

WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Autumn Term | Week 9



WEEK 9 — Monday 15th to Sunday 21st November 2021

Monday 15th November:

- Scholarship Mock Exam Week for 8V
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 A, B, C, G, H v The Hall (H) 2.15pm Return 3.45pm
- U11 D, E, F v Garden House (H) 2.15pm Return 3.45pm

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 16th November:

- Scholarship Mock Exam Week for 8V
- U9 A – F v The Hall and St Anthony's Triangular (A) - 2:15pm Return 4pm
- PTA Candlelit Dinner – 7pm

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 17th November:

- Scholarship Mock Exam Week for 8V
- Peer Mentoring Breakfast - am
- West End in Schools Workshop for Years 5 and 6 - am
- U12 A and B v Arnold House (A) 2.15pm Return 5pm
- U13 A – C v Arnold House (A) 2.15pm Return 5pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3-4pm
- Teach Meet – 4:30pm

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 18th November:

- Year 3 Breakfast Concert – 8:15am
- West End in Schools Workshop for Years 5 and 6 - am
- U10 A, D, F, H, I, J v North Bridge House (H) 2.15pm Return 3.45pm
- U10 C v Orchard House (H) 2.15pm Return 3.45pm
- U10 B, E, G v Notting Hill Prep (H) 2.15pm Return 3.45pm
- 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 19th November:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed [LIVE on Instagram](#)  - 8:30-9:30am
- Friday pm Club Programme
- ISFA U13 3rd Round v Allyn's (H) 2pm

Saturday 20th November:

Sunday 21st November:

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

When Mx Cox and Miss Wood suggested to me that they would produce an immersive theatre project in the building last term, I must say, I was a little unsure. We did this at Wetherby Senior School many years ago and it was a huge, albeit very successful, operation that I thought then only really possible with much older boys. But, oh my, never underestimate a Wetherby boy or member of staff, as *that* was something really special. Expertly acted, educational and a completely original script, and such appropriate use of our building here. The last scene where the story circles back to our school was very moving and Hugo Moody-Stuart delivered his lines with such warmth that I almost teared up. 'Tales of Bryanston Square' was the highlight of the term so far for me and possibly more special as it was our first 'set piece' event post lockdown – well done to everyone involved.

The highlights keep coming and Tuesday sees the return of our 'Candlelit Dinner'. For those new to the School, this is a formal dinner, with entertainment provided by the Choir and our talented musicians, who perform between courses. As this will be my last 'Candlelit Dinner' at Wetherby, I will be sitting in the Pioneer Hall with colleagues (whereas usually we sit upstairs looking after the boys) and look forward to another emotional and very moving occasion. Though aimed principally at parents of those performing, all are welcome and if you would like to come, please contact Jude as I am sure we can squeeze you in. We currently have room for at least one more table so if you would like to come to a quintessentially 'Wetherby Prep' occasion, please do come along.

Those in Assembly this morning and/or following the school's Instagram of late will have seen that the conker world record has got out of control. Just when you think they couldn't get any bigger, the record has been broken 6 times in the last two weeks and then, just as I was about to bring down the curtain on this season and crown Henry Moody-Stuart as the record holder, Mlle Flomet interrupts Assembly proceedings to bag the winning conker by 3mm! Excitement all around and then post Assembly, much interest in seeing the 'Record Breaker' and boys informing me that these particularly large conkers are from a species of horse chestnut tree not native to the UK but actually from Asia. There is one in Montagu Square and then also St Luke's Square. Well, I didn't know that, but I do now! I will be leaving the Wetherby World Record on my desk for Mark White next autumn but clearly, if you want to beat the record, get to Montagu or St Luke's Square or anywhere else where there is this species as they are tremendous!

Finally, some staff news. We say farewell to Miss Caitlin Sheldon today as she departs on maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to posting a picture of her and new baby in a Wetherbuzz in the coming weeks. Caitlin will return after her maternity leave. I am also very sad to say that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Danielle Ogden at the end of this term. Danielle has been a brilliant colleague on the front desk these past few years and her professionalism, good humour and calm demeanour will be missed by our whole community. Danielle is leaving to pursue her yoga teaching and other projects outside of the educational world; we, of course, wish her well and will always consider her a friend of our School.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Erik M in 4P. Ever since he started at Wetherby Prep this term, Erik has been a model citizen: enthusiastic about everything, utterly charming, hard working, cheerful, personable...the praise list is endless—well done, Erik!



Sportsman of the Week

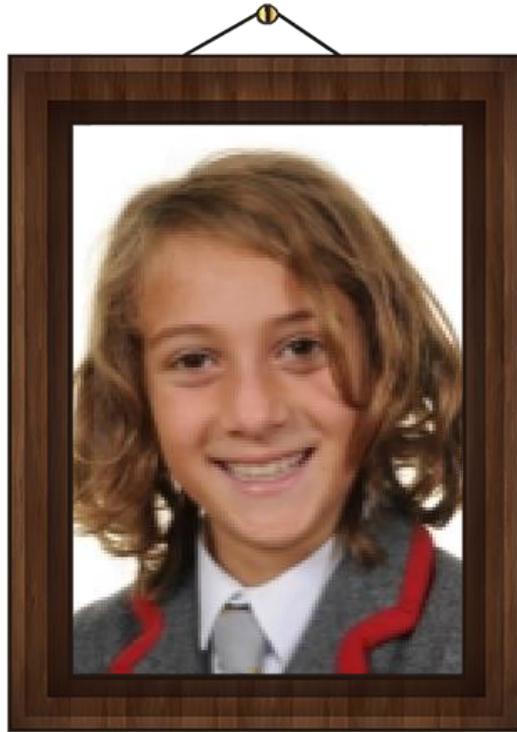
This week's Sportsman of the Week is Yousif al S in 8O. Yousif last won this award in 2017 and has been a key member of our football team ever since. On Wednesday, 2-1 down to Thomas's Battersea, Yousif popped up to score the equaliser in the final seconds. A great moment for a gifted goal scorer!



Class-Achievement

Advanced Drama

Kindness Cup



Alexandros A

Whilst in full costume for the Immersive Theatre production on Wednesday he tidied the room and swept up crumbs from the pizza. A great pupil with a great attitude!

Mr Lock

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ Beau F 8O

Beau kindly donated to my charity fundraiser (running 50 miles in November for Dementia UK). I was very touched by his generous donation, thank you Beau!

Miss Orpwood

◆ Max D

I would like to nominate Max Drouin for the Kindness Cup. He was kind and helped me on the Sports Ground after I fell over.

Leopold S

◆ **Alexander S, Cezar J, Bohan P and Kieran O’K**

A few that stood out to me yesterday in how helpful they were with setting up rooms, cleaning up and being generally helpful with the advanced drama performance despite it being their food break or time to go home.

Miss Wood

◆ **Mateus F R**

At the beginning of the lesson, as he knew I had a headache, he took upon himself and went at the door to inform the rest of the class to be quieter than usual. Such a caring initiative.

Mlle Flomet

◆ **Fred J (4M)**

This week, my water bottle exploded in my book bag. Instead of ignoring it and carrying on to our next lesson, Fred ran to the loos to get me some tissue to soak up the water. It was so kind of him to help me out, I really appreciated it.

Zahaan M

Notices



ENTER NOW

Show off with your showstoppers, marvel with your mouth-watering bakes and be crowned **Wetherby 2021 Christmas Bake Off Champion**.

IT IS A CHRISTMAS THEME

There are **FOUR** categories this year, judged by our specialist team of cake tasters.

Category 1: Best Effort

Category 2: Best Design

Category 3: Best Taste

Category 4: Boys' Choice! Wetherby boys vote for their favourites!

The winning cakes will be raffled off for the end of the day, whilst **the other cakes will be sliced and ready to purchase** during the **afternoon Bake Sale!** It'll be a Friday to remember.

If you would like to enter, please gain your parent's permission first.

COMPLETE THE TEAMS FORM TO ENTER.

<https://forms.office.com/r/TiqEKK721U>



Miss Bevan writes...

We have recently launched a new platform called tootoot at Wetherby Prep. Tootoot is a safe and secure web-based safeguarding tool, which allows students of all age ranges - from Primary right through to University - to report incidents of bullying, problems they could be having in class or any issues that may be concerning them in an anonymous, confidential and discrete manner. These individual cases are monitored, managed and resolved by the safeguarding and pastoral team within the school. As always, the boys are still encouraged to speak to a member of staff if they have any concerns, but we believe that this platform will also serve to enhance our already excellent pastoral support within the school.

Each boy has now been given their individual details, which allows them to log in and use tootoot. They are then able to quickly report incidents and concerns directly to us. Each school has their own sub-domain where only teachers and students from our school will be able to communicate with one another. All boys are anonymous at the point of reporting, but identities can be uncovered by the school's designated tootoot administrator ONLY if it appears a boy's emotional or physical well-being is at serious risk.

The boys can access tootoot on any web-enable device (computers; laptops; tablets or mobiles) by following these 4 simple steps:

Step 1: Type www.tootoot.co.uk into their web browser.

Step 2: Click 'Login to tootoot'

Step 3: Start typing the school name and select it from the box

Step 4: Enter their username and password, and log their concern with the school

For more information visit www.tootoot.co.uk

PTA writes...

Candlelit Dinner

With the first Wetherby PTA event of the year coming up, there's still a chance for you pick up your tickets.

For an evening of singing by candlelight, hosted by Mr Baker and entertainment from the Wetherby Choir.

Please contact Jude for tickets and more information.

A promotional graphic for a candlelit dinner. The background is a warm, golden-brown color. In the center, there is a bottle of wine and two glasses of red wine. Two lit candles in gold holders are positioned on either side of the wine. A musical staff with several notes is overlaid across the scene. The text is white and centered.

Candlelit Dinner

Tuesday, 16th November 2021
at the Pioneer Hall

18:45 Champagne Reception // 19:15 Guests to be seated

Tickets are on sale £60 per person on a first-come, first-served basis

To book a ticket please contact:
Miss Fekete: jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk



School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9th 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

- Mr Baker's Christmas outfit ideas- Christmas Tree (with Nancy as a present), Santa (with Nancy as Rudolf), Olaf
- Boys to make sure to bring water bottles to match days/Games lessons.
- 'Yes' days - when Teachers/staff have to say yes to everything. This would be rather interesting!
- Burger competition - SC members to design the recipe and toppings of a burger.
- Taco Tuesdays!
- Smoothie day!
- Members of SC to research information about 'Smart Motorways' in relation to a letter being written to our local MP, Nickie Aiken.

- 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.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th November at 8:30am in the Small Dining Room.



This week in History



8th November:

1917 - Lenin made his first appearance before the congress of Soviets

1923 - Adolf Hitler leads the Nazi Party in a failed Coup De'tat attempt to gain power in Munich

1939 - Johann Georg Elser plants a bomb in an attempt to assassinate Hitler

1965 - The Death Penalty in the UK is abolished

1990 - Ireland elects Mary Robinson as their first female president

2006 - Keith Ellison, a democrat, becomes the first Muslim to be elected to congress

1973 - The watergate investigation into President Nixon begins

9th November:

1920 - Albert Einstein receives the Nobel Prize in physics

1931 - China declares war on Japan

1967 - The first issue of the Rolling Stones magazine (featuring John Lennon) was published

1989 - East Germany opens its borders freely for the first time since the creation of the Berlin Wall

10th November:

1969 - Sesame street debuts

11th November:

1918 - The Armistice Agreement is signed bringing WW1 to an end

1920 - The unknown warrior is buried in Westminster Abbey simultaneously with his French counterpart at the Arc de Triumph

1973 - Israel and Egypt sign a peace treaty for a cease fire at the Suez Canal

12th November:

1927 - Trotsky is expelled from the communist party as Josef Stalin takes control of the Soviet Union

13th November:

1956 - The US Supreme Court ruled that segregated buses are illegal

1969 - The March Against Death - Anti-Vietnam War protests begin in America



This week in History and Drama

An Immersive Theatre Experience

About

Advanced Drama Club

This week, the Advance Drama Club took on a monumental task. They performed an immersive theatre experience (think London Dungeons) for over 100 people including parents, pupils and staff alike! In this performance they explored the local history of Bryanston Square and the Wetherby School Building finding out about the origins of the estate through to its role in each of the World Wars. It was both an educational and exciting experience that would not have been possible without each and every cast members hard work and dedication to their roles. Each pupil was studious with line learning and expert in their performances. They made the school proud!

From the Cast



Cast member: Casper M [REDACTED]
Class: 8V
Role: Henry William Portman

"I loved performing the play in the cool, immersive way that was intended. It was great fun and the effort put in by all the teachers made a massive impact on this amazing play."

Cast member: Willoughby H [REDACTED]
Class: 8V
Role: James

"I was really enthused about learning the rich history of this miraculous ancient building, and the superb effort that the wonderful teachers put into this immersive yet historic play"



This week in History and Drama

An Immersive Theatre Experience

More Images



From the Cast



We would just like to say a huge thank you to not only everyone who participated but everyone who helped make the show possible and run so smoothly and those who came to see and support this adventure. An extra special thankyou to: Archie Tillery, Ria Kirby and Claire Tomsett-Rowe who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and a congratulations to all involved as all of the proceeds from this show will go to 'The Show Must Go On' Westend Foundation for the recovery of theatre after Covid (we will have a total raised for you soon!)

- Mx Cox and Miss Wood



QR Code to the official
Programme

Wetherby Sport

Mr Trencher writes...

Sports Report

This week's sport commenced on Monday, as the under elevens took part in fixtures against Arnold House and St Anthony's schools. The A team picked up a routine win against Arnold House, with a comfortable 8-0 win, with Younis A impressing. The Under 11 C, D, E, G and H team also picked up victories in impressive fashion, in tricky wet conditions against St Anthony's. The D and H team fixtures were particularly dramatic, with the D team scoring a last kick goal to win the game 1-0, and the H team coming back from two goals down to clinch a three-two win in the last minute through the superb Mir D.

On Tuesday, the J and I team were successful in their fixtures against St Stephen's, with Oscar G's outstanding performance, and the A team ran out with a comfortable 6-2 victory against a strong North Bridge House side, as Gabriel G put in a strong showing. The B and C teams also won by a distant margin, with eight and five goal wins respectively. A special mention must go out to Isa M and Zia V, who both played exceptionally well and were key components to their team's strong performance.

The Under 12s took part in fixtures against Thomas' Battersea, with the A and B team both winning comfortably - by four and six goals to nil respectively. Diego R played very well for the A team, and Alexander D achieving the same feat for the B team. The Under 12 franchise also underwent another rebrand, and appeared as the Custard Cream Cup, sponsored by Hills Biscuits. Leo G guided his side to tournament glory, and his side took home range highly coveted Custard Cream prize, as well as also himself taking home the tournament MVP title.

Elsewhere, the Under 13 As drew two all with Thomas' Battersea, with the game ending in dramatic fashion, as Yousif al-S scored the equaliser with just two seconds left on the clock in a nail-biting encounter. The A team also feature again this afternoon in the ESFA round three, so we wish them the best of luck! The B team also won by a significant margin on Wednesday, with a scintillating 6-0 victory against Thomas's Battersea. Oscar Li put in another strong showing, as his team easily overcame the Thomas's Battersea opposition.

Yesterday, the Under 10 G and H teams were victories against Thomas' Battersea, with Pierre Z and Zaym Z the standout performers. Elsewhere, other teams were unlucky to just miss out on victory against strong opposition, however special mentions must go out to Leo V, Blake P and Elias I, all three playing exceptionally well.

Another great week of sport at Wetherby Prep.

Team of the Week

99
ToW

ZAIMI

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

BROWN

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

CORNABY

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

CRUICKSHANK

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

GEDEON

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

GRANGER

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

VASANT

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

SURESH

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
ToW

RUBINO

DEFENCE	ATTACK
99	99

ToW

99
CAM

AL SAFFAR

99 PAC	99 DRI
99 SHO	99 DEF
99 PAS	99 PHY

ToW

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Bonham S	6C	Hugo M-S
4M	Michael Z	6E	Oliver C
4P	Alistair B H	6F	Romell J
4S	Maxwell L	6M	Leo B
4T	Leonardo W	7B	Jamie H
5F	Oscar D	7C	Ziyang P
	Raahil U	7H	Alexandre D
5K	Ilia K	7L	Redmond M
5L	Tarek S	8A	Federico R
5S	Genrikh V	8C	Alexander C
		8O	Beau F
		8T	Rishaan U
		8T	Kiran K
		8V	Suleman A

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Alexandre D -35

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 7H 221	Form 4M 210	Form 6C 113

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Chepstow Captain K. Kar	Westbourne Captain C. Paolini	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher	Dawson Captain A. Govindan
611	561	429	358

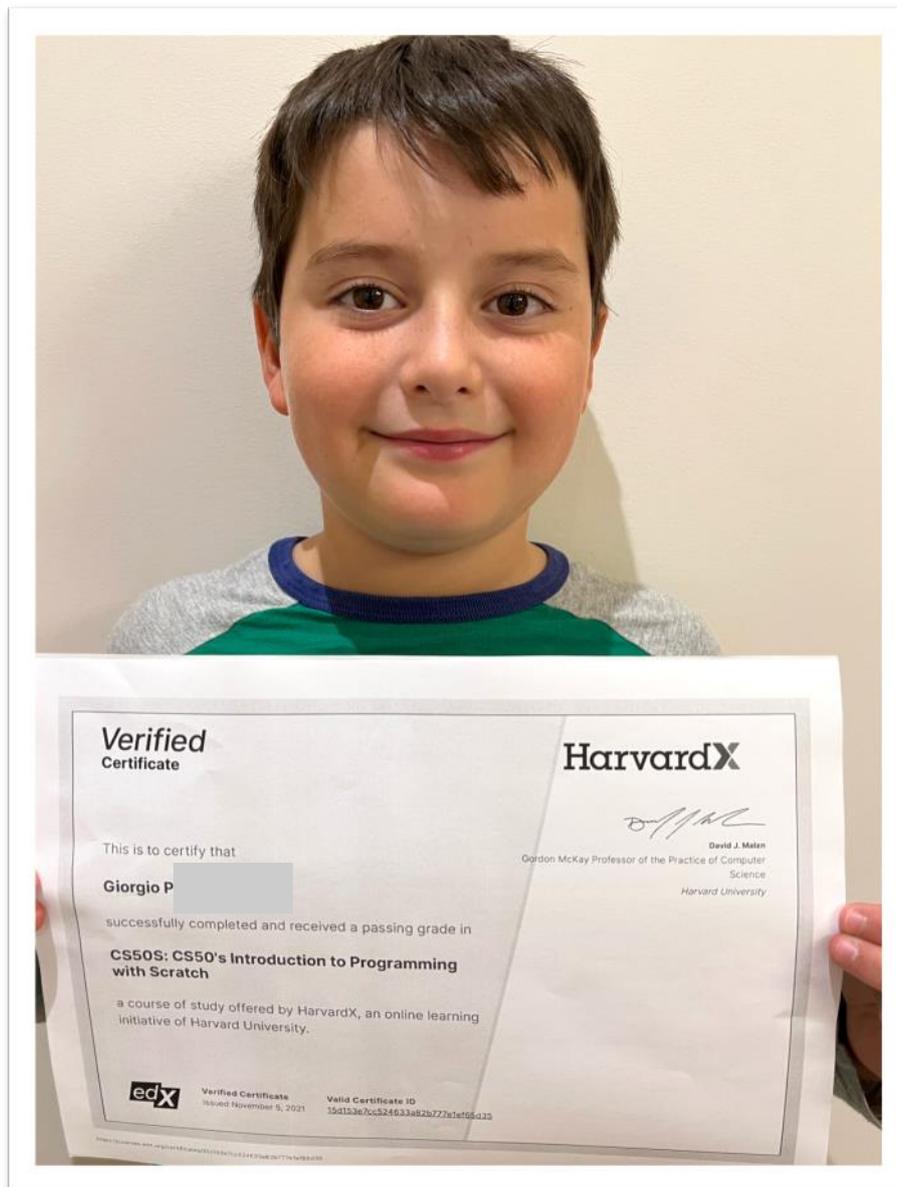
Yearly Housepoint Totals

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
5066	4059	3915	3246

Out of School Achievements

Giorgio P—Computer Coding Class

During the Half Term, Giorgio took a computer coding class (the class was run by Harvard University!)



Photos of the Week

The Wetherby World Record Conker Competition!







During half term, Alfie was happy to be back on the track practising for next season's Cadet races



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