

# WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Spring Term | Week 20



## WEEK 20 — Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Monday 21st February:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 A @ Arnold House Festival @ Saracens – 2:30pm Return 5pm
- U11 B, D, F vs. Thomas's Fulham (A) - 2:15pm Return 4pm
- U11 C, E, G vs. St Anthony's (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 22nd February:

- Year 3 Art Workshop with Jilly Sutton – am
- Year 8 French Speaking Exam – all day
- U9 A, C, E, G vs. Arnold House (A) - 2:15pm Return 5pm
- U8 vs. Arnold House (A) - 2:15pm Return 5pm
- U9 B, D, F, H vs. Thomas's Fulham (H) - 2:15pm return 3.45pm
- 4M & 4P 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 23rd February:

- Author Talk to Year 7 with Peter Bunzl - am
- Arnold House U13 A Tournament (A) at Saracens—2.30pm Return 5pm
- U13 B vs. St Anthony's (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- U12 A – C v Eaton House the Manor (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- London Swimming League Final U12 & U13 at Latymer – 4:30pm
- 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 24th February:

- Book Sale in the Pioneer Hall – all day
- U10 A – H vs. King's College, Thomas's Fulham and Arnold House (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- School Management Meeting – 4.30pm
- 4S & 4T 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 25th February:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Fancy Dress Friday – Literary Theme
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed [LIVE on Instagram](#)  - 8:30-9:30am
- Friday pm Club Programme
- London School Swimming League Years 3-6 Final – 4:15pm

### Saturday 26th February:

### Sunday 27th February:

# From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

Thank you, first of all for reading this Wetherbuzz, but also for the many comments I have had since writing last week about the planned rotovating of my lawn over half term. Lots of best wishes, helpful advice and, from one of you, the contact details of a company that will take my efforts and the possibly catastrophic outcome from the equation. Sometimes you do just have to hold your hands up and...call in the professionals...

Older son Patrick will be no help as he is on a different half term but even if he was off next week, he will/should/hopefully be revising for his mock GCSEs at the start of March. Looking at his schedule, my advice was, "Do a lot on Physics," as I remember that paper being the most difficult of all when I did these same exams in 1989. I recalled to him that even the first question on that exam stumped me. It was, 'Explain why you have to push backwards to move forwards? (4 marks)'. At the time I think I puffed out my cheeks, shook my head and moved straight to Q2 but Patrick's response to this question was more bullish. "That's the easy question to start off with, it just relates to Newton's Third Law – don't you know anything?" Err, yes I do thanks very much Patrick, but I think the answer here lies not in my own ignorance and certainly not the oft-quoted 'Exams were harder back then' but rather that schools are much better and more directed these days at teaching towards exams and strategizing pupils towards particular examination techniques – something that was very much left up to the individual when I was at school. No substitute for hard work though; I trust Patrick will be putting in the hours over his half term...

No need for any parent to put the hours in revising for our Quiz Night, though, which after a two-year sabbatical, returns to the Pioneer Hall on Thursday 3 March at 7pm. Always a fun occasion and Mr Thorne and I will be composing a Quiz that has something for everyone's knowledge, skill and interest. Please get a team together and email Jude to secure your ticket – like Lennon and McCartney, Morecambe and Wise or even the Chuckle Brothers, after March 3<sup>rd</sup> there will never again be a Baker & Thorne Quiz Night...it's our swansong so make sure you can always say, "I saw them live"...

And whilst we are on the topic of PTA events, great excitement in the building as I write this as 'Staff Appreciation' is in full swing with some incredibly generous, thoughtful and creative gifts from the boys to their teachers today and a remarkable spread being put together in the staffroom next door for all of us to enjoy after the last boy has left today. Thank you to all those that have worked towards this important event in the calendar – for Staff Appreciation, it is truly appreciated by us all.

Have a great half term,

Nick Baker

## Scholarship News

This week we heard the excellent news that Elendu U (8V) and Sam B (8C) have been awarded 'Outstanding Talent' scholarships to Harrow. A fantastic achievement for both boys and recognition of their 'outstanding' skill in swimming and squash respectively. On the board you go!

I also have news of another scholarship...but I am sworn to secrecy until parents are formally notified...always good to spread the news over the year though and something to look forward to after half term...



*Bring your own bottle!*



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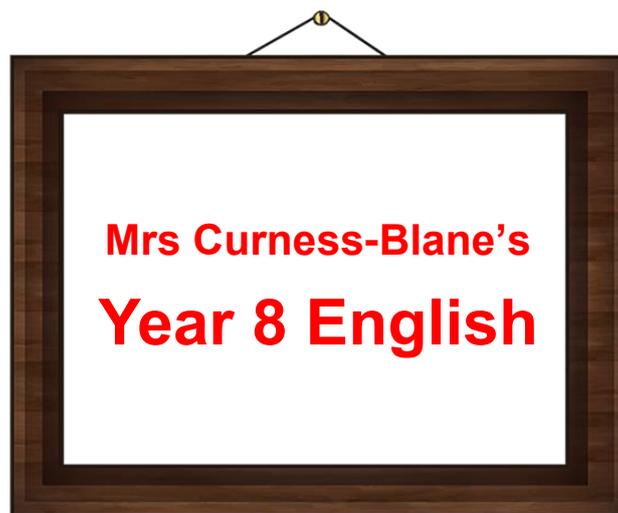
*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Charlie K. Charlie has really improved this year and is a delight to be around. In Riding Club on a Friday afternoon the instructors are really impressed with him. During the mock exam week he had a very mature attitude to revising. Well done, Charlie!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Willoughby H in 8V. Willoughby has been refining his craft at scrum half this season and is one of the 1st XV's most consistent performers. Always looking for options, always competitive, Willoughby sets the agenda for the whole team. Well done, Willoughby!



**Mrs Curness-Blane's  
Year 8 English**

*Class-Achievement*

# Kindness Cup



## Louis P

Louis is always kind but was a particular superstar during this week's TPR lesson. After he had finished his work he offered to help other boys and went around to answer boys' questions. He then helped to tidy up the books and classroom unprompted. What a superstar.

*Miss Orpwood*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

### ◆ Franklin C

I would like to nominate Franklin C for the Kindness Cup award because he has been helping me carry my heavy rucksack around school as I have a fractured wrist, and it has really helped me. Thank you.

*Kaspian B*

### ◆ Sean S S

I would like to nominate Sean for the Kindness Cup. I hurt my leg falling the downstairs and Sean helped me walk to Jude to get an icepack.

*Beau F*

◆ **Mateus F-R**

Mateus repeatedly wished the French Department an enthusiastic "Happy French Day!" whenever he saw us in the corridor on Tuesday. It was very kind of him, especially as it was a Upper School one and Mateus is in Lower School, so was not even involved in the festivities. Always nice to share some positivity around school!

*Mlle. Flomet*

◆ **Zach A**

I want to award Zach Abela the Kindness Cup because I lost a Rubik's Cube and he gave me one because I was sad.

*Elliot S*

◆ **Ziyang P**

Ziyang took on the monumental task this week of organising the boys in 7C to put together my card for Teacher Appreciation Day. It was such a lovely gesture, an extra responsibility that he didn't need to put on himself, but one that he knew would make people smile. A true act of kindness.

*Mx Cox and the boys of 7C*

◆ **Aarav P**

Aarav had made a Kahoot quiz on Electricity and, because Miss Kennedy told me how fabulous it was, I asked him if I could use it with my Year 5 classes. Aarav sent me an email with all the login details to access the quiz, written like a professor! It was so kind of him to share the details, and due to his professionalism I think he could become an honorary member of the Science Department!

*Miss Lister*

◆ **Paddy B**

Paddy was awesome and cleaned up the drama suite after two whole year 5 groups had had their break and snack. He has such natural caring and kindness instincts!

*Mx Cox*

◆ **Sulleman A and Finlay D**

These boys have designed the tour choir hoodies and they are going to be amazing. I think it may be a Wetherby first to have designed our own hoodies. Solly drew several designs which we voted on and Finlay chose the colour and style. Thank you both for making them so unique, we can't wait for them to arrive.

*Miss Orpwood*



# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</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

- More music and drama lessons.
- Boys across the school need to make sure they are as tidy as possible in the Dining Room.
- Wetherby Masterchef - one boy works with one member of staff. School Council to judge.
- Savoury items included in the next Bake Sale.
- At the Summer Fair, have a water balloon stand. Maybe throw a water balloon at the teacher.
- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 8:30am in the Small Dining Room.**

**Have a wonderful Half Term, everyone!**

# Notices

## WE WANT YOUR BOOKS!



### BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

Please bring in book donations **EXTENSION OF DEADLINE**

**BEFORE WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

*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	William P
Michael P	The Mystical Sausage
Thomas M	Joseph R
	The Penguin
	Marius P
	Ratan D'S

**BRAIN TWISTERS** Puzzle 124

Where should another dot belong?

A SEQUENCE QUESTION.

86

NICE ONE TOMMIES -

*The Aliens have landed*

39

THIS is a Crossnumber with an extra challenge: the answers to the clues below will fit into the grid like a crossword. Your challenge is to fit them all in!

The Clues are:

- $2^4$  256
- $3^3 + 4^4 + 5^5 - 2^2$  212
- $5^2$  25
- $2(2^8 + 5)$  131712
- C times M 100000
- The square root of 256 16
- The 4<sup>th</sup> triangular number 10
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> square number x the tenth prime 261
- The smallest number which has 24 factors 360
- $8^3 + 5^4 + 8^2 + 2^3$  646
- The product of the first three odd primes 105

44

Elia's Room  
78

The Mystical Sausage,  
Forever In Our Hearts

The number of inches in a foot 12  
The number of minutes in an hour 60  
The number of hours in a day 24  
The number of inches in a mile (1 mile = 1760 yards and 1 yard = 3 feet) 63360  
The 4<sup>th</sup> triangular number (you may want to use the formula!) 861  
The prime factors of 30 in descending order 532  
The square of the second cube 64

**3H investigating the area of different rooms around the school using the digital laser measuring equipment!**



# French Department

Miss Flomet writes...

## French Day

*Bonjour tout le monde!*

The French Department organised a French Day this Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

The boys from Upper School had the opportunity to try different activities: blind tasting, with a lot of savoury and sweet flavours to taste; portrait drawing, like the famous Place du Tertre, in the lovely neighbourhood of Montmartre; *la Pétanque*, a traditional game, very popular in South of France. A French-inspired menu was prepared by the Chef, which was topped off with *mini éclairs au chocolat*.

It was a real success and boys thoroughly enjoyed getting involved.

A special mention to Mme Hilmi-Obadia, Mme Rieu-Ponsonnaille et M. Bourget, the Wetherby Parents who were integral to making the day go smoothly. *Merci beaucoup pour votre aide.*

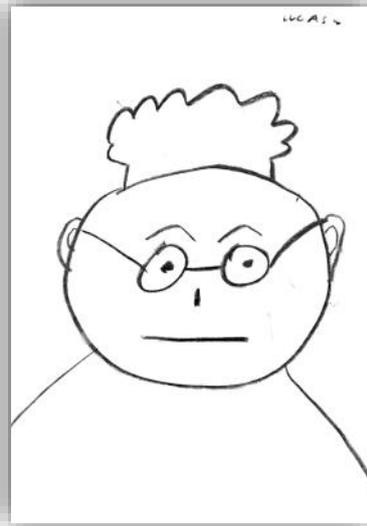
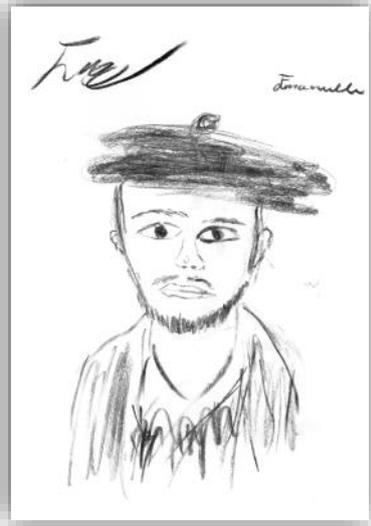


Mr Hallett's drawing



Miss Saddington's drawing









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**Mrs Charlotte Curness-Blane writes...**

### **Year 4's Pancake Competition**

This week, Year 4 and I have been looking at how 'Pancake Day' celebrations vary across the world. 'La Chandeleur,' coming from the Latin 'candelarum,' in France originally commemorated the presentation of Jesus at the Temple, and customs dictated that candles were lit at midnight as a symbol of purification. It also became tradition that crêpes were made as a symbol of prosperity for the coming year.

Year 4 are competing over half term for a feature in the Wetherbuzz. Pupils should post a photo of their crêpe-making, preferably holding up the correct French label for their ingredients! Entries are to be posted to the boys' 'General' French Teams channel. Bonne chance!

# History Department

**Mx Cox writes...**

## **The Townsend Warner History Prize**

One month ago, 35 boys from Years 6-8 sat the Townsend Warner History Prize (a prestigious award that you are hand selected for and whose previous winners include greats such as George Orwell and Wetherby Prep's very own Faris Firoozye!). Thousands of students from all over the country compete every year and the challenge for Paper 1 is to score a place in the top 250 using your incredible historical knowledge! The results for Wetherby Prep are in and we have a staggering 25 boys through to Paper 2!

This is an incredible achievement and every single one of the boys should be incredibly proud of the hard work they have put into completing the competition. I am thrilled to be working with so many boys towards Paper 2 (which will be sat after the half term) and just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge congratulations to those boys (and all those who sat Paper 1).

To push the celebrations even further, multiple boys earned a place in the top 100 students in the UK, an outstanding feat. The results are below (their accompanying number is their place out of all nationwide participants). If you see any of these boys around school, give them a big congratulations and wish them luck for Paper 2!

- 6. Redmond M
- 10. Ludo B
- 17. Saverio A
- 33. Mikhail A
- 41. Ilya W-H
- 48. Aman G
- 65. Aaron M-S
- 72. Xan L
- Lucas W
- Ansel G-S
- Elendu U
- 117. Henry M-S
- Harry Lund
- 125. Elias R
- Willoughby H
- Jake M
- 142. Finn C
- 156. Leonardo G
- 166. Casper M
- 189. Federico R
- 195. Alexander S
- 210. Dillon Du C
- 222. Harish R
- Maximilian B
- 246. Alexander G



# This week in History



## 7th February:

**1971** - Women in Switzerland were granted the right to vote

**1974** - Grenada is given independence from Great Britain

**1984** - Astronaut Bruce McCandless become the first human to fly free in space

## 8th February:

**2014** - McDonalds opens its first restaurant in Vietnam

## 9th February:

**2009** - A storehouse of 30 Egyptian mummies have been unearthed inside a 2,600 year old tomb in an excavation of the necropolis at Saqqara, Cairo

## 10th February:

**2005** - Prince Charles announces he will marry Camilla Parker Bowles

**2006** - An Ancient Egyptian Tomb was discovered in the Valley of the Kings. The first since Tutankhamun in 1922

## 11th February:

**1990** - Nelson Mandela is released from prison after 27 years

## 12th February:

**1912** - Hsian-Tung (the last emperor of China) is forced to abdicate, ending 2000 years of Imperial Rule

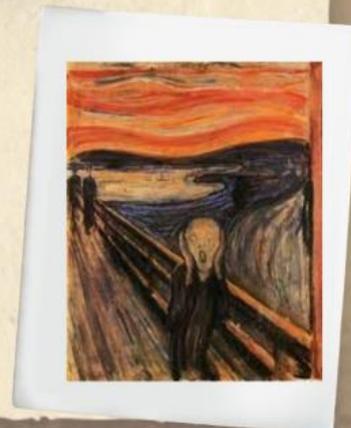
**1924** - Calvin Coolidge became the first U.S President to deliver an address by radio

**1994** - Thieves have stolen one of the world's best known paintings (Scream) from Oslo, Norway

## 13th February:

**1960** - France became the fourth atomic power after exploding an atomic bomb in the Sahara desert

**1975** - UK Coal miners receive a 35% pay increase



# Science Department



We are so excited for WPS to celebrate Science Week this March! Half term is the perfect opportunity to start planning and designing your project for the Science Fair. Working scientifically, you will conduct your very own science experiment, analyse results, form a conclusion and present your work on a display board. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, your project will be displayed in Pioneer Hall with all other entries. A guest judge will pick the winners and prizes for the top three entries! Please find attached the 'Science Fair Guide' which will help you with your scientific method and display board.

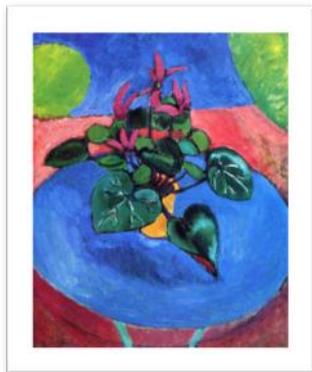
**Display boards must be given to your Science Teacher by form time Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.**



# Art Department

## Miss Kirby writes...

We have been working on still life artworks including cyclamen and comparing the work of Matisse and Freud.



# Wetherby Sport

**Mr Burrows writes...**

## **Sports Report**

Wetherby Rugby action was kicked off this week by the Under 11s on Monday. The highlights of the afternoon were memorable wins for the C, D and E teams with Reno, Abdullah and Ale, the stars of the show.

On Tuesday afternoon, The U9s treated us to some superb Rugby in their fixtures against St. Antho-nys and Thomas' Fulham. The A, C, D and H teams registering wins with some super rugby. Ulysse, Kosei, Miles and Richard were particularly magnificent.

On Wednesday, the U12s and U13s participated in games against Thomas' Clapham and Newland House. The U13 A and D teams picked up great wins, alongside the U12Bs. Harry, Adrien, Omer and Aran were all outstanding,

Finally, Thursday afternoon saw the U10s compete in fixtures against Arnold House, North Bridge House and St Anthony's. Victor, Blake, Grayson and Charlie played incredibly, as the A, B and C teams all came away successful.

Another great week of sport at Wetherby Prep.

# Out of School Achievements

## Aymen A Year 3

Aymen qualified for two very important tennis tournaments. His hard work is paying off. Not only did he qualify for 9U Grade 3 but he was able to qualify for 10U Grade 3. Well done, Aymen!



### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Lawrence Ene A	6C	Methu M
4M	Yesset S	6E	Henry S
4P	Oscar G	6F	Hugo S
4S	Maxwell M	6M	Ratan D'S
4T	Ahmetzhan A	7B	Alexander L
5F	Isaac R	7C	Ari S
5K	Pierre Z	7H	Ethan R
5L	Theodore J	7L	William D
5S	Ilia K	8A	Ilya W-H
	Harry W	8C	Felix von S
	Hector N	8O	Elvis S
		8T	Lorenz B
		8V	Casper M

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

<b>Ahmetzhan A - 45</b>
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### Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4S 183	Form 5L 173	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>Pembridge</b> Captain F. von Saher	<b>Dawson</b> Captain A. Govindan
<b>608</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>321</b>

### Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Westbourne</b> Captain C. Paolini	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain K. Kar	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain F. von Saher	<b>Dawson</b> Captain A. Govindan
<b>12,757</b>	<b>8644</b>	<b>7537</b>	<b>7052</b>

# Photos of the Week

Tariq completed the 4,124 piece Lego rollercoaster last month







4T with their kindness jars made in TPR



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