

WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Spring Term | Week 18



WEEK 18 — Monday 31st January to Sunday 6th February 2022

Monday 31st January:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 A, C, E, G vs. Fulham Prep (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. North Bridge House (A) – 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 1st February:

- U9 A, C, D, F, G vs. Fulham Prep (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- U9 B, E, H vs. North Bridge House (A) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- 8A & 8C Parents' Evening

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 2nd February:

- Breakfast Concert in the Pioneer Hall – 8:15am
- U13 A vs. Thomas's Clapham (A) at Wellington College 2.30pm Return 6pm
- U13 B vs. Fulham Prep (A) - 2:30pm Return 5pm
- U12 A & B vs. Fulham Prep (A) - 2:30pm Return 5pm
- U12 C & U13 C vs. North Bridge House (A) Return 3.45pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 2:45pm
- Wellington College Interviews – all day
- P4C Workshops for Year 6 - am

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 3rd February:

- U10 A, C, G, I vs. Thomas's Battersea (A) - 2:15pm Return 5pm
- U10 D, F vs. Orchard House (H) 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- U10 B, E, H Fulham Prep (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- School Management Meeting – 4.30pm
- 8T & 8O Parents' Evening

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 4th February:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Year 7 and 8 Covid Vaccinations
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed [LIVE on Instagram](#)  - 8:30-9:30am
- Friday pm Club Programme

Saturday 5th February:

Sunday 6th February:

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

I've never been someone that needs much sleep but even for me, this has not been a good sleep week. Brig states clearly every night that she requires at least eight hours, but whereas six is plenty for me, I reckon I experienced no more than three hours on Monday. And who do we blame for this insomnia? Step forward, Mr Roy Hodgson. On Monday afternoon, it was announced that Watford has dispensed with Claudio Ranieri's services as First Team Coach, something that came as absolutely no surprise and was applauded and welcomed in our household. But then, as the evening wore on, it became more and more likely that 75 year old, previously retired, Roy Hodgson was going to be the new manager of Watford. Every time I refreshed Twitter, it became more of a reality and I have to admit, it made me worry. Roy is the same age as my mum and I know that although perfectly fit, able and active, she tires and gets annoyed with 'Golden Boy Nicky', and would have next to no patience for a group of overpaid and overindulged footballers. My concern kept me up all night. In the morning, Brig asked how I slept and I replied, "Badly – couldn't stop thinking about Roy Hodgson." She looked at me quizzically and then dismissively, assuming Roy Hodgson was a member of staff or a parent at school.

The next day though, things looked brighter. Many commentators (and you parents!) stated that this was a masterstroke and a very pragmatic decision. I watched his first training session online and he spoke a lot of sense and had absolutely the right attitude with what has so far been a misfiring and disparate group of players. I felt encouraged and actually a little bit excited. I went online and bought some tickets for the Aston Villa away game and Patrick and Joseph seemed equally keen and the spring in their football-fandom step returned as they headed to their beds. And, you guessed it, now with a bit of adrenaline running through my veins, I found it difficult to sleep again, imagining a new and secure future for Watford in the Premier League...

And then Wednesday and tonight (Thursday), I have been in Bedford (no pun intended) on my last school inspection of the academic year. I always find it difficult to sleep in hotel rooms and last night was no different. Tonight, I do feel weary but having completed all my meetings and written up and completed my record of evidence for the day, I knew I still had to write my Wetherbuzz entry as I won't have time on inspection duty tomorrow. So, I write this late into the night before snatching a few hours...a no-sleep week but I'll survive I'm sure...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

School Covid Update—Weekly Figures

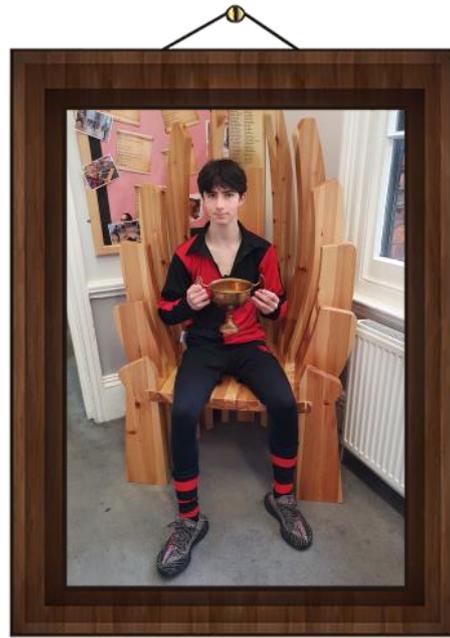
Pupils self-isolating due to Covid positive: 25

Staff self-isolating due to Covid positive: 3



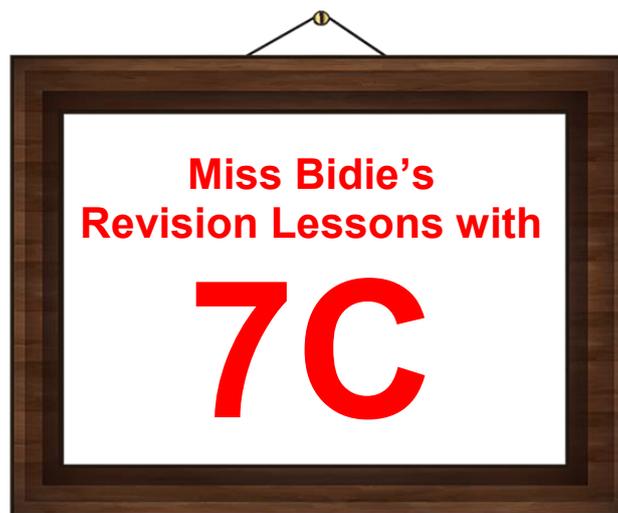
Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Leonardo V in 5L. A totally reliable boy who will always be working hard, being a good friend and an excellent role model to all. A fantastic sense of humour as well- he always makes me smile. Thank you for everything you do, Leonardo!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Ilai A 80. Ilai has been a success story this year, his attitude and commitment towards rugby has been great to see. He capped that off with two tries this week in a standout performance against The Hall School. Well done, Ilai!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Isaac R

Lukas hurt his knee at break today and I was so impressed with how kind Isaac was by running to get an ice pack, helping Lukas back on the bus and generally looking out of him. Such a good friend! *Miss Bevan*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

♦ Diego R

Noticed some leftover lunch things from Friday lunch in another class. Totally unprompted, he picked it up and took it down to the dining room. Very helpful thing to do! *Miss Bidie*

♦ Thomas M

Thomas tidied up all the chairs at the end of Friday club after all the other boys had left them in a mess. Nobody asked him to, he was just being helpful! *Miss Bidie*

◆ **Freddie K**

He has been incredibly lovely since he joined. Always polite and always asking how you are. He puts a smile on my face every day but really topped it off today when he drew me a picture of a knight (very historic and in my favourite colour!). He's very thoughtful and really deserves to be acknowledged for all the joy he brings to the school. *Mx Cox*

◆ **Hendrik P**

Hendrik is always really kind to me- helping me find new cool games and websites. *Mariano E*

◆ **Massimo Z**

Massimo asked me what I wanted from the tuck shop and went to get it for me; I am very grateful as he didn't need to do that. *David S*

◆ **Kourosh M**

I had the pleasure of having Kourosh in with me when I was teaching 3H. Kourosh was so incredibly kind to the boys when assisting them with their work, giving them positive praise throughout the lesson. In fact, I would happily award him with a distinction in Teaching Standards 2a, 4b, 4c and 8a. Kourosh- you're already on your way to completing a PGCE! *Miss Lister*

◆ **Omer E**

I was coming down the stairs with a big stack of books and my computer. Omer asked the other boys to step aside and then asked if I needed any help. Very much appreciated! *Mrs Marshall*

Maths Department

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Maths Challenge Answers	
Lower	Upper
Thomas J	William P
Shixuan Y	Michael P
Michael P	Ethan R
Caspar V	Oscar D
William P	Alexander T-W
Michael Z	Henry S
Marius P	Bruno T
Thomas M	Big Cabbage 64

Caspar V E

The Aliens have landed

50

CAN you work out the answer to this calculation?

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right) \dots \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{100}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{5}{6} \dots \times \frac{99}{100}$$

$$= \frac{1}{100}$$



This week in History



24th January:

1965 - Former UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill dies ages 90

2003 - The US Department of Homeland Security begins operation

2013 - US Secretary of Defence, Leon Panetta, announced that the military would end its ban on women in combat roles in the US armed forces

25th January:

1924 - The first winter olympics took place in the French Alps

1942 - Thailand declare war against the allied forces

26th January:

1950 - India formally becomes a Republic, no longer under British rule

1988 - The Phantom of the Opera opens on Broadway

27th January:

1926 - John Logie Baird gives the first public demonstration of a TV in London

1944 - After 872 days, the siege of Leningrad was broken

1945 - The Red Army liberates the Nazis biggest Concentration Camps in Poland

1951 - The US government detonates the first of a series of nuclear bombs at its Nevada test site

1967 - The Outer Space Treaty banned the placing of nuclear weapons into orbit (it was signed by 60 countries)

1973 - The Vietnam War formally ended

28th January:

1932 - Japan begins its bombing and reoccupation of Shanghai, China

30th January:

1848 - James Marshall finds the first nugget that begins the California Gold Rush

1933 - Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany

1948 - Mahatma Gandhi is assassinated



History Department

Mx Cox writes...

Holocaust Memorial Day

On the 27th of January each year, we observe Holocaust Memorial Day. Both a time to remember the events and work to prevent such tragedies from ever occurring again. This year to mark the occasion, the Holocaust Memorial Foundation has decided on the theme of 'One Day'. Holocaust survivors have been using this inspiration to both talk about the 'One Day' that changed their lives or their hope for 'One Day' in the future. We, at Wetherby, have used this inspiration to create our own 'One Day' poems and we would like to share a few of these with you in honour of Holocaust Memorial Day. Please use the link below to read some of the One Day poems.

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Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Mark M	6C	Lorenzo R
4M	Gabriel G	6E	Henry S
4P	Oscar G	6F	Levi D
4S	Aarav P	6M	Adam S
4T	Esa R	6M	Leo B
5F	Marius P	7B	Thomas C
5K	Leo P	7C	Thomas M
5L	Dante D	7C	Ziyang P
5L	Leonardo V	7H	Quinn G
5S	Thomas J	7L	Redmond M
		8A	Ilya W-H
		8C	Felix von S
		8O	Ilai A
		8T	Kiran K
		8V	Alexander S

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Marius Paillat - 32

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5L 149	Form 5F 146	Form 6F 120

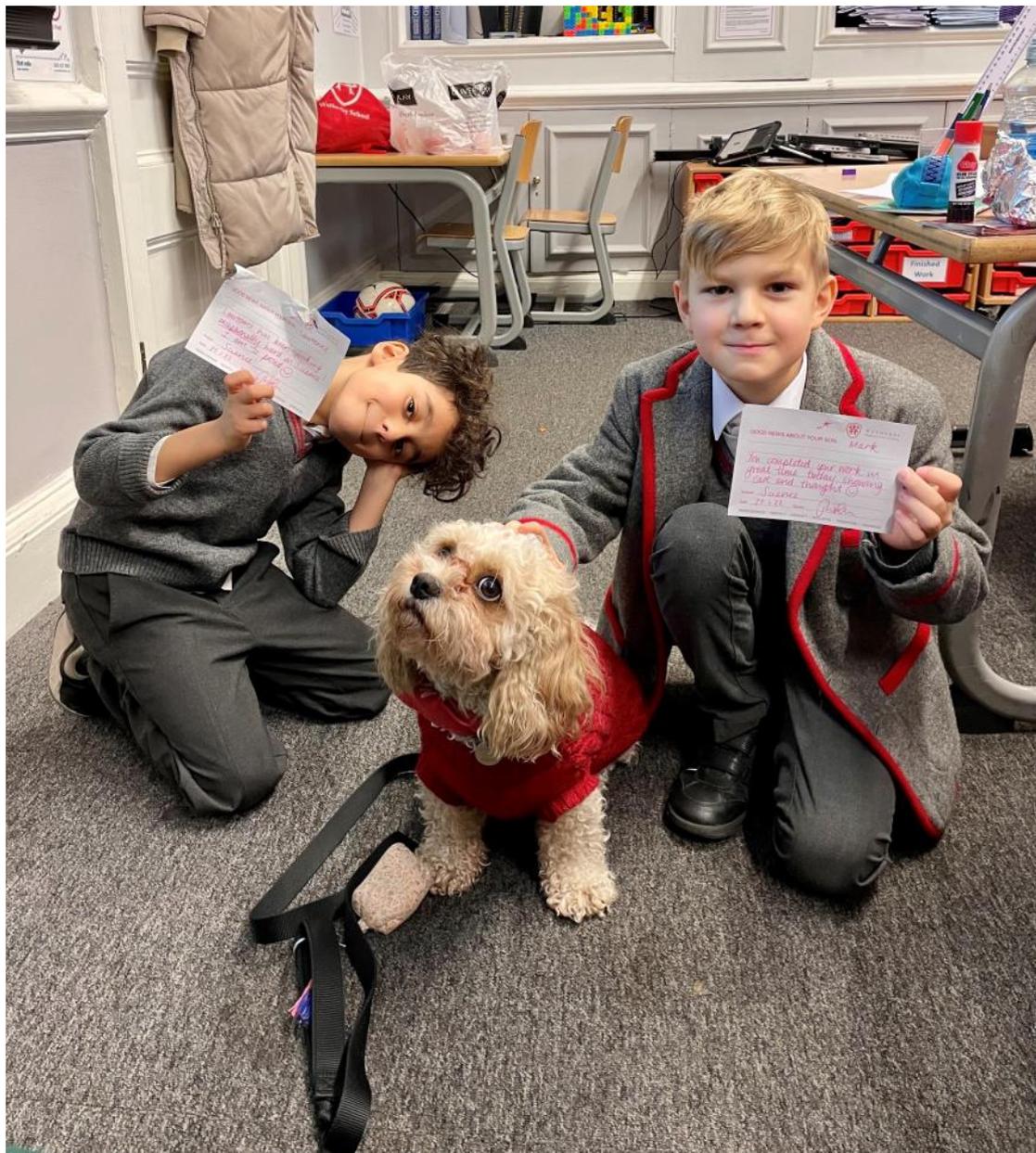
Weekly Housepoint Totals

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
490	299	252	206

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
11,511	7,668	6,735	6,340

Photos of the Week









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