

# WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Autumn Term | Week 8



## WEEK 8 — Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Monday 8th November:

- Lower School Assessment Week
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 A, C, E, G, I vs. Arnold House (A) – 2.15pm return 5pm
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. St Anthony's (A) – 2.15pm return 4pm
- 7B & 7C 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 9th November:

- Lower School Assessment Week
- Advanced Drama students' 'Immersive Theatre Project' dress rehearsal – all day
- U9 H, I, J vs. St Stephen's (H) – 2.15pm return 4pm
- U9 A-G vs. North Bridge House (A) – 2.15pm return 4pm

#### 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 10th November:

- Lower School Assessment Week
- Breakfast Concert – 8:15am
- PTA Committee Meeting in the Dining Room – 9am
- U12 A and B vs. Thomas's Battersea (A) – 2.15pm return 5pm
- U13 A – C vs. Thomas's Battersea (A) – 2.15pm return 5pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3-4pm
- Advanced Drama students' 'Immersive Theatre Project' performance - 6pm

#### 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 11th November:

- Y8 Inspire Engineering TFL Workshop – 10:30-3:30pm
- U10 B, D, F, H, J vs. St Anthony's (A) – 2.15pm return 4pm
- U10 A, C, E, G, I vs. Thomas's Battersea (H) – 2.15pm return 4pm
- 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 12th November:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed [LIVE on Instagram](#)  - 8:30-9:30am
- Friday pm Club Programme
- Art Workshop for Advanced Artists Club with Kate Daudy
- Dulwich College U11 Football Tournament (A) – am

### Saturday 13th November:

- St Paul's U10 Rugby Festival – am

### Sunday 14th November:

# From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

Autumn has well and truly broken as we return this week and it's been much chillier in the morning. Coats and scarfs are back and the heating in the Baker household, usually banned until 31<sup>st</sup> October in any given year, had to go on in the second week of half term, up against as I was, intense lobbying from the family. My wife Brigid had covid during the first week of the holidays but the vaccine clearly did its job as she was fortunate to have very light symptoms and bounced back very quickly. The rest of the family were mercifully untouched and I could write the Year 6 references, catch up with a bit of admin, make a mess of some DIY and most excitingly of all, buy an electric car. In the spirit of COP26, my own increasing personal obligations to preserve the planet, and the fact that I will have to drive to my new employment next year rather than my usual cycle and taking the train, I have ordered a new car. I'm not massively into cars but I still looked forward to the surge of endorphins from buying something so significant, glamorous and expensive. Imagine the disappointment then when the dealer told me that there was an 'eight month lead time' and all I was effectively doing was 'buying a place in a queue' due to the lack of microchips and semiconductors in the car industry supply chain. But that's ok, I'm sure it will be worth the wait and I can be satisfied that the Manager of the dealership referred to me as a "unique customer that we will talk about for years". By all accounts, buying a car on a Monday morning is rare, buying a car without a test drive is rarer, and arguing about how much they are giving me for the trade-in claiming it should be a fraction of the price quoted never happens...I have a feeling I might need a bit of coaching the next time I go to buy a new car...

Talking about things that seldom occur, long time readers of my missives will recall my satisfaction when I get a question on BBC2's 'Only Connect' correct. We have had, in the past, Pools numbers, the lyrics to Pulp's 'Common People' and then this past half term, I got another. Delighted as I was to get it right before the contestants, I was slightly disappointed in myself that I only got it after the third clue. It is below – House Point to anyone, boy or parent that emails or DMs me on Teams with the right answer to what connects all four of these clues. If you need a head start, think of one of my interests...

You will have received today a letter from Mark Hanley Browne, CEO of Alpha Plus, with news of my successor. Reading that and sending it out makes leaving Wetherby Prep at the end of this academic year all very real but I am delighted that I will be passing the School on to such good hands. I have no doubt that Mark White will be a great success with our School and that he will take it to even further heights than we already enjoy. I look forward to meeting with him, telling him everything about our School and introducing him to you all. Wetherby Prep has an excellent and exciting future, for sure.

Have a good weekend.

Nick Baker





### *Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Sasha O in 5F.

We have seen a huge improvement in Sasha's work ethic and communication skills since last year. He works incredibly hard in TPR, completing work to a high standard and taking his time over tasks. He is easy to chat to and is a great asset at community duty to. Well done, Sasha!



### *Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is William D in 7L.

William has been promoted to the A team this week and slotted in very effectively on the left wing. He was man of the match versus Fulham Prep with a superb attitude throughout. Well done, William!



### *Class-Achievement*

**Miss Lister's 5L**

# Kindness Cup



## Jamie H 7B

Jamie really helped me out when I was doing the Y7 Covid tests by writing down the names of the boys who were there. He did such a good job and made the morning go much more smoothly. *Miss Ogden*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

### ◆ Cyrus F 5L

Cyrus took the time over the Half Term break to create a special 'Miss Lister' Pokemon card and I must say, it is fabulous! Thank you, Cyrus, for taking the time to do it and to make me feel included in the Pokemon 'club'! *Miss Lister*

### ◆ Cezar J 6C

I would like to nominate Cezar for the Kindness Cup because he has been my 'in-school buddy' during lessons online which has really helped me. *Matthais C 6C*

◆ **Charlie C 4P**

In French, he was doing group work and said 'we are so lucky to have Eliot in our group, he is a great artist and a really good friend'. *Mrs Curness-Blane*

◆ **Rafael F**

It was so lovely to see Rafael showing a new boy, who isn't even in his class, around the school. He brought him up to the Hub to explain what it's used for and then said, 'we're going to have English together, I'll show you where to go'. Such lovely and welcoming manners. *Mrs Gourlay*

◆ **Tariq T**

An absolute gem, so incredibly polite and kind! Tariq is always respectful to those around him, including his teachers. He has helped me with numerous tasks around the classroom and always waits patiently to address teachers and his peers, being considerate of their needs. *Miss Saddington*

◆ **Lucas P**

Lucas always has a fantastic cheery grin, he is polite and uses his initiative to help others around him. I have been impressed with his offers to help around the classroom. *Miss Saddington*

# Notices

## Flu and HPV Vaccinations

### Miss Ogden writes...

Dear Parents,

Please see attached the information and consent forms regarding the Flu Vaccination (offered to Years 3-8) and HPV Vaccination (offered to Year 8) from UK Vaccinations. Both are optional.

Consent forms need to be emailed to myself [danielle.ogden@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:danielle.ogden@wetherbyprep.co.uk) or handed in paper form at the front desk.

The dates are as follows (please note these dates are different to those advertised in the Red Diary):

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 Year 3 – 8 Nasal Flu
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 Year 8 - 1<sup>st</sup> Dose HPV
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Year 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose HPV

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## Candlelit Dinner

### The PTA write...

We are delighted to announce that on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding our Candlelit Dinner. This is a beautiful event where you will be able to enjoy a three course meal and hear the boys in String Ensemble, Wetherby Senior Choir and Wetherby Cantata perform.

Please contact Jude if you would like to purchase tickets: [jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

Tickets will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.



# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

**Time:** 8:30am

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

### Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- As it is UK Parliament Week, we have decided that we would like to write to our local MP. We are concerned with the implementation of 'Smart Motorways' due to the number of casualties that have already occurred. It won't be long until we are applying for our provisional licenses and so this is something on our minds.
- We have noticed that the weather is starting to get a lot colder and so we encourage boys to wear WPS winter clothing.
- Starting to think about Christmas- we are hoping that the 'best decorated classroom' will return! Can we have an environmentally-friendly theme in that boys are encouraged to make their own decorations? Most eco-friendly class will win an (equally eco-friendly) prize.



- **#TEAMSEAS™** is a great charitable initiative. Please check it out as it is a fantastic cause.
- 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- there was a slightly smaller bag than before, so we are going in the right direction!
- All School Council Reps to bring left-over food down to the Dining Room. **ABSOLUTELY NONE TO BE LEFT IN THE ROOMS/CORRIDORS.**
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**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30am in the Small Dining Room.**



# This week in History



## **1st November:**

**1952** - The United States detonates the World's first thermonuclear weapon, the Hydrogen Bomb

**1993** - The Maastricht Treaty formally starts establishing the European Union

## **2nd November:**

**1920** - 200 people are arrested in a raid on the union of Russian workers (Palmer Raids)

**1930** - Haile Selassie is crowned Emperor of Ethiopia

**1959** - The first section of the M1 motorway (the first of its kind in the UK) is opened

**1973** - The watergate investigation into President Nixon begins

## **3rd November:**

**1920** - The Pneumonic Plague kills 20 in Los Angeles

**1957** - A dog was launched into orbit as the first animal in space on board Sputnik 2

## **4th November:**

**1922** - British archeologist Howard Carter discovers King Tutankhamen

**1956** - Soviet tanks and troops crush protests against Soviet rule in Hungary

**2000** - The Anglican domination hires their first female bishop (Katherine Schari)

**2008** - Barack Obama wins the USA Presidential election

## **5th November:**

**1605** - Gun powder plot - An attempt to blow up the British Houses of Parliament

**1942** - The British won the second battle of El Alamein in Egypt

**1978** - Iran's Primeminister Saffer Sharif Emami resigns after two days of mob rule

## **6th November:**

**1956** - Allied forces took control of the Suez Canal

**1975** - A mass demonstration by the Morocco people begins (The Green March)

**1999** - Australia votes to keep the Queen and not become a Republic

## **7th November:**

**2002** - Iran bans the advertisement of American products on television



# Art Department

This week's Year 8 lino printing



# Wetherby Sport

**Mr Trencher writes...**

## **Wetherby Sports report week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Over half term the following boys took part in the Elite Epee junior series and performed admirably for their first fights in two years. Can the following boys stand up for a round of applause please: Murad K, Leo G, Louis V-S, James A, James F.

Another week of sport at Wetherby Prep started with the U11 with some great performances from all the boys, against Hill House and Westminster Under. All 7 fixtures took place at the Wetherby Sports Ground, in an extremely fun afternoon of sport for all three sides. Alexandros A and Caspar V put in superb performances; however, their teams were unlucky to just fall short of victory against strong opposition. The C team were superb, as Alex T-K put in a stand-out performance guiding his team to a well-deserved victory.

On Tuesday, the U9 treated us to some incredible football, with Isaac R, Ozan B, Carlos S and Thomas M playing particularly well, with all four being a joy to watch. The B team game was the highlight of the U9, with a fabulous 11 goal encounter taking place, and despite just losing out by six goals to five, the Wetherby boys did the school proud, putting on a superb show.

The U13 put on a great spectacle on Wednesday, with the D team, and Lucas G in particular, picking up an outstanding win against St Anthony's with a score line of six goals to two. The B team were unlucky to just lose out to St Anthony's; the score line was not reflective of the fierce competition between the two sides. Finn C and Arthur G were also standout performers for their side, however they just lost out to a strong side.

The U12 also put on a good show, with eleven goals in the A team game, and a strong performance from William D, showing great spirit, grit and determination as a key part of his side's strong performance. The B team were unlucky to lose to Fulham Prep, however Seb Brown again put in a great performance for his side as they fell just short.

The U11 A team worked hard against The Hall with Grayson H putting in a solid performance at the back. Pierre Z also put in a first-class performance against St Anthony's in a great afternoon at Wetherby Sports Ground.

In other news, congratulations to the U11 rugby team for a fantastic performance at the IAPS tournament yesterday, you did the whole school proud. Well done!

### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Mingze G	6C	Cezar J
4M	Rufus M S	6E	Henry S
4P	Michael P	6F	Hugo S
4S	Aarav P	6F	William P
4T	Leonardo W	6M	Samuele B
5F	Cassius M	7B	Elias R
5K	Maximilian P	7C	Joseph R
5L	Leonardo V	7H	Alexandre D
5S	Hector N	7L	Ali E
		8A	Omer E
		8C	Rafa G
		8O	Beau F
		8T	Rishaan U
		8V	Alexander G

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

<b>Elias R - 32</b>
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### Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>Form 4P 216</b>	<b>Form 8V 194</b>	<b>Form 5K 155</b>

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Westbourne</b> Captain C. Paolini	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain K. Kar	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain F. von Saher	<b>Dawson</b> Captain A. Govindan
<b>698</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>514</b>

### Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Westbourne</b> Captain C. Paolini	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain K. Kar	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain F. von Saher	<b>Dawson</b> Captain A. Govindan
<b>3828</b>	<b>3414</b>	<b>3284</b>	<b>2915</b>

# Out of School Achievements

## Thomas M (7C)—Ice Hockey

Last week Thomas played two ice hockey games for his Haringey U12 and U14 A teams. He scored three goals in the first game against Chelmsford and got the Man Of The Match trophy.

In the U14 A team against Romford he scored a goal and was awarded a Spirit of the Team trophy. Haringey won both games!

Well done, Thomas!



# Photos of the Week

## Geography in Action!

Freddie M (5S) walking up Ben Nevis.



Elias was so excited to visit St Paul's last weekend for the String Afternoon!



**Nancy with Year 5 at break**



**Exemplary table manners from this Year 6 group and well-balanced meals**





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