

WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Autumn Term | Week 13



WEEK 13 — Monday 13th to Sunday 19th December 2021

Monday 13th December:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Years 3-5 Carol Concert – 10:30-11:30am – all welcome
- No Swimming for Years 3-5
- Years 6-8 Carol Concert – 2:30 –3:30pm - all welcome – parents can collect from the Church
- No Games for Year 6
- **NO MORNING, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY**
- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4PM**

Tuesday 14th December:

- Years 3 & 4 to Aladdin Pantomime, Hammersmith - pm – boys will be able to get normal buses
- **NO MORNING, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR HOMEWORK CLUB TODAY**
- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4PM**

Wednesday 15th December:

- **LAST DAY OF TERM.**
- End of Term Assembly at 10:30am – all welcome – boys can be picked up from Church
- Buses from 12:30pm
- Pick up from 12:45pm
- **SCHOOL CLOSSES – 1pm**

Thursday 16th December:

Friday 17th December:

Saturday 18th December:

Sunday 19th December:

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

Christmas is in full flow at Wetherby Prep and the 'Christmas Bake Sale' and associated sugar products did nothing to quell the festive spirit in the building this afternoon! Thank you to all families who baked and supplied such a tremendous array of produce and to the PTA and Miss Hannah Preece who organised and managed the event so smoothly and enthusiastically. The prize winners are below, with the coveted 'Boys' Choice Award' winning with a huge 104 votes, well done and congratulations to Leonardo and Federico P for such an impressive creation.

At Castle Baker, the tree is up and the decorations are out. Last weekend must have been the peak buying weekend for a Christmas tree as it seemed like the whole of Hertfordshire was at Christmas Tree Farm in Berkhamsted. What should have been a simple operation and buying experience was clearly too much for many, as lots of customers clearly considered themselves 'Christmas tree experts' all of a sudden and felt the need to go through dozens of options...that all looked exactly the same. I had Joseph with me after football training and he was cold and not keen to hang around; I told him to hold up the first one we came across and collectively said, "that'll do."

The ISI inspection report has been returned to us for proofing and I had hoped that I could forward the final report by the end of this week but I am yet to have that notification. Hopefully by the end of term I can send it to all and we can collectively congratulate ourselves on a splendid outcome. The report makes reference to the feedback from the Parents, Staff and Pupil Questionnaire and whilst very useful as data, there are some things that weren't asked that we would find useful as we develop the school. I have composed a very short questionnaire of just four questions that I would like as many of you as possible to contribute. The first one relates to Parents' Evenings and whether we continue with online or revert to in person. There are pros and cons about both but we will go with the majority view. The questionnaire is [here](#), is completely anonymous and will take less than a minute to complete – please have your say!

Finally, a slight diary change from the email I sent earlier this week - **Wednesday's Final Assembly is a 10:30am start** not 11am as previously stated. Our friends at the Church have, understandably, many events at this time of the year and need the building 're-set' for 12pm. An 11am start leaves this too tight so we are bringing the start time forward half an hour, I trust this is not inconvenient or destabilises already made plans.

Have a great weekend,

Nick Baker



Christmas Bake Sale 2021 Winners

Boys' Choice – Leonardo and Federico P

Best Effort – 1st Tobia P B 2nd Roman P C, 3rd Alexander and Elliot S

Best Design – 1st – Adrian H, 2nd William W, 3rd – Alessandro L

Best Taste – 1st Martino S, 2nd Kourosh M, 3rd Aarav P







Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Charlie C in 4P. Charlie demonstrates respect, honesty, perseverance, kindness and inclusivity - all of the Wetherby values. He is a pleasure both to teach and to encounter at any time of the day due to his brilliant attitude and excellent manners. A great role model to all boys.



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the week is Adrien C in 7H. Adrien put in a standout performance for the U12B Team vs King's House this week and tackled courageously against formidable and more physical players. His work as the first line of defence was an example of all and we look forward to more outstanding performances next term.



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Joseph R 7C

I would like to nominate Joseph for the Kindness Cup. The change in legislation for masks on buses has caught a few of the Year 7's on the hop this week, but not Joseph. He had some spares which he gave to friends unprompted. Such a lovely attitude. *Mr Morrison*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Laith A**

Laith dedicated his form time on Thursday afternoon untangling a huge lump of Christmas lights. This was a huge help to me and 80. Thank you Laith! *Miss Orpwood*

◆ **Omar S**

Omar gave me a face mask this week when I'd misplaced mine; small acts of kindness that make a big difference. Omar is such a lovely chap, I'm delighted to teach him. *Mrs Lock*

◆ **Alfie G**

Alfie is such a lovely and polite boy and he's been a great friend and buddy to Abdullah. It must be so hard to start a new school in the middle of the term and Alfie has been by his side helping him out since he first arrived. *Miss Ogden*

◆ **Ethan W**

At the weekend, I was struggling with my maths homework and Ethan helped me to understand it. *Massimo Z*

◆ **Massimo Z**

Massimo helped me finish my artwork in our art lesson after I hurt my finger. *David S*

◆ **Arthur L**

He's a lovely boy and this week he noticed a Year 4 boy not being able to access a Minecraft game in break time and playing alone without anyone. He then offered for him to join in with his friends as well as helping him access the game on his Surface Go. *Mrs Furnell*

◆ **Arthur C**

Thank you for giving me your Christmas hat! It really made my day! *Felix von S*

◆ **Michael L, Marley L, Lorenz B, Harrison B**

Absolute troopers helping me to carry all the Christmas Hampers to the minibus on Thursday morning - very grateful! *Miss Hood*

Notices

Miss Orpwood writes...

Carol Concert – Monday 13th December

We are delighted to be able to have our Carol Concert back at the Church of the Annunciation. This year we will be having an Upper School and Lower School Carol Concert. All boys will be taking part and parents are welcome to attend.

10.30-11.30am – Lower School Carol Concert (Years 3-5)

2.30-3.30pm – Upper School Carol Concert (Years 6-8)

Miss Hood writes...

Community and Outreach

A huge thank you to all of the Wetherby community for your thoughtful and generous donations for the Christmas Hampers for the local care home residents. Alex (the Gap Student) and I, delivered the hampers (all 36 of them!) on Thursday morning, and the staff and residents were speechless at the array of treats! A member of staff commented, "You have no idea the difference this will make to everyone's Christmas here." When we arrived some of the residents greeted us with a musical performance of Jingle Bells to get us all in the festive spirit! A truly heart-warming morning.

Fingers crossed, when COVID restrictions ease, we will be able to take some of the WPS boys along with us to meet the residents to see how their efforts are so greatly received.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas – Miss Hood

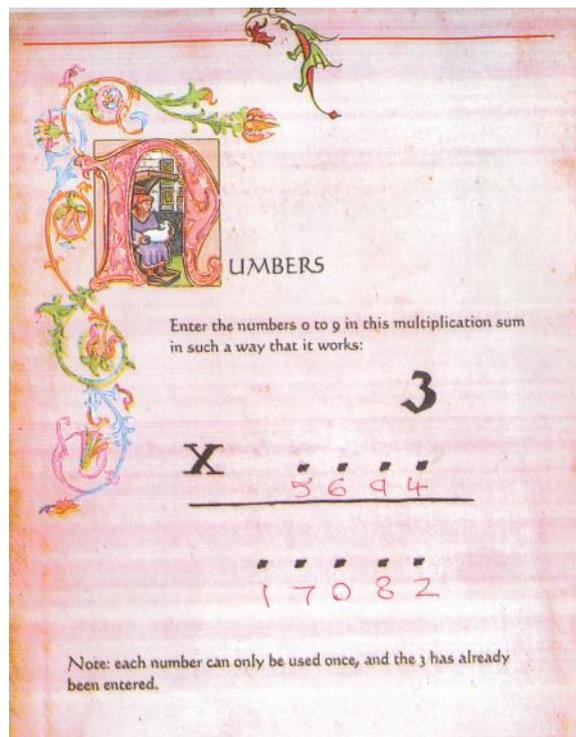
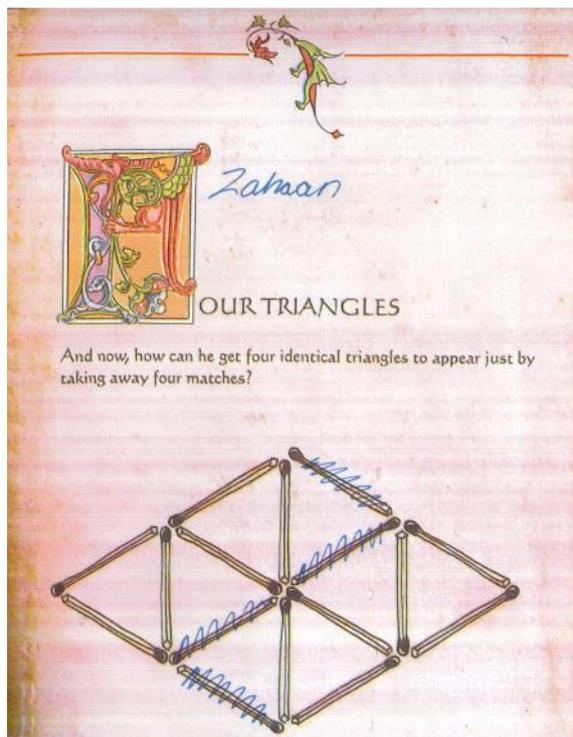
Maths Department

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Maths Challenge Answers

Lower	Upper
Thomas J	William P
Shixuan Y	Oscar D
Michael Z	Caspar V
Michael P	
William P	
Augie K	
Alexander T-W	
Zahaan	
Sami I	
Layth B	
Thomas M	



Art Department

Mrs Garvey writes...

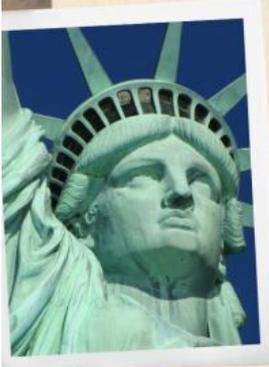
Year 3 Stone Age Art

This term in Art, Year 3 have been working on pieces of art inspired by Stone Age cave paintings. These paintings were then used as a background for their Year 3 play. Well done to all the boys in Year 3, who worked incredibly hard to replicate the work of the cave men!





This week in History



6th December:

1790 - The US Capitol moves from New York City to Philadelphia

1941 - Japanese attack Pearl Harbour

7th December:

2006 - Vatican archeologists have unearthed a sarcophagus believed to have the remains of the Apostle Paul

8th December:

1941 - USA enters World War II

1980 - John Lennon assassinated

1992 - The United Nations intervention in Somalia (Operation Restore Hope) begins to avert the growing humanitarian disaster of severe famine

9th December:

1992 - Prince Charles and Princess Diana announce a formal separation

2004 - Canada's Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage was constitutional

10th December:

1901 - The First Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm

1948 - A Universal Declaration of Human Rights is given as the UN General Assembly meet in Paris

1951 - Santa Claus and angels were banned in Hungary

1984 - Desmond Tutu receives the Nobel Peace Prize

11th December:

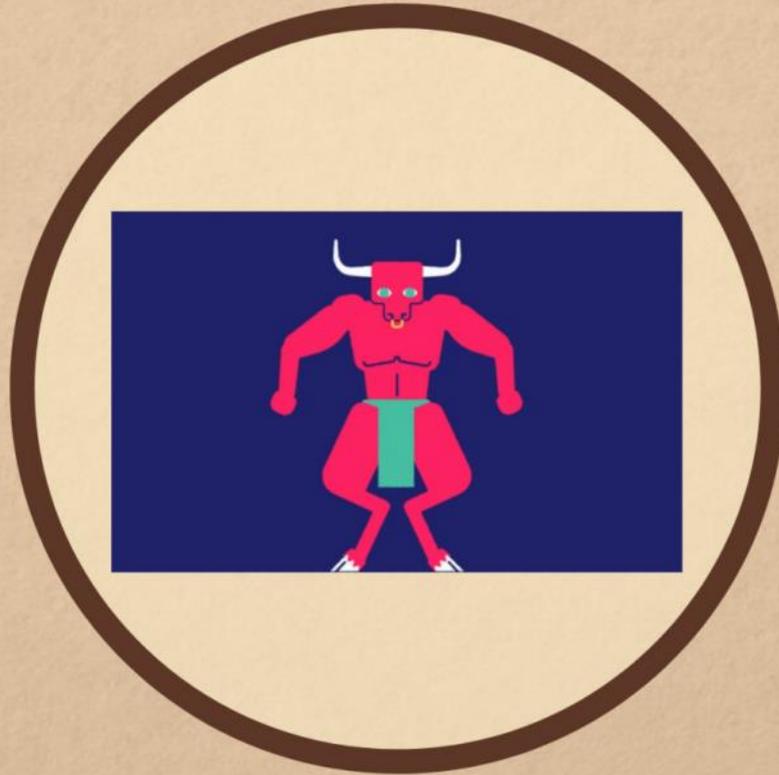
1930 - King Edward VIII of Britain abdicates to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson

11th December:

1913 - The Mona Lisa is recovered 2 years after its theft from the Louvre Museum



THIS TERM IN MYTHOLOGY CLUB



Lower School Mythology
Chinese Mythology



SCAN ME

Upper School Mythology
African Mythology



SCAN ME

Swimming News

Mr Bayes writes...

Outstanding Wetherby old boy success

It was an absolute pleasure to watch Nick Finch, Wetherby old boy, storm to victory in the 50m butterfly at the Swim England Nationals on the weekend.

With a record breaking time and swimming in the under 16 section as the only 15 year old, Nick's commitment and dedication to his sport is paying huge dividends.

Nick won a swimming scholarship at Harrow in 2019, the year he exited Wetherby. This week I learnt that Nick has been awarded a flannel (full colours) by the headmaster at Harrow. This is the first time a student has been awarded this honour at this age in Harrow's 450 year history.

We are incredibly proud of Nick and his achievements and wish him all the very best for his future. Who knows (spoiler alert), perhaps we will have our first ever ex-Wetherby Olympian in years to come...



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Maxim V	6C	Cormac M
4M	Michael Z	6E	Henry S
4P	Alistair B H	6F	Hugo S
4S	Zakhar S	6M	Leo B
4T	William W	7B	Dillon Du C
5F	Marius P	7C	Bohan P
5K	Leo P	7H	Oliver P
5L	Charlie C	7L	Ayaan C
5S	Hector N	8A	Ilya W-H
		8C	Lucas G
		8O	Kouros M
		8T	Mateo G
		8V	Alexander S

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Leo B - 47

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 6C 262	Form 5L 235	Form 7C 218

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
721	639	581	512

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
8539	6372	5737	5402

Photos of the Week

Cookery Club





Dylan expanding his cultural awareness at La Fete Des Lumières in Lyon



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