

# WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 19



## WEEK 19 — Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Monday 22nd February:

- **WETHERBY LITERARY FESTIVAL WEEK**—all week
- Moritz M's Birthday
- Townsend-Warner History Prize Paper 2—9am
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing
- 3H Parents' Evening—5-8pm

### Tuesday 23rd February:

### Wednesday 24th February:

- Alexander C-B's Birthday
- Kieran O'K's Birthday
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm
- Wetherby Lockdown Quiz **LIVE on Instagram**  – 8pm
- 4L and 4P Parents' Evening—5-8pm

### Thursday 25th February:

- Willoughby H's Birthday
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing
- 7B & 7T Shakespeare Drama Workshop—9-10:30am
- Scholars Shakespeare Drama Workshop—11-12
- 7H & 7L Shakespeare Drama Workshop—2:30-4pm

### Friday 26th February:

- Brooks S's Birthday
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly **LIVE on Instagram**  **and Zoom** – 8:45am

### Saturday 27th February:

### Sunday 28th February:

- Nichlolas B's Birthday



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

# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Well that was a long half of term and as I said yesterday, we welcome a break from screens and the whole online learning process for the next nine days. Today should be 'Staff Appreciation Day' and though we haven't had the razzmatazz that the PTA usually coordinates on such an occasion, I am sure you will join me in thanking all of our people for the excellent work they have done these past six weeks – they are truly an amazing group. As I said at the start of this term, we pride ourselves in facilitating and presenting through the whole remote learning platform better than most and it appears through the feedback we continue to receive that the boys are engaged, switched on and making academic progress. I know that in my Year 5 Geography class, we have only one or two lessons to go from our normal Spring Term unit that takes up the entire term. There is something in this linear digital learning experience that streamlines the curriculum, allowing for different ways of learning and potentially, offering greater delivery of content.



Wonderful to see such a cast of characters at Assembly this morning and as I write this an amazing £1186 has been raised through the [Virgin Giving Site](#). Thank you parents and boys for your support of this Generation Mufti Day. Some parents' work outfits lend themselves more to fancy dress than others but your creativity and enthusiasm for a theme knows no bounds and I was amazed at the array of attire on show – chapeau to everyone that got involved, in particular, today's Birthday Boy, Mr Trencher, who got into the spirit of the day by wearing the uniform of his civil engineer father – good effort sir!

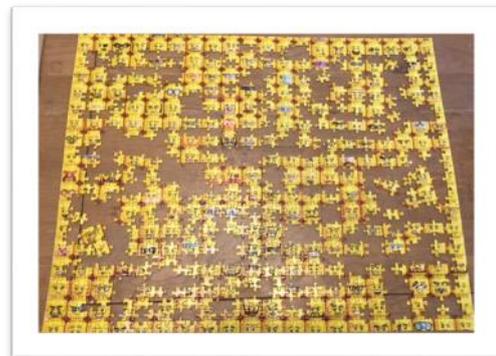
We wait with nervous anticipation for government instruction on the reopening of schools. If you want best guess from me, it would be that primary years (R-6) and exam years (11 and 13) will be returning from the 8<sup>th</sup> March, but that really is a guess and not based on any inside intel at all. Whatever happens, we will deal with the eventuality and as before, provide the best Wetherby Prep experience we can do in the circumstances.

Thank you for all your continued support and have a great half term.

Nick Baker



Happy Birthday Mr Trencher!



Having just proofed the Wetherbuzz, I can't believe the picture on page 7 of Ali B (4P) with his COMPLETED Lego Mini-figures jigsaw (Wetherbuzz 29.1.21). Ali, if it wasn't against lockdown rules I would get you round to my house to help us finish our one. We're almost there but at the really difficult part where all the remaining pieces look exactly the same...I am really impressed – HMGS to you!



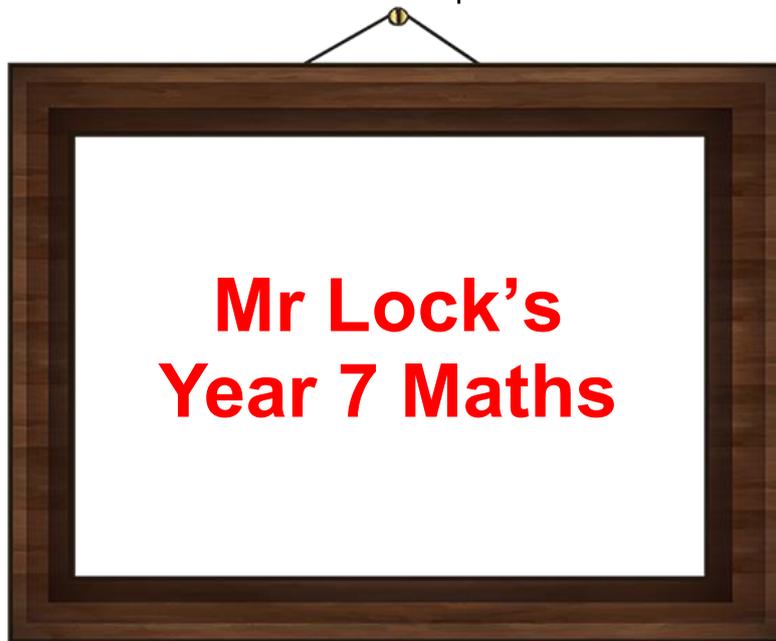
*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Dastan S in 4P. Dastan has been brilliant online. He is so enthusiastic and concentrates in every single lesson for maths. He is learning to work more independently, is always on time for class and has really got to grips with online learning. Well done, Dastan!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Oliver F in 6M. Oliver is fully committed to his Games lessons and is always proactive in pushing himself in all the various activities. He has impressed all of his Games teachers and we can't wait to get back on the pitch at Wetherby Sports Ground!



*Class-Achievement*

# Kindness Cup



**Jai M 5A**

It is hard for any boy starting a new school but to start during remote learning makes things all the more difficult. I asked Jai if he would kindly be a buddy for one of the new members in 5A. He has been a wonderful help to Lucas this week and has made the transition to a new school so much easier. Well done, Jai!

*Miss Andrews-Bowen*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Christopher A 4S**

He was unwell last week, but came quickly into our Science meeting to let me know that he loves Science and is sorry that he couldn't come to the lesson, wanting to make sure I knew why. This kind gesture really made me smile on a Friday afternoon!

*Miss Lister*

◆ **Samuel B 7L**

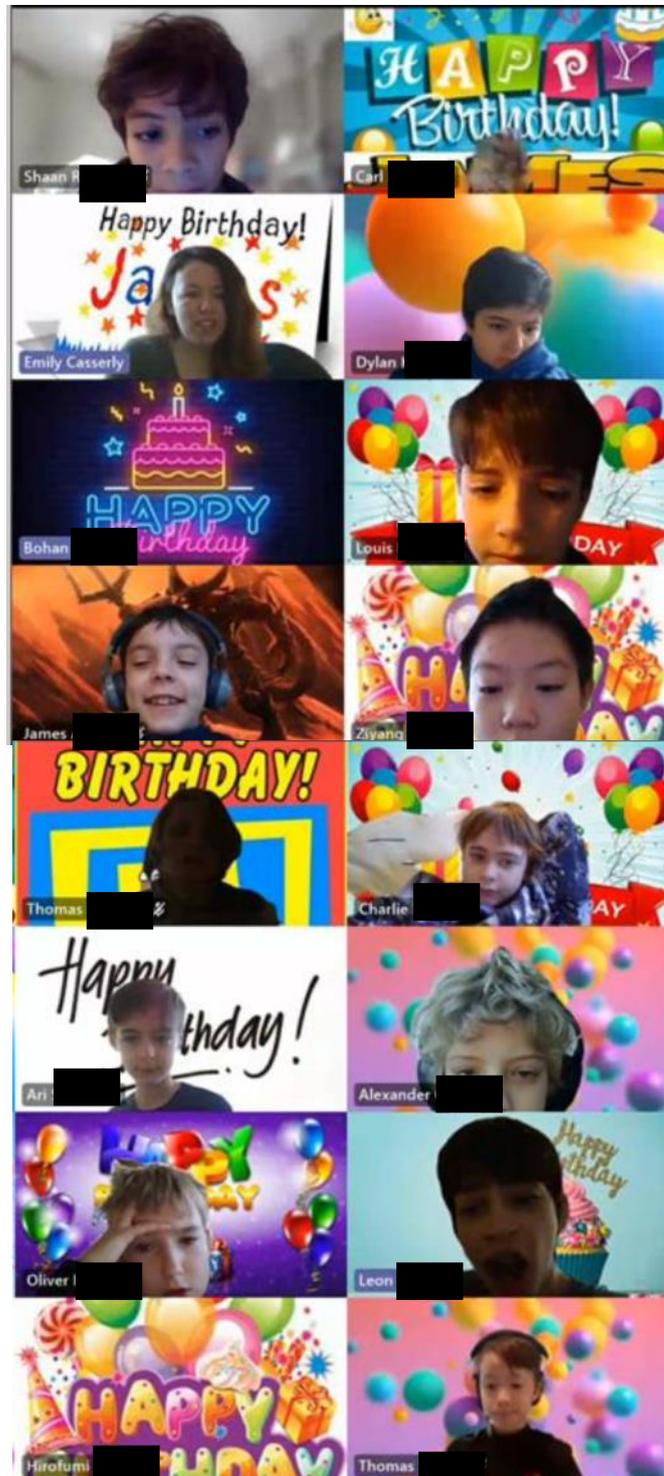
Whilst I was observing an English lesson, the boys were completing some Rainbow writing in which they were colour co-ordinating a text according to the English skills that colour represented. In his break out room, Sam noticed that his friend was struggling and asked if he could help in any way. His friend replied that he was finding the task difficult because he was colour-blind. From here, Sam took charge, guiding his friend through the colour palette 'Green is four down, three across' to help him complete the task. Such a pure act of kindness.

*Miss Cox*

◆ **Miss Casserly**

We want to nominate Miss Casserly because she is kind and made a huge effort to make me happy on my birthday and is always smiling and kind. Thank you so much for making form time so fun and giving us a wonderful great start to the day!

*James A and Louis L*



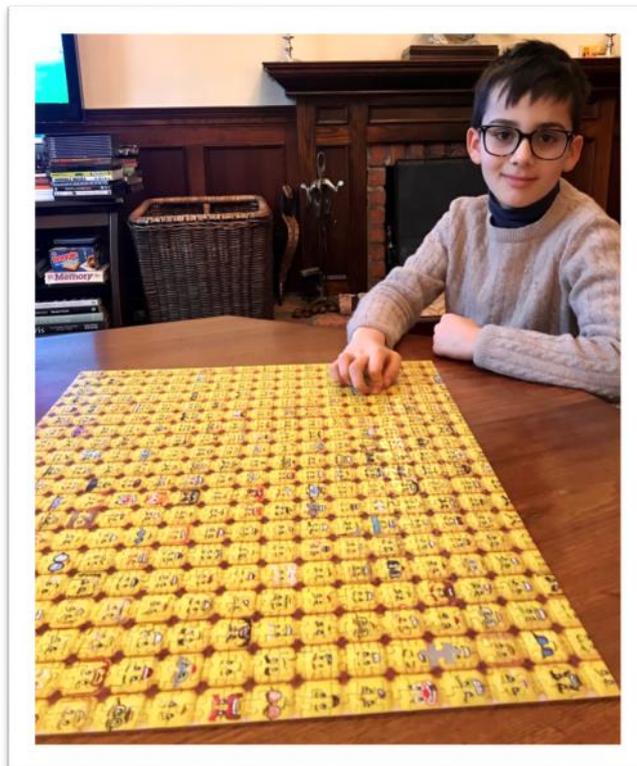
# What have you made?



Luca's At-At



Michael's Shrimp Dish



Ali completes puzzle



**Nathan and Benjamin's Pizzas**



**Reuben's completed Lego Technic Land Rover Defender**



Zahaan makes a robot



Carlos's Pizza

# English Department

Lower School English Puzzles 5.2.2021

## ANSWERS

D	A	I	H	F	G	C	B	E
E	F	C	B	D	I	G	A	H
G	B	H	C	E	A	I	D	F
F	C	E	A	B	H	D	G	I
I	H	B	E	G	D	A	F	C
A	D	G	F	I	C	H	E	B
B	I	D	G	C	E	F	H	A
C	E	A	D	H	F	B	I	G
H	G	F	I	A	B	E	C	D

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE, AND  
ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY  
PLAYERS; THEY HAVE THEIR EXITS  
AND THEIR ENTRANCES; AND ONE  
MAN IN HIS TIME PLAYS MANY  
PARTS; HIS ACTS BEING SEVEN  
AGES.

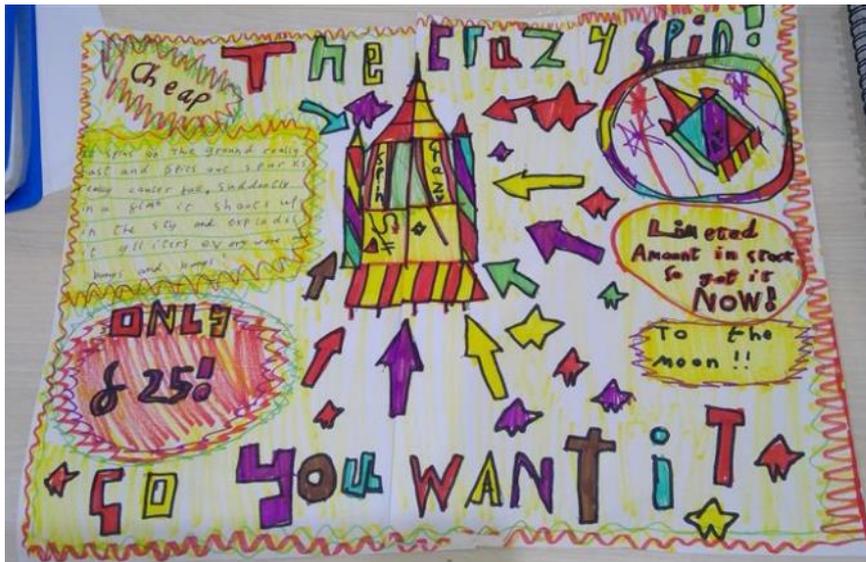
AS YOU LIKE IT

Miss Preece writes...

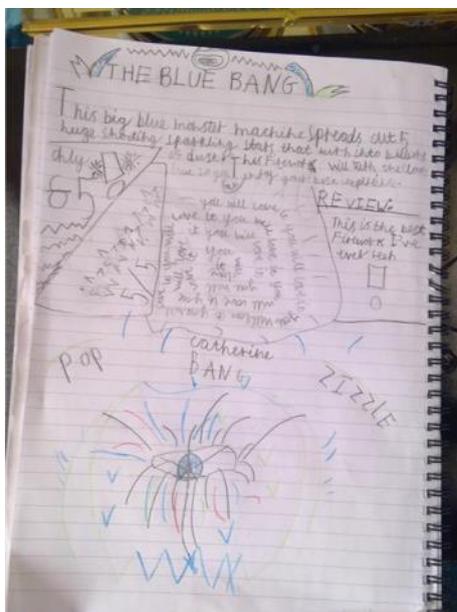
## Half Term Children's Football Writing Festival

This February half term the National Football Museum is hosting a virtual Children's Football Writing Festival with some of its favourite children's authors including Tom Palmer, Eve Ainsworth, Seth Burkett and Matt Oldfield. All of the talks and activities will be hosted on their social media channels and will include short readings and fun writing challenges. See the full line-up here <https://bit.ly/2MKrz2f>

## 4T English Firework Advertisement Campaigns



Talraj



Charlie



Raahil



Carter

# 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	2.16 mins
5. Louis [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.21 mins
6. James [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.47 mins
7. Nicolas [REDACTED]	Year 5	2.52 mins
8. Ben [REDACTED]	Year 5	3.01 mins
9. Charles [REDACTED]	Year 4	3.02 mins
10. Kian [REDACTED]	Year 5	3.10mins

### Mr Gascoine writes...

Main players that have influenced the Top Ten this week are Adrian Hunyak, with an improved time of 14 seconds and cements his 4<sup>th</sup> place. Louis V-S who has knocked 36 seconds off his PB and has moved up to 6<sup>th</sup> place and Max Drouin, improving his time by 5 seconds. Well played gentlemen!

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**Mr Gascoine writes...**

## **Maths Challenge**

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

<b>Lower Challenge Answers</b>	<b>Upper Challenge Answers</b>
Raahil U	Raahil U
Alexander T-W	Kyu D
Samuele B	Ziyang P
Hugo S	Aran M
Mr Knight	Alexander T-W
Max B	Zain M
Reno B	Mr Knight
God of Gerkins	Max B
Alvaro C	
James M	
Zain M	

# Wetherby Weekly Chess Blog

Mr Gascoine writes...

## The Ultimate Game

You start with a choice of 21 moves. And very soon in a game of chess the choices explode! It has been calculated that there are more possible moves on the chessboard than the number of atoms in the universe. Chess is a mathematician's dream. This helps account for the games popularity. Chess has never been 'solved'.

*Chess is the gymnasium of the mind. – Blaise Pascal*

During a game, there ultimately comes a point where there are so many options, so many ways that the game can go, that its bewildering and very exciting.

Chess ticks a lot of boxes.



BambaG

# Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



**SPACE NEWS w/b 8.2.21**

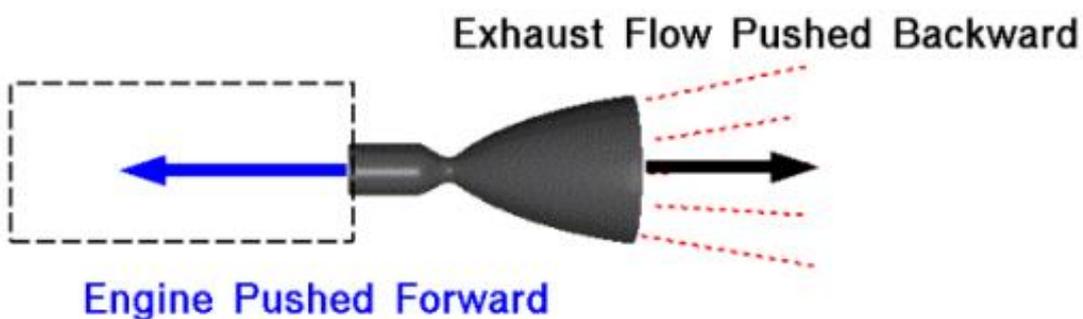
Thank you to my Y3, 4 and 5 Science classes who all had great fun taking part in Newton's Third Law 'Balloon Rockets' as an active activity this week!



## Newton's Third Law



### Rocket Engine Thrust



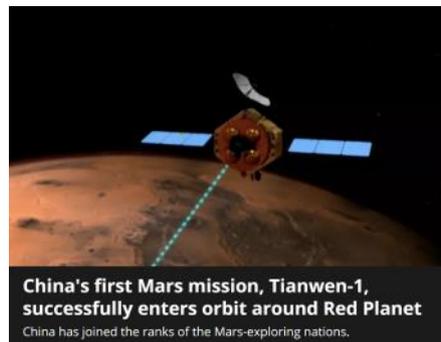
*For every action, there is an equal and opposite re-action.*

I have loved watching the videos and looking at the photos of you in action.

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February was International Women in Science Day and the RAS celebrated all women who are part of the Society- I'm so proud to be part of them!*



Check out this online link: [Women in Science](#)



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## Space Calendar 2021:

*Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!*

### February

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

# This week in History



## **8th February:**

1587 - Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringhay, England, after 19 years as a prisoner of her cousin, Elizabeth I

1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C. Modelled after the British Boy Scouts

## **10th February:**

1942 - The First Medal of Honour during WW2 was awarded to Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for his role in the Battle of Bataan.

## **11th February:**

660 BC - The founding date of the Japanese nation which occurred with the accession to the throne of the first Emperor, Jimmu

1929 - Italian dictator Benito Mussolini granted political independence to Vatican City and recognised the sovereignty of the Pope over the (110 acre) area

1990 - In South Africa, Nelson Mandela, aged 71, was released from prison after 27 years.

2011 - After 18 days of non-stop protesting in Egypt, President Hosni Mubarak (president for 30 years) resigned

Birthday: 1847 - Thomas Edison (American Inventor - he acquired 1,200 patents in his lifetime)

## **12th February:**

1999 - The impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton ended.

Birthday: 1809 - Abraham Lincoln (16th President)

1809 - Charles Darwin (Author and naturalist)

## **13th February:**

1945 - During WW2, British and American planes began bombing raids on Dresden, Germany. Four days of heavy fire, visible for 200 miles, killed 135,000 German civilians



## **14th February:**

1929 - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago seeing the murder of seven members of Chicago's North Side Gang at Lincoln Park Garage by five members of Al Capone's gang posing as police

International Day of Celebration - Saint Valentine's Day - One of the most widely observed unofficial holidays

# PSHE Department

Mx Tilleray writes...

## LGBT+ History month 2021

February is LGBT+ history month in the UK where we celebrate and recognise LGBT+ people and culture, past & present. This years theme is Mind, Body & Spirit, and below are 4 quick biographies of queer historical figures that reflect these areas.



### L Lily Parr (1905-1978)



Lily was a professional British footballer. Her career began at the age of 14 when she was signed to St Helen's Ladies FC in 1919. Women's football at this time was hugely popular. During the First World War, when millions of young men had been sent to the front to fight, women's football was used to boost morale, and teams played to raise large amounts of money for charities for disabled servicemen.

Lily played against both male and female teams and she reputedly had a harder shot than any male player. A male goalkeeper once had to be stretchered off after she'd taken a penalty against him, apparently shouting "Get me to the hospital as quick as you can, she's gone and broken me flamin' arm!"

In 1969 the FA banned women's teams from playing on its clubs' grounds. Lily continued to play for many years scoring over 980 goals in her career. She eventually retrained as a mental health nurse, and moved in with her partner Mary where they both lived as out and proud lesbians, even though this was considered socially unacceptable at the time.

### G Mark Ashton (1960-1987)



Mark was a British gay rights activist & co-founder of the *Lesbians & Gays Support the Miners* (LGSM) support group. In 1984, miners went on strike for a year across the UK in an attempt to prevent the closure of coalmines. This meant many working-class families had no money, and often entire villages were living in poverty. Mark and his friends decided to stand in solidarity with the miners, so started fundraising lots of money to give to mining villages to help them survive.

This was a historical turning point for LGBTQ issues in the UK - in return for all their help and support, miners began to support and participate in gay pride events and championed against anti-gay laws.

The story was portrayed in the film *Pride* (2014)

**B****Maya Angelou (1928-2014)**

Maya was an American poet, memoirist and civil rights activist. She won dozens of awards and received over 50 honorary degrees.

Maya is best known for her 1969 memoir, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, the first non-fiction bestseller by an African-American woman. Maya achieved many firsts; the first black female cable car conductor, Hollywood's first female black director, and the first black woman to read

her own poetry at a presidential inauguration - Bill Clinton's in 1993. Americans watched enthralled as she recited "On the Pulse of Morning," which begins "A Rock, a River, a Tree" and calls for peace, racial and religious harmony, and social justice for people of different origins, incomes, genders, and sexual orientations. It won a Grammy.

**T****Michael Dillon (1915-1962)**

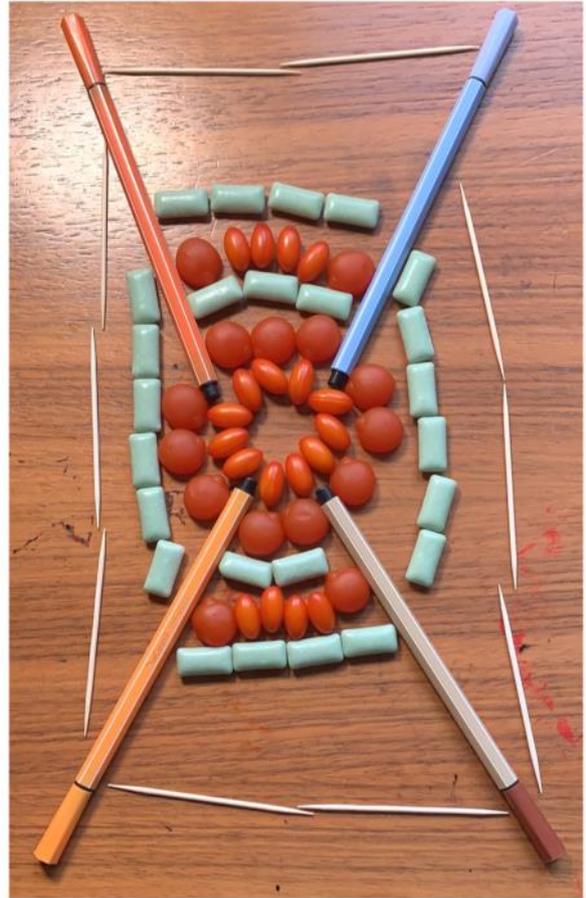
Michael was a transgender British physician & champion rower. He wrote *Self: A Study in Ethics and Endocrinology*, which even today is leading edge in its patient-centred approach to trans medicine.

Michael qualified as a doctor through Trinity College, Dublin. He joined the merchant navy, serving as a ship's doctor until 1958 when he was outed by the *Daily Express*. Unable to work, Michael headed to India to explore his interest in Buddhism. The Buddhist leaders were reluctant to accept Michael as they normally only admitted cisgender men. However, with patience and devotion he finally became the first Western European to be ordained as a Buddhist monk.

# Art Department

## This Week's Artwork





# Wetherby Sport

## Team of the Week



# WELLBEING

## Mr Reid writes...

Dear Boys and Parents,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the half-term break? Please see below for a Wellbeing Checklist that I use with the boys I teach and as well as my own children at home. Mrs Gourlay and I wanted to share this with you as we felt you may also find this helpful. You can edit the list to bespoke as you wish.

## Wetherby Wellbeing Checklist

- \* I woke up at a good time and got dressed and had breakfast before school started
- \* I did some exercise and got some fresh air
- \* I had a sit down meal and drank water
- \* I limited my phone/iPad use during the day
- \* I attended all my live lessons today
- \* I talked to my family about my day and how I am feeling. I asked them about how they are feeling
- \* I helped with a family job and talked to them while I did it
- \* I contacted my friends
- \* I spent some time on my hobby/things I enjoy
- \* My parents are pleased with my efforts today
- \* I set myself a goal for tomorrow

**NHS 5 Steps to Well-Being:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing/>

### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Reis [Redacted]	6C	Hirofumi Zeng
4L	Lorenzo [Redacted]	6E	Raahil [Redacted]
4P	Vivaan [Redacted]	6F	Bear [Redacted]
4S	Zaym [Redacted]	6M	Ethan [Redacted]
4T	Charlie [Redacted]	7B	Aran [Redacted]
5A	Hugo [Redacted]	7H	Ilya [Redacted]
5C	Emilio [Redacted]	7L	Lucas [Redacted]
5S	Samuele [Redacted]	7T	Casper [Redacted]
5W	Theodore [Redacted]	7T	Nima [Redacted]
		8G	Beckett [Redacted]
		8O	Alexander [Redacted]
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		8V	Aditya [Redacted]

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Vivaan M - 58
Hugo S - 58

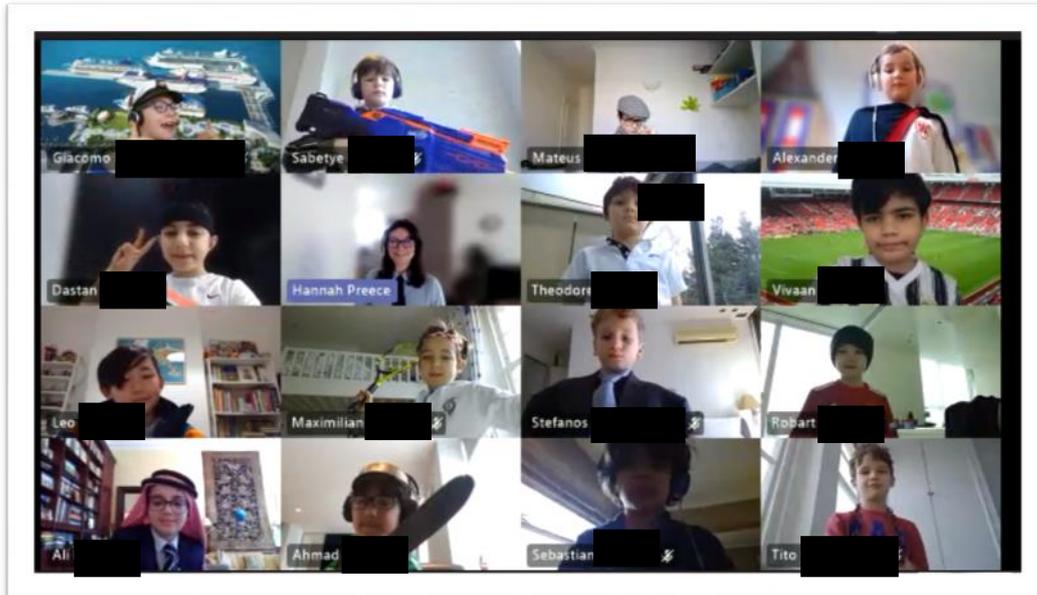
### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Joint Second Place	Joint Second Place	Third Place
<b>Chepstow</b> Captain S. Bell	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain J. Cartwright	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain S. Meliti	<b>Dawson</b> Captain E. Efthimiou
1009	998	998	997

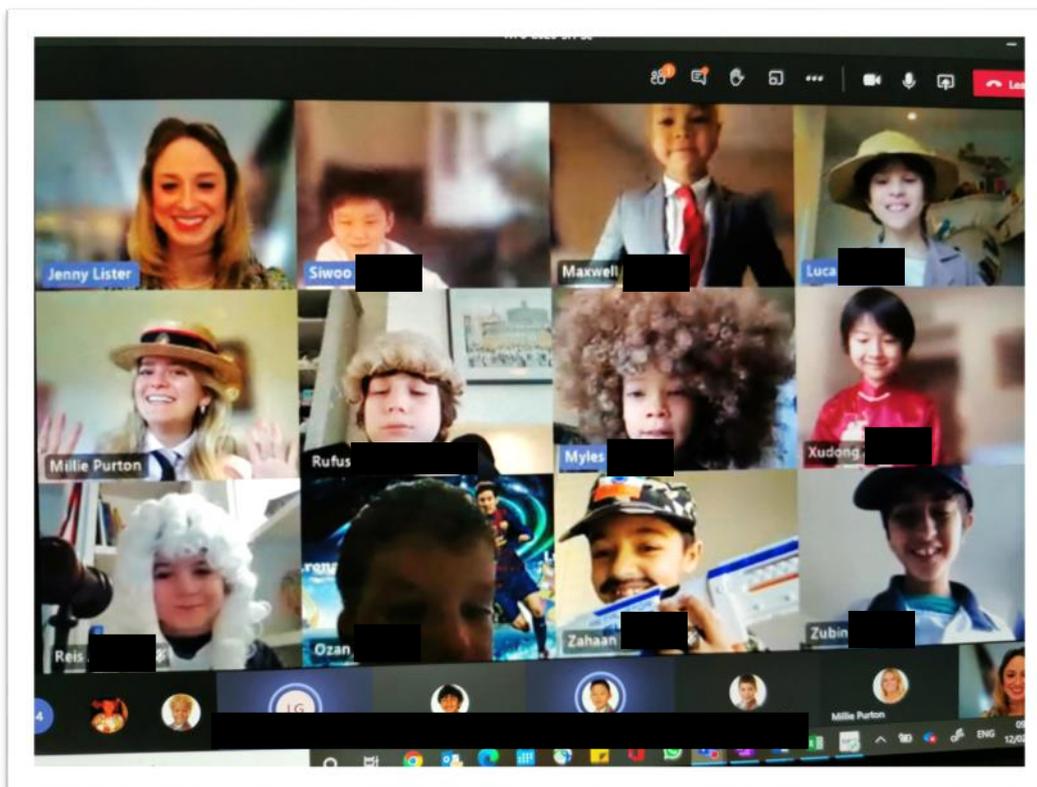
### Yearly Housepoint Totals

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
12,541	11,879	11,691	11,288

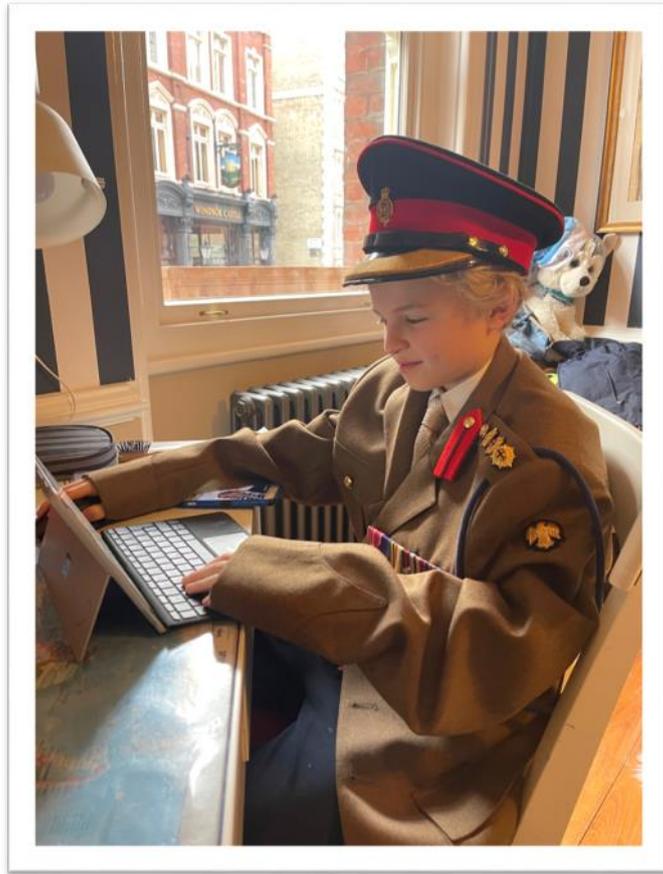
# Photos of the Week



4P dressed up



3H, Miss Lister and Miss Purton



**MOD HQ**



**Ziyang wishes everyone a Happy Chinese New Year**



**Alvaro dressed as a Mexican cowboy**



**Max in PPE**



**Harry ready for surgery**



**Miss Lister as Granny Keys and Nancy as cousin Colin**



**Miss Kirby dressed as her mum, Nana Sue who worked for Cadburys as a cook**



**James (4S) exploring for The Great Outdoors Project**



**Nicolo solving this week's Wetherby crossword**



**Archie walking back from his 2.5 km run**



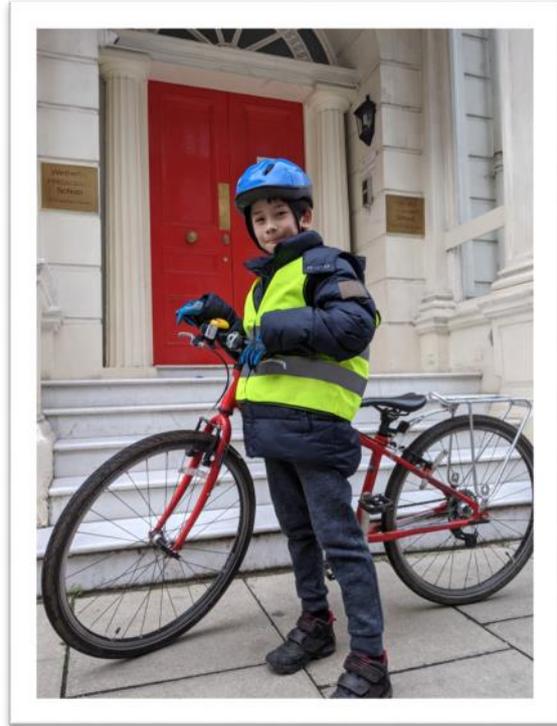
**Benjamin's rocket science experiment**



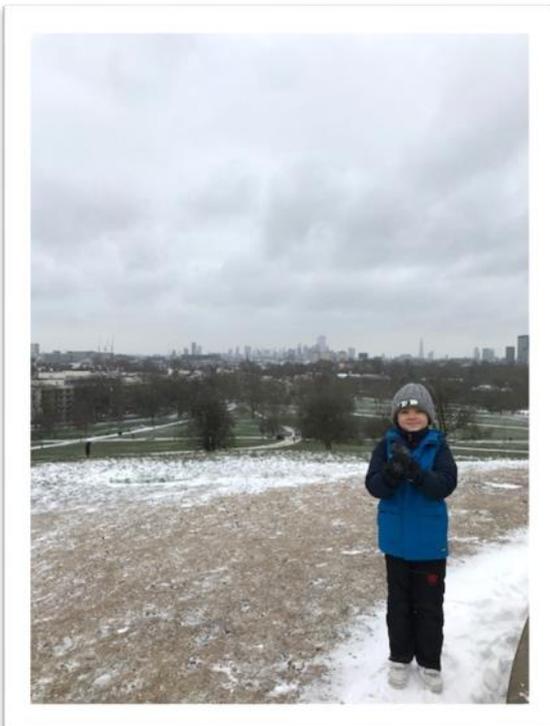
**Cart loves spending time with his labrador whenever he can**



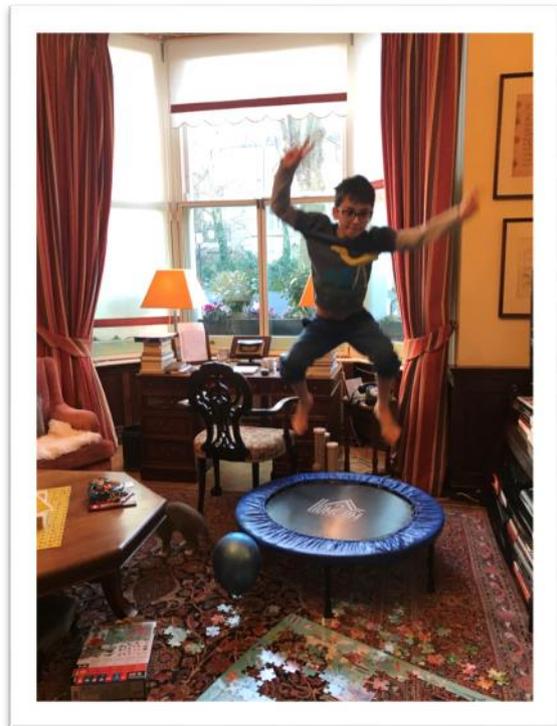
**Henry with his prize**



**On the cycling way to Regent's Park**



**Theo on our snowy walk this morning during fitness form time**



**This is what Ali gets up to in between lessons these days**



**Ziyang (6C) feeding birds at  
Kew Garden...**



**...and with this amazing  
tree!**



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