

# WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Spring Term | Week 19



## WEEK 19 — Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Monday 7th February:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 A – E vs. King's College (A) – 3pm Return 5pm
- U11 F and G vs. Garden House (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- 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 8th February:

- Upper School French Day
- U9 A, C, E, G vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) - 2:15pm Return 4pm
- U9 B, D, F, H vs. St Anthony's (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm

#### 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 9th February:

- Breakfast Concert in the Pioneer Hall – 8:15am
- U13 A v Newland House (A) 2.15pm Return 5pm
- U12 A and B v Thomas's Clapham (A) 2.30pm Return 5pm
- U12 C v Newland House (A) 2.15pm Return 5pm
- U13 B and C vs. Hill House (H) 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- Lower School Art and Drama Workshops with James Mayhew – all day
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 2:45pm

#### 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 10th February:

- 10 A and C vs. St Anthony's (A) - 2:15pm Return 4pm
- U10 B, D, E, F, G, H vs. North Bridge House (A) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- Lower School Art and Drama Workshops with James Mayhew – all day
- School Management Meeting – 4.30pm
- 7H & 7L 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 11th February:

- Staff Appreciation Day – all day
- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed [LIVE on Instagram](#)  - 8:30-9:30am
- Friday pm Club Programme
- BOYS BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM - 4pm

### Saturday 12th February:

### Sunday 13th February:

# From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

January is always a bit gloomy, and the dark mornings and dark nights can make for a hibernating experience during the daytime. With every passing weekend though, it starts to get a little lighter and I always think that once you can make it through January, then February which is a short month that includes half term, March – my birthday month - and then it's Easter and then we're as good as into the summer. So, now we've done January, things are looking up! Not only that but, if our data is anything to go by, we seem to be past the Covid peak. With various staff and boys coming back after their enforced isolation, we welcomed them back like old friends. As a beaming Miss Lister proclaimed to me yesterday morning, "We're all back together again!" as she celebrated the full complement of 'Team Science' back in the departmental office.

By speaking to many of you this past week, it seems that lots of you are utilising half term to get away from London, get on the beach or hit the slopes. I won't be going anywhere, not as I don't like sun or snow, but more that Brig and the boys have the following week off...so I have the house to myself. Those three don't read this column so no need for spoiler warnings but I've decided to use the time and their absence to rotovate our lawn. The grass is patchy, there are lots of bumps, the soil is compacted in many places, and there is a defined slope. By all accounts this is a messy and labour-intensive job but, having researched thoroughly on YouTube over the past few weeks, I now consider myself an expert in turf and soil maintenance and reckon I can get the job done. I love teaching but sometimes you need the holidays to do something completely different and use your brain in a way that takes you out of your comfort zone. And just imagine the delighted look on the family's faces when they get back from their respective schools and see the garden turned into a quagmire...let's hope the weather holds...

Off to Bradfield College tonight for their 'Black Tie Prefects' Dinner'. One of our old boys, Alex Williams, is a Prefect this year and, as is tradition, invites his prep school Head for dinner. So many of our Wetherby boys go on to positions of leadership in their senior schools; they really do blaze a trail and act as excellent ambassadors for all those applying after them. Proud of those boys...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

## School Covid Update—Weekly Figures

Pupils self-isolating due to Covid positive: 6

Staff self-isolating due to Covid positive: 0



### *Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Reis J in 4S. Reis has been an outstanding citizen since the start of term, helping a new boy to the school settle in. Assisting around the building and in the classroom, Reis has been hugely helpful and his cheery smile and personable character makes everyone feel at home. Well done, Reis.



### *Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Jonah G in 7B. In a tough game of rugby against Thomas's this week, our Year 7s were up against an opposition full of Year 8 players. Jonah tackled superbly and never gave up the contest. In the final seconds he went over for the winning try to cue mass scenes of celebration on the touchline!



### *Class-Achievement*

**Miss Flomet's 5S**

# Kindness Cup



## Kiran K

Kiran has worked incredibly hard in English this academic year and has produced some fantastic pieces of writing. Kiran kindly came into my Year 6 lesson and went through one of his descriptive pieces and discussed a success criteria with the boys for their own writing. Thanks so much! *Miss Andrews-Bowen*

As I approached the overflowing lost property box, Kiran (who was there searching for his own kit) politely asked me what I am looking for and immediately started pulling out for me all the red hoodies so that it is easier for me to find my son's top (which I found instantly thanks to Kiran's help). What a true gentleman behaviour! Your help was much appreciated Kiran! *Ania, Max D's Mum*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

### ◆ Saverio A

I asked Saverio to make a 3D model of Rafa Nadal for Yolanda Noval following his 21st (twenty-first!) grand slam win. He was so kind to go away and look at various options before making the most lovely personalised Rafa 21 design. He is a great WPS pupil and a pleasure to be around. *Mr Lock*

### ◆ Cyrus F

Has been so supportive of Tarek this week. As always from this model Wetherby pupil, genuinely kind and always with good, honest intentions. *Mr Lock*

# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**Time:** 8:30am

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

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

- Footballs and rugby balls to definitely be available at WSG Break
- Hide and seek game to be incorporated into Residential Week
- After home fixtures, bring back 'Match Tea'
- Basketball club on Fridays or basketballs available at break
- 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- the amount is certainly getting smaller so we are so proud of you! Keep up the good work.
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am in the Small Dining Room.**

# Notices

## WE WANT YOUR BOOKS!



## BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

Please bring in book donations between **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Hannah.Preece@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

# Maths Department

## Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

### Maths Challenge Answers

Upper	
William P	The Dark Horse
Ansel S	Mr Pear Player
The Fat Fish	The Mystical Sausage
Alessandro A	Ziyang P
Bruno T	Michael Z
Oscar D	

*and 174 other problems*      *Ziyang Pong 7c*

**41**

Can you solve this **alphametic** where each different letter stands for a different digit from 0-9?

L=1  
N=7  
O=4  
T=9  
A=0  
E=2

~~O=1~~    1 2 3  
N=2    4 5 6 7 8 9  
T=  
L=  
A=  
E=

$$\begin{array}{r} 174 \\ 174 \\ \hline 1092 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 24 \\ \hline 44 \\ + \quad 44 \\ \hline 1092 \end{array}$$



# This week in History



## 31st January:

**1950** - President Truman approved the US construction of the Hydrogen Bomb

**1990** - The first McDonalds was opened in Russia (Moscow) and served 30,000 people in its first day

## 1st February:

**1992** - George W Bush and Boris Yeltsin make a joint proclamation that the Cold War has ended

**1960** - The Greensboro Sitins (after 4 Black College Students are denied service at a Lunch Counter) begin

## 2nd February:

**1943** - The German 6th Army surrendered to Russia in Stalingrad

## 3rd February:

**1870** - The 15th ammendment prohibiting the US government from denying a citizen the right to vote based on 'race, colour or previous condition of servitude'

**1919** - The first meering of the League of Nations was held

## 4th February:

**1932** - The first Winter Olympics was held in the USA

**1938** - The animated film Snow White and the 7 Dwarves is released

**1959** - The invention of the Barbie Doll

**2013** - France overturned a 200 year old law banning women from wearing trousers

## 5th February:

**1917** - Congress pass the Immigration Act which required a literacy test for immigrants

**1953** - Sweet rationing ended in Great Britain

## 6th February:

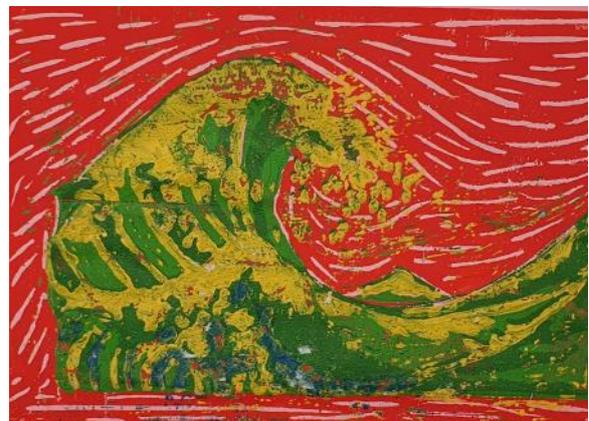
**1952** - King George VI dies making Elizabeth II soverign of Britain



# Art Department

## Miss Kirby writes...

Year 8 completed their Hokusai inspired lino prints — here are some examples from 8T. We are up to date with the photography for the Creative Catalogue so all year groups will be bringing some completed artworks home next week.



# Wetherby Sport

**Mr Burrows writes...**

## **Sports Report**

On Monday afternoon, our Under 11s took part in fixtures against Fulham Prep and North Bridge House. The B and C team enjoyed two impressive wins, however the highlight was a magnificent win for the H team against North Bridge House's D team. The stars of the afternoon were Justin, Harry and Dimitry.

On Tuesday, it was the turn of the Under 9s who played against Fulham Prep and North Bridge House once more and they didn't disappoint with wins a plenty. Yesset, Armaan and Arman were all brilliant for their respective teams.

On the same afternoon, the Under 8s played at Arnold House in two thrilling fixtures. With Maxim and Bonham performing brilliantly.

On Wednesday, the U12 and U13s were involved in a fantastic afternoon of rugby against Fulham Prep and North Bridge House. Mr Criddle's A team travelled to Wellington College and despite a number of key players being absent, the boys performed heroically in a memorable encounter. Mr Trencher's U12 As were victorious in a performance to remember against Fulham Prep. Omer, Jack, and Ethan all impressed with the rugby they put on show.

The Under 12s also played some exciting games on Wednesday against Fulham Prep and North Bridge House. Sav, Ethan and Jonah were magnificent in their fixtures.

On Thursday afternoon, the Under 10s treated us to some stunning rugby against Orchard House, Fulham Prep and Thomas' Battersea. The highlight of a great afternoon of sport was the hard fought win for the G team with some wonderful skill on show. Lorenzo, Sasha and Talraj put in brilliant performances for their sides.

Another great week of sport at Wetherby Prep.

# Enrichment

Miss Hood writes...

## Philosophy for Children Workshop

On Wednesday morning, Year 6 took part in a Philosophy for Children (P4C) workshop. The boys took the lead on a philosophical enquiry and held challenging, yet respectful, discussions. It was great to see the boys getting involved in a variety of activities and expanding their ways of thinking!



### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hugo K	6C	Cezar J
4M	Zahaan M	6E	Jack W
4P	Victor P	6F	Hugo S
4S	Armaan C	6M	Benjamin B
	Uzay E	7B	Maximilian B
4T	William H-M	7C	Ziyang P
5F	Zach A	7H	Raahil H
5K	Maxi P	7L	William D
5L	Tarek S	8A	Ilya W-H
5S	Thomas J	8C	Felix von S
		8O	Taymour A
		8T	Felix La T W
		8V	Finn C

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Hugo S—33
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### Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5F 188	Form 4S 180	Form 5K 162

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Westbourne</b> Captain C. Paolini	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain K. Kar	<b>Dawson</b> Captain A. Govindan	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain F. von Saher
577	376	370	323

### Yearly Housepoint Totals

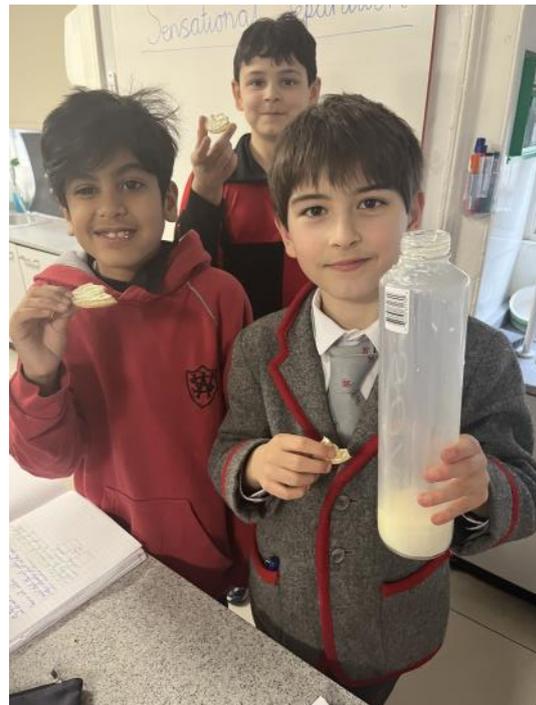
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# Photos of the Week

Max D with his ABRSM diploma



## Year 5 making butter in Science



## Cookery Club



## Lego Club



## Drama Club



## Advanced Artists



## Chess Club



Victor visited the Design Museum and the Roald Dahl museum the last two weekends. He was glad to see the museum of the author whose books he has all read. The exhibition at the Design Museum on Waste was outstanding and we spent 2 hours looking at what waste is created and how we could avoid it. Victor especially liked the indestructible toaster that you can keep for many generations.



**THE OPTIMIST TOASTER - A CONCEPT FOR DESIGNING OUT WASTE**

Some 90% of old radios, irons and kettles end up in landfill. This inspired The Agency of Design to produce three concept toasters that demonstrate different approaches to end-of-life design. One of these, The Optimist, is designed to be unbreakable, with few moving parts. After a costly initial outlay, it will last for generations. It is made from easy-to-recycle aluminium.





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