

# WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Spring Term | Week 21



## WEEK 21 — Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Monday 28th February:

- 8V Scholarship Mock Exams – all day
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U11 A – D vs. Hill House (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- U11 E – G vs. White House School, Garden House School (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 1st February:

- 8V Scholarship Mock Exams – all day
- U8 & U9 A – D vs. Caldicott (A) - 2:15pm Return 5pm

#### 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:

- PTA Meeting in the Dining Room – 9am
- 8V Scholarship Mock Exams – all day
- U13 A – C vs. Northcote Lodge (H) - 2:15pm Return 4pm
- U12 A – C vs. Northcote Lodge (A) - 2:15pm Return 5pm
- 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 3rd February:

- U10 A – H vs. St Stephen's, The Hall, Northcote Lodge (H) - 2:15pm Return 3.45pm
- U11 – U13 Swim Meet vs. Whitgift (A) - 4pm Return 7:15pm
- School Management Meeting – 4.30pm
- PTA Quiz Night - 7pm

#### 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
- 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,

Though this column is always positive and upbeat, the narrative is based on events that concern the School and our lives in general and as such, I can't ignore the situation occurring in Ukraine. We don't, and you wouldn't expect us to, take political stances here but war of any kind is destructive and a situation where there can be no winners. I sympathise wholeheartedly with the many members of our pupil, parent and staff community who have communicated with me this week of their personal deep concerns and friends and family members directly affected. I read this week from one observer that war in Europe is 'cyclical and inevitable'; it's a crying shame that this has proved to still be the case in the 21<sup>st</sup> century where one would hope that people are more inclined to think globally rather than nationally. We all hope for a peaceful, rational and common sense resolution in the short term but in the meantime, boys have discussed the crisis in form time and watched the reports on *Children's BBC Newsround* which breaks the situation down into [easily understood videos](#). Please reassure your sons that they can talk to us at school at any time.

In happier and far more progressive and exciting news, you will all have received an invitation via email to the (Leaving) Headmaster's Ball on May 20<sup>th</sup> this year at the Landmark Hotel. As of lunchtime today we are just over 200 parents and staff attending which is remarkable – look forward to partying with you! We can be relatively flexible on the capacity but there are a large number of past parents and friends of the school that we would like to invite so please do sign up over the next few days so we know how many extra people we can get along. If you have not received an email (and do check 'Junk') please let Jude know as she can re-send. A number of you have very kindly paid for staff to attend and extra items that will enhance everyone's experience. If you would like to donate to the event itself and sponsor a 'Photobooth', 'Teacher Table', 'Wine' or even the 'Oyster Man' – worth sponsoring just to find out what this actually entails – do get in touch. Naming rights, either your own, your company or maybe after a member of staff – 'Ogden's Oysters' for example...anything goes at Headmaster's Ball 2022...

Whilst the tickets price covers the cost of the event, the fundraising through the silent auction is a key part of the evening. Many of you have been very generous with your 'lots' and the staff have provided a number of uniquely 'Wetherby' experiences but we would appreciate as many of these 'special/money can't buy' items as possible. Please let me know if there is anything you can offer us – the Ball Committee and I would be extremely grateful.

As a precursor to the 'social event of the year' is next Thursday when we have the return of the 'Wetherby Prep Quiz Night'. Mr Thorne and I will be co-hosting for the last time and going through the questions and rounds this afternoon; it's going to be another memorable evening of quizzing, pizza and general Wetherby Prep bonhomie. We have plenty of parents and staff coming but can usually squeeze another table in last minute so please do let Jude know if you would like to join us.

Finally, pretty much every parental email I have received this week has started with, "Hope the lawn looks ok and rotovating went well." Hmm...I did actually go to the tool hire shop but was told in no uncertain terms, "You're mad if you do that mate". So I did take Mr W's advice (you know who you are and thanks so much for the contact details!) and got a contractor round. He confirmed that rotovating was pointless, what I needed was five cubic tonnes of top soil which he could level out, compact, aerate, re seed and maintain every 3 months for a pretty reasonable sum. Uncomplicated, cleaner, a better outcome...and left me to retire back into the dry to watch the curling...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

## Baby Kit Thomas James Furnell

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Alice Furnell had her baby over half term. Baby Kit (10.1lbs) was born on Tuesday 15th February just down from Vicarage Road at Watford General. Hopefully he will be a future Watford supporter like Mr Baker...

Both mum and baby are doing well, and Oscar has embraced his role as big brother. Kit looks forward to meeting everyone at Wetherby soon!



## Scholarship News

To get into King's College Wimbledon at 11+ is notoriously one of the hardest nuts to crack so to get an offer is a great achievement. Though we have done this before, we had a first this week learning that Alvaro C (6C) has done so well in the assessment process he has been awarded the 'Herbert Rogers Scholarship' Award. Many congratulations to Alvaro – on the board you go!





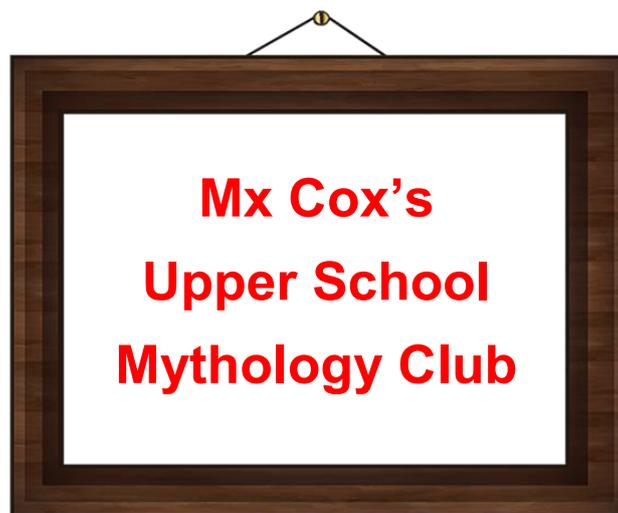
*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Rishaan U in 8T. Over the Half Term, Rishaan was concerned for Miss Andrews Bowen as he knew that she was in Wales and might have been affected by the big storm. He messaged on Teams to find out if she was ok—what a compassionate and thoughtful thing to do!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Charles P in 8C. Charles took part in the Swimming fixture on Wednesday and swam admirably. Fully committed, competitive and always with an excellent attitude, Charles came second in his race and contributed to an excellent team performance.



*Class-Achievement*

# Kindness Cup



**Oliver C 8A**

I just want to say that Oliver is always so lovely at form time, sorting out my room, books on the shelves and putting chairs under. The week before Half Term, in particular, I was grateful of his dry wit and overall kindness. Thank you, Oliver!

*Miss Andrews-Bowen*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Kiran K**

I would like to nominate Kiran Kar for giving me his coat after I had a rugby injury during class to make me feel better.

*John C*

◆ **Carter B**

For helping tidy his friend's space in the Art Room, keeping their artwork safe.

*Miss Kirby*

♦ **8O and Alex DC**

8O and Alex went above and beyond to make my birthday special this week. I was really touched by their thoughtful gifts and how much effort they put in to make the day so lovely and memorable. Thank you for making it a birthday I will always remember.

*Miss Orpwood*

♦ **Taymour A**

I want to nominate Taymour for always being there to give me tips for my swimming at the gala and assuring me that I can finish the race when I am extremely nervous. He also helped me get through my Harrow interview which really helped me!

*Timothée C*

♦ **Kourosh M**

Unable to go to Games due to his injury, Kourosh helped out all morning at the Book Sale. The parents and myself were so impressed by his maturity, polite attitude and bartering skills! A true citizen and a fantastic representation of Wetherby.

*Miss Preece*

# School Council

## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</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

## HAPPY '2' DAY- 22.2.22!

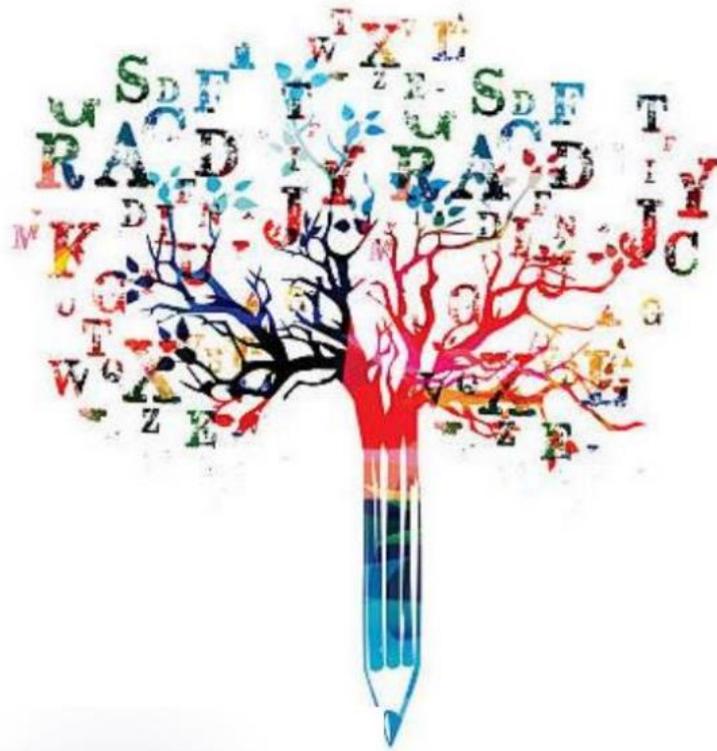
- School Council Reps took some posters around to advertise the Book Sale- this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February.
- Dried mango and other fruit for snack.
- Sound-proofing in the Music Room.
- Housepoints allocated in bulk for key events in the School calendar e.g. sports events, subject weeks etc.
- Housepoints info. displayed on the Dining Room corridor TV as well as the normal wall display (currently outside Miss Lister's Lab).
- 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 29<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am in the Small Dining Room.**



# *Wetherby Literary Festival*

*What a successful week!*





# Creative Writing



## Upper School Champion

Xan Lu



## Lower School Champion

Max Di



**Congratulations to our winners and all those who have taken part. An extremely difficult competition to judge as we had such a high volume of entries that showed outstanding written talent. I applaud you all and look forward to more works of art from our Wetherby writers!**



# The Wetherby Literary Potato Competition!

1<sup>st</sup> Place - James Tarnowski



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Sebastien Brown



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jonah Green



All the entries can be seen here:

[Wetherby Potato Entries 2022.pdf - Google Drive](#)

# History Department

**Mx Cox writes...**

## **LGBTQ+ History Month**

As we come to the end of February, we also come to the end of LGBTQ+ history month. Here at Wetherby, we have a wonderfully inclusive community and are each educated expertly on individual identities, integration and acceptance. However, there is always room for growth and advancement in our education and therefore the following link includes some information specifically surrounding the history of the pride flag and its meaning through the years in comparison to how its progressed, changed and updated as the community has: <https://view.genial.ly/61d579e5d2c6070de7805c93>

In addition to the idea that the community and acceptance surrounding LGBTQ+ issues is still under progress, we should also take some time to consider that we are still a part of that growing history and one of the biggest factors that helps the integration and inclusion of a community is representation in the media. Therefore (and with it also being the end of the literary festival here at Wetherby), I have also put together a list of awesome LGBTQ+ prep school novels for your enjoyment: <https://view.genial.ly/61bcf763e6cbe90e3841d9d7>

## **Mythology Club**

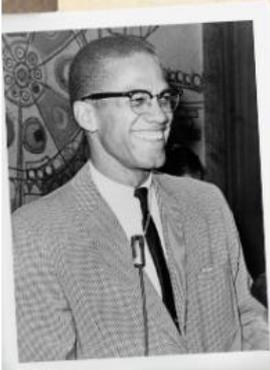
This term in mythology club, the Lower School have looked at Egyptian myths whilst the Upper School have looked into Chinese legends. Follow the links below to find both an introduction to and exposition of the work done by both groups over the last half term!

Lower School: <https://view.genial.ly/621493020ad3110012518b5a>

Upper School: <https://view.genial.ly/621522af406dc70012791c80>



# This week in History



## 21st February:

**1965** - African American leader Malcolm X is assassinated whilst delivering a speech in New York City

**2012** - An Australian diamond mine is found to house a 12.76 carat pink diamond, the largest pink diamond ever found and worth millions of dollars.

## 22nd February:

**1924** - Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House

**1997** - Scottish scientists announce they have successfully cloned an adult sheep named Dolly

## 23rd February:

**1954** - The first injections of the new Polio Vaccine are given to a group of children from Pennsylvania

**1987** - The light from Supernova 1987A (a giant exploding star) began reaching Earth today, it is estimated that the explosion occurred 170,000 years ago, 1 million trillion miles from Earth

**2010** - A United Nations report says 4.6 billion people (2/3 world) now use a mobile phone

## 24th February:

**1903** - The USA signed a lease with Cuba to acquire Guantanamo Bay as a naval station

**1991** - A ground troop invasion of Kuwait and Iraq was initiated by the US

## 25th February:

**1948** - Czechoslovakia becomes a communist nation

**1982** - The European Court of Human Rights deems corporal punishment against Human Rights

## 26th February:

**1952** - Prime minister Winston Churchill announces Great Britain has developed its own Atomic Bomb

## 27th February:

**1922** - The 19th Amendment is added to the Constitution giving women the right to vote

**1997** - Divorce becomes legal in Ireland



# French Department

Mrs Curness-Blane writes...

## Year 4 French Crepe Competition Winners

Bonjour!

Congratulations to all of the boys who entered the Year 4 French Crepe Competition! Our head of French, Mlle Flomet, has chosen her winners!

**WINNER:** Oscar G in 4P, for his excellent crepe-making video.

### Runners up:

4S: Uzay, Reis, Michael

4P: Layth, Erik, Maxwell

4M: Henry, Yesset

4T: Ulysse, Noa, Roman, William W, Jackson, William HM

### Commendations:

4S: Zakhar, Alexander, Aarav, Tariq, Armaan

4P: Victor, Richard, Giorgio, Ashvin

4M: Lukas, Zahaan, Myles, Gabriel

4T: Shixuan, Edward, Leonardo, Minas, Kian, William G





# Art Department

Mrs Garvey writes...

## Workshop with the artist Jilly Sutton

This week, we were honoured to invite artist, Jilly Sutton, into Wetherby. She joined us for the morning on Tuesday and the boys from 3H took part in a woodwork, sculpture and painting workshop. The boys used balsa wood as a base for their sculptures, then with hacksaws and sandpaper created the shape of a face. They then added to their sculptures using pieces of wood, feathers and other found natural materials to bring their faces to life. Well done 3H for creating such exciting and interested pieces of artwork and many thanks to Jilly for giving up her time to spend the morning with it. A lot of fun was had by all.





# Wetherby Sport

**Mr Burrows writes...**

## **Sports Report**

This week's rugby at Wetherby Prep commenced as the Under 11s took part in fixtures against Arnold House, Thomas' Fulham and St Anthony's. The A team were victorious in their festival of rugby at Arnold House, whilst the E and G teams were superb in their matches against St Anthony's. Dan, Max and Isri all played fantastically.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Under 8s and 9s played against Thomas' Fulham and Arnold House. There was some excellent rugby on show. The 9A team led by example all afternoon, as they were superb, clinching a dramatic victory. William, Ricky and Roman were the stars of the show for their respective sides.

On Wednesday, the Under 12s and 13s put on a great spectacle as they played against Arnold House and the Hall. The First 15 side who were hampered by injuries picked up an impressive hard fought victory against Arnold House, whilst the B team were u lucky to just lose out to St Anthony's. Sean was superb for his side, in a display littered with quality throughout the team.

On Thursday afternoon, a festival of a rugby took place down at the Wetherby Sports Ground as the Under 10s took part in some great fixtures alongside KCS, Arnold House and Thomas' Fulham. The F team provided the moment of the afternoon, with a late try clinching a brilliant win against KCS. Aaron, Pierre and Dante were all incredible for their respective sides, to round off another brilliant week of sport in great style.

# Philosophy for Children

## Miss Hood writes...

Philosophy for Children (P4C) workshop with Year 5 on Wednesday morning. The boys delved into discussions and debates around the topic of desert island survival during the Ancient Greek times. It was great to hear the philosophical insights that the boys had, and how well they articulated their own ideas and how well they listened to others' ideas!



# Charities

Miss Preece writes...

## Book Sale

A fun-filled day for all! Thank you to the generous Wetherby boys and parents for their book donations, and to the fantastic parent volunteers who helped make the day a success! A special thank you to those involved in organising the Lucky Dip, which was a firm favourite amongst all the boys.

We are still counting, but the Wetherby community has raised an estimated total of over £925!



### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hugo K	6C	Leonardo P
4M	Zahaan M	6E	Zachary N
4P	Ashvin T	6F	Hugo S
4S	Denis B	6F	Dylan E
4T	Shixuan Y	6M	Ratan D'S
5F	Hugo J	7B	Ansel G-S
5K	Ilia K	7C	James A
5L	Leonardo V	7C	Adrien C
5S	James M	7H	Dylan Jac F
		7L	Tyler N
		8A	Federico R
		8C	Lucas W
		8O	Elliot S
		8T	Lorenz B
		8V	Mikhail A

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Hugo K - 47
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### Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 3H 238	Form 5L 200	Form 4S 170

### 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>565</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>340</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>13,322</b>	<b>9134</b>	<b>7888</b>	<b>7424</b>

# Photos of the Week

## Fancy Dress











## Denis's architecture pursuits



Year 6 working on their 'Hundertwasser' inspired drawings





**Year 4 getting creative and cross-curricular for Literacy Week. They made these fabulous books marks with Miss Kirby in Art!**



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