

# WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 15



## WEEK 15 — Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Monday 18th January:

- 7+ and 8+ Assessment — all week
- Maximilian's Birthday
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing
- 6E and 6E Parents' Evening—5-8pm

### Tuesday 19th January:

### Wednesday 20th January:

- Alexandros Birthday
- Zac Birthday
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm
- Wetherby Lockdown Quiz **LIVE on Instagram**  – 8pm
- 6F and 6M Parents' Evening—5-8pm

### Thursday 21st January:

- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing
- Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) talk to Parents on Zoom—5:30-6:30pm

### Friday 22nd January:

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

**Saturday 23rd January:** Tommy Birthday

**Sunday 24th January:** Romell Birthday



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# From the Headmaster



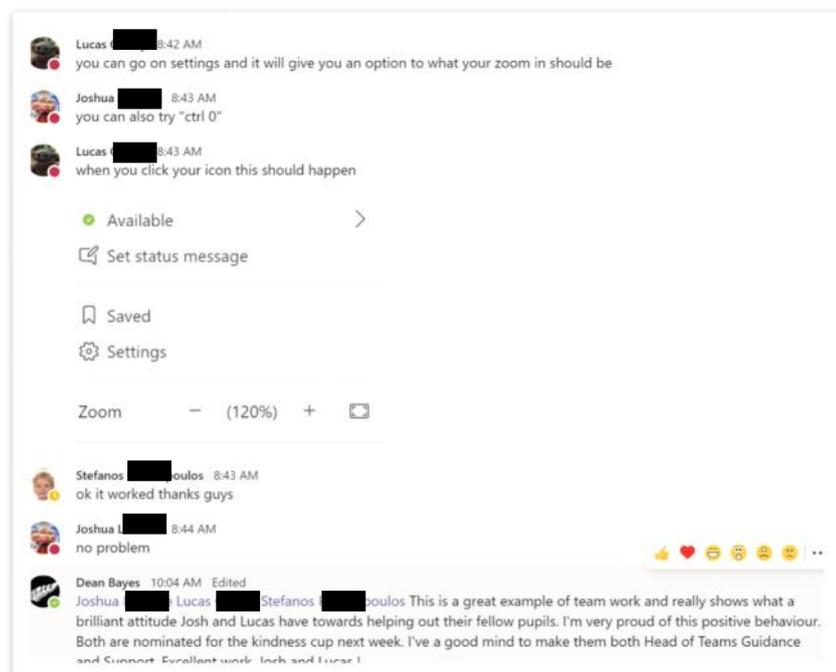
Dear Parents,

With the weekly calendar a shadow of its normal self, the eagle-eyed Wetherbuzz reader will have spotted the 'Wetherby birthdays' making an appearance in last week's edition. Today it is Amar De R's, Michele A's and Tyler N's birthday and boys, you are doubly special as you share a birthday with my older son, Patrick. Coming so soon after Christmas, it's often difficult to come up with gift ideas but Patrick, a boy of small demands, requested just one thing – a chocolate cake made by my mum. My mum is an excellent baker (insert own pun here...) and still makes delicious chocolate cakes for me, my brother, and, now, our sons on the occasion of their birthdays. They are the stuff of legend; in my second year at University, my father dropped one off at my flat in Marylebone on his way into work. My flatmates eagerly received it and, as I wasn't there (almost certainly working really hard in the library...) promised my dad that they looked forward to sharing in with me on my return. When I did come back, the cake tin was empty save for a few crumbs and the handwritten note, "Sorry, all gone, but it was veeeerrrrryyy nice – happy birthday..." Last night, with birthday-chocolate-cake excitement brewing, it was asked of me, "Can you go and pick it up now so I can have it for breakfast?" Err, that would be a 'No', but sure enough, by mid-morning today, my mum had dropped one off, and it's a beauty. It will be all gone within the next 24 hours and this time I will definitely get a piece.

Whilst my college friends were not very collegial in that instance, that couldn't be said of Wetherby boys who continue, this week, to be the very essence of pulling together for the greater good. To put into context, this is taken from the chat of the 'Support Team' that the boys are all part of. These boys are all in different year groups and probably don't come across each other at School but in times like this, we all come together and work through our problems – great to see.

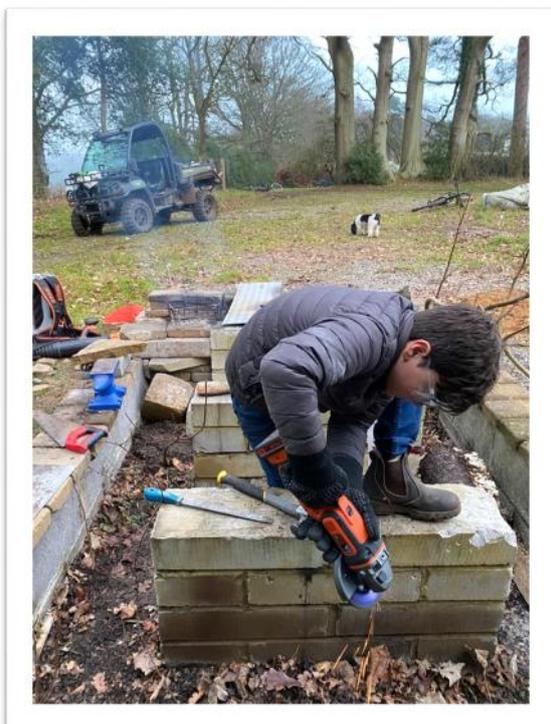
Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



## What have you made?

My appeal last night for pictures of the boys in action resulted in many excellent submissions. We include them in this edition and have saved some for next week and the week after. Please do continue to send them in as the weeks progress up to half term. I announced in Assembly this morning that there are House Points and Wetherbuzz Fame on offer for any boy that can send me a picture – either on email or through Teams ‘chat’ – of something they have made. See below for an excellent example – this is John C (7L) forging his own sword. It could be Lego, an artwork, a model, a meal...anything really, just something that is your creation. I look forward to seeing what you come up with boys!





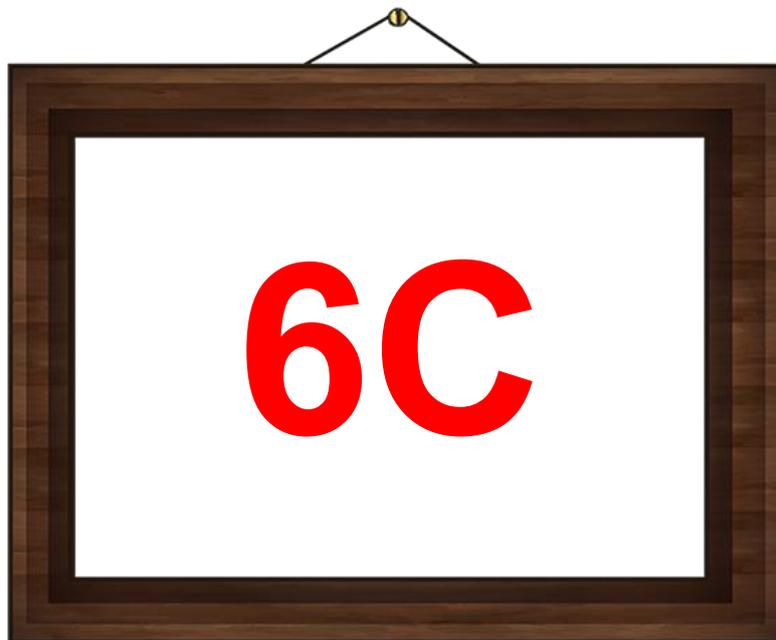
*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Cormac [REDACTED] in 5S. Cormac has a fantastic attitude to all areas of remote learning. Teachers have been really impressed by his involvement and contribution to lessons. Mr Metherell was particularly pleased by his ability to help other pupils in the mathematics lesson having completed his work. Well done, Cormac!



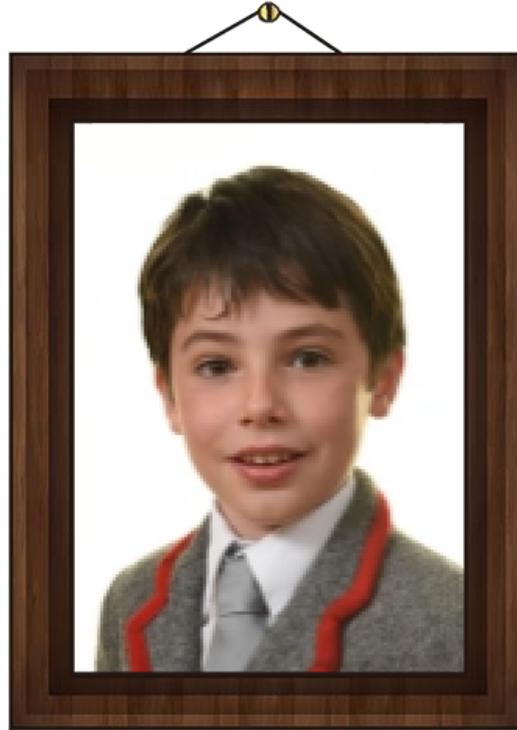
*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Sam B. Sam has got fully involved in the Games sessions this week and is completely committed to the lesson content and advice from his teachers. Well done, Sam!



*Class-Achievement*

# Kindness Cup



**George S 4L**

During our TPR lesson George was a computer whizz and showed me and the other boys in 4L how to take a picture of their work and upload it to assignments. This was so helpful as I can now help all the other boys in Y4. Thank you, George! *Miss Orpwood*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Matthew P 8G**

He was very helpful today helping boys get online with OneNote, during a Geography lesson. *Dr Lee*

◆ **Jasper F**

'My brother Jasper immediately helped me when I was feeling sick and called my mum. He put me to bed before my mum arrived and gave me my medicine'. *Dylan F*

◆ **Oliver B**

"I would like to nominate Oliver Beck for the Kindness Cup as when I said I had an exam, Oli said "I hope it goes well, you deserve it!". *Sebastien B 6C*

◆ **Alvaro C 5W**

I wanted to nominate Alvaro for the kindness award. We went on a walk Monday and Alvaro saw a homeless man huddled up by a bus stop. We were on our way to get Ben's cookies but he decided instead to give all his money to the man. He felt really bad as it was cold, and said that every person deserves a home. *Alyssa C, Mum*

# Art Department

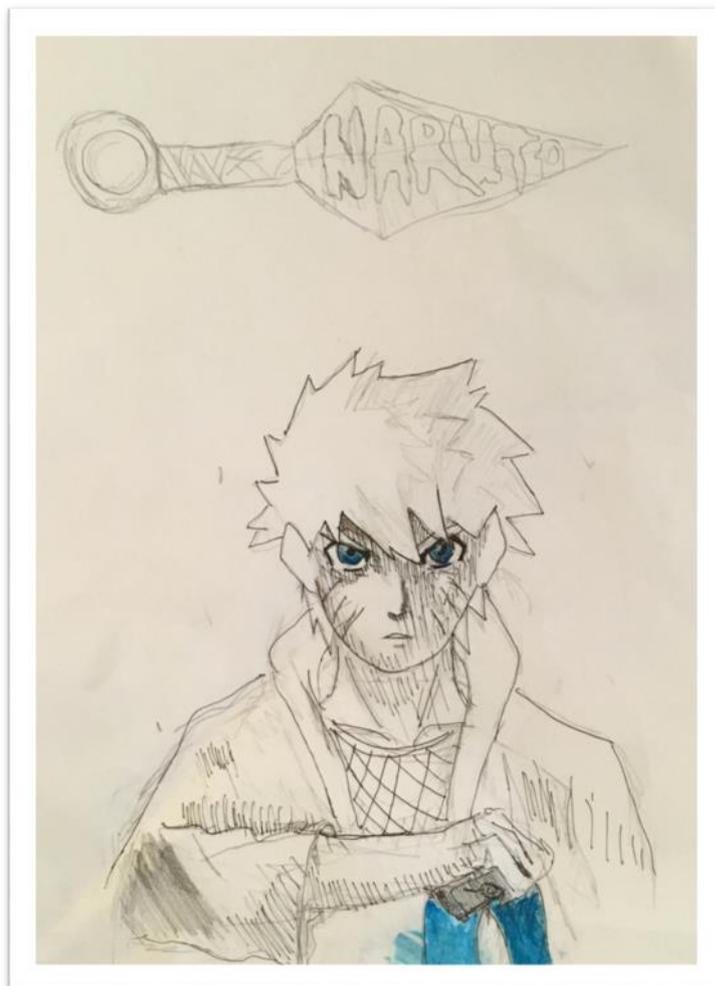
**Miss Kirby writes...**

## **Art in a time of lockdown**

*Please email Miss Kirby to tell us about your off-screen adventures during this time of creative opportunity..*

**Suleman A, Yr 7**

Hi. I have been asked to retell the story of what I did on the penultimate day of the Christmas holidays. 3 days before the holidays had ended I was reading a book and generally going about my day as normal, this all changed when my ringtone started going off like nuts; being perpetually bored I decided to check who was texting me, it was my friend, Dexter. If you are wondering what he asked, he asked if I wanted to draw for 10 hours straight. I had tried this many times before but failed every one of them and was eager to succeed, also, I was bored, therefore I replied, "sure, why not". So we got to work at 11am the next day. After about an hour we where doing ok but that's when things started going downhill: Dexter left to play Mario and I was left on my own, thankfully my friends ,Casper and Felix were there to stop me from losing my mind. They also told me what to draw, most of them where inside jokes between us but in a human form that wouldn't really make any sense in the Wetherbuzz but I do have one drawing that can be shown and that is this:



Miss Kirby writes...

## Royal Academy Summer Show now open for entries

Taking inspiration from the [Summer Exhibition](#), the Young Artists' Summer Show is an opportunity for young artists aged 5-19 to see their work exhibited online and at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Submissions are open until 26 April 2021. Wetherby Prep is registered and you can submit work as a parent. If you have any issues uploading work please contact [ria.kirby@wethbyprep.co.uk](mailto:ria.kirby@wethbyprep.co.uk)

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## Artwork this week



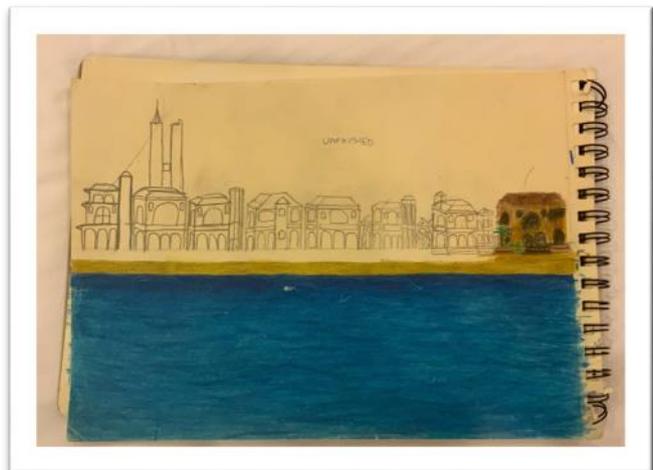
Ahmad S4P



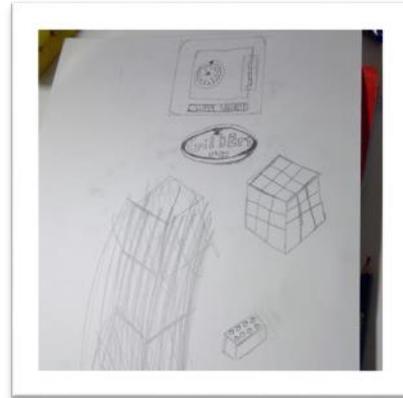
Archie A 4P



Maximilian van der K 5S



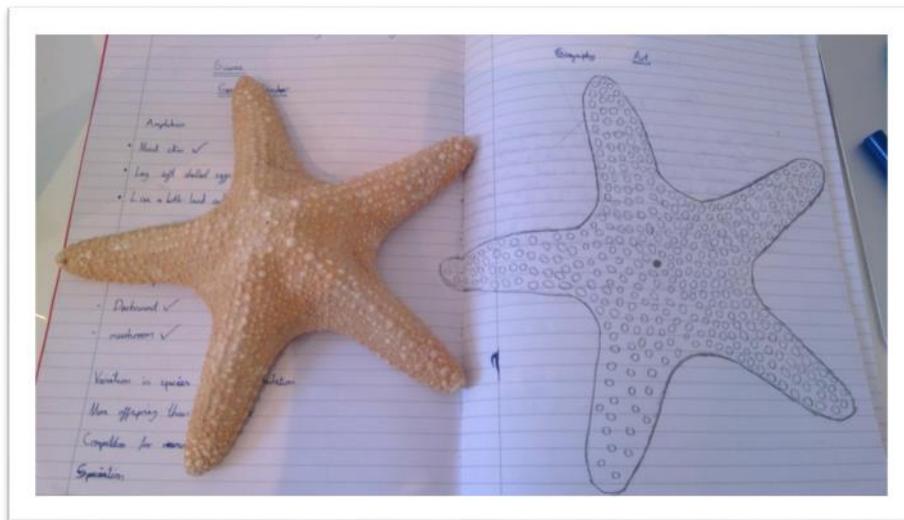
Aydan I 7H



Timothee C 6E



Sebastien B 6C



Leo G 6M

# Notices

**Mr Blundell writes...**

## **Virtual Parents' Evening - Update**

### **Multiple Parents on a Video Call**

This much-requested feature is now live for all schools, meaning each video call can involve up to 2 parents/guardians. After the parent makes their bookings, they just need to click the 'Invite Parent/Guardian' button, then enter the email address of the parent/guardian to send an invite that grants access to the call. The additional parent then clicks the link in the email to join the appointments.

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## **Wellington College Fireside Talks**

Our colleagues at Wellington have invited our boys to attend their Virtual Fireside Talks. The aim of the talks is to encourage children to think, question their preconceptions and genuinely be curious. Talks will happen every Monday evening this term at 5pm over Microsoft Teams. A fantastic range of speakers have agreed to talk so whether one is interested in human rights, arctic expeditions, rugby, poetry, philosophy, leadership or the BLM campaign we hope they will find something in our programme they will really enjoy. Please find attached the full Lent term programme.

In terms of practical details your students can access the events at the times specified on the poster using the links below. They will then have to wait in the lobby in order to be admitted. It would be appreciated if you could remind them to join with their camera and mic off.

- Mon 18th Jan 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Ben Saunders](#)
- Mon 25th Jan 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Will Carling](#)
- Mon 1st Feb 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Annabel Croft](#)
- Mon 8th Feb 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Raymond Antrobus](#)
- Mon 22nd Feb 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Dr Arianne Shahvisi](#)
- Mon 1st Mar 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Prof Anthony Grayling](#)
- Mon 15th Mar 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Ed Brooks](#)
- Mon 22nd Mar 5pm: [MS Teams: Fireside Talk with Dr Praqya Agarwal](#)

# Maths Department

## Top Ten Speed Kings 2020-21

1. Franklin [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.09 mins
2. Raahil [REDACTED]	Year 4	2.10 mins
3. Adrian [REDACTED]k	Year 5	2.30 mins
4. Nicolas [REDACTED]i	Year 5	3.09 mins
5. Nicolas [REDACTED]i	Year 5	2.52 mins
6. Kian [REDACTED]s	Year 5	3.15 mins
7. James [REDACTED]	Year 5	3.53 mins
8. Louis [REDACTED]	Year 5	4.02 mins
9. Matthias [REDACTED]	Year 5	4.10 mins
10. Samuele B [REDACTED]p	Year 5	4.40 mins

### Mr Gascoine writes...

Here is the first of the updated and tougher Speed Test times. And we are up and running with Franklin and Raahil, having a right old tussle for first place, with Adrian within striking distance. Great effort from the top ten and, well the times are only going to get quicker.

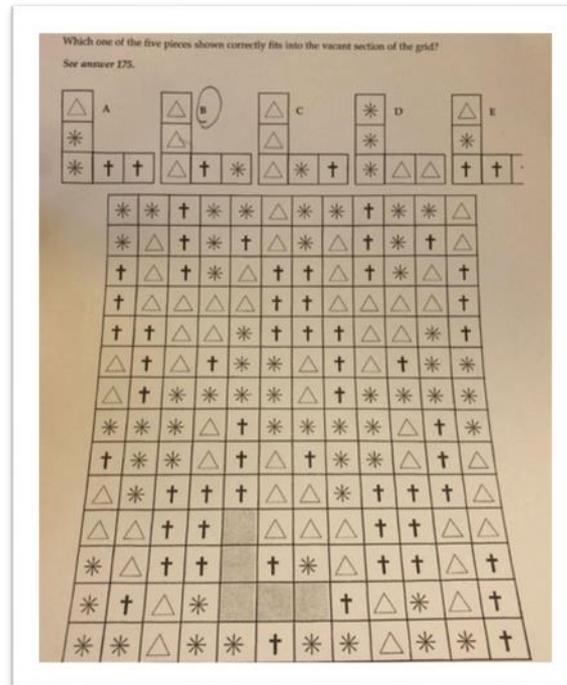
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Mr Gascoine writes...

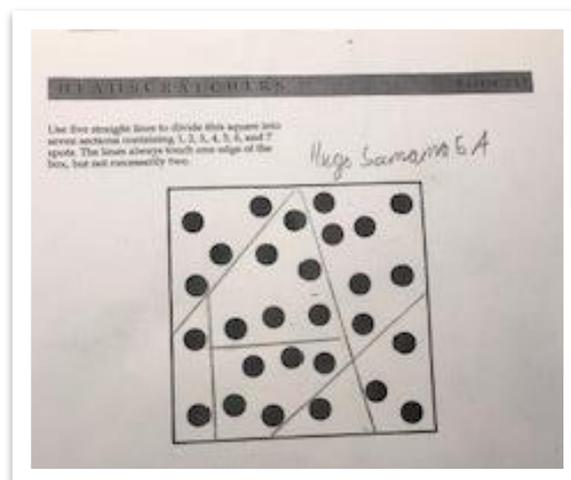
## Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

### Lower Maths Challenge - Ayden R (4S)



### Upper Maths Challenge - Hugo S (6A)



# Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



**SPACE NEWS w/b 11.1.21**

**NASA Plum Brook test facility renamed for astronaut Neil Armstrong**



"Before [Neil Armstrong](#) became the first person to step foot on the moon, he was an up-and-coming test pilot in northeast Ohio at what is now known as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Centre. I'm pleased to join Senator Rob Portman [R-OH] in honouring Ohio-native Neil Armstrong by renaming NASA Glenn's Plum Brook Station in Sandusky for a man who inspires future Ohioans to continue our state's tradition of breaking barriers in space."

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## Space calendar 2021:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

### January

**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



## **11 January:**

1990: In Lithuania, 200,000 persons demanded political independence from Soviet Russia. Independence was achieved in September of 1991, three months before the collapse of the Soviet Union itself.

Birthday: 1755 - Alexander Hamilton was born in the British West Indies. He was a founder of the United States who favoured a strong central government and co-authored the Federalist Papers, a series of essays in defense of the new Constitution. He was selected by George Washington to be the first Secretary of the Treasury. He died from a gunshot wound received during a duel with Aaron Burr.

## **12 January:**

1879: In Southern Africa, the Zulu War began between the British and the natives of Zululand, ultimately resulting in the destruction of the Zulu Empire.

1990: Romania outlawed the Communist Party following the overthrow of Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu who had ruled for 24 years.

1996: The first joint American-Russian military operation since World War II occurred as Russian troops arrived to aid in peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia.

## **13 January:**

1935: The population of the Saar region (bordering France and Germany) voted for incorporation into Hitler's Reich. The 737 square-mile area with its valuable coal deposits had been under French control following Germany's defeat in World War I.

## **15th January:**

69 A.D: Roman Emperor Servius Sulpicius Galba was assassinated by the Praetorian guard in the Roman Forum. He had succeeded Emperor Nero.

1535: Henry VIII became Supreme Head of the Church in England as a result of the Act of Supremacy following his break with Rome.

Birthday: 1929 - Martin Luther King

## **16th January**

1547 - Ivan the Terrible had himself officially crowned as the first Russian Czar (Caesar) although he had already ruled Russia since 1533. His reign lasted until 1584 and brought much needed reforms including a new legal code and cultural development. However, during his reign he instituted a campaign of terror against the Russian nobility and had over 3,000 persons put to death. He also killed his own son during a fit of rage.



## **17th January:**

1966 - A Hydrogen bomb accident occurred over Palomares, Spain, as an American B-52 jet collided with its refueling plane. Eight crewmen were killed and the bomber then released its H-bomb into the Atlantic.

Birthdays: 1706 - Benjamin Franklin and 1942 - Muhammad Ali.

# Wetherby Sport

## Team of the Week



## Mr Reid writes...

Dear WPS Boys and Parents,

I hope you are all well. I am writing to remind the boys about The London Athletics Association Cross Country Championships and The Roger Bannister Running Challenge. Details are below for both and a further attachment for the latter is attached: -

LSAA Cross Country Championships:

YEAR GROUP	DISTANCE km
3 and 4	3.5
5 and 6	4.5
7 and 8	6

In addition, our fellow APG school, St Anthony's are running a Roger Bannister Challenge over this half-term, similar to the Virtual Cross Country one they ran in the first lockdown. Please see full details on the attached PowerPoint.

Many thanks and I look forward to the boys' entries soon.



# Charities

## Miss Preece writes...

Companies and charities are seeking donations of old phones, tablets, laptops and computers to send on to schools and young people to support their learning.

Links below provide more information and details of how to donate.



<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/techappeal/>

**Vodafone** have set-up The Great British Tech Appeal. You can donate old phones and tablets, which are then gifted to young people, supported by Barnardo's, with 6 months free unlimited data.



<https://www.business2schools.com/>

**Business to schools** links businesses and individuals with schools in their area that are accepting donations.



<https://digilocal.org.uk/laptop-donations/>

**DigiLocal** will accept laptop donations from across the West of England and also accepts donations to pay for 4G connectivity.

## Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

<b>Felix R - 65</b>
<b>Pau M 65</b>

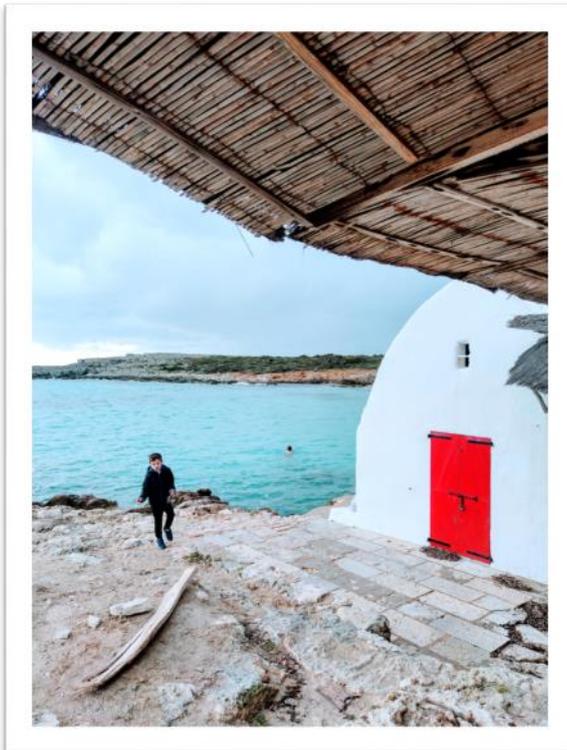
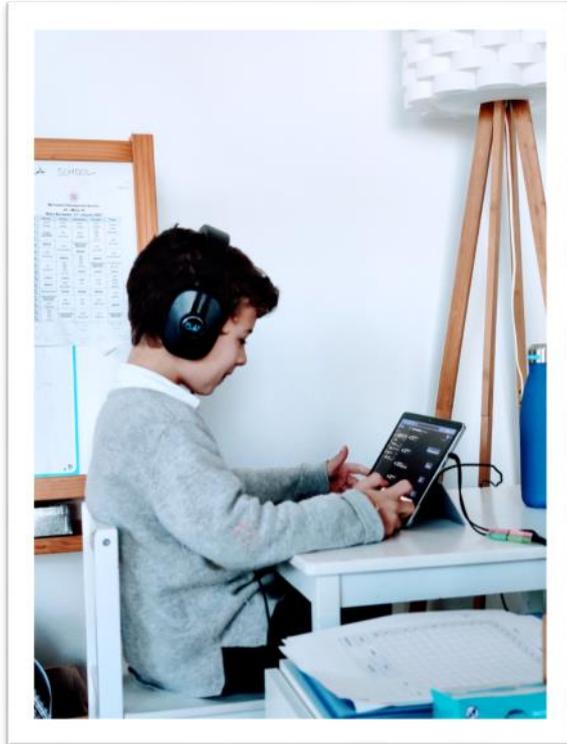
### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Westbourne</b> Captain S. Meliti	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain J. Cartwright	<b>Dawson</b> Captain E. Efthimiou	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain S. Bell
<b>794</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>537</b>

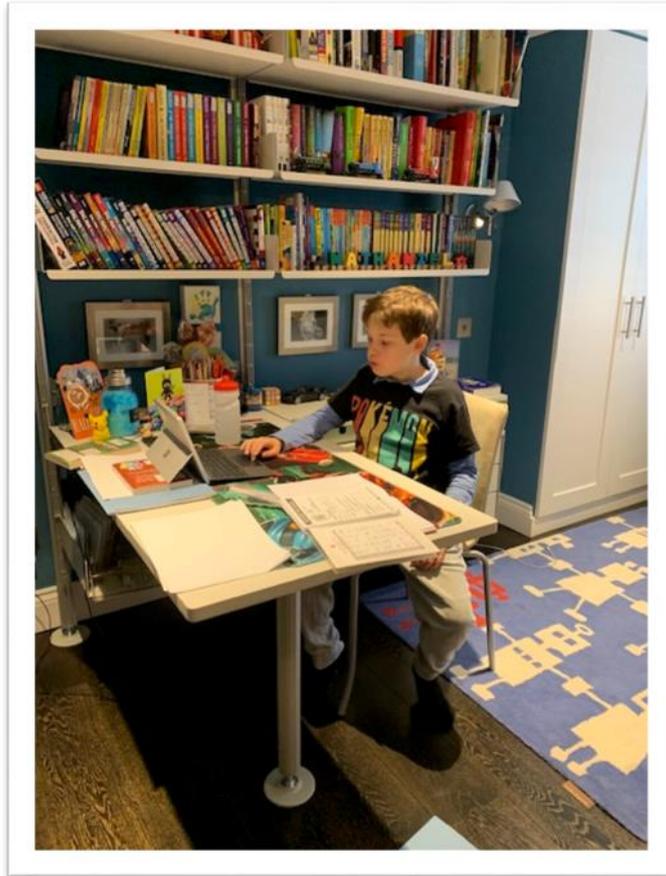
### Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
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<b>7869</b>	<b>7680</b>	<b>7675</b>	<b>7313</b>

# Photos of the Week



*Here are some pictures of Pau home learning, during his school day between lesson breaks (building, programming and coding a robot as well as finding fossils!) and some of our after school hikes ;-)*



*Ned R working hard during ICT class.*



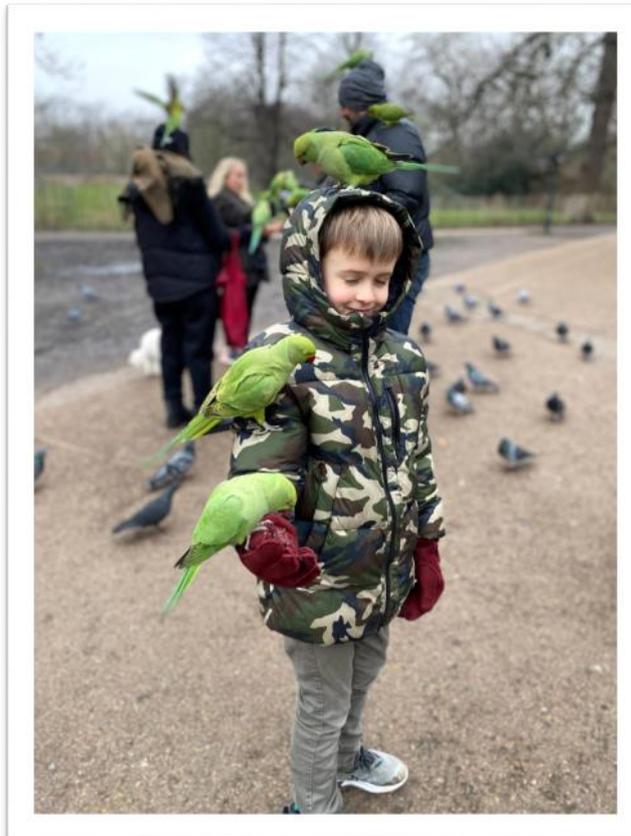
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*We thought we share this picture of Christopher with our new puppy Sky who who we just got before Christmas and is now 3 months old!*

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***Reuben's pet budgie, 'Buddie' joins him in reading his novel for the Scholarship class.***



***Benjamin V feeding the parrots in Hyde Park during one of our daily outdoors escapes.***



Wetherby Preparatory School



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Housepoints

Awarded to:

Mateus Furtado Reis Form 4P



Pembridge House



Congratulations!

*[Signature]*  
Mr Baker  
Headmaster

Form Teacher

*[Signature]*  
Mrs Cartwright  
House Captain





*This is Tye and Saphira doing PE together. They were having a great time.*



**Alvaro skiing**



*Ziyang on the rowing machine*

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