

WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 20



WEEK 20 — Monday 1st to Sunday 7th March 2021

Monday 1st March:

- **SCHOLARSHIP MOCK EXAMS FOR 8V—all week**
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing

Tuesday 2nd March:

- Miss Bevan to the APG SENDCOs Forum—3-5pm
- Lewis D's Birthday

Wednesday 3rd March:

- Samuele B's Birthday
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm
- Wetherby Lockdown Quiz **LIVE on Instagram**  – 8pm
- 4S and 4T Parents' Evening—5-8pm

Thursday 4th March:

- Luke T's Birthday
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing
- Dr Waldin to the APG EAL Forum—4:30pm

Friday 5th March:

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

Saturday 6th March:

- Ale A's Birthday,
- Lorenz B's Birthday
- Key Worker Staff and Pupils Covid testing

Sunday 7th March:

- Lucas W's Birthday, Pau's Birthday
- Year 7 and 8 Covid testing



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

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

More positive news yesterday and a large nod to normality with the announcement that the Leeds and Reading Music Festivals will indeed take place this summer. I have been to Reading Festival a few times in the early 90s. Back then it was mainly for 'indie bands' and whilst working for a company that put up marquees in my summer holidays back from university, we would erect dozens of tents around the site. A number of us had to stay onsite during the event to make sure the tents were secure, and initially had a great time watching the bands – I think Nirvana might have even played one year. But taking down the tents on the Monday and Tuesday was a horrific experience. After the crowds had departed, they left an apocalyptic scene of rubbish and the quagmire of mud and indistinguishable pathways made it look like a war-zone. Vehicular access was impossible so we had no option but to carry the poles, canvas and steel frames by hand through the mud back to the edge of the site hundreds of metres away before hosing down every bit of kit then loading onto the lorries. Those were long, tiring days...but a few weeks later we would put the marquees up at Henley Regatta and that was an altogether far more civilised experience!

Utilising the medium of YouTube, I have whiled away many an evening these past few months with my complimentary ticket to the 'Nick Baker YouTube Music Festival'. Some really stand out performances and an eclectic line up of bands and musicians that have never appeared together on any bill ever – like a cassette mix-tape (I've lost all the boys and younger staff here...) but better. It does make you yearn for events though and as I said in this column a few weeks ago, the last year has doubled my intention that, "I must see *them* the next time they play in London" for future experiences when the world of the Arts returns in full force.

Before then, we make our own Art, and where better than this week's, 'Make a famous literary figure out of potato'. I'm usually enthusiastic for the majority of ideas but with this one I did wince a little...but I shouldn't have, as the creations that the boys (and staff) came up with were brilliant and so inspired, they put my own creativity to shame. Lockdown has clearly not quelled the imagination or enterprise of our Wetherby Community but I think everyone is looking forward to 'getting the band back together' on March 8...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



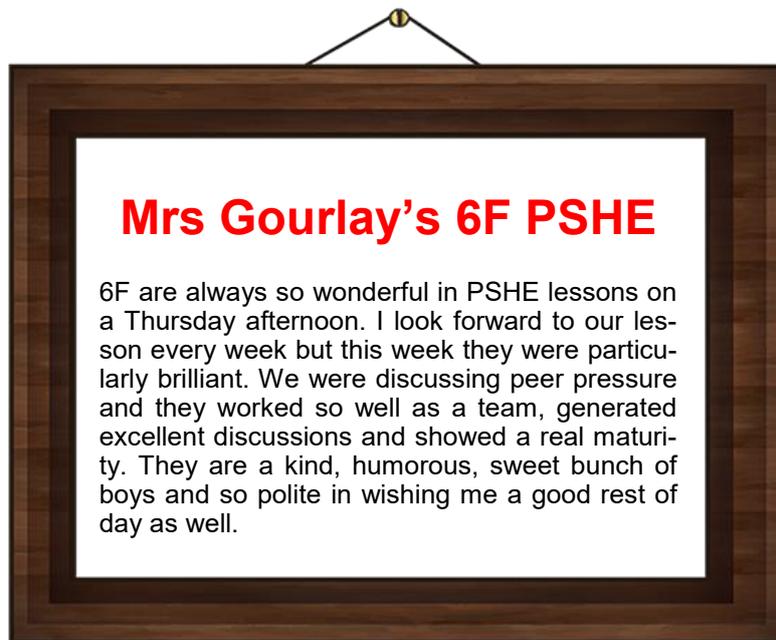
Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Ned R in 4S. Ned was very thoughtful to wishing all the teachers 'Happy Staff Appreciation Day' on the Friday before half term. He's also such a kind and well-mannered boy and a superstar in History. Well done, Ned!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Lachlan D in 8V. Lachlan has been brilliant at enthusing his peers with the Cross Country Competition these past few weeks and has been an excellent example to all. We have really missed Lachlan on the rugby pitch this term!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Grayson H 4L

Grayson personifies all of our Wetherby Values. An incredibly hard-working, considerate boy who is a joy to teach and have in my form. He always puts others first, showing real empathy and support for children and staff, and has a great attitude to everything WPS. I have loved the drawings he has been doing over lockdown, often sharing the 'how to' videos for me to try. He made a great suggestion regarding the form kindness jar that Miss Orpwood was so impressed with. Calm and collected, fun and enthusiastic, a real superstar. *Miss Lister*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

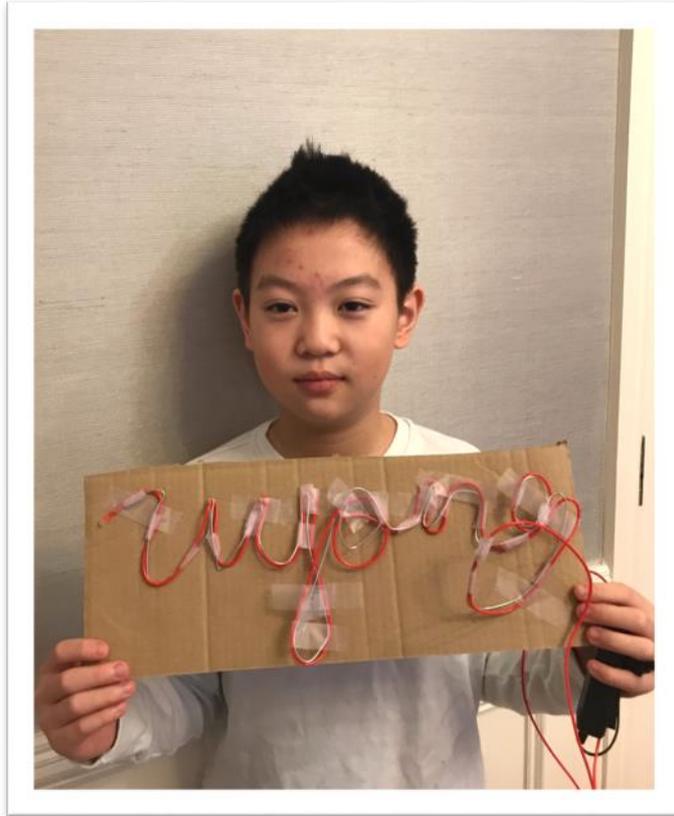
◆ **Cormac M 5W**

In History this week, Nathan had problems with his computer so missed the briefing for the task. Very kindly, Cormac stepped in and offered to give him a call to go through everything and also asked if he could work with Nathan to help him out. Lovely attitude! *Mrs Furnell*

◆ **3H Maths**

In Maths this week, the boys have been working in pairs on problem solving challenges. Everyday we have seen the boys working brilliantly together and being so kind to one another by explaining working out to their partners clearly and supporting their partner if they were stuck. *Miss Hood*

What have you made?



Ziyang P (6C) making a neon sign during half-term





Max completed the Lego he received for Epiphany (it has 958 pieces!)



Artistic juices flowing in the D'S household

School Council

Miss Lister writes...

Generation Game Mufti Day

School Council would like to thank everyone from our school community who took part and donated so generously to the Generation Game Mufti Day. A fantastic and inventive array of clothing and accessories were worn- well done for being so imaginative. The total amount raised was a whopping £1291- far exceeding our initial target of £250! Monies will be donated to Wetherby Prep School Charities.



Nancy dressed as cousin Colin

Notices

Mr Morrison, Miss Kroiter and Mr Thorne write...

Wellbeing — Coming back to school

We are all acutely aware that over the past year children have lived through a time like no other. As we return to school after this current lockdown, our focus will be on the wellbeing of all in our community, and in particular, on supporting the needs of our pupils.

After a prolonged period away from school, we wish to promote relationship building, life satisfaction, positive emotions and a sense of purpose and meaning. We will encourage the children to talk about their experiences of the pandemic and the challenges they may have faced, whilst identifying ways we can build resilience and nurture hope.

We are looking for practical ways to open conversations with the boys, and to help us in this process we would like them to tell us how they feel about coming back to school. They will receive a template in Teams with a couple of questions to prompt them, and their responses will go directly to their Form teachers.

The following links may also prove useful for parents on how to help their children manage any fears they have about returning to school after the coronavirus lockdown, as well as how to explain and cope with anxiety.

<https://www.priorygroup.com/blog/managing-children-s-fears-around-returning-to-school-after-coronavirus-lockdown>

<https://www.priorygroup.com/young-peoples-services/how-to-explain-anxiety-to-your-child>



Harrow School — Virtual Open Mornings

Harrow are running two virtual Open Mornings this term to which prospective parents are warmly invited.

While we are sorry we cannot welcome visitors to the Hill, we hope that these events will give interested parents a taste of what it means to join the Harrow School community.

Families and boys can join us online on **27 February or 13 March** for a live Q&A and a selection of pre-recorded content [by registering here](https://www.harrowschool.org.uk/admissions/book-an-open-morning) (<https://www.harrowschool.org.uk/admissions/book-an-open-morning>).

Sevenoaks School — Virtual Open Morning

Please find below an e-postcard with information about the forthcoming Open Morning.

Parents will be able to join in the Open Morning by clicking on the booking form found at <https://www.sevenoaksschool.org/online-admissions/presentations/march-vod-2021/>.

The image is an e-postcard for Sevenoaks School's Virtual Open Day. On the left, there is a photograph of the school's main building, a large stone structure with a gabled roof and a central tower, surrounded by green lawns and trees. On the right, there is a light blue background with text. The text reads: 'SEVENOAKS SCHOOL' in dark red, 'Please join us at our VIRTUAL OPEN DAY' in black and dark red, 'Saturday 13 March 2021' in black, and '12:00pm' in black. Below this, it says 'Meet the Headmaster and teachers, hear from students and take a tour of our beautiful 100-acre campus.' Further down, it states 'Virtual Group Visits take place every Saturday morning at 11am in term time' and 'Individual Zoom meetings can be booked with Arabella Stuart, Director of Admissions or Lorna Dolan, Head of Sixth Form Admissions'. The bottom section says 'Visit the website to book' followed by 'Open Day' and 'Group Visit or Individual Zoom meeting'. The website address 'www.sevenoaksschool.org' is highlighted in dark red. At the very bottom, it says 'We look forward to seeing you soon.' A faint watermark of the school's crest is visible in the bottom right corner of the text area.

English Department

Miss Andrews Bowen writes:



WETHERBY Literary Festival

What a successful week! The boys have enjoyed a range of activities from Shakespeare workshops, author talks, puzzles, competitions and potatoes. I would like to thank all those who took part and made this year's Wetherby Literary Festival such a spectacle.

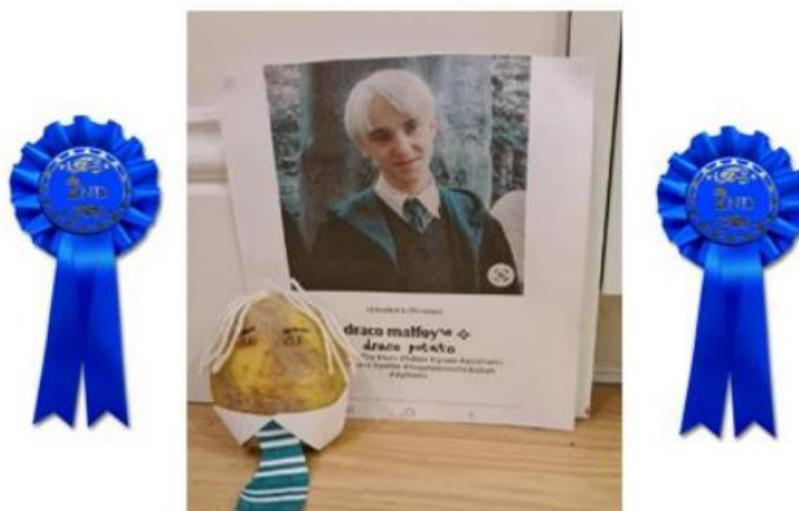


The Wetherby Literary Potato Competition!

1st Place – Sam M



2nd Place – Emilio 'The Draco Potato'



3rd Place – Mariano E





Creative Writing



1st place - Adrien C



2nd place - Sebastien B



Joint 3rd place - Alexander H and Hugo S



Congratulations to our winners and all those who have taken part. An extremely difficult competition to judge as we had such a high volume of entries that showed outstanding written talent. I applaud you all and look forward to more works of art from our Wetherby writers!

Book Cover Competition Results



 **1st Place – George L** 

 **2nd Place – Hugo S** 

 **3rd Place – Zahaan M** 



Vashti Hardy's talk - Wowing year 5 and year 6 with great writing tips and how to engage your imagination!



The independent bookshop The Book Nook has set up an online book page especially for World Book Day week visits (which we're almost in!) so if you'd like to pass the link on to parents/children they are for personalised copies which I'll be going in to the shop to sign the week after WBD week. They are doing a special 10% off offer and it means the children can get a book with their name and message signed inside if they'd like. The parents pay postage and it gets sent straight to them so quite an easy way of offering books if you'd like to.

Here's the link if you'd like:

<http://booknookuk.com/Vashti-Hardy-school-event/>

Fancy Dress Friday!

Best Individual Costume



Cezar J.
as Fantastic Mr.
Fox

Best 'Class Text' Costume



Ansel
S.
As Gollum

Best Teacher Costume



Miss Kirby

Some Fan Favourites



Louis I

6C



Mikael C

- Mr P from Peppa Pig



Miss Cox



Justin W



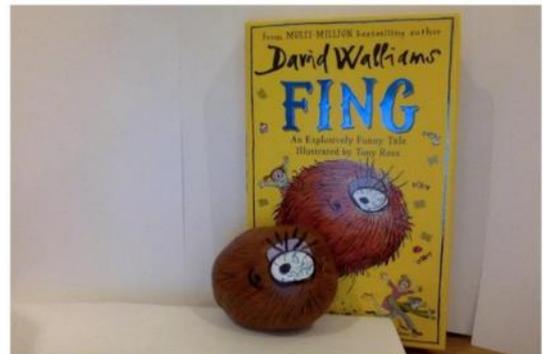
Leonardo M

5A

(Mrs Potato Head)



Cezar J

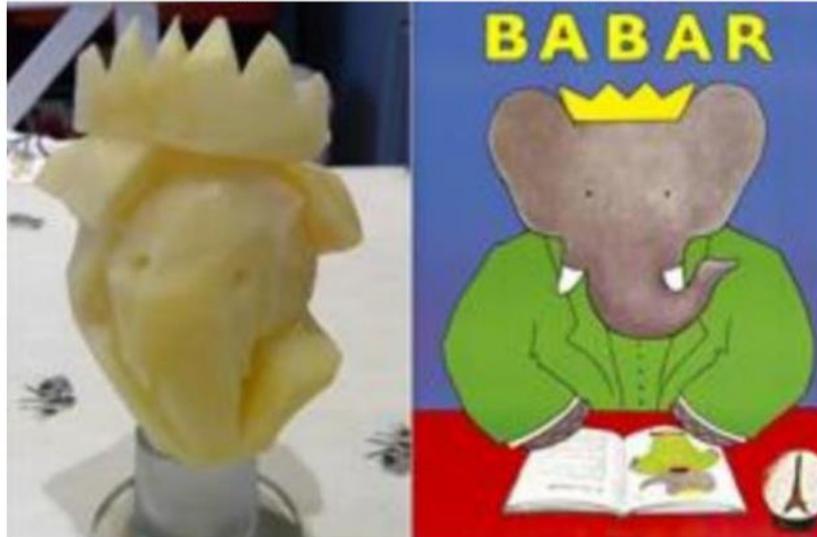


Michael R

- Alfie from Esio Trot by Roald Dahl



Miss Kirby

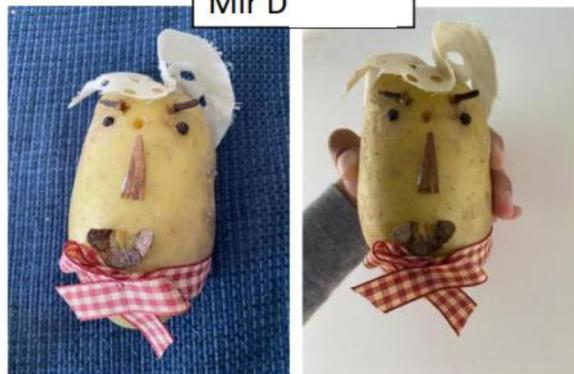


lorek Byrnison from Dark Materials, a trilogy of fantasy novels by Philip Pullman

Raahil U:



Mir D



Emilio N The Draco Potato



Ilia K - Netherland Potato



Kian D



Adam K



Hugo S



Mariano E



Sebastien B

6C – Mr. Bumpy and a 'cute superhero'



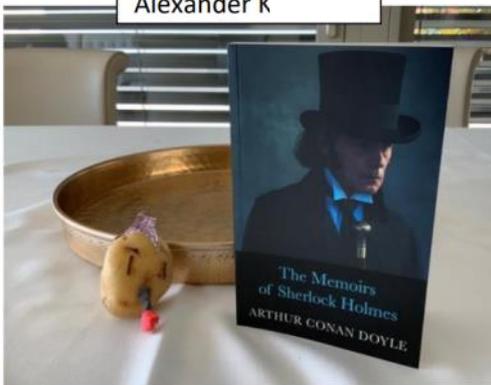
Vivaan M



Sam M



Alexander K



Ludovic and Patrick B



Rishaan U



Cyrus F



Tye N



Adrien P



Noah A



Miss Flomet



Miss Kroiter



Rufus M



Ralph J

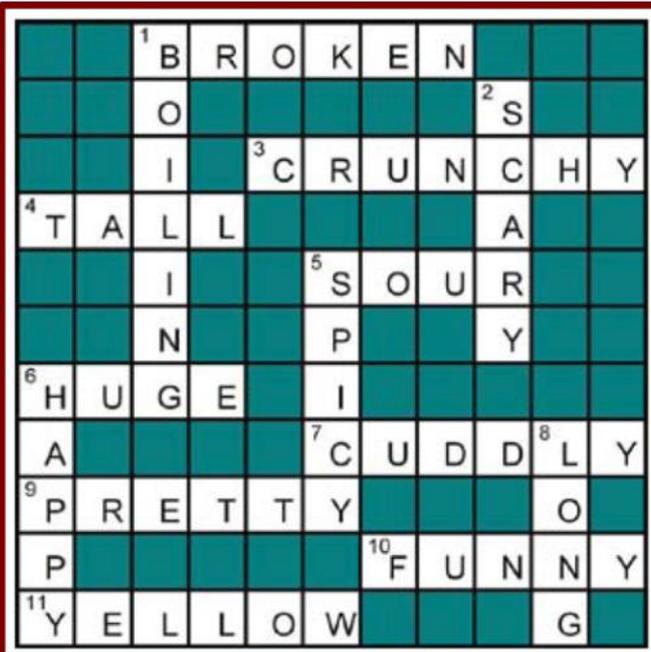


Lower School English Puzzles 12.2.21

ANSWERS

How to describe it...

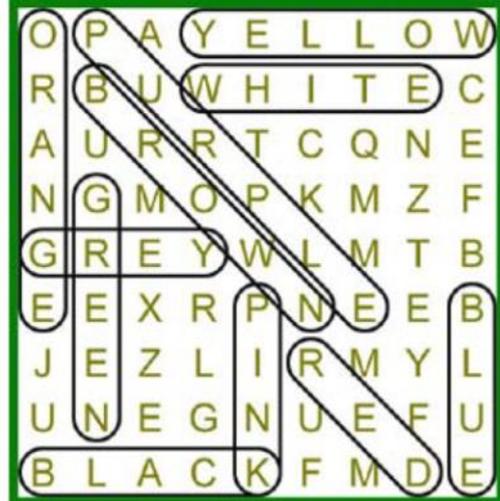
Each sentence in the crossword clues here is missing an adjective. Choose the word that fits best from the list below but be careful – you won't need to use all of them!



What colour is it?

All of the words in the list on the right are synonyms of a different colour. Write down what you think each colour is, then find it in the wordsearch.

TIP: *Synonym - a word that means exactly or nearly the same as another word in the same language.*



- golden = yellow
- ebony = black
- azure = blue
- fuchsia = pink
- tan = brown
- emerald = green
- silver = grey
- apricot = orange
- lavender = purple
- crimson = red
- pearly = white

History Department

Wetherby Literary Festival Week

Mrs Furnell writes...

Year 4 History – Roman Myths and Legends

This week in History, we have been looking at Roman myths and legends, drawing inspiration from their English class reader, 'A Firework Maker's Daughter'. We explored the history of myths and legends and why they are still so important today. Then using their knowledge of the Roman Gods and Goddesses from last lesson, the boys created their own Roman myths. It was great reading about the creation of Gods, arguments with one another and heroes they incorporated into their stories.



Hendrik P – 4T

How June got it's name.

Once Juno was sitting on his grand thrown and was about to pick up his glass of wine when POW. A devil struck the temple. The guards got up to fight the demon. Mars (the demon) was repaying what Juno had done to him. The guards could not defeat mars then the soldiers could not defeat mars and then the officers came and they could not defeat mars. Then came the super robots but still the came with a lot of damage. Then Juno came out and totally crushed him. He was given a special surprise and the surprise was to be named a month after him.

Philip M – 4L

Year 5 History – Victorian Inventions

The boys have been reading 'Northern Lights' in English and for Wetherby Literary Week, we looked at how the Victorians inspired Philip Pullman with his writing. As the boys are studying the Victorians in History, we looked at travel, exploration and inventions which are themes that crop up in 'Northern Lights'. The boys then went on to choose a Victorian invention and create a poster/advertisement about to exhibit at the Great Exhibition of 1851. These are some of their examples:



Cezar J – 5W



Adam S – 5S

This week in History



22nd February:

1797 - The Last Invasion of Britain launched by the French begins near Fishguard, Wales.

1967 - 25,000 US and South Vietnamese troops launch Operation Junction City against the Viet Cong.

23rd February:

1540 - Francisco Vazquez de Coronado's expedition sets off from Mexico in search of the 7 cities of Cibola

1904 - United States acquires control of the Panama Canal Zone for \$10 million

Birthday: African American educator and leader W.E.B Du Bois (1868-1963)

24th February:

1582: Pope Gregory XIII announces New Style (Gregorian) calendar

1739: Battle of Karnal - Army of Iranian ruler Nadir Shah defeats the forces of the Mughal emperor of India, Muhammad Shah

1946 - General Juan Peron, first elected President of Argentina

25th February:

1570 - Pius V excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I of England for heresy and persecution of English Catholics

1910 - Dalai Lama flees Tibet for British India to escape Chinese troops

1956 - Nikita Khrushchev denounces Joseph Stalin at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Birthday: Millicent Fenwick - A member of the U.N General Assembly and a U.S Congresswoman (1910-1992)

26th February:

1616 - Roman Inquisition delivers injunction to Galileo demanding he abandon his belief in heliocentrism

1848 - The Communist Manifesto pamphlet was published by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.

27th February:

1940 - Martin Kamen and Sam Ruben discover carbon-14 in California

28th February:

202BC - Coronation ceremony of Liu Bang as Emperor Gaozu of Han takes place, initiating four centuries of Han Dynasty's rule over China

1953 - Francis Crick and James Watson discover the chemical structure of DNA



Maths Department

Top Ten Speed Kings 2020-21

1. Raahil U	Year 4	1.10 mins
2. Felix R	Year 4	1.36 mins
3. Franklin C	Year 5	2.01 mins
4. Adrian H	Year 5	2.16 mins
5. Louis V	Year 5	2.21 mins
6. James B	Year 5	2.47 mins
7. Nicolas V	Year 5	2.52 mins
8. Ben Bl	Year 5	3.01 mins
9. Charles C	Year 4	3.02 mins
10. Kian D	Year 5	3.10mins

Mr Gascoine writes...

No change in the order this week.

It's as you were gentlemen.

Wetherby Weekly Chess Blog

Mr Gascoine writes...

So the start of half term in the Gascoine household begins with a trip to the dentist (£150 for the hygienist, check up and an X-Ray), Ruby May Gascoine (aged 10) armed with electronic clippers shaving my head and a loss at chess to a Year 5 pupil with a rating 600 points below mine!

Alexander T-W (PonyoTW) challenges me to a game. Great I can justify playing more chess to my wife by suggesting that the game is a continuation of my work and contribution to the Wetherby community. Ha.

Alexander plays white and it's obvious that the young fella knows his way around a chess board. Before long, Alexander pressurises my Queen and forces an attack on my King, which leads to both sides playing on a precipice. Alex actually offers a draw! However, thinking I am Bobby Fischer (who hated draws) I refuse and play on losing my Queen, Rook, all pieces and the game. Then I realise that the game was rated and I drop 11 points. So well played Alexander. The game played on my mind until Wales beat Scotland later in the day.



So here, we are with less than two weeks until school starts, spring has arrived, my teeth are good, my hair is growing (sides and back only), covid rates are falling and I am still thinking about my loss to PonyoTW! Oh yes Alexander HMGS Silver for beating me...

A BIG MISTAKE!



Diagram Seventy-six

COULD THIS HAVE BEEN THE STUPIDEST MOMENT IN CHESS HISTORY?

Von Popiel was White, Marco was Black. They played in an international tournament in Monaco in 1902. This is the board as Black starts his 36th move of the game.

(Diagram Seventy-six)

Black resigned to avoid losing his bishop on **d4**. However, he could have won instantly by moving his bishop down to **g1**. Black now threatens the White queen as well as ...**Qxh2** mate!

The moral of this story: Always watch for your opponent to do something unexpectedly dumb. It's an easier way to win (if less rewarding) than by doing something smart yourself!

The Smallest Chess Set Ever Made

It fits on the flat, round head of an ordinary pin. This tiny set was first displayed at the Warsaw Museum of Technology in Poland in 1999. How do you think you could move the pieces?



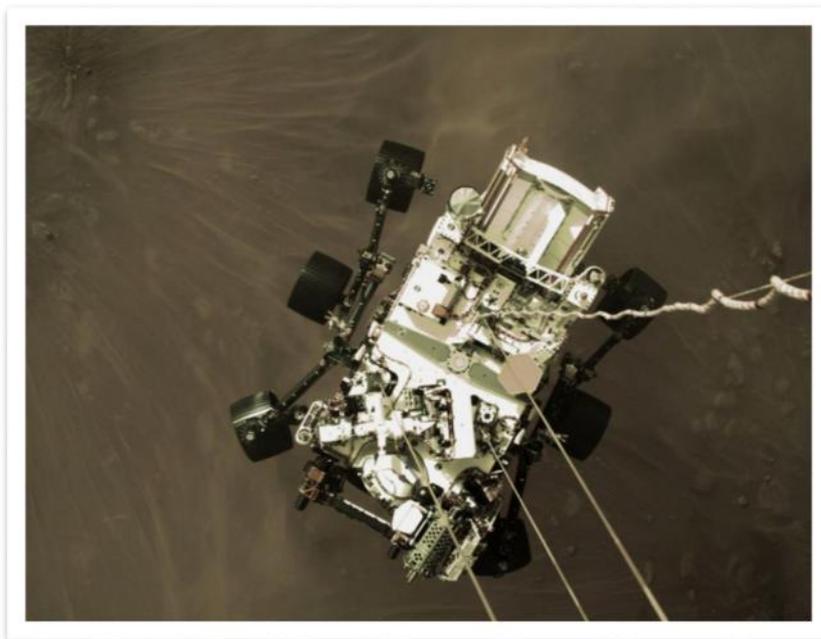
Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 22.2.21

Wow! See the Perseverance rover dangling above Mars in this amazing landing photo!



The pic may eventually join the ranks of iconic space images, such as Hubble's "Pillars of Creation."

Live updates:

[Follow the Perseverance Mars rover mission](#)

(ctrl + click the link - blue font)

Space Calendar 2021:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

February

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.

March

March 4: Arianespace will use an **Ariane 5 ECA rocket**, designated VA254, to launch the Star One D2 and Eutelsat Quantum communications satellites from the Guiana Spaceport near Kourou, French Guiana. [Watch it live](#)

March 5: NASA astronaut Kate Rubins and JAXA astronaut Soichi Noguchi will take a 6.5-hour **spacewalk** outside the International Space Station, beginning at 7:30 a.m. EST (1230 GMT). [Watch it live](#)

March 6: [Mercury at greatest elongation west](#). The innermost planet will reach its greatest western separation from the sun, shining brightly at magnitude 0.1. Catch the elusive planet above the eastern horizon shortly before sunrise.

March 9: [Conjunction of the moon and Saturn](#). The waning crescent moon will swing about 4 degrees to the south of Saturn in the dawn sky.

March 10: [Conjunction of the moon and Jupiter](#). The waning crescent moon will swing about 4 degrees to the south of Jupiter in the dawn sky.

March 13: The **new moon** arrives at 5:21 a.m. EST (1021 GMT).

March 19: The **Soyuz MS-17** crew spacecraft, which brought three Expedition 64 crewmembers to the **International Space Station** in October 2020, will relocate from the Russian Rassvet module to the Poisk module. NASA astronaut Kate Rubins and Russian cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov will undock from Rassvet at 12:43 p.m. EST (1743 GMT) and will dock with Poisk at 1:13 p.m. EST (1813 GMT). [Watch it live](#)

March 19: [Conjunction of the moon and Mars](#). The waxing crescent moon will swing about 2 degrees to the south of Mars in the evening sky.

March 20: **Vernal Equinox**. Today marks the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.

March 14: **Daylight Saving Time begins**. Turn your clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. local time.

March 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. [Watch it live](#)

March 28: The full moon of March, known as the **Full Worm Moon**, arrives at 2:48 p.m. EDT (1817 GMT).

March 28: [Venus reaches its greatest brightness](#) in its 2021 evening apparition, shining brightly at magnitude -3.9. Catch the planet just above the western horizon at sunset.

LAST UPDATED Feb. 20: *These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.*

Wetherby Sport

Inter House Cross Country Winners



Inter House Cross Country Results

1 st Place	Westbourne
2 nd Place	Pembridge
3 rd Place	Dawson
4 th Place	Chepstow

Photos of the Week



WARNING- INVASION OF PORTUGUESE MAN O' WAR IN MUSTIQUE ISLAND...
After one week of research, Evo find one laying on the hot sandy beach of Macaroni!





Alvaro participating in sports during half-term

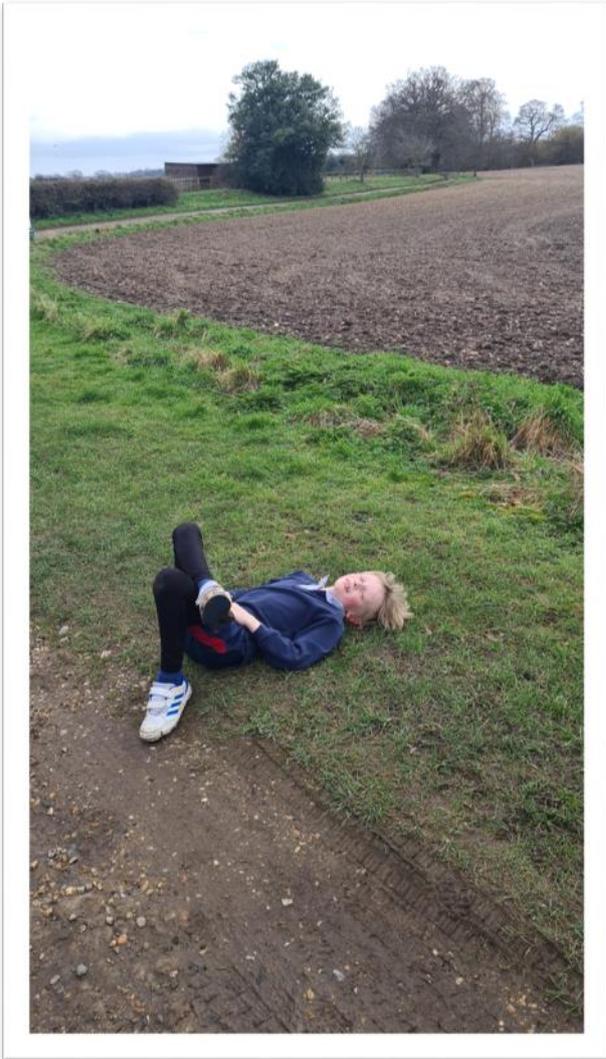




Tye N 4P



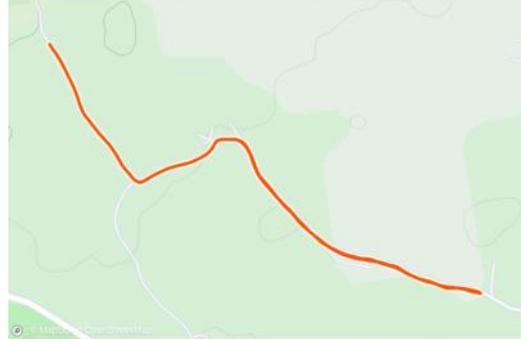
This week Thomas M did a hockey camp before school



andrew aitken

Today at 12:55 PM · South Oxfordshire, England

Lunch Run



Distance
2.50 km

Avg Pace
6:29 /km

Moving Time
16:13

Elevation Gain
7 m

Calories
279 Cal

Avg Cadence
156 spm

Archie's Cross Country



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