

WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 17



WEEK 17 — Monday 1st to Sunday 7th February 2021

Monday 1st February:

- Ralph J's Birthday
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing

Tuesday 2nd February:

- Ethan W's Birthday
- Mrs Gourlay to the APG Wellbeing Forum—3-5pm
- Mrs Bassett to the APG Modern Foreign Languages Forum—4-6pm

Wednesday 3rd February:

- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm
- Wetherby Lockdown Quiz **LIVE on Instagram** 📷 – 8pm
- Mr Metherell to the APG Data Protection Forum
- 8G and 8O Parents' Evening—5-8pm

Thursday 4th February:

- Leo M's Birthday
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing
- Mr Gascoine to the APG Mathematics Forum—4-6pm

Friday 5th February:

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

Saturday 6th February:

Sunday 7th February:

- Arki P's Birthday
- Kabir D's Birthday



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

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

Those that tuned into Assembly this morning will have heard Mr Lock talk about the importance of getting off screens and doing something more practical, even better, doing something practical together as a family. I'm a huge advocate of that and like The Locks, we also have a 1000 piece jigsaw currently 'on the go'. I bought this for Patrick for his birthday a few weeks ago. Patrick (I thought) loves jigsaws...well at least he does when we go to Menorca where the same, 1000 piece jigsaw of the world is retrieved, started and completed every summer. He also loves building Lego (even though now at 15 might not admit to it, I know the truth) so the perfect gift had to be a 1000 piece [Lego Minifigure Head jigsaw puzzle](#). Problem is, this puzzle is really difficult, almost to the point of being too difficult. Just too much yellow, too many indistinguishable black lines, too many similar looking expressions. It took almost a week just to get the border done and that was a chore and needed surgery from me where family members had got frustrated and ended up binding two pieces as they were 'about right' rather than the correct fit.

Two weeks later, we've made a bit more progress but it's been adults-only to get to this stage. Now though, all of a sudden like migrating birds, Patrick and Joseph have returned, just as the hard work is done and the more accessible, easier work is now to be completed, Richard tells me it is the same story in the Lock household with their 'Tobermory Scene'. Lovely to have the input and company of one's children of course, but where were they when they were needed most? Hopefully this is a lesson in hard work and determination and looking at your parents as role models in that important life lesson in how to complete a jigsaw.

In these action- and entertainment-starved times, the emphasis really is on creating one's own fun and as one parent suggested to me today, why don't we pool ideas as to things-to-do either on your own for your own entertainment or as a family? Great idea! If you have a game, puzzle, task, idea, even a television series the family might enjoy (apart from all the obvious ones), email them to me or send me a message on Teams and I'll collate for the 'Wetherby Prep Entertainment Section' which we can post in next week's Wetherbuzz and every month thereafter. Who says you can't find a bit of fun in lockdown...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker





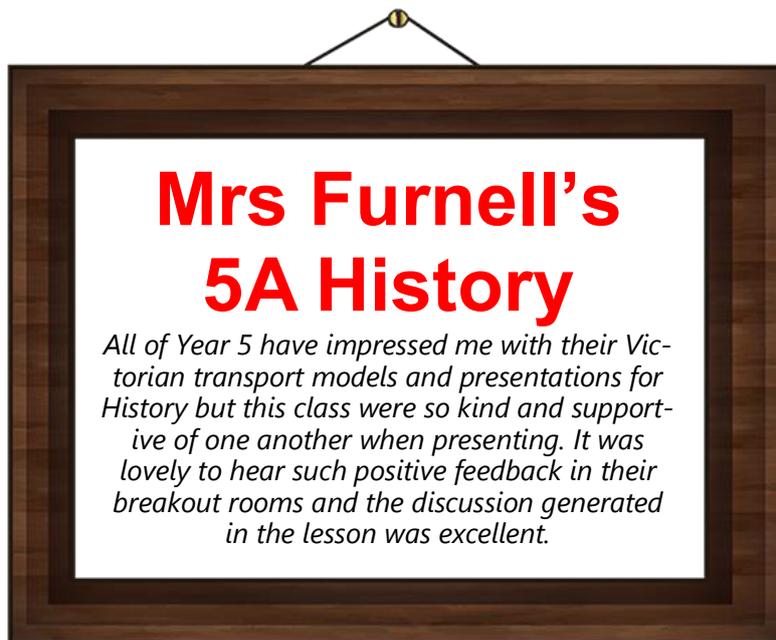
Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Riki M in 8V. Riki has worked productively and purposely this term and throughout Year 8. He gets on with his work with little fuss and has made huge strides across the curriculum. Proud of you Riki!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Genrikh V in 4S. Genrikh has mastered the tech with the Games lessons and has been a committed and engaged attendee to all the sessions. Looking forward to getting Genrikh back on the games field!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Maximilian B 6M

First thing on Monday morning it was time to get my first class of the day set up on one-note. I am not very good with technology and was a little nervous that I did not know what I was doing. Max noticed this and offered to help. From here, he took charge, he shared his screen and in turn talked through others sharing their screen until the whole class was set up and working. From here, I could then go on and set up 5 other classes that day and all because of Max's help! We all need help sometimes and I'm incredibly grateful that Max was there to help me! *Miss Cox*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

Roman C 4L

It was so lovely to see that Roman messaged a Y8 boy to congratulate him with a big 'Well Done!' for winning an HMGS. This is Roman at all times- showing how proud he is of other's achievements. *Miss Lister*

Louis L 6C

Louis created a Hobbit Chapter One quiz for the boys in my year 6 English class. The quiz was incredibly detailed and went down brilliantly! Thank you Louis! *Miss Andrews-Bowen*

Aditya D and Drago S-J

Spent time with me and a test OneNote team looking at submitting work and editing comments. Great attitude and a very kind thing to do, which really helped me out. *Mr Blundell*

Kourosh M

I would love to nominate Kourosh because I was trying to change some settings on my word document and he decided to call me during his break to try and help me. *Alexander G*

Theodore H

Theo voluntarily helped a lot of boys who were stuck entering the poetry competition this week. Even taking time to help them outside lessons, which was such a kind and helpful thing to do. *Miss Bidie*

What have you made?



Ansel making his lunch



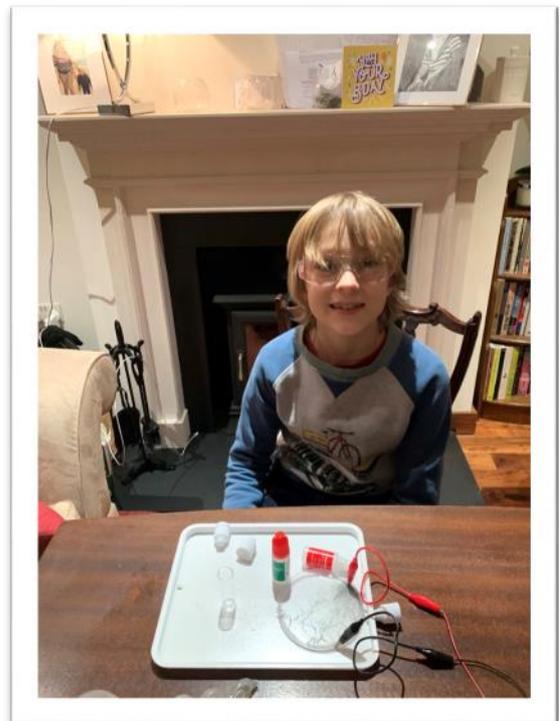
Ayden's robot spider



Casper and his Lego Catamaran



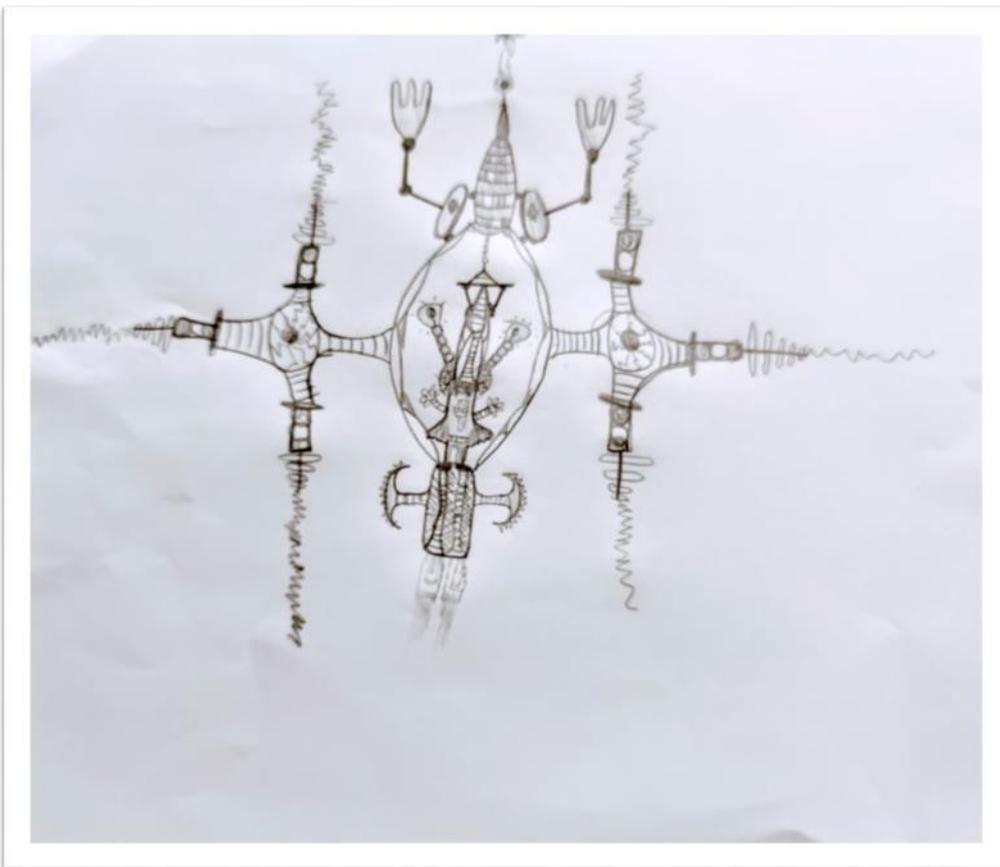
Alexander making a snowman



Max's Science Experiment



Miles with his Lego Jet



Pau's electric zap monster!

Notices

Mrs Gourlay writes...

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is: Express Yourself!



Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good. It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

Expect to be exploring this theme across lots of your subjects over the next week. We look forward to seeing what you get up to!

English Department

Miss Bidie writes...

Never Such Innocence Charity Competition

This week, all the boys have been writing their own poems as part of Poetry Week. Boys in Years 5 – 8 will be entering these into the Never Such Innocence charity competition. I can't wait to read some of their entries! As a reminder of how to enter the competition, the details are in the link below:

<https://www.neversuchinnocence.com/2020-21-competition>

It is an international competition and there are several categories; pupils are allowed to enter as many as they'd like. All entrants will receive a special, personalised Certificate of Commendation and there are amazing prizes for winners... Good luck!



Miss Andrews-Bowen writes...

Poetry Week 2021 a virtual success!

3H Winner:

Rufus M-S

Year 4 Winners:

James M

Elias I

Tye N

Cyrus F

Year 5 Winners:

Eren E

Emilio N

Max Van Der K

Cezar J

Year 6 Winners:

Nicolo F

Tobia P B

Alexander W

In Year 5 the boys showcased a wealth of poetry knowledge. It was clear to see that this was something they all truly enjoyed and the embers of love for this beautiful art form are clearly starting to ignite. We enjoyed listening to the works of Shakespeare, Frost, and Dahl. In addition, I was able to sit back and enjoy some wonderful performances as well as being introduced to some new poetry. Thrilling!

This may not be the way we envisioned this week going when the idea was thrown around at an English meeting back in October but thanks to the Wetherby boys it was, once again, a triumph!

Miss Preece writes...

Our Year 4 winner Tye N. An amazing and theatrical delight! Tye's fruit poem was hilarious, articulate and full of actual fruit!

In Year 5 Eren E: A captivating performance, Eren was confident, articulate and engaging throughout.

Oliver F was our Year 6 winner. A rhythmical and dynamic, Oliver had the class transfixed by his pacey performance. A marvel to watch.

Mr Thorne writes...

Alexander W - Delivered his poem with vigour, utilising body language and expression to maximum effect. The audience were engrossed throughout!

In Year 5 our champion was Emilio N - An impressive delivery of a complex poem, Emilio considered volume, expression, intonation of key words and performed fluently.

Miss Kroiter writes...

I was blown away by the efforts 4T had made reciting their poems and by how carefully they listened to one another read. Elias I was our overall winner as he read with clear expression and demonstrated a good understanding of the words. He won both my vote and the overall class votes with close runner ups being Alessandro L and Pierre Z.

Mrs Gourlay writes...

Cyrus F performed Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen – what a gripping and highly entertaining performance by Cyrus! His varying tones of voice and brilliant actions had us all hanging on to his every word! Dante was the runner up with his poem The Owl and the Pussy-Cat by Edward Lear, we were all so impressed how he had learnt the poem off by heart and it was a beautiful performance.

Mrs Callaghan writes...

Nicolo F gave us a humorous and confident performance. He engaged the boys and teachers throughout his recital. Our runner up was Ezra W with a brilliant performance full of expression and passion - Bravo.

In Year 5, Cezar J recited his poem with enthusiasm and zest. He used wonderful, vivid actions to illustrate the actions of the poem - thoroughly entertaining.

Miss Hood writes...

In 3H Rufus M-S showcased an entertaining and highly amusing performance of "I Saw My Teacher on a Saturday". His use of voice to show the changing characters and emotions was particularly enjoyed by the 3H audience!

In Year 4, James M went the extra mile to learn his poem off by heart, which allowed him to really bring his poem to life with fantastic expression and actions. The audience went wild!

Miss Andrews Bowen writes...

The winner in my Year 5 class was Maximilian Van Der K performing 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. Max had memorised every word and acted it out with such care and devotion. He ensured each phrase was poignant and captivated his audience.

In Year 6 our winner was Tobia P B. Tobia performed with ease and entertained his audience from start to finish. A humorous performance that engaged and enthralled!

Mr Lock's Assembly Poetry

the long bench

For the times ahead
when we will be

as if at either end
of the long bench

where distance kept
is love's measure

and death dances
the space between

when words alone
are not enough

and queued memories
reach out to touch

let longing be a store
of nut and seed

that grows each day
in strange hibernation

readying for its end –
the sharing of the feast.

- Jim Carruth

Lockdown

And I couldn't escape the waking dream
of infected fleas

in the warp and weft of soggy cloth
by the tailor's hearth

in ye olde Eyam.
Then couldn't un-see

the Boundary Stone,
that cock-eyed dice with its six dark holes,

thimbles brimming with vinegar wine
purging the plagued coins.

Which brought to mind the sorry story
of Emmott Syddall and Rowland Torre,

star-crossed lovers on either side
of the quarantine line

whose wordless courtship spanned the river
till she came no longer.

But slept again,
and dreamt this time

of the exiled *yaksha* sending word
to his lost wife on a passing cloud,

a cloud that followed an earthly map
of camel trails and cattle tracks,

streams like necklaces,
fan-tailed peacocks, painted elephants,

embroidered bedspreads
of meadows and hedges,

bamboo forests and snow-hatted peaks,
waterfalls, creeks,

the hieroglyphs of wide-winged cranes
and the glistening lotus flower after rain,

the air
hypnotically see-through, rare,

the journey a ponderous one at times, long and slow
but necessarily so.

- Simon Armitage

Maths Department

Top Ten Speed Kings 2020-21

1.	Raahil	[REDACTED]	Year 4	1.10 mins
2.	Felix	[REDACTED]	Year 4	1.36 mins
3.	Franklin	[REDACTED]	Year 5	2.01 mins
4.	Adrian	[REDACTED]	Year 5	2.30 mins
5.	James	[REDACTED]	Year 5	2.47 mins
6.	Nicolas	[REDACTED]	Year 5	2.52 mins
7.	Kian	[REDACTED]	Year 5	3.10 mins
8.	Charles	[REDACTED]	Year 4	3.02 mins
9.	Max	[REDACTED]	Year 4	3.18 mins
10.	Louis	[REDACTED]	Year 5	3.27 mins

Mr Gascoine writes...

Boom! Raahil has realised his potential and has nailed the Speed Test, breaking Samuele B's WWR (Wetherby World Record) by 20 seconds. It's all kicked-off. And if that wasn't enough, another Year 4 superstar, Felix R has come into the top ten with an astonishing time of 1 minute 36 seconds. Phew. In addition, James B, Max D and Charles C have joined the party. Year 4 are back with a vengeance. All change please in the Top Ten Rollercoaster!

Mr Gascoine writes...

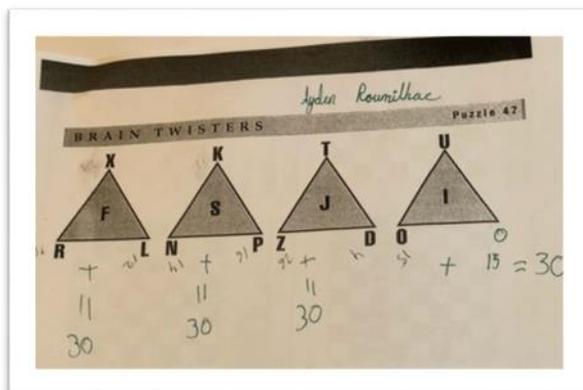
Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Lower Challenge Answers	Upper Challenge Answers
Hendrik P	Ezra W
Ayden R	Ziyang P
The Dark Horse	Alexander T-W
Emilio N	Leonardo B
	Jack G

Lower Maths Challenge

Upper Maths Challenge



Wetherby Weekly Chess Blog

Mr Gascoine writes...

Chess teaches you how to lose

Last week I highlighted the numerous academic benefits of playing Chess (commonly known as 'The Royal Game'). Well this week I could mention that Chess teaches you patience etc, but the headline is not as good. Chess teaches you how to lose.

If you play any competitive game/sport, especially one v one, losing is a very personal and sometime jarring experience for your confidence and personality, (I also play Squash hmmm...) With Chess you can't blame a referee, a unlucky bounce of a ball, the weather, nope, no-one to attach blame too. If you lose at Chess, you either have lost due to an error or the player opposite you is a better player. If you cant accept that then Chess is not for you. I lost two games this week and my rating fell from 1875 to 1859 and it took me 30 minutes to get over it, playing the games in my head and ultimately realising that I did not play well enough and was soundly beaten.

I have played five Wetherby pupils in the last week and have yet to lose. But it will happen and I will not be happy, but that is the nature of the game.

'How can I lose to such an idiot?', wailed Chess genius Aron Nimzovich (1886-1935). Begs the question; 'Who's the idiot?'

BambG

A moment of tension in Vatican.
If the bishop moves forward the
queen can take him.



When chess gets a little too
real

Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 25.1.21

See the Evolution of SpaceX's Rockets in Pictures



SpaceX was born in 2002, when its founder, billionaire Elon Musk, took the first steps in his grand ambition to send a mission to Mars. Today, the company is way beyond the space startup stage.

The Hawthorne, California-based company regularly reuses rockets, sends cargo missions to the International Space Station with its Dragon spacecraft and will fly astronauts for NASA and others, too. SpaceX has also launched the massive Falcon Heavy and has plans for an even larger rocket to reach the moon, Mars and beyond: the Starship and its Super Heavy booster.

<https://www.space.com/40547-spacex-rocket-evolution.html>

Space Calendar 2021:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

January

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.

February

Feb. 11: The new moon arrives at 2:06 p.m. EST (1906 GMT).

Feb. 15: A Russian **Soyuz rocket** will launch the **Progress 77P** cargo resupply spacecraft to the International Space Station from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. [Watch it live](#)

Feb. 18: [Conjunction of the moon and Mars](#). Just one day before reaching first quarter phase, the waxing crescent moon will swing about 4 degrees to the south of Mars in the evening sky.

Feb. 20: Northrop Grumman will use an **Antares rocket** to launch the **Cygnus NG-15** cargo resupply spacecraft to the International Space Station. It will lift off from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia, at 12:36 p.m. EST (1736 GMT). [Watch it live](#)

Feb. 25: A Russian **Soyuz rocket** will launch 36 satellites into orbit for the [OneWeb](#) internet constellation. It will lift off from the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Siberia.

Feb. 26: A United Launch Alliance **Atlas V rocket** will launch the STP-3 rideshare mission for the U.S. Space Force. It will lift off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

Feb. 27: The full moon of February, known as the **Full Snow Moon**, arrives at 3:17 a.m. EST (0817 GMT).

Feb. 28: [Mercury reaches its highest point in morning sky](#), shining brightly at magnitude 0.1. Catch the innermost planet above the eastern horizon shortly before sunrise.

LAST UPDATED Jan. 15: *These dates are subject to change, and will be updated*

This week in History



25th January:

1533 - King Henry VIII married his second wife Anne Boleyn after being refused for annulment from the Pope.

1947 - Gangster Al Capone died in Miami aged 48.

Birthdays: 1627 - Irish scientist Robert Boyle.

26th January:

1788 - The British settled at Sydney Harbor in Australia as 11 ships, with 778 convicts, arrived.

1994 - Romania became the first former Cold War foe to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

27th January:

1945 - The Russian Army liberated Auschwitz death camp near Krakow in Poland, where Nazis had murdered an estimated 2,000,000 people including 1,500,000 Jews.

1973 - U.S involvement in the Vietnam War ended as an agreement was signed in Paris.

Birthdays: 1756 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart , 1832 - British novelist Lewis Carroll and 1859 - German Kaiser Wilhelm II.

28th January:

1547 - King Henry VIII of England died and was succeeded by his son, Edward VI.

1871 - The Franco-Prussian War ended as Paris surrendered to the Germans after a four-month siege.

1935 - Iceland became the first country to legalise abortion.

1963 - African American student Harvey Gantt entered Clemson College in South Carolina, the last state to hold out against integration.

29th January:

1919 - The 18th amendment to the U.S Constitution (Prohibition) was ratified.

Birthdays: 1737 - Thomas Paine, 1843 - William McKinley (25th US President) and 1860 - Anton Chekhov (Russian Playwright)

30th January:

1649 - Charles I of England was beheaded for treason.

1948 - Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated in New Delhi, India.

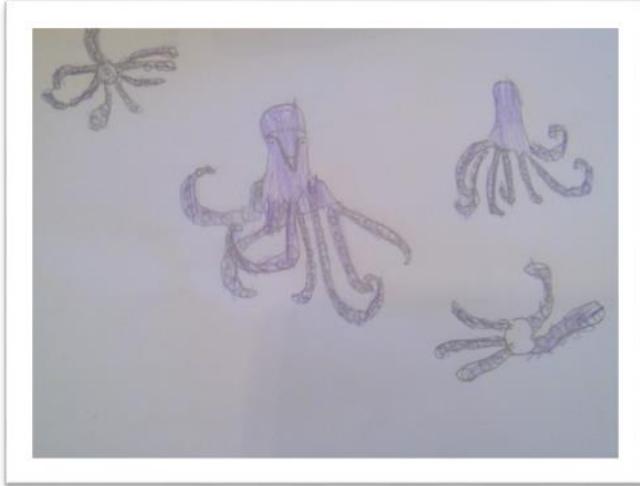
1968 - The beginning of the Tet Offensive in Vietnam.

1972 - In Londonderry, Ireland, 13 Roman Catholics were killed by British troops during a Civil Rights march. This event became known as Bloody Sunday.

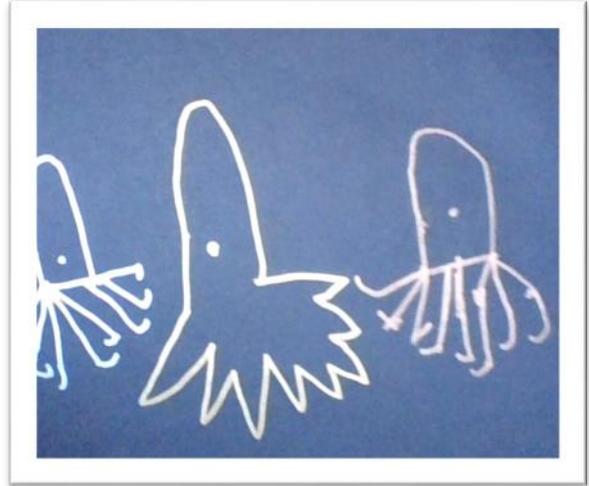


Art Department

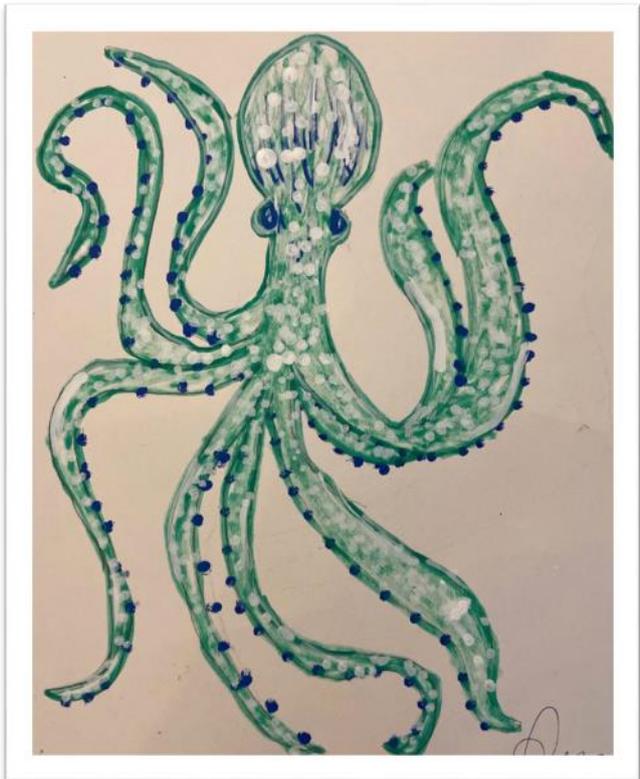
Artworks of the Week



Alexandros T 4K



Ali B 4P



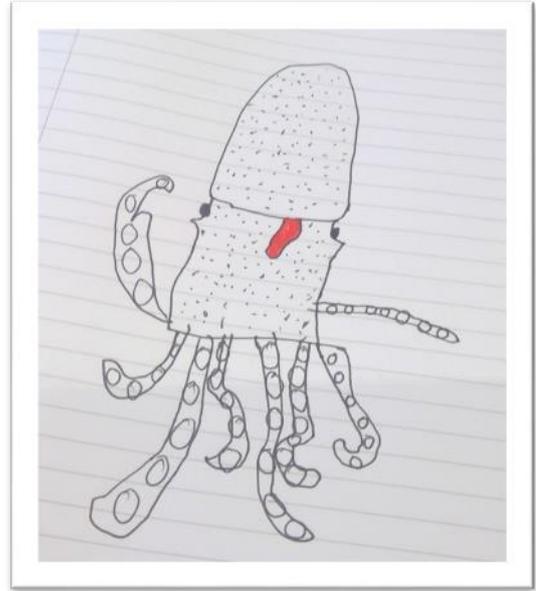
Aran M 7B



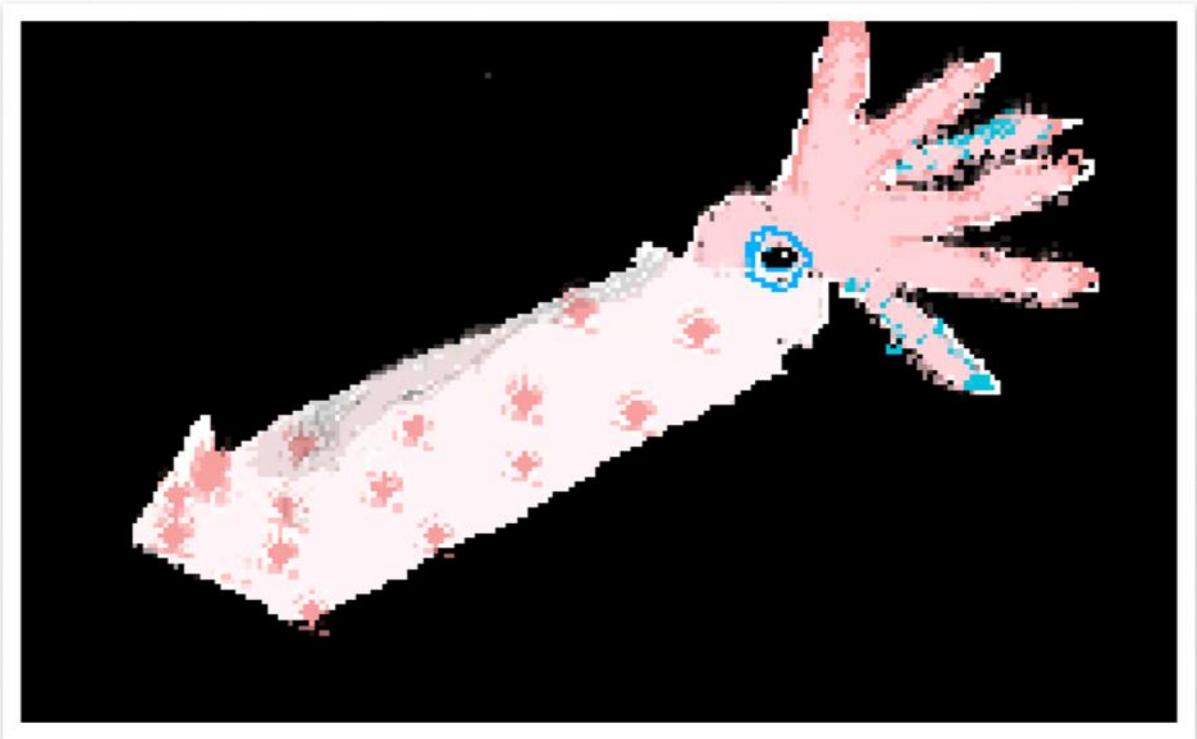
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Ayden R 4S



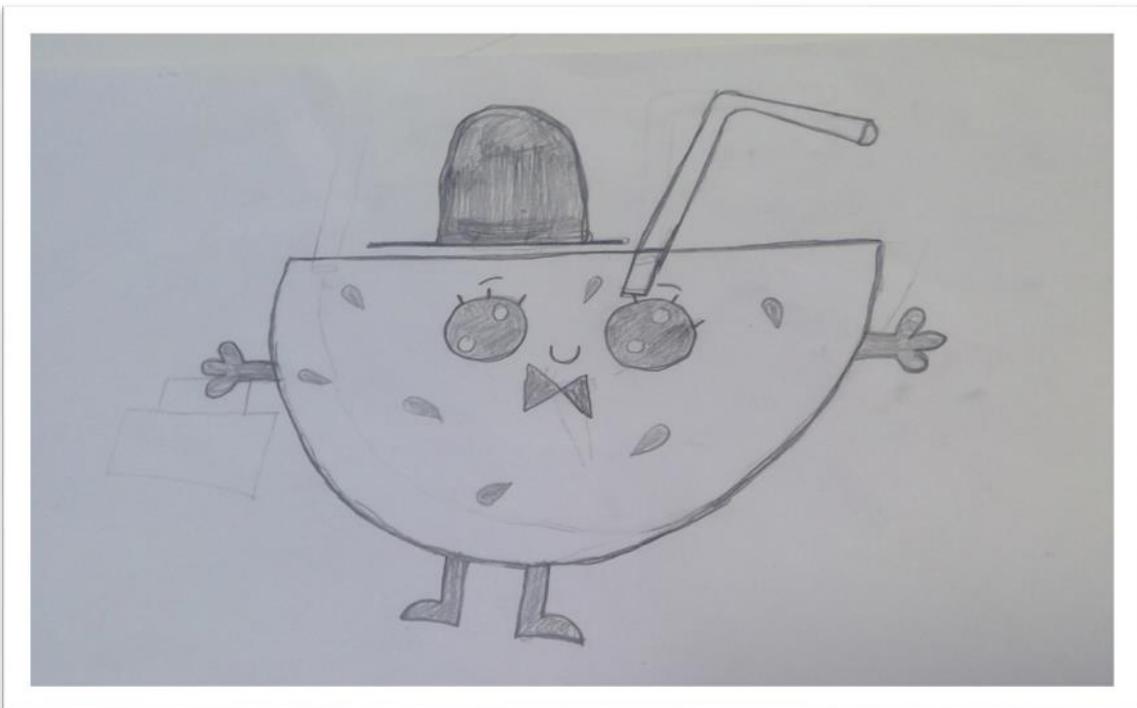
Dante D 4L



Fergus F 8V



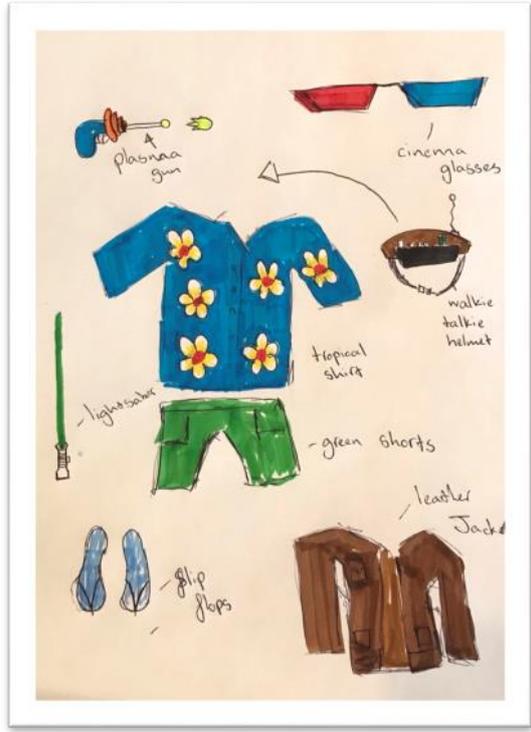
Genrikh V 4S



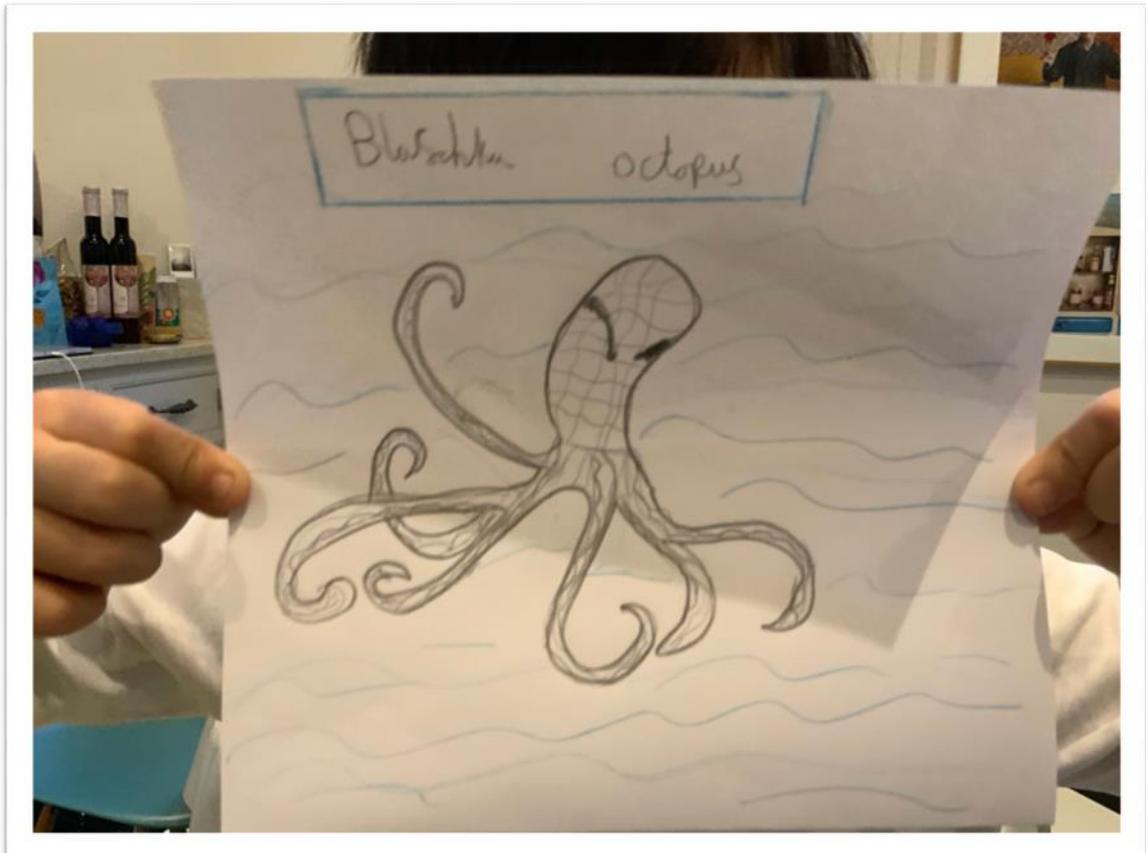
Grayson H 4L



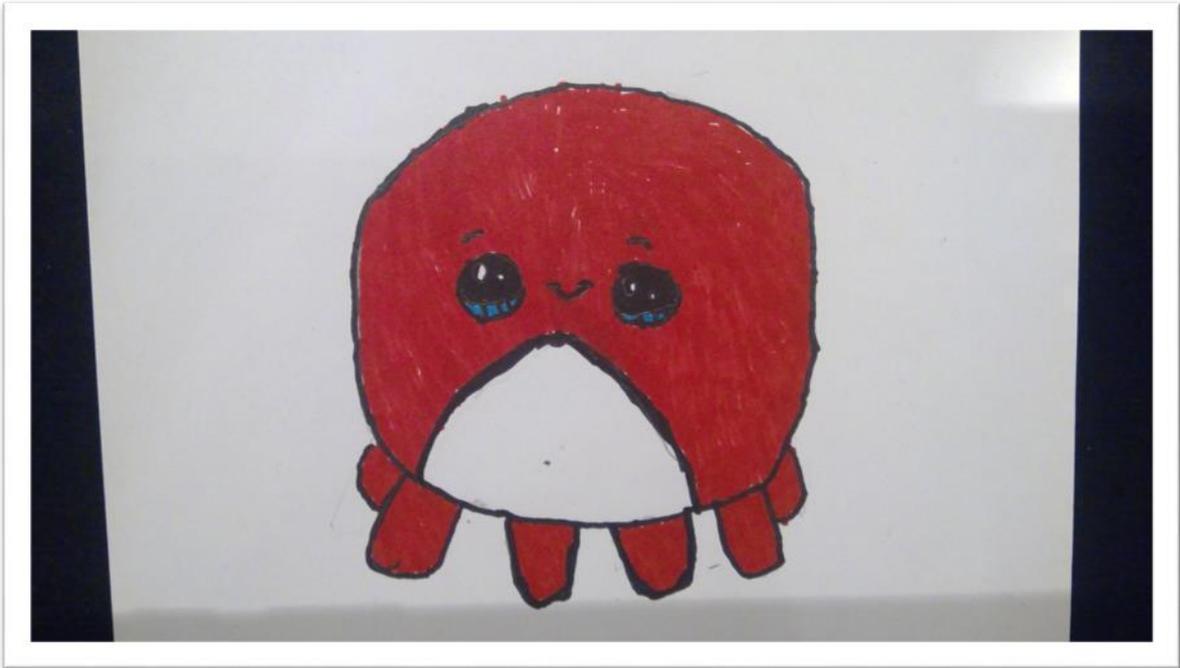
James F 4K



John C 7L



Jonas O 5A



Max D 4L



Michael Z 3H

Wetherby Sport

Team of the Week



Mr Reid writes...

Cross Country Week

Dear WPS Boys and Parents

I am writing to inform you all about WPS Cross Country Week that will take place on the final week before half term, commencing 8th February.

The Year Group Events will take place in one in the boys' afternoon Games Session as follows:

- Monday 8th February 2 – 3pm Year 6
- Tuesday 9th February 2 – 3pm Years 3 and 4
- Wednesday 10th February 2 – 3pm (3 – 4pm for 7H) Years 7 and 8
- Thursday 11th February 2 – 3pm Year 5

Please see below for the Year Group Distances:

During their session, the boys will simply run their relevant distance and record it on one of the many running applications that are available e.g. Strava, Nike, Garmin Connect, Adidas Running, Run Keeper, Pacer, Map my Run and send their time in to me on the Teams Chat or email me on lee.reid@wetherbyprep.co.uk that day. The boys are allowed to record their times on a treadmill or, with parental permission, outside. We will be going through all the logistics with all the boys in next week's lessons.

All the times will collated for each Year Group and the individual and House winners announced and celebrated in the whole school assembly on Friday 12 February.

'The Footy Skill Challenge'

In addition to the running challenges that are running at the moment, please find attached further information on 'The Footy Skill Challenge' competition for London schools that begins today. It is an Inter School Fun Competition to promote physical activity during lockdown. This is open to 5 to 13-year-olds, each Year Group Winner will receive a £50 Sports Voucher.

Have a great weekend, everyone!



Fitness Form Time

Monday 8:30-8:50

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

Enter passcode WPS to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>)

Guest runner and mystery location this week is brought to you by Mr Trencher!!

Indoor workout

AMRAP 15 (As many reps as possible)

- 10 press ups
- 10 squats
- 10 reverse lunges
- 30 mountain climbers

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Ozan	6C	Ziyang
4L	Misha	6E	Raahil
4P	Vivaan	6F	Bear
4S	Pasha	6M	Maximilian
4T	Elliot	7B	Jasper
5A	Hugo	7H	Elendu
5C	Henry	7L	Charles
5S	Adam	7T	Henry
5W	Theodore	8G	Luke
		8O	Kyu
		8V	Leonardo

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Misha L - 63

Weekly Housepoint Totals

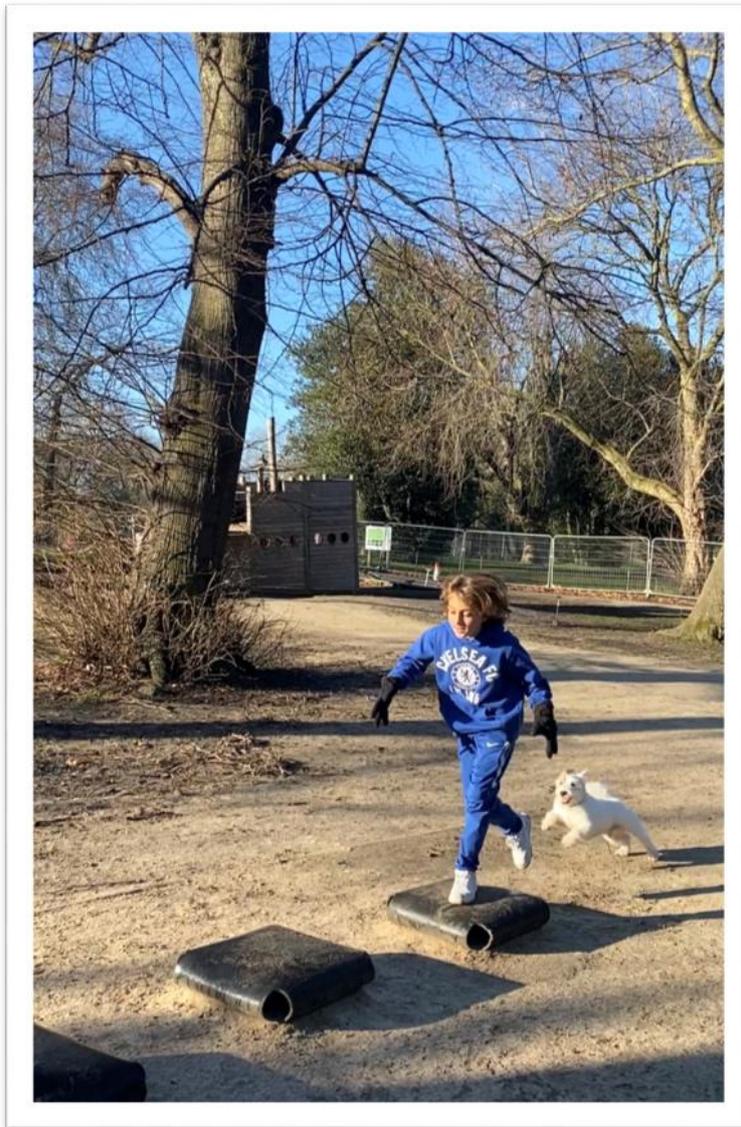
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright	Chepstow Captain S. Bell
1085	1006	996	866

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
10,291	9786	9678	9104

Photos of the Week





Alexandros working out with his dog



Henry S on the slopes



Thomas W with his London Eye sculpture



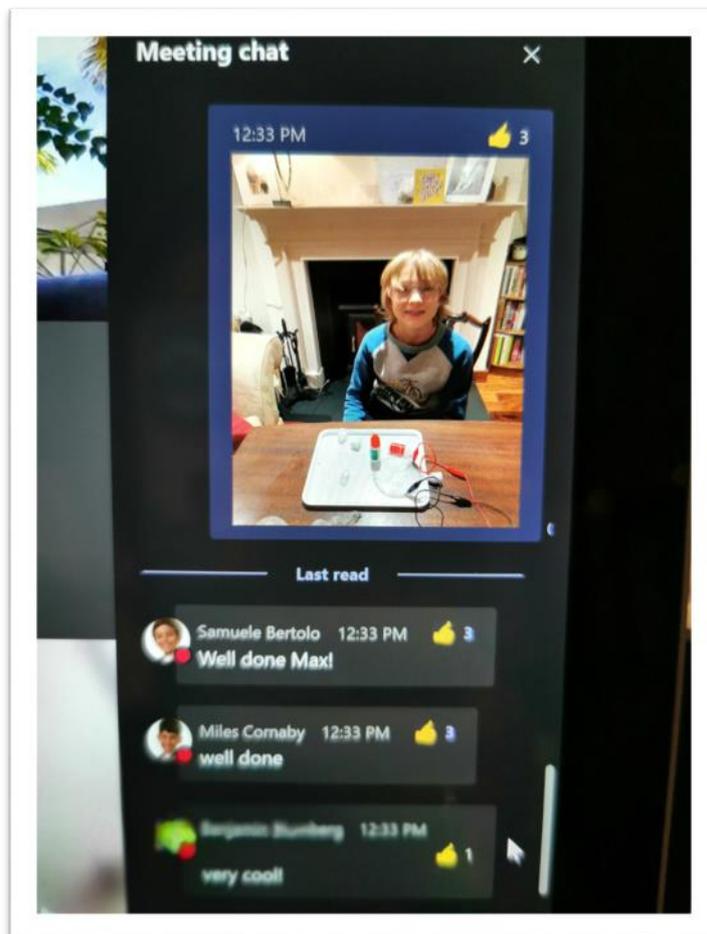
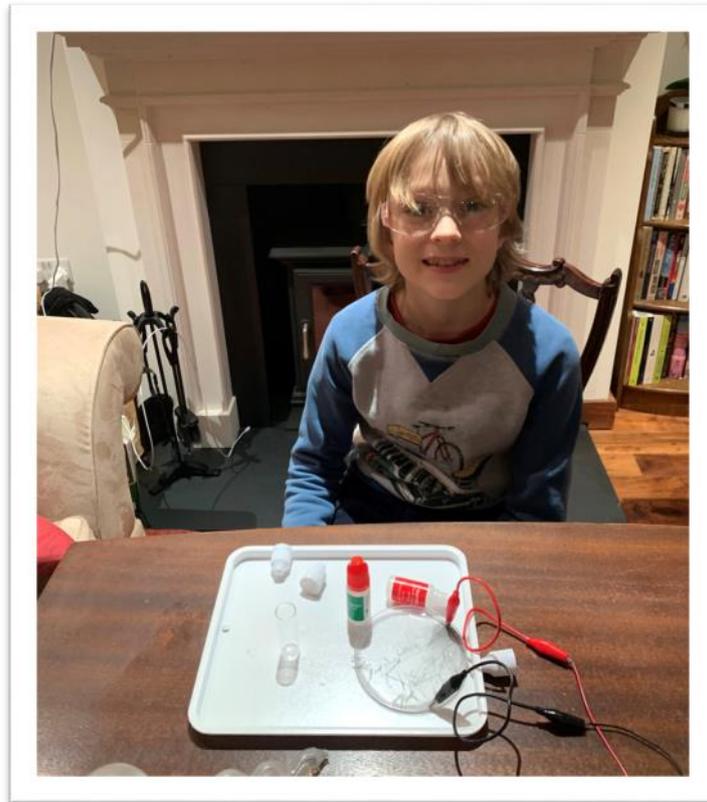
Ayden R creating a robotic spider to match our Electricity topic in Science



Matthias & Max's Tour de Londres



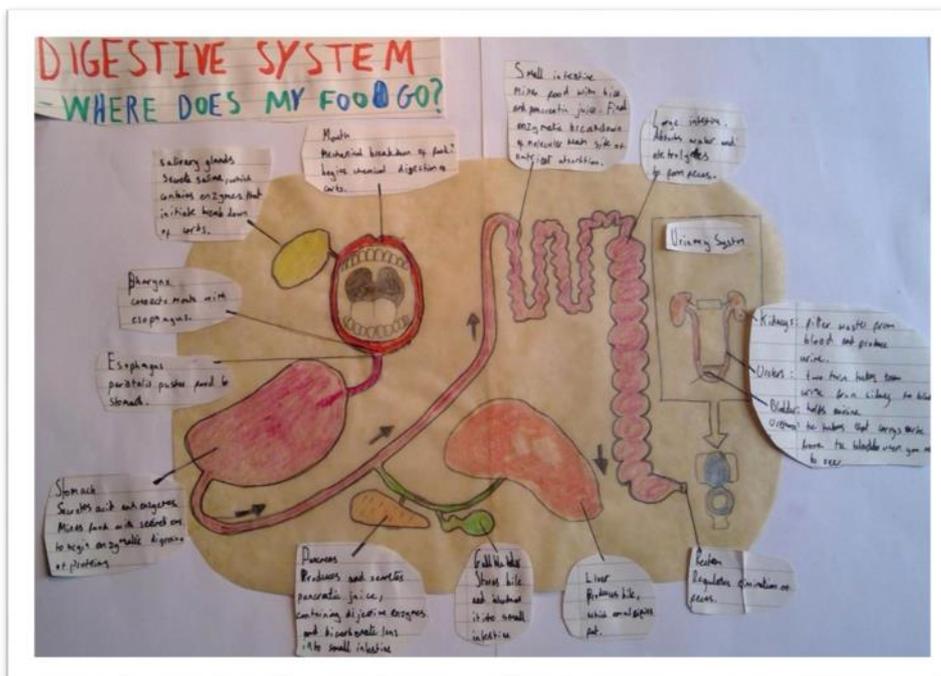
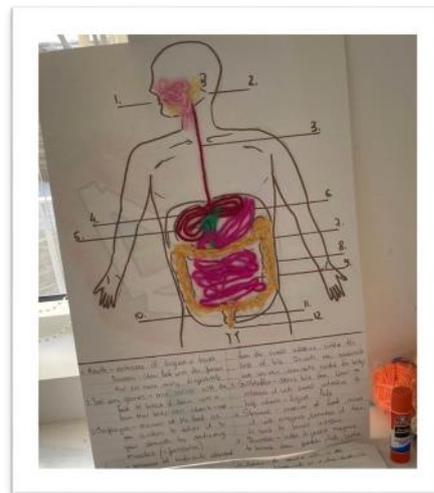
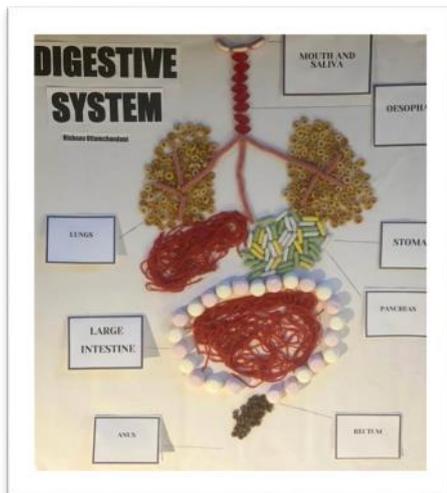
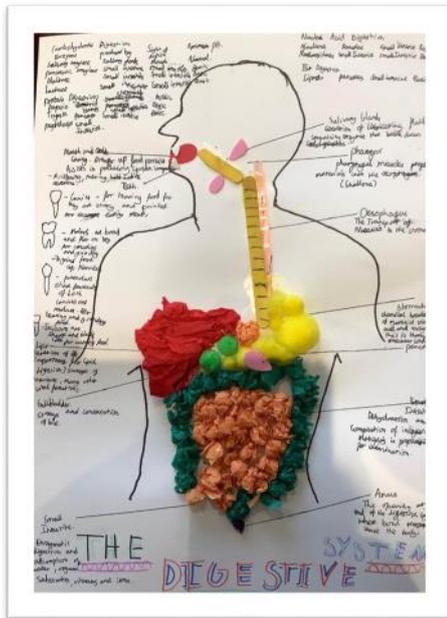
Supportive brothers



Maximilian van der K 5S doing some incredible experiments at home around our Science topic of Dissolving and Solutions



New pupil: Mirai Daudy
Mirai means 'the future' in Japanese



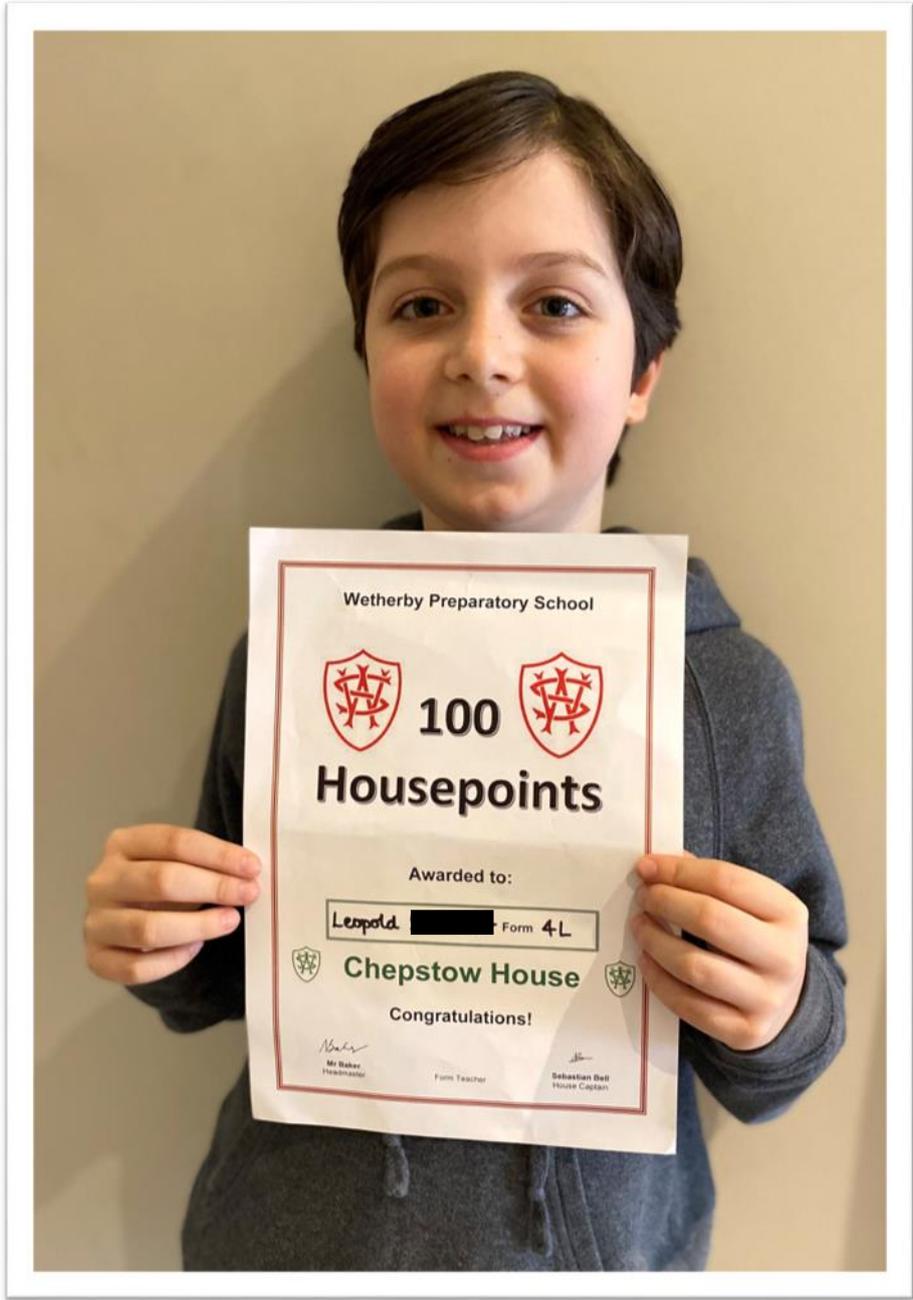
Year 7 Biology work



Timothee getting some indoor exercise



Ziyang in the snow!



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