

WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 23



WEEK 23 — Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th March 2021

Monday 22nd March:

- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Years 3 and 4 Musical Performance [on Instagram](#)—2:45pm
- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm**

Tuesday 23rd March:

- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- Ansel G's Birthday
- Aidan P's Birthday
- Ilia K's Birthday


Wednesday 24th March:

- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- Goncalo N-C's Birthday
- Year 8 Breakfast Concert [on Zoom](#)—8:15am
- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm**
- School Management Team Meeting – 4:15pm

Thursday 25th March:

- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- Harry L's Birthday
- Robbie W's Birthday
- Year 8 Play Performance [on Zoom](#)—2pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm

Friday 26th March:

- **LAST DAY OF TERM**
- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- Aman G's Birthday
- Roman C's Birthday
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly [LIVE on Instagram](#)  [and Zoom](#) – 8:45am

Saturday 27th March:

- Rex S's Birthday
- EASTER HOLIDAYS

Sunday 28th March:

- Chase D's Birthday
- Dylan F's Birthday
- EASTER HOLIDAYS



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

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

A year ago today turned out to be the last day in school of the Spring Term before we embarked on a week of remote learning. A lot has changed since then but a year on, we are looking far more positively towards the Summer Term than we were back then and our educational practice has changed immeasurably. During the Easter holidays in 2020, we delivered over 100 pieces of hardware, in fact our entire school stock of laptops and iPads, to Wetherby Prep households and remotely taught and acquainted our staff with the use of Teams. A year later, all the boys are using the same devices, are on the same platform and all members of our community are Teams experts. This technology is not without its drawbacks and we're learning all the time in how best to facilitate this in our school environment but no one can deny that we have come a long way in a year and these past twelve months have been anything but wasted from an educational perspective.

With two successful school-based weeks behind us and still no positive test results in our community, there is a definite sense of optimism for the next term and beyond. There is no drop in school roll (in fact a small increase) for September, 2021 Exit Group looks set to be our best yet, exciting staff recruitment for 2021 has been completed (and will be announced in the normal way next week) and enhancements to the school building and our facilities here planned out for the summer holidays. Only two weeks back but it feels longer and more established. The boys and staff have settled back into old routines, established practices and a sense of normalcy that so many yearned for. Even my train seems to have got busier this week and a few more food outlets and shops have reopened at Euston...Wetherby Prep and London are reawakening, and getting ready for a fun summer...and one with more prospects than this time last year.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is James X. James has excelled in his English lessons and always completes work to a high standard. He opens up a dialogue within the lessons, questioning theories, themes and exam techniques. James is always striving for excellence and his attitude towards his work is inspiring. This term he always welcomes me into the lessons and asks how my day has been, he always manages to put a smile on my face. Thanks, James!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Laith A in 7B. Laith has been putting in some "crunching tackles" in football this week and has been enthused and competitive in his approach to the sport. Playing with spirit and no little skill, the games staff have been so pleased with his commitment and seeing the joy that playing has been bringing to him. Well done, Laith.

Kindness Cup



Roman C 4L

Roman always says hello to me in the mornings and when he sees me in school. Every time I ask if I can play a game with him at break, he always says 'yes' and makes me feel good. *Hendrik P 4T*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

♦ **Sid G 8V**

He was side-by-side to us driving yesterday for a fair way up Lisson Grove and his road manners were impeccable, even stopping to wave someone waiting to cross a side street when he could easily have carried on without doing so. *Michelle Bonn, parent*

♦ **Leo B 5S**

One of the boys dropped his tray of lunch on the floor in the dining room and Leo immediately helped him clear it up. *Dr Waldin*

♦ **Leopold S 4L**

I nominate Leopold for the Kindness Cup because I made cookies in Cookery Club and I dropped them on the road. Leopold gave me his cookies and this was very kind. *Marc P 4S*

♦ **Goncalo N-C 4T**

I wanted to nominate Goncalo for the Kindness Cup for finding and returning my hoodie. *Archie A*

♦ **Benji B**

I hurt my knee during break and Benji looked after me and made sure I was okay. Thank you! *Rafael F*

♦ **Henry S**

Greeting staff in such a positive manner. First thing in the morning he said 'it's so nice to be back and seeing teachers in person beats online learning'. *Mrs Furnell*

♦ **Ari B 4L**

The boys in 4L continue to spoil me with chocolate treats. This week Ari made delicious chocolate brownies and I was lucky enough to get 2! And, he made a lovely lemon drizzle cake for the staff which we all enjoyed. Thank you, Ari! *Miss Orpwood*

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Spring Week 23: 16.03.21

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

Charity fundraising ideas:

- Walk around the Bryanston Square garden a certain number of times - Sir Cpt. Moore style! Or, get on a bus and go on a hike? Maybe Hampstead Heath?
- Clothes sale for charity (linked to environmental week?) Miss Lister loves second-hand and vintage clothing!
- Second hand book sale- donate books and sell in year groups
- Another bake sale! We love it so much!
- Disco for LS and Musical/Fun Bingo for US
- Sponsored cycle/row- either against Forms or boy vs staff?

Lunchtime ideas:

- Sushi bar - we loved it!
- Puddings back - maybe on paper plates?
- Ice-cream for packed lunch Friday? (not every Friday - as a treat or at the end of half term/term?)
- Could we bring in our own packed lunches on a Friday?

Environmental Week in Summer Term:

- It would be great to have a focus on the environment. Suggestions so far- vegan/vegetarian food options for lunch, wearing green, a project in reusing something.

School Council Reps helping with delivering and recycling Friday lunches:

- **This Friday, SC Reps will help with distribution of packed lunches:**
Years 3, 4 & 7 will be delivered. But, ALL left-overs are to be brought to the dining room when finished.
Year 5 ----- Entrance area of 47.
Year 6 ----- Staff food serving area, basement 47.
Year 8 ----- Dining room.
ALL left-overs to be brought to dining room

The next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday 23rd March at 8:40am.

English Department

Miss Hood writes...

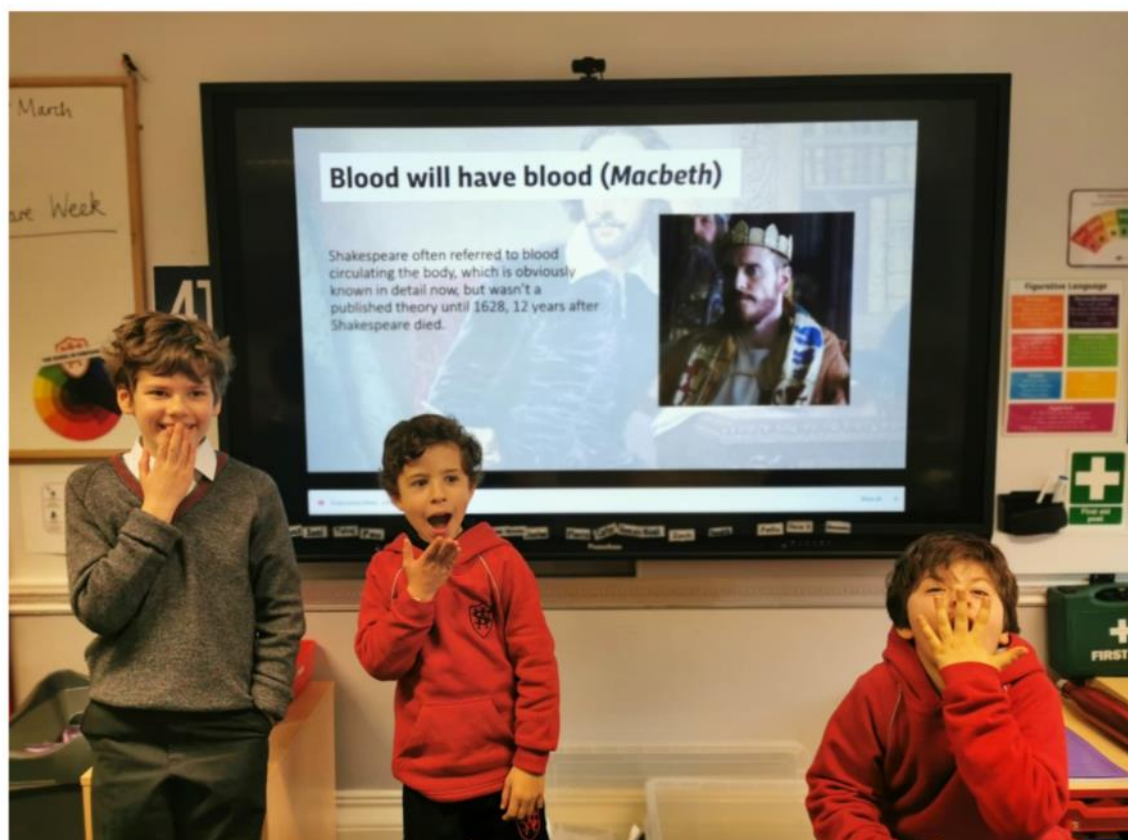
Shakespeare Week

'To Shakespeare or not to Shakespeare: that is the question...' Well, Wetherby boys have well and truly Shakespeare'd this week! Everyone has been immersing themselves in the history of Shakespeare, his works and the Elizabethan era in their lessons, form times and through exciting workshops.

The theme for 2021's National Shakespeare Week is "Wellbeing" stemming from Shakespeare's famous quote "This above all: to thine own self be true". Please indulge in the boys' wonderful interpretations of being true to yourself below. Some very powerful and moving messages. **Please continue to send your reflections to either myself or to the competition directly: shake-speareweek@shakespeare.org.uk**

We welcomed Mangled Yarn Theatre Company (www.mangledyarn.com) for three days of "Shakespeare's Bottom" workshops, where the boys followed the stories of "Pyramus and Thisbe" and "Romeo and Juliet" both as an audience and as an actor. The boys performed as different characters in the scenes and explored Shakespeare's use of language and how we can bring these timeless plots to life through enthusiasm and humour! We also welcomed professional actor, Tara Fitzgerald, for an upper school workshop to explore scenes from Macbeth, delving into the meaning of the language and how to portray characters and moods.

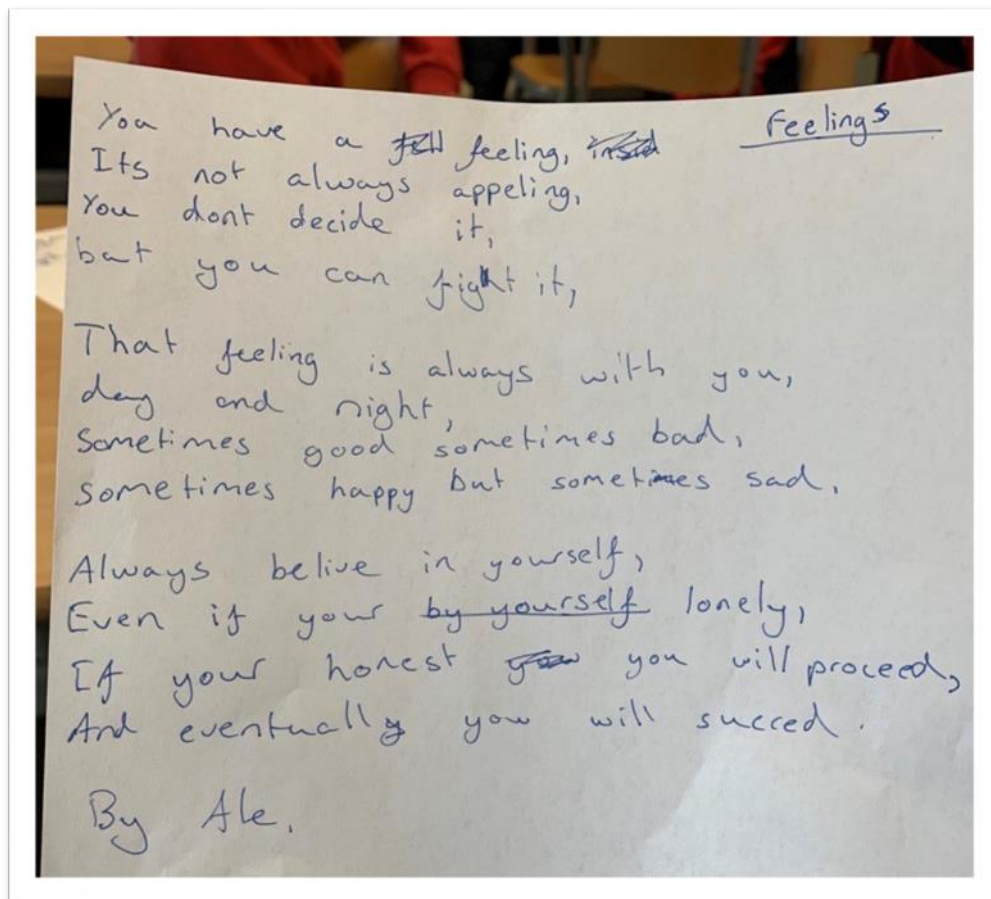
We finish the week with every boy having spoken at least one line of Shakespeare's work this week! Until next year...











Feelings by Alessandro A

My Way.

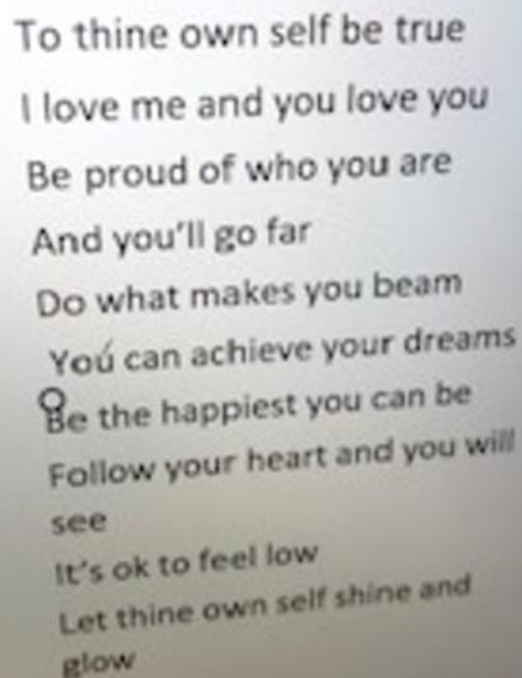
I won't go her way
I won't go his way
I won't go anyone's way
Only my way
I won't follow anyone
I'll be a LEADER
I won't listen to rudeness only kindness.

My Way by Theo H

Salomon _____ 11:58 AM

My poem is this :

Have you ever got that felling
When you want to be like someone
Your friends , your family
It doesn't matter
The best person is yourself
You can be chatty , you can be funny
It doesn't matter
Be yourself



To thine own self be true
I love me and you love you
Be proud of who you are
And you'll go far
Do what makes you beam
You can achieve your dreams
Be the happiest you can be
Follow your heart and you will
see
It's ok to feel low
Let thine own self shine and
glow

By Alessandro L

TRUE

This above all, to thine own self be true
I am on display for all to view
I am who I am and what's it to you
All that matters is to myself be true

You can pull me apart like paper to glue
Roast me like a slow cooked stew
Strike me down on my big debut
But I'll bounce back like a good review

And sometimes at the end of the day
It is okay not to be okay
Rise above, take that pain away
For I do not care what you have to say

Don't pretend to be someone you're not
You'll find yourself to be stuck in a knot
But if you come with me and give it all you got
We'll leave with a smile while others cannot

By Dastan

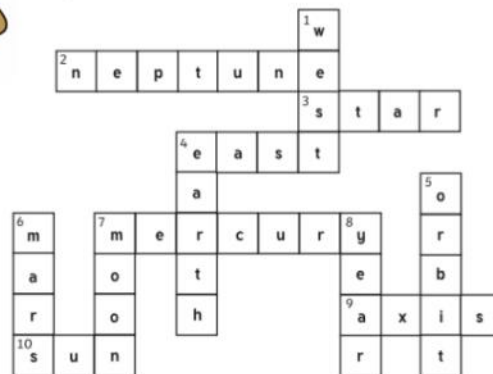
Answers to last week's Lower School English Puzzles:

LOWER SCHOOL ENGLISH PUZZLES

ANSWERS



Space Crossword Answers



Across

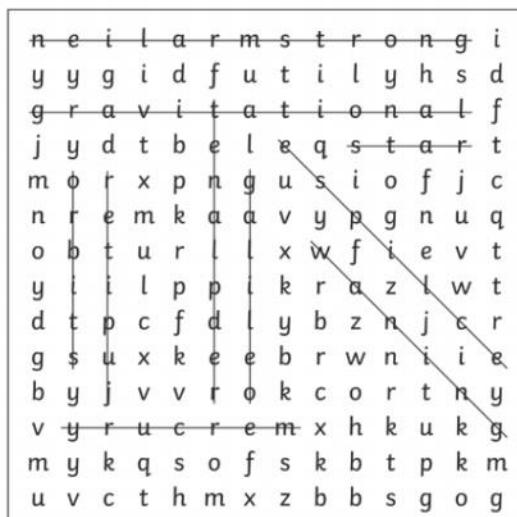
- 2 The 8th planet from the Sun.
- 3 Another word for the Sun.
- 4 The Sun rises in the **east**.
- 7 The planet nearest the Sun.
- 9 The Earth spins on its **axis**.
- 10 The middle of the solar system.

Down

- 1 The Sun sets in the **west**.
- 4 A blue planet that has water.
- 5 The path of a planet around the Sun.
- 6 The next planet from the Sun after Earth.
- 7 It takes 28 days to go round the Earth.
- 8 The time it takes for the Earth to go round the Sun.



Space Answers



1. The Moon **orbits** the Earth.
2. When we see less of the Moon, this is known as **waning**.
3. The first person to set foot on the Moon was **Neil Armstrong**.
4. The Sun is a huge **star**.
5. The Sun's **gravitational** force pulls the planets in space towards it.
6. The closest planet to the Sun is **Mercury**.
7. The planet **Jupiter** has seventy nine known moons.
8. The scientist **Galileo** discovered Jupiter's second largest moon.
9. Mars is sometimes called the **Red Planet**.
10. When the Moon passes between the Earth and Sun, it causes an **eclipse**.

Maths Department

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Lower Challenge Answers	Upper Challenge Answers
Alexander T-W	William P
William P	Nicolo F
Alexander D	James B
Salomon S	The Dark Horse
James B	Reuben J
Emilio N	
Hugo S	
Xudong Z	
Samuele B	
Alvaro C	
Ratan D'S	

Lower Maths Challenge

Brain Teaser 516: It's a Dog's Age

Alvaro Camara

Question

It's a Dog's Age

Karl was one when the family dog Jake was born. When Karl was eight, he was twice as old as his little sister Katie. Their second dog, Kirby, was born when Katie was two years old. Now, Katie is 2/3 the age of Karl, and Kirby is 3 times as old as their cat Hunter.

How old are the kids and dogs now?

Solution

$J_{\text{now}} = K_{\text{now}} - 1$
 $K_{\text{now}} = K_{\text{now}} - 2$

$K_{\text{now}} = 8 \quad K_{\text{now}} = 4$
 $K_{\text{now}} = K_{\text{now}} - 11$

$K_{\text{now}} = 9 \quad K_{\text{now}} = 5 \times$
 $K_{\text{now}} = 12 \quad K_{\text{now}} = 8 \div \frac{3}{2} \checkmark$

$J = 11 \quad K = 6$

Upper Maths Challenge

Brain Teaser 7: Music Maker

3 weeks

Question

Music Maker

Spike wants to buy a portable CD player for \$89 and 6 CDs that cost \$8.50 each. During the past 4 weeks he has earned a total of \$56 doing yard work and odd jobs. Because the days are getting longer, Spike can work more each week, and he has earned \$4 more each week than the week before.

If Spike continues to earn \$4 more each week than the previous week, how many more weeks must he work before he has enough money to buy the CD player and 6 CDs?

Solution

$89.00 + 6 \times 8.50 = 140.00$

$56.00 \div 4 = 14.00$

$140.00 \div 14.00 = 10$

$10 - 4 = 6$

6 more weeks

Wetherby Weekly Chess Blog

Mr Gascoine writes...

Bobby Fischer

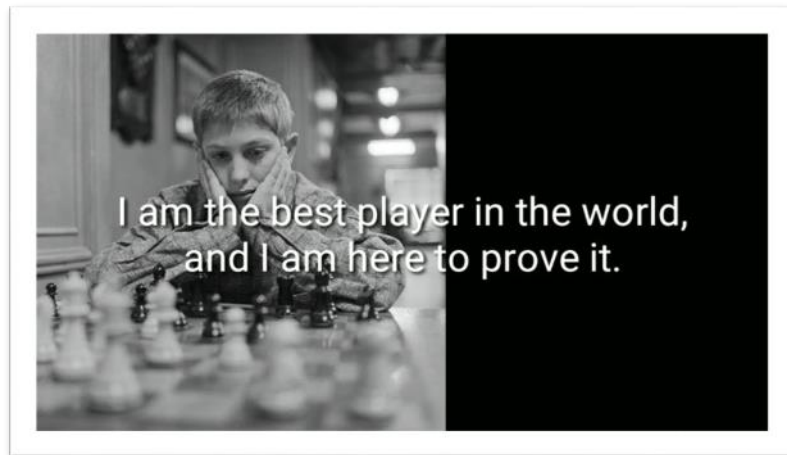
The greatest player in the history of chess? I don't think so. The most charismatic and controversial, definitely. One of a list of people I would have loved to have taught Maths to.

- Chess prodigy at the age of 6
- Youngest ever US Chess Champion at the age of 14
- Youngest ever Grandmaster at the age of 15
- IQ – 181
- World Chess Champion 1972

Incredible facts about a genius who found chess. But like many geniuses Bobby Fischer was deeply flawed, reclusive and became increasingly deranged.

His chess career was over by the age of 29.





There have been and will be many films, books and series chronicling the rise and decline of Bobby Fischer. The documentary 'Bobby Fischer against the world' is my favourite whilst the film 'Pawn Sacrifice' is rubbish

The Queens Gambit series echoes Bobby Fischer in many ways and indeed the author of the book on which the series was based, Walter Tevis, was a great fan of Bobby.

Bobby died in exile in Iceland in 2008. In an obituary in The Times, the headline, 'Death of a madman driven sane by chess', summed it all up beautifully. What a player he was.

Mr Gascoine



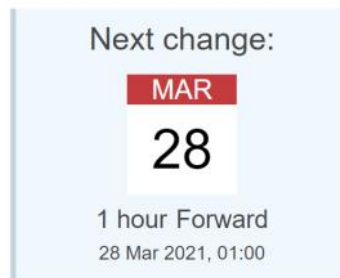
Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 15.3.21

*Apologies for the mis-print last week regarding daylight saving
- I hope I didn't confuse too many people! Here is the correct info...*



What if Planet Nine is a baby black hole?

They may not be black or holes.



Some astronomers believe there is a massive planet, far beyond the orbit of Neptune, orbiting the sun — but after years of searching, scientists have not found this theoretical world, which they've dubbed "Planet Nine."

This has spurred theorists to consider a radical hypothesis: Perhaps Planet Nine is not a planet but rather a small black hole that might be detectable from the theoretical radiation emitted from its edge, so-called Hawking radiation.

Space Calendar 2021:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

March

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 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 March 13: *These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.*

This week in History



15th March:

1916 - President Woodrow Wilson sent thousands of American soldiers into Mexico to capture Pancho Villa

1917 - Russian Czar Nicholas II forced to abdicate

1990 - Mikhail Gorbachev was elected the first and only executive president of the Soviet Union

16th March:

1926 - USA launch the world's first liquid fuelled rocket

1935 - Hitler violates the Treaty of Versailles by introducing compulsory military conscription

17th March:

2001 - The Eden project (the world's largest greenhouse - 100,000 plants) is opened

Birthday: Nat King Cole (1919)

18th March:

1938 - War was prevented as Lithuania accepted all the demands made by Poland

1965 - Soviet Cosmonaut Lt. Col. Alexei Leonov became the first man to walk in space

19th March:

2008 - Fidel Castro stepped down as Cuban leader after 49 years

20th March:

1945 - British troops liberate Mandalay, Burma from the Japanese

1966 - The World Cup was stolen whilst on display in Westminster Hall

1969 - John Lennon marries Yoko Ono

1990 - Namibia gains independence ending 75 years of South African rule



21st March:

1963 - Alcatraz closes (the most secure prison in the world closes after 29 years of operation)

Art Department

Ari, 6C



Ikenna, 6C



Saverio, 6F



Murad, 6M



Dmitry, 5W



Wetherby Sport

Team of the Week



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Paddy B - 38

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou	Chepstow Captain S. Bell	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright
499	429	372	358

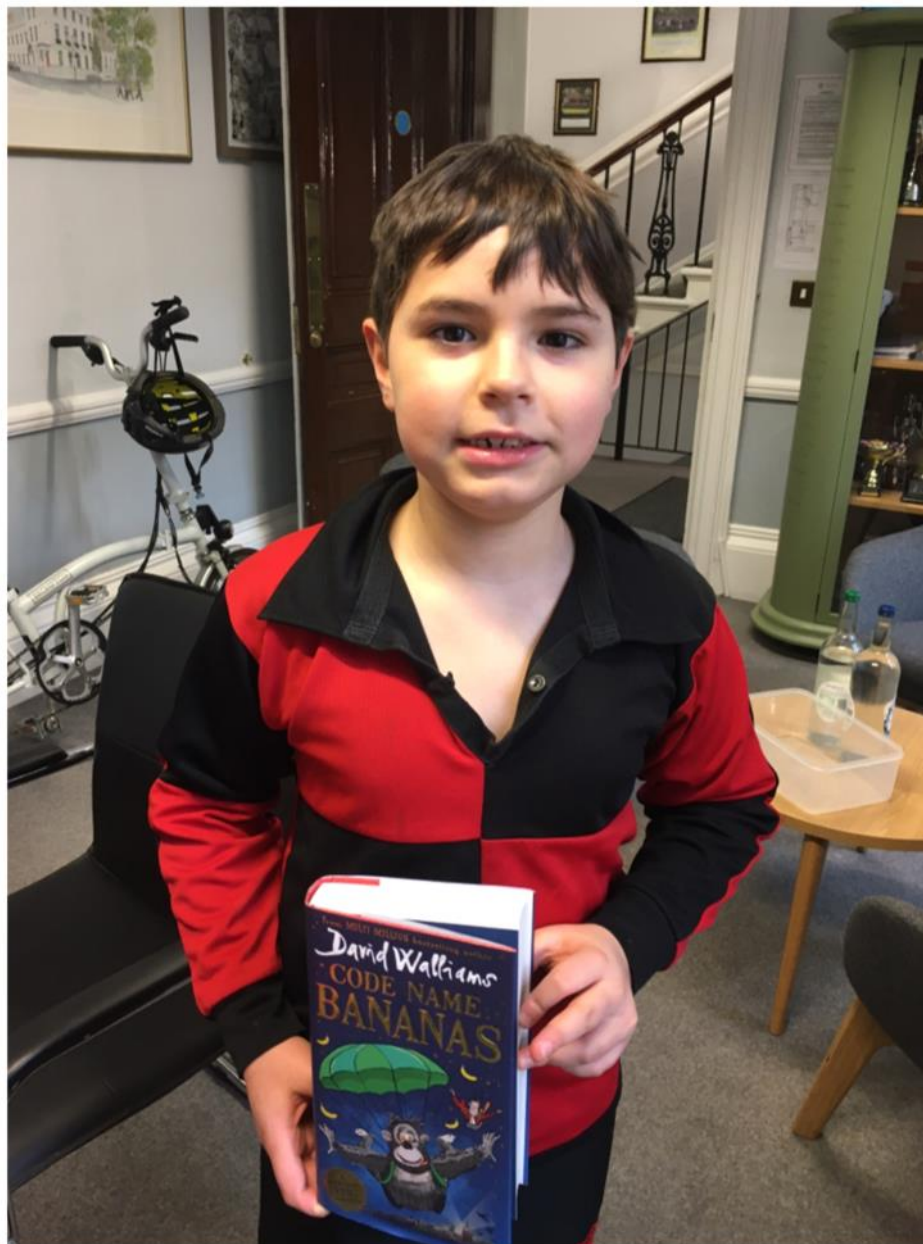
Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright	Chepstow Captain S. Bell
15,983	14,800	14,175	13,911

Photos of the Week

**Hector N's birthday book which he kindly
donated to the school's library!**

Happy Birthday, Hector!



A video filmed as a montage with social distancing with Ale and David Williams:

[Birley Kids x David Walliams \(vimeo.com\)](https://vimeo.com/411111111)



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