

WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Autumn Term | Week 10



WEEK 10 — Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th November 2021

Monday 22nd November:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U12 Inter House Football – am
- U11 A – H vs. King's College Wimbledon (A) – 2.15pm return 5pm
- 3H, 4M & 4P Parents' Evening

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 23rd November:

- U11 Inter House Football – am
- U9 A – D, G – J vs. Arnold House (H) – 2.15pm return 3.45pm
- U9 E and F vs. Orchard House (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 24th November:

- Breakfast Concert – 8:15am
- U8 & U9 Inter House Football – am
- U13 A, U13 B, U12 A and U12 B vs. The Hall (A) – 2.15pm return 5pm
- U13 C, U12 C and U13 D vs. The Hall (H) – 2.15pm return 3.45pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3-4pm
- 4T & 4S Parents' Evening

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 25th November:

- 4T Class Play
- 4S Class Play
- U13 Inter House Football – am
- U10 A – H vs. King's College, Wimbledon (H) - 2:15pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30-5pm

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 26th November:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed [LIVE on Instagram](#)  - 8:30-9:30am
- U10 Inter House Football – am
- 4M Class Play
- 4P Class Play
- Friday pm Club Programme

Saturday 27th November:

Sunday 28th November:

- IAPS U11 Finals @ Millfield School All Day

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

The school has been inspected this week and whilst we have been awaiting this since May 2020, it still brought a frisson of excitement and anticipation in the building. Schools must have accountability and whilst it is unsettling to have your policies and procedures scrutinised, we are proud of everything we do here and it was very reassuring to hear that you all feel the same with your most effusive feedback and comments in the questionnaire. The Report will not be out for a few weeks and I look forward to sharing this with you in due course. It goes without saying that I am immensely humbled by our staff who have acquitted themselves so admirably this week and put on such a great impression of themselves. As a serving Inspector, I, too, am off on inspection duty in a couple of weeks; it's been many years since I have been on an inspection and I have missed the wonderful opportunity it provides for one's own professional development as well as the sense of duty that comes with being part of a process that makes all schools accountable.

As you know, I LOVE a bit (a lot) of branding particularly any new ideas that I haven't seen anywhere else. Where else do you find WPS Lego men and WPS advent calendars (apart from in all the schools that have copied us...) for example? And this week, we broke more new ground with branded desserts at the (excellent) Candlelit Dinner on Tuesday night. Using the new laser cutter in the Art Workshop, Miss Kirby made a WPS stencil, that Peter Spall then used to garnish his chocolate dessert. As they say on 'Bake Off', it was a real 'show stopper' and great use of our new equipment. I'm not a big fan of external marketing and you will never find a WPS advert anywhere... internal marketing though, that's a different story, and with our new toys in the Art Workshop, the staff and boys can have all sorts of fun and games with branding this year – can't wait.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Letter re Wetherby Bursary Fund

Please see attached to this Wetherbuzz a letter from Terra Goulden, the new Director of Development for the Gold Standard Charitable Trust, re our fund raising appeal this year.



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Hugo M S in 6C. In 'Tales of Bryanston Square' last week, Hugo gave an incredibly articulate and moving soliloquy about his time at the school. There was also a pun in there about never being awarded Citizen of the Week...and I thought it was just written in for effect as I was sure Hugo must have got the nomination at some point. But I was wrong. Today we set things straight...as there have been few boys over the years that match Hugo for his contribution, enthusiasm and attitude to all things Wetherby Prep.



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Lorenzo G in 5L. This is the football term for us but we always gladly accept the invitation to attend St Paul's Year 5 rugby tournament. Lorenzo was a real standout at the event and put on a great display of rugby. The Games staff are excited to see what he can contribute in the fixture list next term. Well done, Lorenzo!



Class-Achievement

Miss Orpwood's 7L TPR

Kindness Cup



Ludo B

I would like to nominate my brother, Ludo, for the Kindness Cup. On our bus, a boy was very excited to show us that he could tie his shoe laces. As he was demonstrating, he forgot the last bit, and so Ludo helped him do it so the boy didn't get upset. *Paddy B*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ Kourosh M

He has been an absolute standout this week. He was so helpful setting up the Candlelit Dinner for me, Claire, Jude and the parents. He made the busy day so much easier with his kind and helpful attitude. This didn't go unnoticed by the PTA who sent me this lovely email:

Dear Miss Orpwood,

On behalf of the PTA I want to thank this Wetherby Boy, for his kind nature, impeccable manners and bright smile. During set up for the Candlelight Supper on Tuesday, I bumped into Kourosh a few times and he was so kind in asking if we needed anything, could he help and even just to ask how our day was going so far. In addition to this, he gave a fantastic performance at the Candlelight Supper.

Please pass on our thanks to him, such a wonderful boy and a great example to all his peers.

PTA

Miss Orpwood

◆ **Ben M, Alfie G, Nathan R, Carl M and Mr Gascoine**

I had a bit of an accident today at Badminton Club. Ben and I collided into each other by accident. I ended up with a large bump on my head. Ben, Alfie, Nathan and Carl were very kind to me. Ben and Alfie even went to the basement to get my bag. Nathan comforted me all the time when I was hurt. Also, Mr Gascoine was very helpful and kind and even offered me a biscuit! I am so lucky to have such nice people in Badminton Club. I want to nominate these boys for the Kindness Cup.
Cormac M

◆ **Taymour K and Henry M S**

Despite a busy week of mock exams, the boys remain dedicated to their other commitments. Brilliant team players and kindness to me for working so hard. *Miss Orpwood*

◆ **Finlay D**

I am so proud of Finlay this week. Nothing phases him, despite having his mock exams he performed in every single performance at the Candlelit Dinner and revised in between. He does all of this without complaint and with a smile on his face and still offered to help tidy and sort out. I couldn't ask for a better Head Chorister, thank you Finlay! *Miss Orpwood*

◆ **Aran and Jai M**

These two boys were absolute superstars at the Candlelit Dinner, both had to stay late after the event and were more than willing to help with the tidying up. Both boys were carrying chairs and boxes down the stairs which helped the parents and staff so much. Thank you, Aran and Jai!
Miss Orpwood

◆ **Cyrus F**

Cyrus shows kindness through creating. He has always been amazing at drawing pictures and signs for our classroom, but he literally out-shone himself this week by building an eco-friendly Christmas lightbox to help decorate our classroom. He just always wants to make people smile.
Miss Lister

◆ **Jude Fekete**

For all the hard work that she did for the Candlelight Supper. *Kourosh M*

◆ **Maximilian van der K 6M**

Max saw me as he was leaving his classroom to go home. Observing that 5S had left the classroom a little untidy and I was clearing up, he came in without saying anything and started helping me. I was so impressed at his initiative to go out of his way to help. *Ms Punatar*

Notices

Miss Hood writes...

Community & Outreach—Christmas Hampers

Dear Wetherby Parents,

As part of our Community and Outreach programme, we would like to donate some Christmas hampers to elderly residents and care homes in the local area once again this year. This was a fantastic initiative by Mrs Jenne, last year, and we would love to make this an annual event for each form group, to take part in.

We would love for each form to create their own Christmas Hamper(s), full of Christmas treats that we will be able to send as gifts. The total cost per hamper should be **no more than approximately £50**, but if your form would like to donate more than one that would be absolutely fine.

Please feel free to liaise within your form as to “who brings what”. Some ideas (but please feel free to think of others!) as to what to include in the hampers are;

- Mince pies
- Christmas pudding
- Champagne
- Chutneys/jams
- Biscuits
- Tea
- Coffee
- Christmas crackers
- Candles
- Florentines
- Amaretti biscuits/Italian crostini
- Mulled wine spice/syrup
- Elderflower cordial

Please no fresh items that will go off!

If forms could also provide the hamper(s)/basket(s), that would be wonderful. They can be decorated with a Christmassy theme.

Boys should **bring their donations into form by Friday, 3rd December** (form tutors will keep these in their form room) and we can start **putting the hampers together from 6th December** during form times.

Miss Ogden writes...

Flu Nasal Spray and the HPV Vaccination

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that we have the NHS Immunisation team coming into school on Wednesday 1st December to administer the Flu Nasal spray (Year 3-8) and the HPV vaccination (Year 8 only).

Information letters and consent forms are attached to the email, please can you complete the appropriate consent form and send it back to me danielle.ogden@wetherbyprep.co.uk or hand in at reception.

A huge thank you to those parents who have already sent me their forms.

Mr Reid writes...

Inter-House Football Week

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well?

I am delighted to confirm that next week will be Inter-House Football week for all the boys. Please see below for the plan of action:

- **Monday 22nd November – Year 7 0915 – 1015**
- **Tuesday 23rd November – Year 6 0915 – 1015**
- **Wednesday 24th November – Year 3 and 4 – 0915 – 1015**
- **Thursday 25th November – Year 8 – 0915 – 1015**
- **Friday 26th November – Year 5 – 0945 – 1045**

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you next week.

Miss Preece writes...

Miss Preece and Miss Andrews-Bowen have been so impressed with the hard work and effort that the Wetherby boys have put into the Reading Competition over the last couple of weeks.

We are very excited for the finals, which are all happening next week!

Year 5 and Year 6 Reading Competition Final in next week's form time.

Year 7 and 8 Reading Competition in next Friday's assembly with a special guest judge.

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 16th November 2021

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: Chair of School Council- Finn Clapham, School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan

- Mr Baker's Christmas outfit ideas update - Christmas Tree (with Nancy as a present), Santa (with Nancy as Rudolf), Olaf, James Bond (maybe this could be more towards end of year!), Paddington Bear, Alien with a Santa hat.
- Good luck to Year 8 Scholarship boys in their mock exams. Kieran O'Keefe very kindly stepped in for our Chair today, and he did a great job!
- A reminder to forms that we are wanting to promote eco-friendly, handmade decorations to be included as part of the Christmas decoration of form rooms this year. 5L is starting to look very eco-Christmas already!



- We are now into Week 9 of being back in school and things being back to 'normal'. How are we all feeling?

Great that we are physically back in school. Feeling so much better that we can move around the school and see different classrooms and have a break in between lessons. When we couldn't mix in bubbles, it was weird not being able to see friends in other year groups- I love being able to mix with them! Going to the teachers' own learning environment makes us feel happy. We are confident in our learning. Even though we still enjoyed remote learning! Well done to all teachers!

- Using Ecosia as a search engine- plants trees for every search! If not in school, we can use this ourselves at home.
- Friday lunches - Y8 and Y7 School Council Reps to deliver any sandwiches they aren't eating to Y4 boys/rest of school after around 15 mins of lunch. As many empty trays coming back to the kitchen as possible. Miss Lister and Chef Peter are still keeping an eye on left-over sandwiches- the amount is certainly getting smaller so we are so proud of you! Keep up the good work. 7L is going to make sure to go straight to 4T with extra sandwiches.
- All School Council Reps to bring left-over food down to the Dining Room. ABSOLUTELY NONE TO BE LEFT IN THE ROOMS/CORRIDORS.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd November at 8:30am in the Small Dining Room.

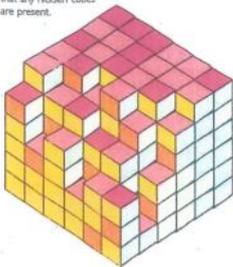
Maths Department

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

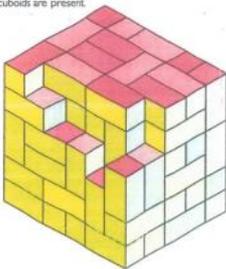
Maths Challenge Answers	
Lower	Upper
Xudong Z	Thomas M
William P	William P
Thomas J	Bruno T
Shixuan Y	

41 A chip off the old block
LEVEL 1
How many small cubes are missing from the larger cube? You can assume that any hidden cubes are present.



33 blocks missing

51 Cube-odd LEVEL 2
This cuboid is made from a number of smaller 1 x 1 x 2 cuboids. How quickly can you determine how many there are? You can assume that any hidden cuboids are present.



84 blocks

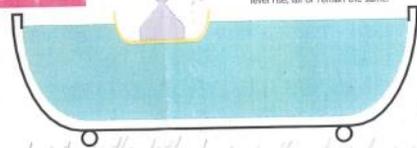
MARYELLOIS

50 MIND MAZES

You need a practical mind to solve these puzzles. They test your ability to apply a few of the principles of physics and engineering to real-life situations.

THOMAS Maryellois 70
Pony to the Rescue

44 In the tub LEVEL 2
A piece of metal is placed in a plastic bowl that is floated in a bath full of water. The metal is then taken out of the bowl and dropped in the water. Does the water level rise, fall or remain the same?



the water in the bath drops as the metal is added

History Department

The Results are in:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Scan here to be taken to the '31 days' book to see all the entries and learn some honourable history



Congratulations to:

Suleman Abbas and Willoughby Hassal (8V) and Congratulations to each student who entered and has helped bring this book to life. Your historical skills and respect for Black History awareness can be seen throughout the following pages and is a credit to your diligence and dedication to your school and education.

As October passes, so does another year in which we spend 31 days celebrating Black History Month. The existence of the month itself is controversial. Do we dedicate a specific, allotted time to recognising the achievements and monumental moments of Black figures or do we work harder to incorporate Black history into our everyday curriculum? The answer is different for all people and all schools. Here at Wetherby, we have decided that until a new and satisfactory standard of incorporation and inclusion is present within the general curriculum, we will continue to raise awareness of Black history within the month of October.

Interestingly, America differs in their awareness month. They choose to celebrate Black History within February which boasts 28 days. In this, there is a fantastic book named as such. Charles R Smith Jr's "28 days: Moments in Black History that changed the world" is filled with beautiful illustrations, poems and the biographies of some incredible Black figures (one for each day of the month). However, upon reading it, our students did feel that the name was a little bit of a misnomer as the figures were not in fact from around 'the world' but they were all American.

To address this and bring multiple cultures and stories together during Black History Month (and acknowledge the difference in celebration month) our students have come together to create their own book filled with 31 moments in Black History that changed the world in.. "Wetherby's 31 days" In this, each student has their own dedicated day of October in which they have displayed and educated us on a Black History figure of their choosing.

- Mx Cox



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY AND DRAMA

This week in Advanced Drama we had a showing of our own Immersive Theatre show so we could watch one another's performances. We laughed and a few of us even had some tears but we wanted to share this experience with you.



CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE SHOW

The QR code to the left will take you to a private YouTube link in which you can watch the Immersive Theatre Experience from your own home! Feel free to leave any positive comments for the Advanced Drama boys!

▶ SCAN ME



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Here are the QR codes one last time for the Script Book and Programme



This week in History



15th November:

1969 - Co-ordinated peaceful protests against the Vietnam War in Washington DC attracts crowds of 1/2 million people

1923 - British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald sign the Anglo-Irish agreement

1988 - Palestine declare independence

16th November:

1959 - The Sound of Music opens on Broadway

17th November:

1973 - In a televised appearance President Nixon told the nation 'I am not a Crook' referring to the Watergate Scandal

1970 - The Soviet Union moonrover became the World's first remote controlled robot to land on the moon

2003 - Arnold Schwarzenegger is sworn in as governor of California

18th November:

1928 - Mickey Mouse appears for the first time in Steamboat Willie

1987 - King's Cross experiences the worst fire in the London Underground's history

2004 - The British Parliament vote to end fox hunting

19th November:

1942 - Russia bounces operation Uranus that became the turning point in The Battle of Stalingrad

1967 - The Beatles release the 'Magical Mystery Tour'

2006 - The Nintendo Wii is released

20th November:

1945 - The Nuremberg Trials begin

1947 - Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth II) marries Philip Mountbatten

21st November:

1980 - Millions of viewers tune into the new series of Dallas to find out 'Who shot JR'

1920 - Ireland (Bloody Sunday)



Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

Year 7 putting the finishing touches on their tonal drawings of surrealist melted clocks. Great work. Well done, Year 7!



Wetherby Sport

Mr Trencher writes...

Sports Report

Sport this week at Wetherby commenced on a Monday, at a rather chilly Wetherby Sports Ground, as our Under 11 boys welcomed The Hall School to take part in seven fixtures. The A team played well, however luck wasn't on their side as they drew nil-nil in a close encounter, with Dylan E bicycle kick in the closing seconds, rebounding off the underside of the bar, the closest either side came to a goal in the two-sided shut-out, thanks to some great goalkeeping from Moritz K.

The B team had their share of the points snatched away from them in the closing stages against The Hall, as two late well-worked goals saw The Hall edge a fairly even encounter, which produced a staggering ten goals, with a 6-4 The Hall win the final result. Wetherby put in a great performance, with some exquisite finishing and attacking flair also displayed individually by Moritz M.

The match involving the C team also produced a lot of goals, with a fairly comfortable (eventually) 8-4 Wetherby win the final outcome. The boys kept us all on the edge of our seats, however quality supplied by Adam S in the final third was a strongly contributing factor to this week's Under 11 C team success.

Once again, the D team treated us, putting eight goals without reply past The Hall, with Jack W performance really catching the eye as he displayed great bravery and creativity with the ball whilst also being exemplary in his discipline and hard work without it.

However, the E, F, and G teams were all unlucky to narrowly lose their fixtures, despite putting in their strongest efforts in order to avoid doing so. **Reno B, Alexander H and Leo M** were standout performers for their sides, who, despite the result, can take great encouragement and a lot of positive from their strong, resolute team performance.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Under 9 boys took part in a triangular round-robin tournament against The Hall and St. Anthony's, in a great afternoon of Sport for all three schools. The A team were beaten by an exceptionally strong The Hall side, however played superbly as they overcame St Anthony's in a hard fought 2-1 win, with William W playing excellently, and deservedly being named the man of the match for the afternoon.

The B team played well against St Anthony's, with the spoils being shared in an encounter finishing one goal apiece. The Cs played sensationally yet again, with scintillating wins against The Hall and St Anthony's by three and two goal margins respectively. The D team beat both opposition by 2-0 with Uzay E and Lukas P claiming man of the match awards.

On Wednesday, we saw four competitive fixtures across the Under 12 and 13 competitions, as well as the inaugural Penguin Plate tournament taking place. The Under 12 A team lost narrowly by 3-2 against Arnold House, with Ale A the standout performer for his side, who were unlucky to be defeated. The U13 As lost 7-5 against Arnold House, with Omer E the strongest performance amongst his teammates. The B team won in scintillating style against Arnold House 8-2 with Casper M putting on an especially strong showing, amongst a sea of brilliant performances in his side. Elsewhere, the C team won 5-2 with a great performance being shown by Vedant S.

The Under 10 A team claimed a hard earned 2-1 win against a North Bridge House, with Grayson H playing very well. The B team were unfortunate to lose to North Bridge House and Ravenscourt Park, with Hendrick P also putting on a brilliant display. The C and E team picked up brilliant wins, whilst the F team were narrowly beaten by North Bridge House, with Nick B playing exceptionally well.

Also a mention must go out to the under 13 A team, who take part in the ISFA round three this afternoon against Alleyns, so we wish them the best of luck.

All in all, another great week of sport at Wetherby Preparatory School.

Team of the Week



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Misha M	6C	Hugo M-S Dmitry C
4M	Myles L	6E	Alexander H
4P	Layth B	6F	Bill B Hugo S
4S	Aarav P	6M	Alexander T-W
4T	Shixuan Y	7B	Max B
5F	Charlie M	7C	Dylan K
5K	Maxi P	7H	Ethan R
5L	Harry W	7L	Bear S
5S	James M	8A	Zacharia M
		8C	Rafa G
		8O	Elliot S
		8T	Kiran K
		8V	Alexander S

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Max B - 51

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4M 256	Form 7B 246	Form 5F 228

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain C. Paolini	Chepstow Captain K. Kar	Dawson Captain A. Govindan	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher
947	739	664	547

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain C. Paolini	Chepstow Captain K. Kar	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher	Dawson Captain A. Govindan
6019	4803	4506	3938

Photos of the Week





First boys in Year 5 to receive their community duty prize! Well done!



Yesterday Max enjoyed doing his homework for English, where the boys have been reading Roald Dahl's *Boy*. The assignment was to do something with sweets as in the autobiographic book the author visits a sweets shop frequently. Max had a lot of fun making sweets looking like mice/rats!





Ale helping to bake goods for his mum's office charity sale



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