WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 16

WEEK 16 — Monday 25th to Sunday 31st January 2021

Monday 25th January:

- Carl M's Birthday
- POETRY WEEK—all week
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing

Tuesday 26th January:

- Diego R's Birthday
- Mr Reid to the APG Sports Forum—4-6pm

Wednesday 27th January:

- Arthur C's Birthday
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm
- Wetherby Lockdown Quiz **LIVE on Instagram** – 8pm

Thursday 28th January:

- Hugo S's Birthday
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing
- Mr Blundell to the APG SPD Forum—4-6pm

Friday 29th January:

- Christopher A's Birthday
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly **LIVE on Instagram** **and Zoom** – 8:45am
- 'Music Concert' **on Zoom**—3pm

Saturday 30th January:

Sunday 31st January:

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

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Boys,

Shortly after Assembly this morning, I had a meeting with one of you whose first words were, "Oh, you've changed." I gave my apologies but yes, I had changed out of my suit and back into something more casual (though branded Wetherby leisurewear, of course) for the remainder of the day. Though still perfectly presentable for work during the day, I do think it's important to wear a suit for Assembly to give currency to the proceedings and as much normality to the boys as possible. You will recall from this morning that Methu was also in his uniform for his excellent piano piece – great attitude! Over the Christmas period, it was both amusing and I thought absolutely correct that the Speaker of the House of Commons admonished Jeremy Hunt MP for not wearing a tie when appearing via Zoom during a debate. The wearing of a tie won't make someone a better MP or more eloquent orator but if those are the rules of the chamber then they should be adhered to, whether in person or not.

I'm not sure what the dress code was for the inauguration ceremony on Wednesday but whatever the memo, everyone looked smart, elegant and well turned-out…particularly Bernie Sanders, whose mittens, whilst not typically sartorial for an event such as this, looked comfortable and entirely fit for purpose on what was clearly a cold day in Washington. As is the modern way, his image was leapt upon by social media, copied and pasted into numerous places in that exact same pose. And, most famously of all, as one parent sent to me today, he managed to appear on Mr Thorne's shoulder during our Quiz on Wednesday. Difficult to appear in two places at once but clearly powerful mittens…

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

Letter from CEO, Mark Hanley-Browne re fees

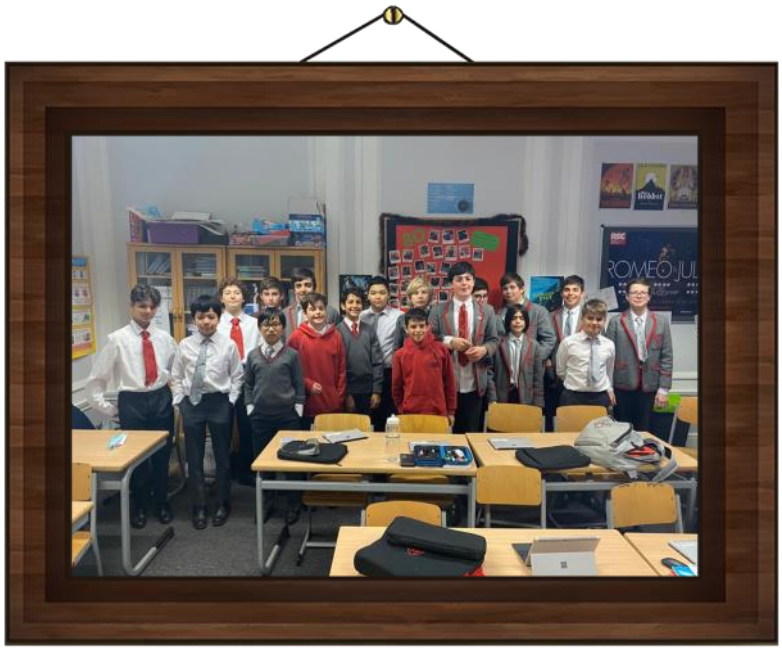
Please see attached (to this Wetherbuzz) an important letter from CEO, Mark Hanley-Browne, regarding fees for this term.

Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Thomas M in 6C. Thomas is excelling in online learning and his teachers had nothing but praise for him, making huge improvements in his focus, contributions and quality of work. He is one of the first boys to join form every morning and is enthusiastic about learning. Well done, Thomas!

Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Michael A in 7H. Michael is always first to Games and has been engaged, enthusiastic and eager to exercise! He is an excellent participant in the sessions and a role model to all boys in how to stay active during lockdown! Well done, Michael!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup

Ansel G 6M

This week I was teaching 6M for TPR- a real treat as I haven't been teaching them this academic year. Ansel was first in the meeting and instantly started asking me how I was, how my Christmas had been, if I was OK and stated that he was pleased to see me online. What a kind, genuine spirit that really made my day! *Miss Lister*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

- **Daniel L and John C 8O**

  Daniel and John very helpful with getting boys 'onto,' OneNote. Much appreciated! *Dr Lee*

- **Joshua L 8G and Lucas G 7L**

  Both have been so helpful manning the Guidance and Support team and offering help and advice to their fellow students. They weren't asked to do this, but did it of their own bat and followed through until the problem was solved. *Mr Bayes*

- **Nathan M, Charles P and Marley L**

  These boys were super in my Y7 lesson, helping the others boys use the tech! *Miss Preece*

- **Aditya D 8V**

  Both Aditya's Mum and I have been sick since the start of January. For over two weeks, Aditya has risen to the challenge. He has coordinated with our family friends who have been bringing food, he has served food to both his parents and his younger sister. He has been doing everything asked of him and more. On many days, lunch would not have arrived during Aditya's lunch break at School and so he had to have his lunch after school hours. *Partish D, Father*

- **Frederick R in 4S**

  What a super helpful attitude in History. A few boys were stuck on a question and he kindly posted a link to Roman military equipment to help with this. He also found great links for shield drawing. Frederick is a teacher in the making! *Mrs Furnell*

What have you made?

Alvaro building his Amazon box City

Ayden with his model
of Da Vinci's Bombard

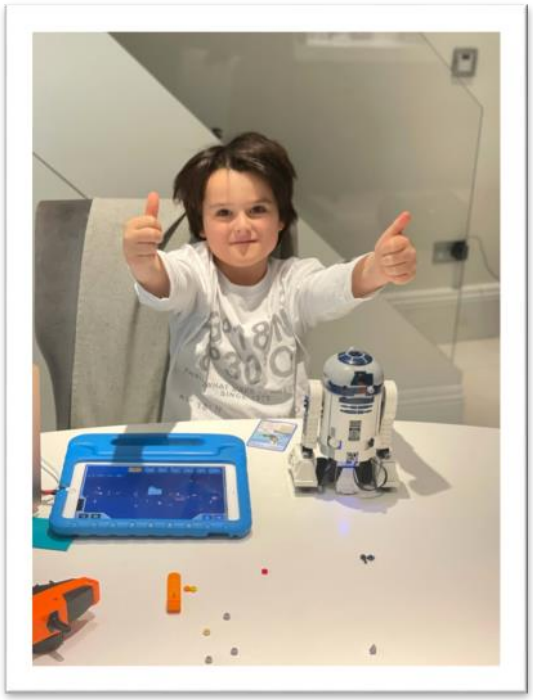
Bear's vanilla and lemon pudding

Cezar on a walk with his WSS brother

Eric making cookies

Eric making Miss Bidie's chocolate chip cookies recipe

Felix and his Lego Robotics



Felix with his Lego Robotics

Hector making bath bombs

James's winter sandcastle

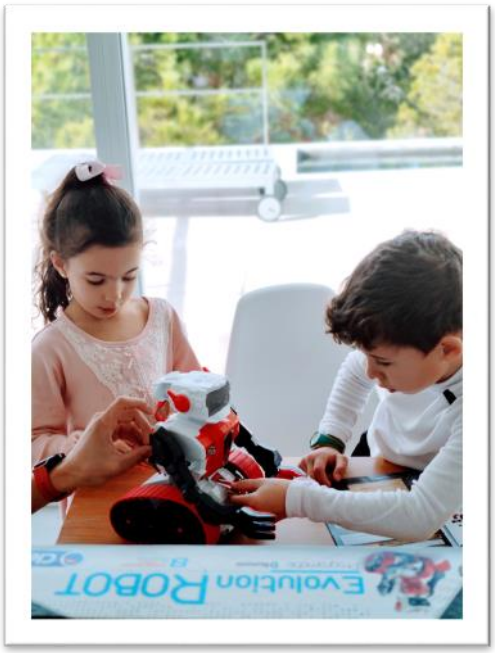
Luca's double baked stuffed potatoes

Luca’s Lego Tower Bridge

Michael makes a cake

Oliver’s Chocolate Cupcakes

Pau's Fire Monster



Pau's Programmable Robot

The Locks litter picking

Tobia’s Battering Ram

Ziyang’s origami bird

Hendrik finishing a tricky 500 piece ‘space’ puzzle

Aidan’s homemade drum kit

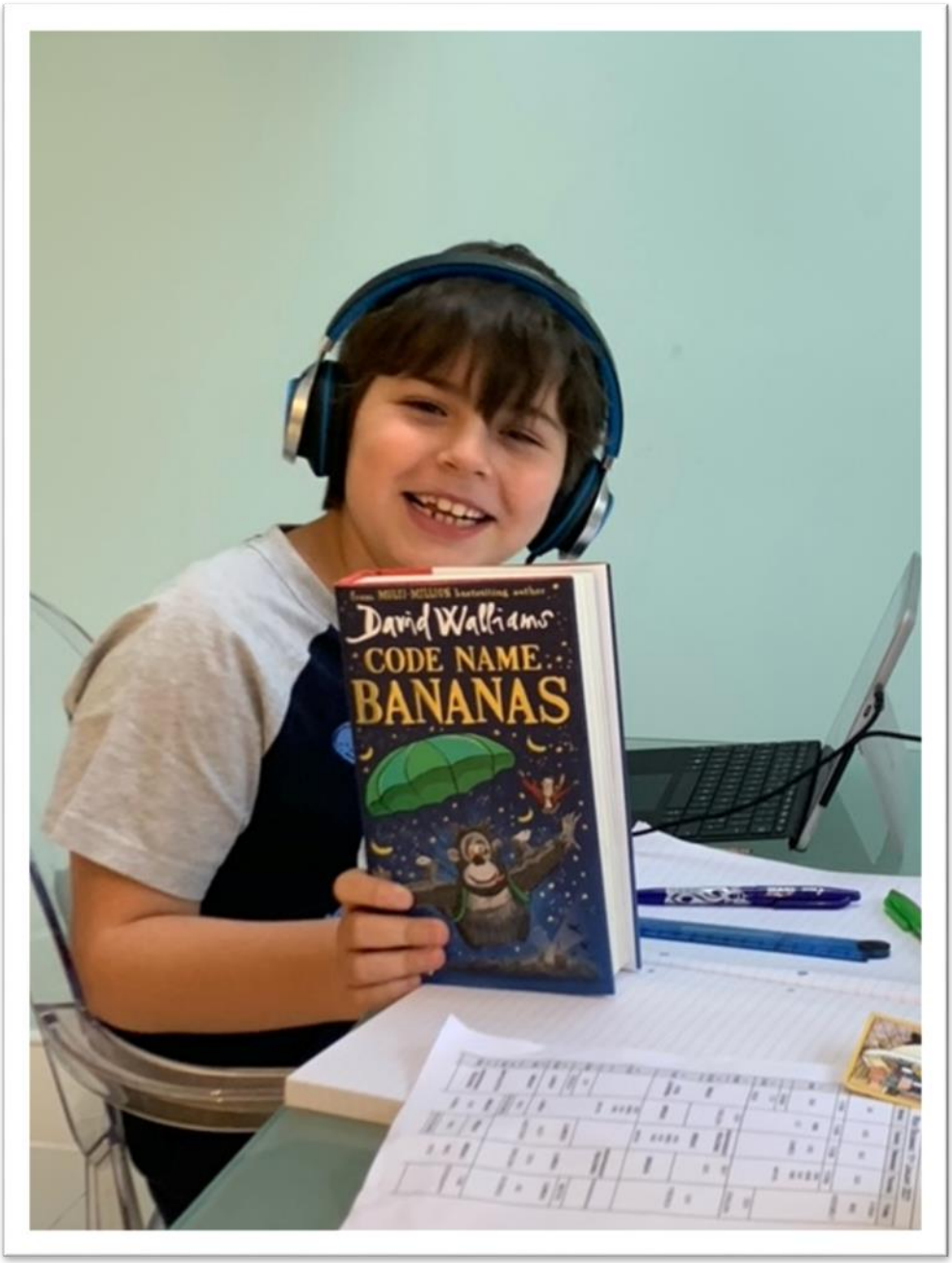
Jonah's homemade door alarm

Alex making a chocolate cake

Oliver building the Millennium Falcon

Birthday Books

Happy 9th Birthday to Hector and thank you for your kind donation of David Walliams' 'Code Name Bananas'.



Notices

Mr Evans writes…

Fitness Form Time

Date & Time: 25/1/21 8:30-8:50am

Wetherby boys, parents, staff and family! Start the week right by building up a sweat with your fellow school community.

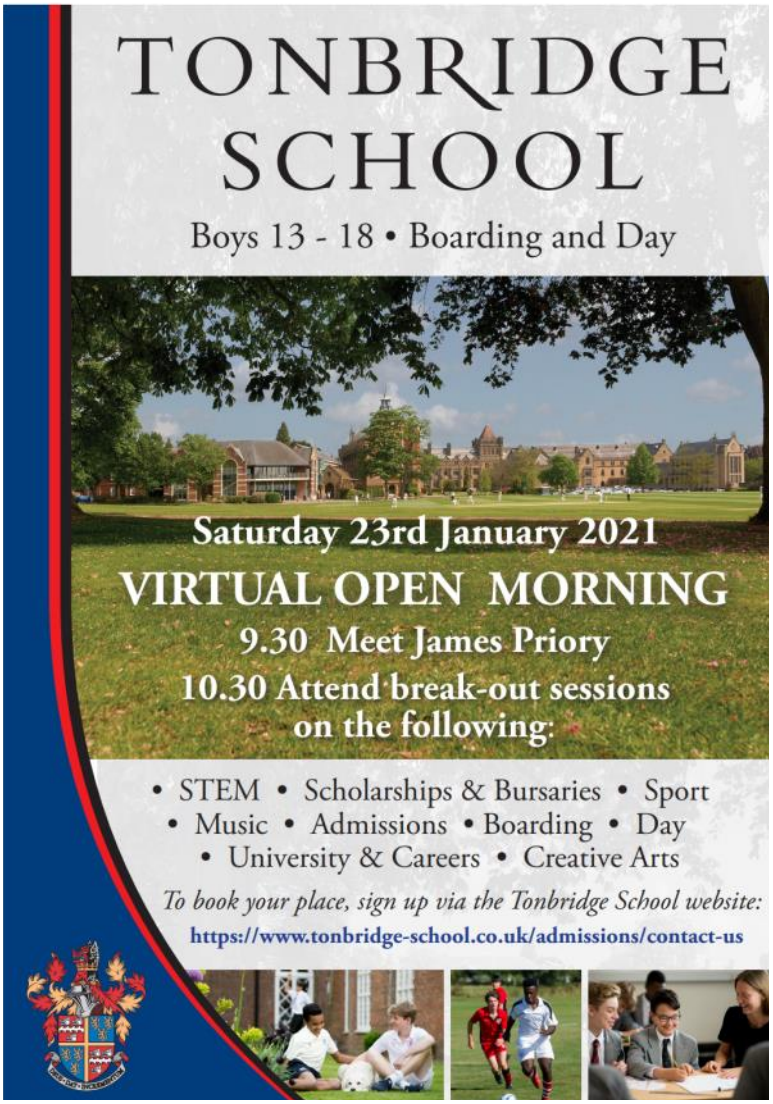
Whether it's an indoor workout or a run outdoors, let's pull together on Zoom for the biggest Wetherby exercise session of the year so far.

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

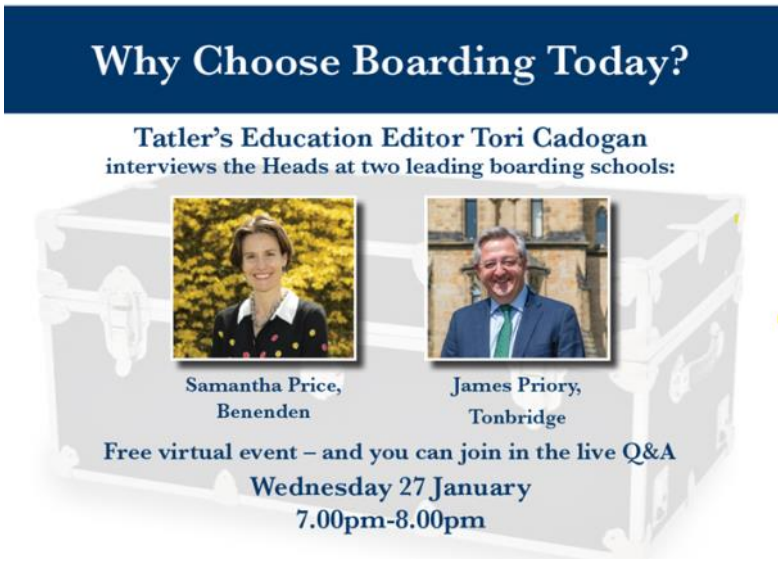
Miss Lister writes…

Wetherby Prep Values

Miss Lister and School Council are delighted to reveal the Wetherby Prep Values. These have been chosen by School Council Representatives and voted for by staff. We will be doing lots with them in the future as they underpin what we, as a school community, believe makes Wetherby Prep so special. We are Wetherby Prep!



Arrange a visit - Tonbridge School (tonbridge-school.co.uk)



Please find above the advert for a discussion between the Heads at Benenden and Tonbridge and the Education Editor of Tatler, Tori Cadogan, about boarding: https://www.tonbridge-school.co.uk/

Parents can sign up for sign up for event here.

English Department

Miss Andrews-Bowen writes…

Poetry Week

Next week Year 3,4,5 and 6 will be involved in 'Poetry week'. Boys will be able to listen to classic poetry, perform themselves and create their own works of art!

On Monday and Tuesday boys will be taking part in an exciting challenge. A poetry recital!

Each boy will perform a poem of his choice during an English lesson. Over the weekend, the boys should think about their favourite poem. Is it a masterpiece by Shakespeare, Yeats, Dahl, Wordsworth, Angelou or Bates?

Attached is a 'Poetry Suggestion Sheet' for each year group. These are only suggestions and ideas.

The English department is looking forward to seeing what the Wetherby boys can do – Poetry style!

Year 5 Poetry

Below are a selection of poems.

You may choose one from the list or select your own.

- The Road Goes Ever On by J.R.R.Tolkien
- I Love to Do My Homework by Anonymous
- Composed upon Westminster Bridge by William Wordsworth
- I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud by Wordsworth
- I Rise by Maya Angelou
- From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Macavity, The Mystery Cat by T.S.Eliot
- The Charge of the Light Brigade by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Year 6 Poetry

Below are a selection of poems.

You may choose one from the list or select your own.

- *The Kraken by Alfred, Lord Tennyson*
- *I Am by John Clare*
- *Snowball by Carol Ann Duffy*
- *The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost*
- *Invictus by William Ernest Henley*
- *If by Rudyard Kipling*

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet Prologue perhaps? Or Sonnet 116?
The possibilities are endless...

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]	Year 5	2.30 mins
4.	Nicolas [redacted]	Year 5	2.52 mins
5.	Kian [redacted]	Year 5	3.15 mins
6.	Louis [redacted]	Year 5	3.27 mins
7.	Alex [redacted]	Year 5	3.30 mins
8.	James [redacted]	Year 5	3.53 mins
9.	Matthias [redacted]	Year 5	4.10 mins
10.	Samuele [redacted]	Year 5	4.40 mins

Mr Gascoine writes…

All very tense at the top. Franklin is still hanging on to his fragile lead over Raahil. Louis has moved up from 8th to 6th with his 25 second improvement. In addition, we have a newcomer to the Top 10, Alex T-W has come straight in at number 7. Keep your times coming gents and speed test immortality awaits.

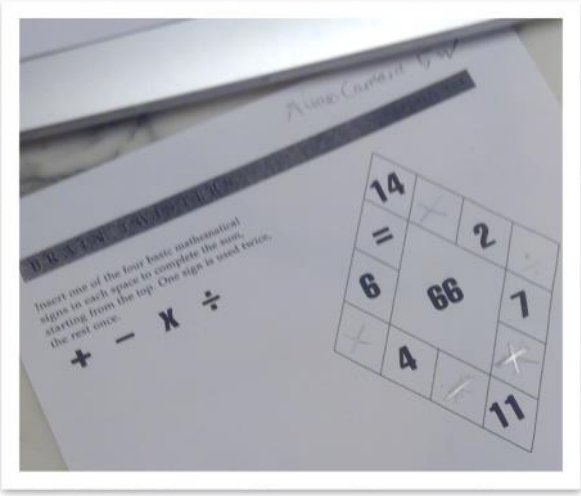
Mr Gascoine writes…

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Lower Challenge Answers	Upper Challenge Answers
Hendrik P	William P
Kian D	Max Van Der K
William P	Ziyang P
Max Van Der K	Genrikh V
Genrikh V	Ayden R
The Dark Horse	Alex T-W
Alvaro C	The Dark Horse
Mikhail L	Leo B
	Leonardo B
	Henry S
	Mikhail L
	Jack G

Lower Maths Challenge



Wetherby Weekly Chess Blog

Mr Gascoine writes...

Chess is a game of War. Indeed Generals of ancient armies played Chess to improve their battle strategies. Napoleon was reputably a very fine chess player. Chess was started in India at around 600AD and has been thrilling/confusing and encapsulating people ever since. An estimated 500 million play chess in 175 countries.

Academic Benefits.
Numerous research have shown the benefits of chess instruction on students' academic performance, especially in Maths, reading and general intellectual achievement. Chess makes children smarter engendering the following skills:

- Improves concentration
- Develops critical thinking
- Develops logical reasoning
- Develops calculating ability
- Develops memory

I play too much chess at home! I played 14 games on New Year's Day on the Lichess website! That did not go down well with Mrs Gascoine or my daughter Ruby May (who I tell off for playing too much Nintendo Switch). So every week I will be advertising everything Chess, with puzzles, quotes, history, games and updates. Please find me on Lichess if you want a game. I have played The Dark Horse, ChessNinja and Hugo S (a great name like Hugo's doesn't require a tag) in the last week. All great games and most importantly, enjoyable games.

If you would like to start/continue to play chess check out www.chessinschools.co.uk for pupils aged 6 – 10 or Lichess.org for older pupils and delusional Maths Teachers. By the way, I don't know what the term 'blog' means. It just sounds good. Meet you on the battlefield?

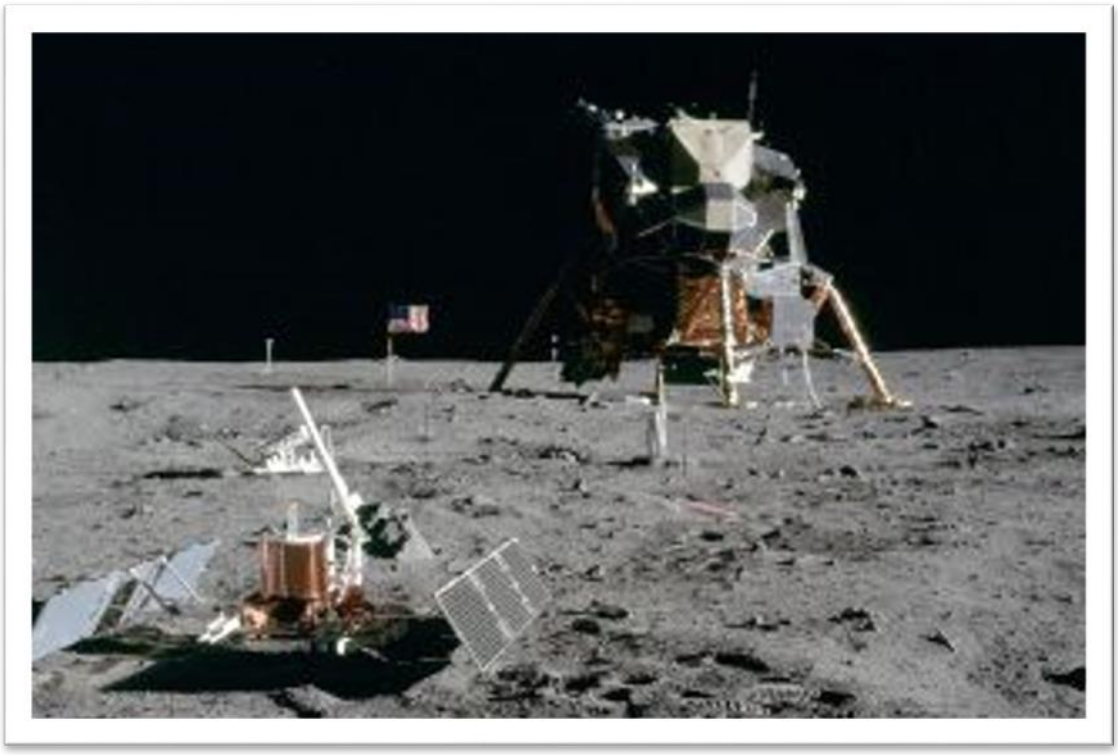
Mr Gascoine (BambaG)

Science Department

Miss Lister writes…

SPACE NEWS w/b 18.1.21

New law is first to protect Apollo sites from future Moon missions



Preserving the historic sites where humans first landed on the Moon is now not only a good idea, it is also the law.

The United States has enacted its first legislation that requires American companies and other entities working with NASA on new missions to the moon to avoid disturbing the U.S. hardware that was left there 50 years ago. The "One Small Step to Protect Human Heritage in Space Act" became law on December 31st 2020.

Space calendar 2021:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

January

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

19th January:
1966: Indira Gandhi was elected prime-minister of India. She served until 1975, then again from 1980-1984 when she was assassinated by her own body guards as she walked to her office.

Birthday: 1849 - Edgar Allen Poe (A poet and writer of mystery and suspense tales)

20th January:
1649: The conclusion of the English Civil War brough a charge of treason and trial against King Charles I.

1942: The Wannsee Conference was held in Berlin in which 15 top Nazis co-ordinated the final solution which killed an estimate 11 million people.

1996: Yasir Arafat became the first democratically elected leader of the Palestinian people with 88.1% of the vote.

21st January:
1793: King Louis XVI was guillotined in the aftermath of the French Revolution.

1954: The USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched.

1976: The concorde supersonic jet began passanger service, cruising twice the speed of sound at 60,000 feet.

22nd January:
1901: Queen Victoria of England died after a 64 year reign.

1905: 500 protesting Russian workers were killed by the troops of Czar Nicholas II in St. Petersburg. The event became known as 'bloody sunday'.

23rd January:
1907: Charles Curtis of Kansas became the first prson of Native American ancestry to serve in the US senate, later serving as Vice-President under Herbert Hoover.

24th January:
1848 - The California gold rush began with the accidental discovery of precious metal near Coloma.

1965: Winston Churchill, prime-minister of England during WW2, died.

1972: Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered in Guam after years of hiding in the jungle, not knowing WW2 had ended.

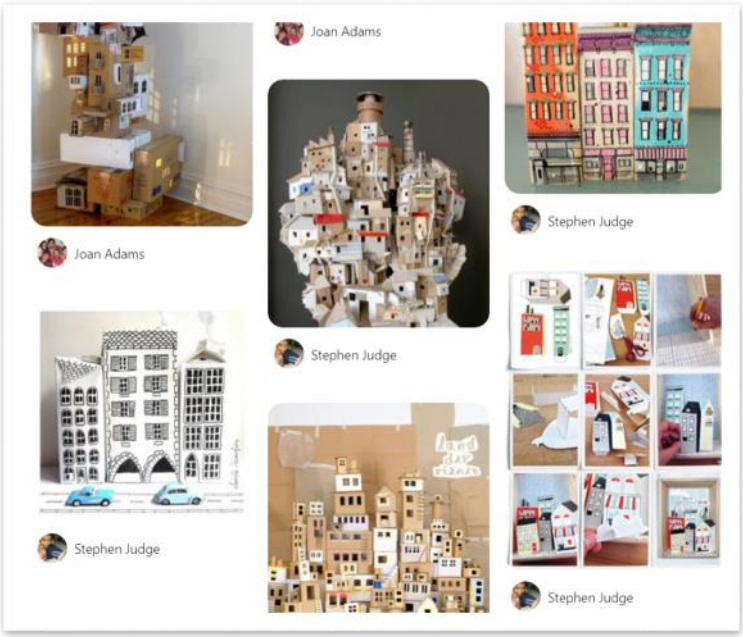
Art Department

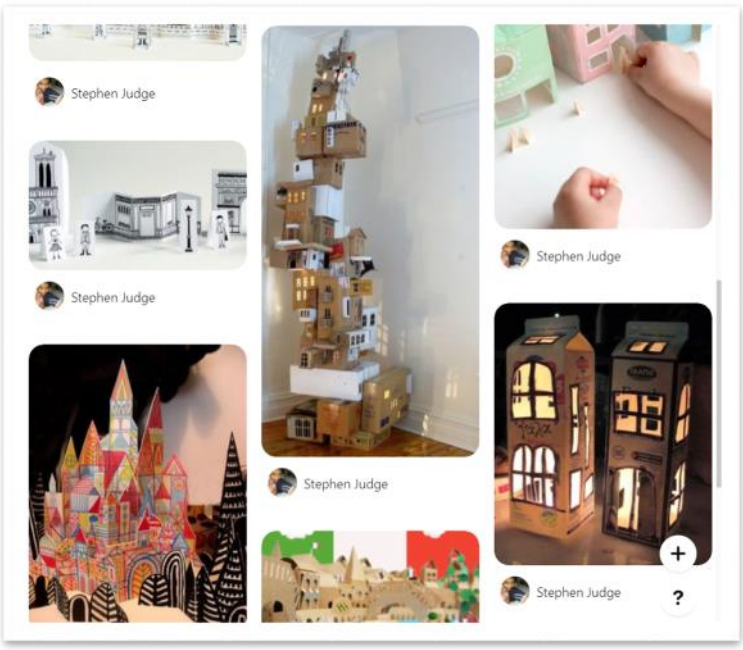
Mr Sulleyman writes...

Let's Get Creative!

As we are all locked down inside our homes, I'm sure a lot of you have built up quite a nice collection of recycled materials. How about recreating a famous landmark from anywhere around the world using these items? These items may be cardboard boxes, milk bottles, newspaper, magazines, cereal packets, etc. Anything you like. Free your minds; the more imaginative, the better. For all the family to enjoy, give it a go! This is a family fun activity to do at your own leisure.

Please send any pictures to **ajaz.sulleyman@wetherbyprep.co.uk**





Wetherby Sport

Team of the Week

99
ToW
RIGBY
ToW

99
ToW
GHAFUR
ToW

99
ToW
MARTYNENKO
ToW

99
ToW
DELEON
ToW

Out of School Achievements

John C (8O) writes…

West London Zone

My mum and I are working with a local charity called West London Zone. They help local children who are in danger of falling through the cracks of society, not only from an academic point of view, but also from an emotional and physical one too. It is a 360 degree 2 year programme supporting each child.

They are in need of about 300 laptops to help local children, that have next to nothing, with their home learning and access to the online network, There are some further details in the attachment to this Wetherbuzz. Thank you!

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Pau M-G D A - 63

Weekly 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
1144	**1002**	**939**	**790**

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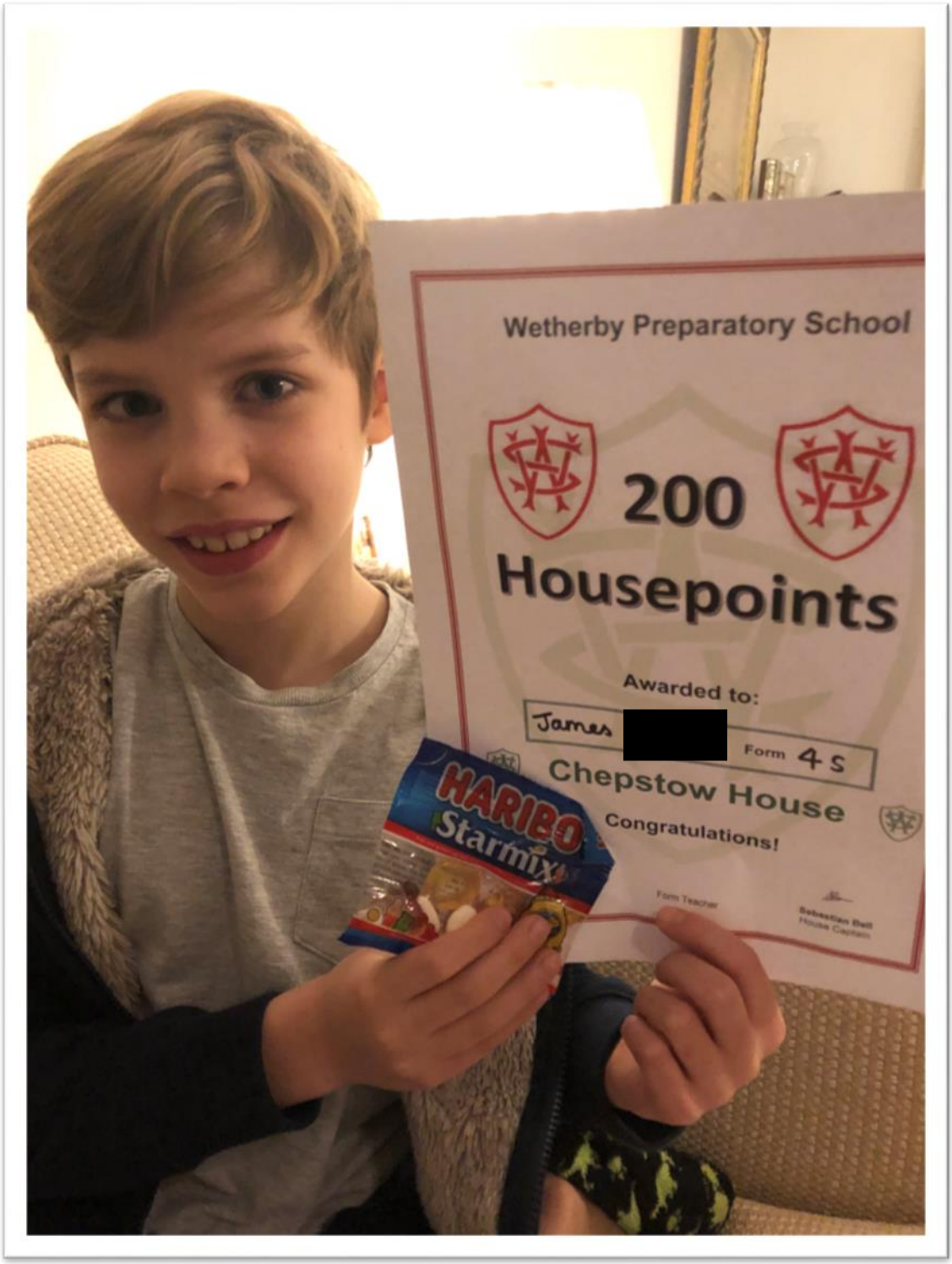
Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	**Dawson** Captain E. Efthimiou	**Pembridge** Captain J. Cartwright	**Chepstow** Captain S. Bell
9188	**8757**	**8661**	**8233**

Photos of the Week

Luca in ‘Home Games Time’


Wetherby Preparatory School
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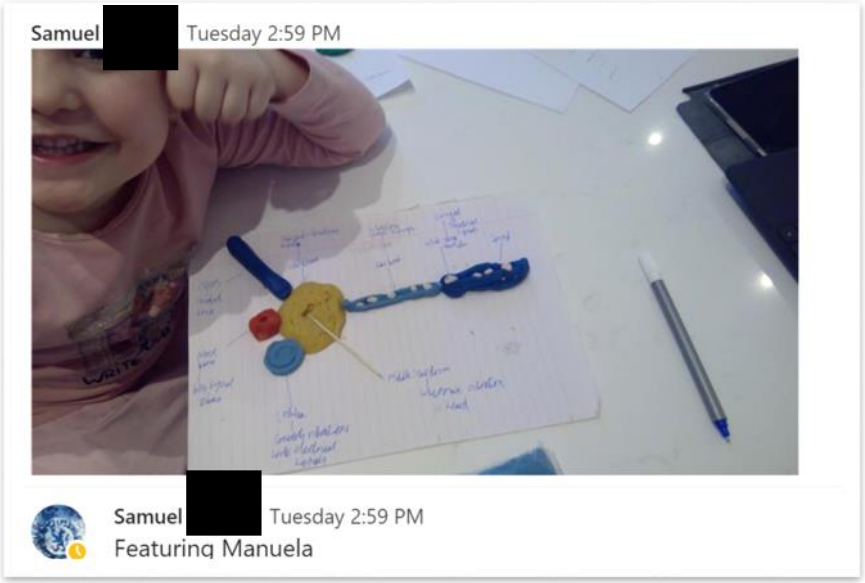
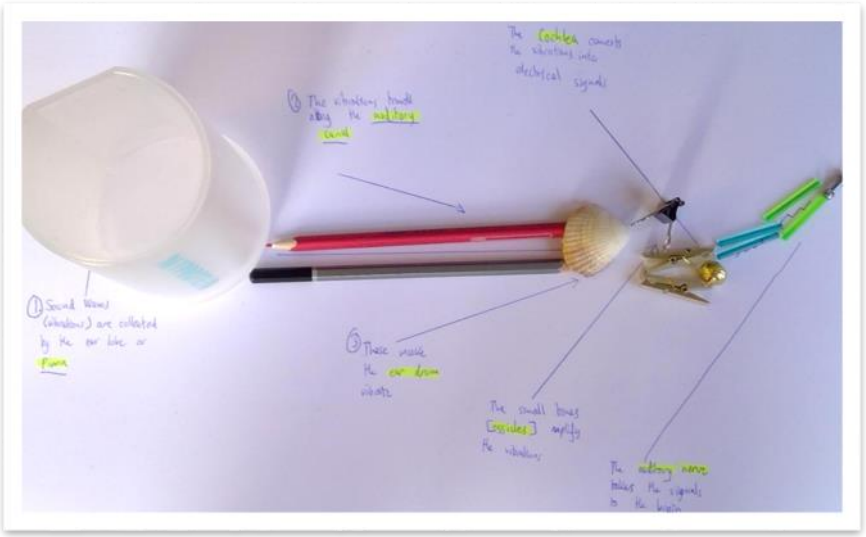
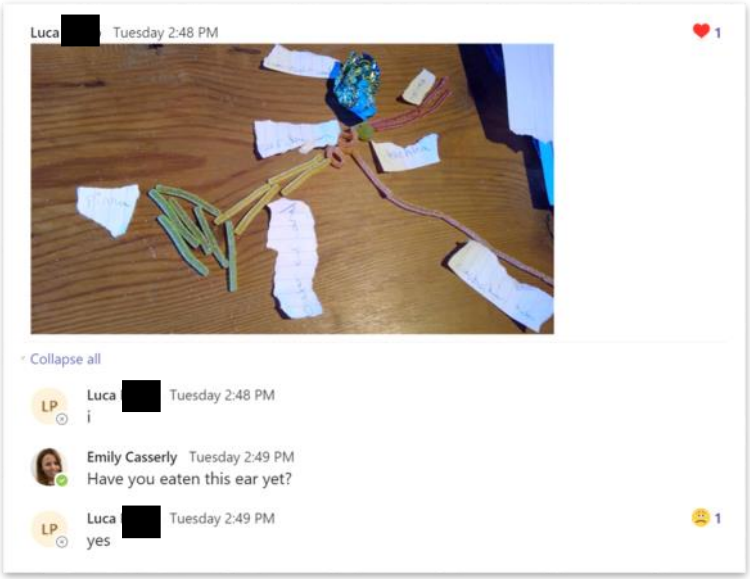
Housepoints
Awarded to:
James [redacted] Form 4S
Chepstow House
Congratulations!
HARIBO
Starmix

Science—Model of the ear



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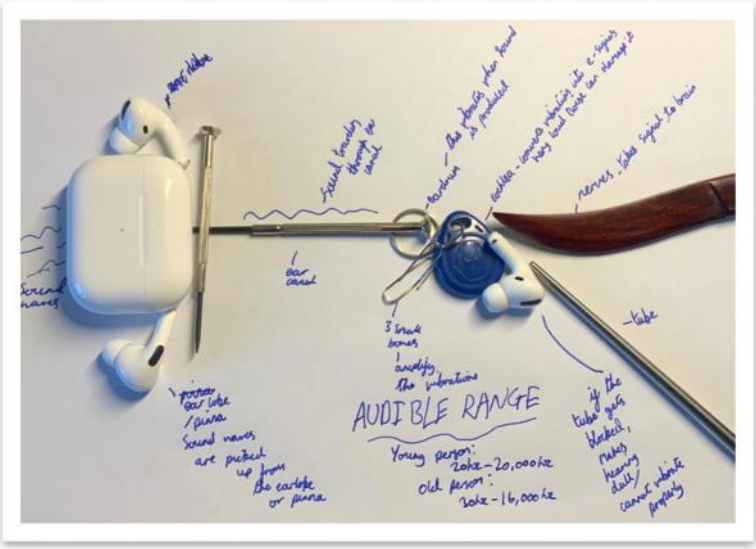
AUDIBLE RANGE
Young person:
20hz - 20,000hz
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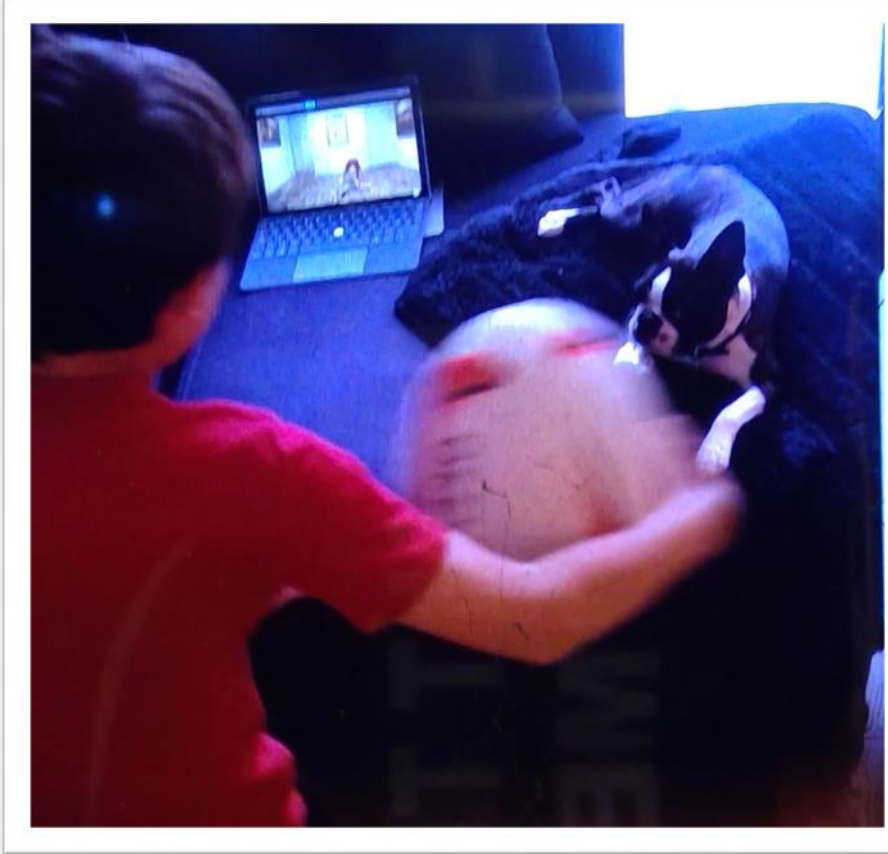
The 'Great W Bake-off'

Lucas W 7L visited Karl Marx's grave in Highgate Cemetery

Here is Finn flailing hedges with the farmer yesterday



Matthias and Max's Tour de London