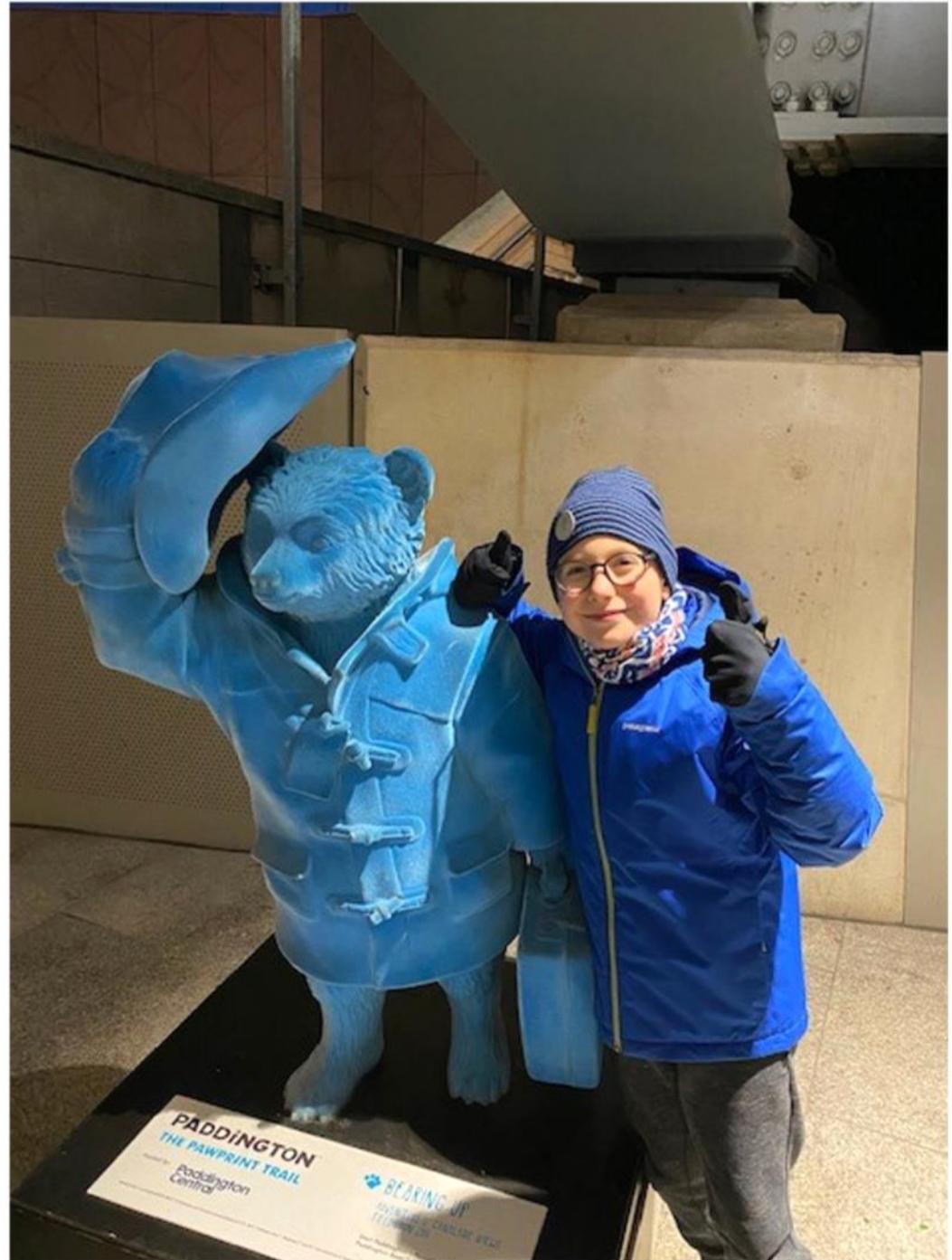
Miss Orpwood's dog Finlay taking an interest in the lessons this week



Chess Club (of sorts) taking place during breaktime







Giacomo was very happy of his first day of home schooling.

He went for a fresh air walk after school and found Paddington Bear!



Ben B remote learning looking out over the Serengeti Plains



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