

WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Autumn Term | Week 3



WEEK 3 — Monday 20th to Sunday 26th September 2021

Monday 20th September:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. Thomas's Fulham (H) - 2.15pm return 3.45pm
- U11 A, C, E, G, I vs. Arnold House (A) - 2.30pm return 5pm
- Mr Baker to Prep School Heads' event at Wetherby Senior School

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Advanced Drama,
- Coding,
- Debating LS,
- Football 3-5,
- Homework Club,
- Indoor Sports,
- Fencing Year 3 and 4,
- Rock Band Year 7,
- Rock Climbing,
- Wetherby Voices

Tuesday 21st September:

- House of Wetherby - Used Uniform Sale – Foyer – 8.30am
- PTA Committee Meeting in the Dining Room – 9.30am
- 8V Skills Seminar
- U9 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H vs. Thomas's Fulham (H) - 2.15pm return 3.45pm

MORNING CLUBS:

- Dodgeball,
- Guitar Ensemble,
- Mental Maths,
- Rock Band,
- Tennis Club,
- Touch Typing

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Arts and Crafts,
- Upper School Chess,
- Upper School Choir,
- Coding Creative App Design,
- Homework Club,
- Mythology,
- Quiz Club,
- Rock Band,
- Fencing Upper School

Wednesday 22nd September:

- U13 A, U13 B and U12 B, U12 C vs. The Hall (A) - 2.15pm return 5pm
- U13 C, U13 D, U12 D vs. The Hall (H) - 2.15pm return 3.45pm
- ESFA Round 1 – U12 A v George Abbot School (A) 3.30pm return 7pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3-4pm
- Staff Teach Meet – 4.30pm
- Ski Trip Meeting – 3H – 6.00pm

MORNING CLUBS:

- Card Tricks and Magic,
- Handwriting,
- Running,
- Rock Band,
- Swimming Lower School,
- Swimming Upper School,
- Tennis Club

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Chess Year 5,
- Coding,
- Cookery,
- Drawing,
- French Homework,
- Music Composers,
- Reasoning,
- Rock Climbing,
- String Ensemble,
- Swimming Year 3 and 4,
- Table Tennis,
- Fencing Year 5

Thursday 23rd September:

- U10 B, D, F, H vs. Stephen's School (H) - 2.15pm return 3.45pm
- U10 A, C, E, G, I vs. Thomas's Fulham (H) - 2.15pm return 3.45pm
- School Management Meeting – 4.30pm

MORNING CLUBS:

- Arts and Crafts,
- Football,
- Mental Maths,
- Swimming Lower School,
- Swimming Upper School-
Wind Band

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Advanced Fencing,
- Chess Year 3 and 4,
- Creative Writing,
- Dodgeball,
- Homework Club,
- Maths Revision,
- Mythology,
- Phantom Comics,
- Rock Band,
- Science

Friday 24th September:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed **LIVE on Instagram**  - 8:30-9:30am
- ISFA Round 1 – U13 A vs. Farringtons (H) 3.30pm return 5.30pm
- Harry Potter Concert at The Royal Albert Hall (invite only) - 7.30pm
- Friday pm Club Programme

Saturday 25th September:

- IAPS U13 7-a-side at Rokeby - Postponed

Sunday 26th September:



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

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

Great to see so many of our new parents on Tuesday night at what was our first indoor get together for eighteen months. A very convivial and collegial atmosphere in the Pioneer Hall and clearly the start of excellent relationships that parents will form with each other and our Wetherby Prep staff over the coming years. It was very reassuring to hear that the boys outward positivity is matched by the praise received from staff thus far – “The new boys are all SO lovely” as one member of staff remarked to me this week.

I hope you enjoyed the ‘Creative Arts Catalogue’ that came home this week. This publication showcases the Art, Music and Drama that you would not have been able to witness ‘live’ last year. Though we welcome parents back to all of our events, we are collectively so proud of the catalogue that we are thinking we should produce it every year. My thanks to Ria Kirby and Claire Tomsett-Rowe for collating and organising such an impressive exhibition of the creative talents of the boys. Every boy has at least two entries and, from the feedback so far, it is clear that they love to see their work ‘in print’...

A publication of a different kind, the ‘Tatler Schools Guide’, issued this month, writes effusively about the school in a writing style that is typically Tatler. Tatler are long-time friends of our School (we won ‘Prep School of the Year’ at the ceremony in 2012...bit like the MET Gala but for independent schools...) and always have an amusing but very accurate spin on Wetherby Prep and all of our fellow schools that make the Guide. Our write up is below. Note that I am generously awarded the adjective ‘legendary’ – I showed this to my mum, she beamed with pride...I showed it to my wife Brigid, she rolled her eyes and tutted...

Have a legendary weekend,

Nick Baker

ates score scholarships to the
try's finest schools, such as
ich, Winchester and Worth.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL ●

*at Square, SW1P 2NN
e westminsterunder.org.uk
Kate Jefferson Pupils
boys Ages 7–13
ees £6,834*

ew Head Kate Jefferson
in September 2021 and a
application rate (15 boys
or each spot), Westminster
s certainly enjoying an
s swoop. The boys are
art; alongside bagging
olarships to Eton and
ster, they repeatedly win
send-Warner History
ion and have recently
ong the top ranks at the
cience Competition and
ational SATIPS General
Quiz. Between perform-
akespeare and bouncing
cket pitches and tennis
e boys are a charitable
y volunteer in a local
their weekly visits to a
home are a well-loved
round.

WETHERBY PREPARATORY SCHOOL ●

*Bryanston Square, W1H 2EA
Website wetherbyprep.co.uk
Head Nick Baker Pupils 379 day
boys Ages 7–13 Term Fees £8,095*

Fondly referred to by parents as a
'private member's club', Wetherby
Prep's grand white stucco building,
with its cheery red door, is a wel-
come fixture in Bryanston Square.
WPS parents have a 'real sense of
ownership and identity associated
with the school', according to leg-
endary Head Nick Baker, who is
widely praised for celebrating every
boy equally, always having an open
door and shaving his head during
a virtual assembly to raise £25,000
for the NHS. (He'll be much missed
when he leaves at the end of the
school year.) Boys here are busy,
enjoying five hours of sport a week,
creating Pop Art portraits with
artist Jonathan Huxley and coll-
aborating for breakfast concerts to
stream into local care homes. A
chill-out space is provided at The
Hub, and Nancy, the school dog, is
always on hand for cuddles. □

LITTLE SIBS

Publics with prep:

*Alleyn's School ●
City of London
School for Girls ●
Dulwich College
Francis Holland
Sloane Square ●
Hampton School
Highgate School
Ibstock Place School
James Allen's C
School ●
King's College
Wimbledon ●
Lady Eleanor
Latymer Upper
Merchant Tay
North London
Putney High
Queen's Coll
South Hamp
High School
St Paul's Sch
University C
Westminster
Wimbledon*

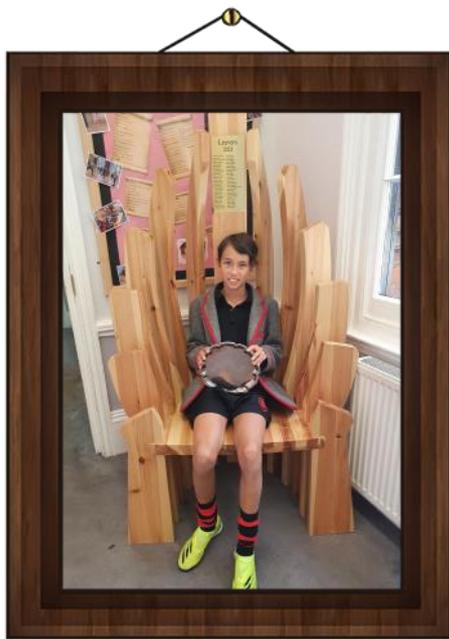
Packed Lunches

We need to collectively grip the packed lunches situation as it has progressively got out of hand.

A boy can only bring a packed lunch if he has a medical note excusing him from normal school lunches. These medical notes **expire every half term** and if a boy is to continue to have a packed lunch parents will need to source another note. From Monday, if there is no note for this term, boys will not be allowed to eat their packed lunch and will be expected to eat the school lunch provided.

If we have a medical note, the packed lunch **must be freshly prepared food**. By far and away the biggest problem with boys insisting they have packed lunches is that they see their peers with Pot Noodle, crisps, popcorn and Pret a Manger sandwiches. Who can blame them for asking for packed lunches if this is what they see others feasting on.

As we have said many times over the years, the 80 school staff and contractors all happily eat and enjoy the school food on a daily basis. If it is good enough for them it is certainly good enough for all boys.



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Raffi P in 8T.

Raffi is an amiable and increasingly confident and articulate boy who has made an excellent start to Year 8. He has made an excellent impression on staff this week and is keen to make Year 8 his best year yet at Wetherby Prep. Well done, Raffi!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Evo S in 5K.

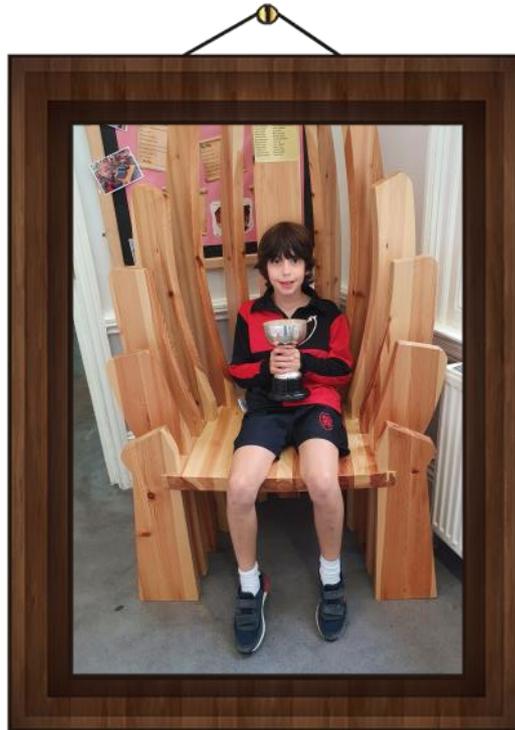
I was at King's College yesterday for lunch and, as luck would have it, our Year 5 boys were playing King's at football that afternoon. I witnessed a superb 4-3 victory for our 'B' Team against KCS 'A' which included a penalty, coolly slotted home by Evo S. It was a tense moment but Evo coped admirably with the pressure!



Class-Achievement

80—Miss Bidie's TPR lessons

Kindness Cup



Pierre Z Y5

In our first lesson this year, Pierre was sitting next to one of the new boys Thomas and he immediately introduced himself to Thomas, asked him how he is finding his new school and used such polite manners, saying things like 'it's lovely to meet you' etc. It was a lovely exchange to witness. *Miss Purton*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Alex G Y8**

Alex was so calm and reassuring to a new Y4 boy who wasn't quite sure where his next lesson room was and, as a result, was a little upset. Alex made sure he got to the correct room and said 'it's alright, I remember when I first started, I got lost all the time'. Great WPS attitude! *Miss Lister*

◆ **Erik M Y4**

Erik was so kind and thoughtful at lunchtime. When other boys didn't know where to sit, he got everyone on his table to make space for them and invited the boys to join his table. A really kind and thoughtful thing to do! *Mrs Marshall*

◆ **Seb B**

Seb was helping all the new Year 3 and 4 boys find their morning clubs on Wednesday without being asked. He was so kind to do so and had a lovely manner with them - asking them how they were getting on and saying he hoped they enjoyed themselves at their club. *Mrs Marshall*

From the Assistant Head Compliance

Mr Metherell writes...

Attendance, Appointments and School Logistics

Wetherby Preparatory School is a busy school with boys out of the building at the Sports Ground either for Games or break each day. One of our primary responsibilities is the duty of care for all of our boys when they are at school and we are very precise on the registers to ensure we know who is in the building and that we have the correct boys going to the correct places.

In order for this to work efficiently could I please remind parents of the procedures for notifying the school of any absences and some general notes about attendance.

Registers:

This year we have changed the way that form time is structured. Form starts punctually at 8:30am and now only lasts until 8:45am. School registers are saved by form tutors at 8:45am so boys arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late. This late code registers to your son's profile and it is our duty to follow up persistent lateness. **Please ensure you son is in school by 8:30am.**

If your son is ill:

Please email **Miss Fekete** (jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk) and CC in your son's **form tutor** before 8:30am on the morning he is ill.

If your son needs to attend an appointment during the school day:

Please email **Mr Baker** and CC in **Miss Fekete** at least one day before the appointment. While we appreciate this is not always possible, please ensure that every effort is made to make an appointment outside school hours.

If your son is attending an interview at another school:

Please email **Mr Baker**, your son's **form tutor**, your son's **Head of Year** and CC in **Miss Fekete** at least one day before the interview.

Head of Years 3 and 4: **Mr Thorne** (chris.thorne@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

Head of Years 5 and 6: **Miss Kroiter** (deboarah.kroiter@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

Head of Years 7 and 8: **Mr Morrison** (nick.morrison@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

If you need to request a day off school for your son due to family commitments or other circumstances:

Please email **Mr Baker** in advance requesting an authorised absence for a particular date. Please note approval for authorised absences can only be given by Mr Baker, not your son's form tutor. If Mr Baker has not given permission for an absence it will be treated as an 'unauthorised absence'.

Games and Swimming:

If your son is well enough to come into school then he is well enough to go to Games or swimming lessons. Mr Baker will not give permission for boys to miss part of the school's curriculum due to sickness unless a medical note is provided. We would prefer your son to stay at home and get better so they can participate fully in all aspects of school life. If your son has an injury that means he cannot participate in Games or swimming lessons we will either accommodate him at school or he will travel with his year group to Games but wait in the pavilion. Please contact Mr Reid (lee.reid@wetherbyprep.co.uk) if you need any more assistance for Games or Mr Bayes (dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk) for swimming.

Maths Department

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Maths Challenge Answers

Lower	Upper
William P	Thomas W
Alexander T – W	Xan L
Max VDK	Alessandro A
Xudong Z	Henry MS
Noa	Ethan R
Laith K	James B
Elliot K	Max VDK
Michael P	Seb B
	Adrien C
	Ziyang P
	Candice
	William P
	Amar D

LAITH KHAN.

Problem solving: an investigation into abundant numbers.

This week's Maths Challenge is concerning the production of abundant: 48 is called an **abundant** number because it is less than the sum of its factors. Can you find other numbers which are abundant?

12
 $1+2+3+4+6=16$

18
 $1+2+3+6+9=21$

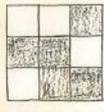
48
 $1+2+3+4+6+8+12+16+24=76$

20
 $1+2+4+5+10=21$

Elías Rogán 7B

INESWEEPER

In this grid, certain cells are shaded.



Here is a corresponding grid with numbers indicating, for each cell, how many of the surrounding cells should be shaded.

2 3 1
 2 4 4
 3 3 2

Can you work out which cells should be shaded if the numbered grid looks like this?



Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy preparing layered lanterns in Art & Design. The lanterns will be showcased in the form plays later this term, celebrating the Festival of Light and telling the story of Diwali





This week in History



13th September:

1956 - IBM introduces the world's first hard disk which stored 5MB of data. It weighed over a ton and needed a forklift to move

1970 - The first New York marathon is run by 127 competitors

1978 - A tame 1/2 ton grizzly bear (being used in a TV commercial for Kleenx) has been recaptured after 3 weeks loose

14th September:

1901 - President William McKinley dies from his injuries after being shot by Leon Czolgosz on the 6th September

1951 - The largest oil refinery in Europe opens in Fawley, Southampton. The refinery is owned by Esso and is designed to produce 300,000 barrels of crude oil a day

1959 - The first man made object reaches the moon with a crashlanding (Luna 2)

15th September:

1916 - The British launch a major offensive against the Germans at the Battle of the Somme. This saw the first use of tanks.

1940 - The Battle of Britain turns in British favour when the RAF flew new spitfires

1951 - Communist China took control of the capital of Tibet

2006 - Over 320,000 marched in Taiwan calling for the resignation of the President Chen Shui-bian

16th September:

1810 - Mexico declares independence from Spain after 300 years of Spanish rule

1932 - Mahatma Gandhi begins his hunger strike in opposition to Britain's new caste separation rules

1968 - The British Post Office introduces first class post

2009 - US rapper Jay-Z breaks Elvis Presley's record as the solo artist with the most no.1 records

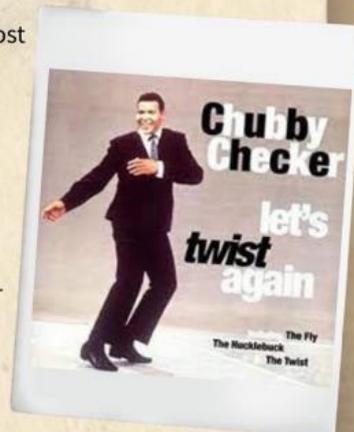
2011 - Denmark elects their first female PM Helle Thorning-Schmidt

17th September:

1976 - NASA publicly unveils its first Space shuttle - Enterprise

19th September:

1960 - Chubby Checker has a no.1 record with the Twist launching a world wide dance craze



Wetherby Sport

Mr Trencher writes...

Sports Report

The start of week 2 at Wetherby Prep signified the much-anticipated return of competitive sports fixtures, with near 400 boys taking part in football matches against The Hall, Highgate and Rokeby to name a few.

The under 9 A's and F's played some brilliant football which saw them claim hard fought victories over Fulham Prep sides, with impressive performances from Misha M and Noa B respectively. Whilst the remaining Under 9 teams fought hard and well through torrential rain, they fell just short, losing out to some impressive performances from Fulham Prep and St Stephen's. Although they were defeated, there were impressive individual performances from Lukas P, William W and Leonardo W amongst others.

The Under 12 A's and B's, coupled with the under 13 A's and B's marked their return to competitive sport in style, with an impressive 3 out of 4 victories in a devastating manner against Rokeby School. Chase O, William D and Yousif Al-S were particularly impressive, all playing a critical role in 3 superb team displays, showcasing great skill, attitude and leadership to help guide themselves and their team-mates to well-deserved victories.

The Under 11 E's and F's were also successful in their returning quest for victory against The Hall and Highgate School respectfully, with spirited performances from the entire squad. However, 2 boys really stood out, with Hugo M-S and Adam S putting in excellent individual performances, having an influential presence to spur their teams on to victory. Elsewhere, The Hall and Highgate proved too strong for the remaining under 11 teams, as they fell just short of triumph, despite some great battling and excellent football on show across all teams. Once again, there were some standout performers, including Oliver C, Ratan D'S, Mir D and William S, however, all teams were extremely unlucky to eventually miss out on victories.

The U10's finished off the week in style with 6 teams winning away from home. A great performance from the A team saw them put 6 past a strong Arnold House team. Great performances from Robbie W, Elliot S and Carter B. The B team came from 3-0 down to win 4-3 with a fantastic all round team performance in front of the headmaster.

A brilliant week of sport at Wetherby Prep.

Team of the Week



Wether-Me

Name and Form: Elendu U

House: Chepstow

Describe Wetherby Prep in three words:

Challenging, rewarding, fulfilling.

What are your favourite subjects and why?

I like Maths because you are either wrong or right.

Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:

Becoming Head Boy.

If you could teach at Wetherby, what would you teach and why?

Science because it is very interesting when we do practicals.

If you didn't come to Wetherby, what would you do instead in your spare time?

Mostly swimming and making cool things I see on YouTube.



Charities

Miss Preece writes...

Kindergifts (www.kindergifts.co.uk), an online invitation platform for children's birthday parties which helps parents to club together towards the purchase of a group gift, and a portion of the funds is donated to a charity chosen by the child. Instead of individual presents, the guests have the option to contribute money towards the child's gift-charity fund when they RSVP. We liked the sentiment behind the Kindergifts idea and have listed the Wetherby Schools Charity under the Schools Section of the platform.



Make a difference

		
INVITE FRIENDS	SUGGEST A GROUP GIFT	SHARE WITH A CHARITY

www.kindergifts.co.uk

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Mingze G	6C	Cezar J
4M	Zahaan M	6E	Felix El Z
4P	Alistair B H	6F	Hugo S
4S	Armaan C	6M	Leo B
4T	Noa B	7B	Ansel G-S
5F	Marius P	7C	Ikenna U
5K	Alfahd A	7H	Harrison B
	Evo S	7L	Tobia P B
5L	Harry W		8A
5S	Freddie M	8C	Rafa G
	Thomas J		8O
		8T	Marley L
		8V	Henry M S

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Alistair B - 26

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4T 158	Form 4P 137	Form 6M 113

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Chepstow Captain K. Kar	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher	Westbourne Captain C. Paolini	Dawson Captain A. Govindan
385	376	365	269

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Chepstow Captain K. Kar	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher	Westbourne Captain C. Paolini	Dawson Captain A. Govindan
594	591	589	492

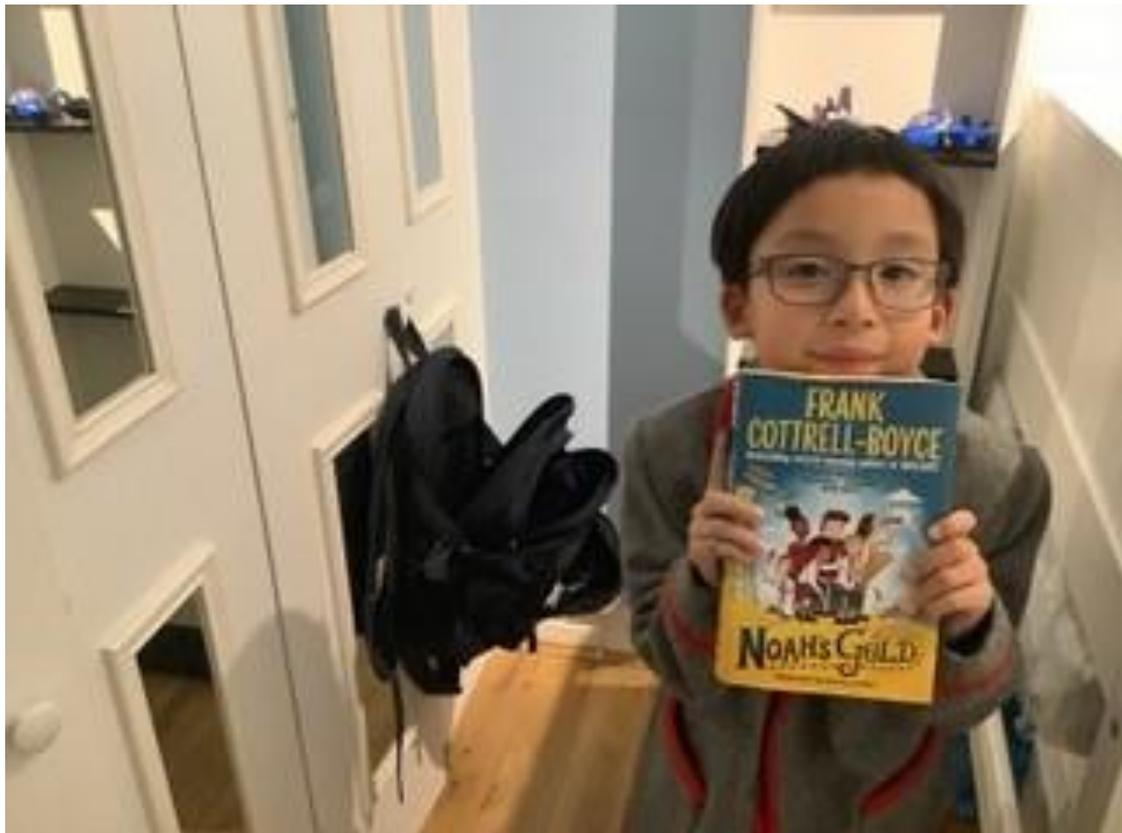
Photos of the Week





U12B team victorious!





Shixuan's reading progress



Dmitry, along with his twin sister, older brother and parents has tested the limits of bravery and concentration, while doing ice climbing and via ferrata at French Alps in early August. The introduction to mountaineering included climbing vertical walls, taking zip lines and monkey bridges across deep canyons and a strenuous 10 hours hike to the top of the glacier.



Laith presenting his speech for School Council



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