

WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Spring Term | Week 17



WEEK 17 — Monday 24th to Sunday 30th January 2022

Monday 24th January:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Years 7 & 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. St Anthony's (A) – 2.15pm Return 4pm
- U11 A, C, E, G vs. Hampton Prep and The Falcons Prep (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 25th January:

- Years 7 & 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams
- U9 A – F vs. The Hall (H) – 2.15pm Return 3.45pm
- U9 G – I vs. Falcons Prep (H) – 2.15pm Return 3.45pm
- Staff Teach Meet

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 26th January:

- PTA Meeting in the Dining Room – 9am
- Years 7 & 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams
- U13 A & U12 B vs. The Hall (A) – 2.15pm Return 5pm
- U13 B & U12 A vs. Arnold House (A) – 2.15pm Return 5pm

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 27th January:

- Years 7 & 8 Common Entrance Mock Exams
- U10 B, D vs. Hurlingham (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- U10 A, C vs. Ravenscourt Park Prep (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 28th January:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed **LIVE on Instagram**  - 8:30-9:30am
- Friday pm Club Programme

Saturday 29th January:

Sunday 30th January:

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

We're not even half way through the year yet and the time will come for musings and reflections on my time at Wetherby Prep but last night proved to be a seminal moment in my career.

Almost exactly 14 years ago, I had been in post for about three weeks (having been appointed Head over Christmas) and in the school diary was 'Prep Heads' event at St Paul's School – 6pm'. I dutifully found out where St Paul's School was (having never been there before) and got a taxi down to Lonsdale Road. When I arrived, there was a sea of faces, none of whom looked familiar and I simply joined the first small grouping and introduced myself as the new Head of Wetherby Prep. After chatting easily for ten minutes, the Head – at the time Martin Stephen – called everyone through to dinner and invited us to look at the table plans for where we would be sitting...I looked...and my name wasn't on there...

As I looked and looked again, a colleague I had been speaking to and who remains a close friend to this day, patted gleefully on my shoulder and suggested I could sit at the table nearby that served as somewhere to place empty drinks glasses, as he skipped off to his table. As the reception thinned out and people took their seats, I felt increasingly isolated and was tempted to slip away but thankfully, the formidable Registrar at the time, Jane Lovell, spotted the situation and told me that I could 'squeeze on' next to her. Despite the initial awkwardness and feeling that I had invaded this secret club of Headteachers, it was an enjoyable evening, as it always is when hosted by St Paul's staff who, despite working at one of London's highest profile and academic schools, have always been incredibly grounded, sociable and supportive colleagues.

Fast forward fourteen years to last night on what will prove to be my final Heads' dinner at St Paul's, my name was not only on the list, but on Table 1, and not 'squeezed on' but seated next to High Master Sally Anne-Huang - a fitting metaphor for how both my and our school's relationship with St Paul's has developed over the past 14 years. As I said to Sally-Anne as I left last night, as much as I look forward to the future, it is one of my biggest regrets that I won't get to work with her and the other relatively new Heads, namely Wetherby Senior's impressive Mr Joe Silvester, of those schools we feed in the coming years, such is their excellent company, good humour and professional and wise counsel. My successor, Mark White, has everything to look forward to when working with such impressive people.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

School Covid Update—Weekly Figures

Pupils self-isolating due to Covid positive: 24

Staff self-isolating due to Covid positive: 6



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Dino L in 6F. It's been a tricky week or so with a number of boys, and staff, patching into lessons remotely but Dino has been a ray of sunshine online and beacon of technological capability. Always with a cheery smile and a witticism, Dino is one of those boys that makes the Wetherby World keep turning!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Zak S in 4T. Resolute in defence and putting in any number of try saving tackles, Zak has been promoted up three teams after such a strong performance in the fixtures this week. A well deserved Sportsman of the Week!



Class-Achievement

3H

Kindness Cup



Sholto S 80

I saw Sholto walking past the Year 3 cloak room, then he stopped and picked up all the coats which were on the floor and tidied them away. What a mature thing to do when he was not asked or seen by anyone. Well done, Sholto!

Mrs Mandic

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

♦ Isri P

I wanted to nominate Isri because I needed to clean my Rubik's Cube and Isri kindly got me some tissue paper so I was able to do it.

Ratan D'S

♦ Vivaan M (5K)

Vivaan noticed that Bowie had left his bag at school by mistake and offered to take it and return it to him as he lives near Bowie's house. Such a thoughtful and helpful thing to do!

Miss Bidie

◆ **Elliot S (80)**

During Monday's form time, Elliot tidied and sorted 80's cupboard. Thank you, Elliot!

Miss Orpwood

◆ **Murad K**

In School Council, we have been compiling a list of comics/graphic novels to send to our librarian to include in our new library. Murad kindly donated some of his own books of this genre to start the ball rolling (he was also the one to suggest that we should have such books in the library). What a great initiative and a very kind gesture.

Miss Lister

◆ **Kourosh M**

Kourosh is the nicest person I know in and outside of school. He never fails to make someone smile or give them a compliment, and to be honest I think he could win this cup every week!

Saverio A

◆ **Bailey P**

Recently I have been off school, but Bailey always manages to call me for the lesson, tell me what we are doing and gives me a thumbs up. Online school would be so much harder without him.

Saverio A

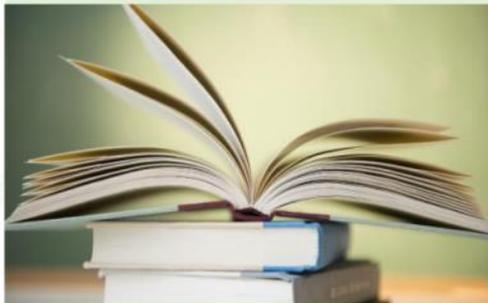
◆ **Kieran O'K**

Every lesson I have had online, he makes sure it is set up correctly, making everything run really smoothly.

Miss Heery

Notices

WE WANT YOUR BOOKS!



BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

Please bring in book donations between **Monday 7th and Friday 11th February** (before half-term!)

Books should be in a good condition and suitable for the students in our school. We will be arranging them into those suitable for Y3/4, Y5/6 and Y7/8 (also fiction and non-fiction).

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

THURSDAY 24th FEBRUARY

On Thursday 24th February, bring in some change to buy some books for yourself or family and friends.

All money will be donated to Wetherby Prep charities.

Email Miss Preece for more details: Hannah.Preece@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Pinboard

'WORD OF MOUTH IN AN EMAIL'

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OFFERED

WANTED

RECOMMENDED

*If you've got an out-grown bike to sell, a flat to let, or spare theatre tickets...post in '**OFFERED**'

*If you're looking for a trusted local plumber, or your daughter needs to find work experience.... post in '**WANTED**'

*If you'd like to spread the word about a new local cafe or yoga class, or your treasured cleaner is looking for more hours...post in '**RECOMMENDED**'

Happy Pinboarding!

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This week in History



17th January:

1949 - The first Volkswagen Beetle (The people's car) arrives in the USA from Germany

1961 - Eisenhower gives his last speech as President of the USA

1974 - OJ Simpson won the male athlete of the year

1991 - Operation Desert Storm begins

18th January:

1996 - Lisa Marie Presley (daughter of Elvis Presley) filed for divorce from Michael Jackson

1997 - Norwegian explorer Boerge Ousland became the first to cross the Antarctic alone for 64 days

19th January:

1920 - Chicago sees 1200 cases of flu in 24 hours

1966 - Indira Gandhi becomes India's first female Prime minister

1977 - Snow fell on Miami for the first time in history

1990 - The South African Cricket Tour is disrupted by angry anti-apartheid demonstrations

20th January:

1920 - Prohibition begins in America

1972 - UK unemployment has risen to one million for the first time since the 1930s depression

2009 - Barack Obama is inaugurated

21st January:

1976 - The first concordes with commercial passengers take off from London, Heathrow

2012 - Laura Dekker (16) becomes the youngest solo sailor to voyage around the world

22nd January:

1901 - Queen Victoria died

1930 - Excavation for the Empire State Building began



Theology, Philosophy and Religion

Miss Bidie writes...

Year 5 TPR trip to the Church of the Annunciation

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Church of the Annunciation on Wednesday. It was amazing to be able to learn more about the Church, as we spend so much time there but don't really know what happens inside it on days that aren't Friday! The boys were able to explore the building and look at different artefacts to support their understanding of Christianity, their TPR topic this term. A big thank you to Fr. Lincoln for giving the boys a hugely enlightening talk and for ringing the big bell for us as we left – five rings for Year 5!





Wetherby Sport

Sports Report

Wetherby Sport got off to a flying start this week, as our Under 11 took part in fixtures against The Hall on Monday. We saw a brilliant afternoon of rugby, with two Wetherby sides picking up well earned victories. The A team were unlucky to just lose out to The Hall, with Oliver impressing and putting in a brilliant performance. The E team also just narrowly lost out, despite the efforts of Leonardo and his teammates. The D team played well but were unlucky, with Cormac impressing.

The Under 10 took part in their fixtures this week on Thursday afternoon, with more strong results across the board. The A and C team both defeated Thomas' Battersea. Tye was immense for the A team, showing great passing and running ability to continuously get past the opposition. Aaron played a similar role for the B team, putting in some outstanding tackles at key moments in the game in order to secure a vital victory for his side. Carter was also superb for the B team, with himself and the rest of his team displaying some brilliant rucking, ripping the ball away at almost every opportunity they were given to do so. The D team narrowly lost out to the Hall, whilst the E team suffered the same fate. Both Thomas and Christopher were immense as the E team were unlucky to just lose out.

On Wednesday, the Under 13 As put on a rugby masterclass as they obliterated Thomas' Battersea, with Pipo being the standout performer, with a haul of tries in the 105-5 victory. The B team also produced a great result, with a scintillating win against Thomas' Battersea with a large part of this team success being down to Federico. He was brilliant with his tackles and his running with the ball, to break down opposition attacks and launch his side on their own superbly in order to clinch victory for his side.

Another week of rugby at Wetherby Prep was a successful one, and another great week of sport at Wetherby Prep.

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hugo K	6C	Alexander D
4M	Yesset S	6E	Henry S
4P	Augie K	6F	Mikael G
4S	Reis J	6M	Benjamin B
4T	Ulysse P	7B	David S
5F	Zach A		Felix R
5K	Archie A	7C	Oliver B
5L	Leopold S		Ziyang P
5S	Thomas J	7H	Timothée C
		7L	William D
		8A	Ilya W-H
		8C	Felix von S
		8O	Ilai A
		8T	Dexter B Kiran K
		8V	Taymour K

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Ilai Arazi -26
Yesset Serikov-26

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 8V 159	Form 5K 122	Form 6E 113

Weekly 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
583	400	314	253

Yearly Housepoint Totals

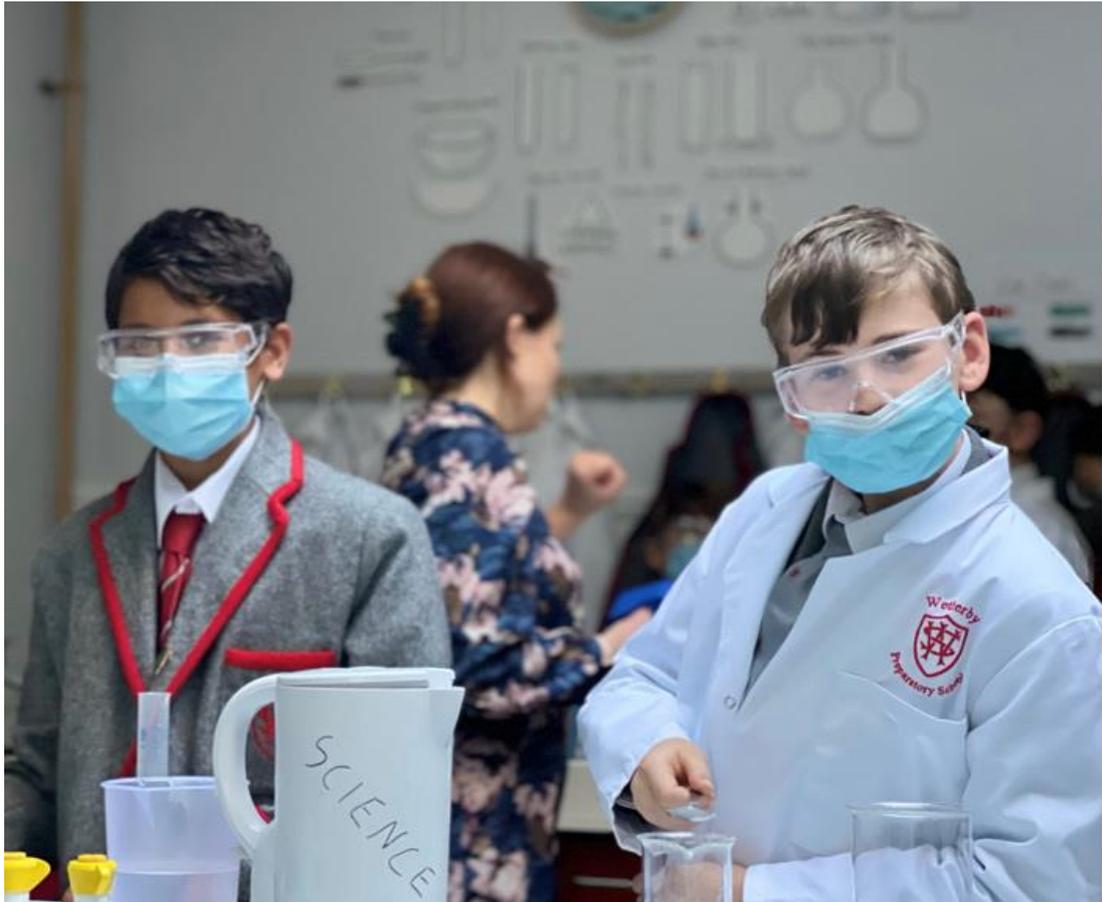
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain C. Paolini	Chepstow Captain K. Kar	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher	Dawson Captain A. Govindan
11,015	7369	6503	6043

Photos of the Week

This week in Year 6 history, we held a 'Medieval Minds' Conference in which the boys were split into groups and had to take on the roles of historians and archaeologists to find out about their given area of 14th Century life. The options were: 14th Century Climate Change, Famine and Animal Murrain, Population and Land Tenure and War. Once the research was complete, the students had to hold the conference and inform each other about their area of 14th Century life so that we could all collect notes. Next week we will use these to learn about the Black Death and eventually about how society was changed by the pandemic (very topical).



Science with Miss Casserly



Ale A (left) and Caspar V (right) at Rock Climbing Club







Thomas W at a riding camp over the Christmas break



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