



Week 29 Monday 16 May – Sunday 22 May 2022

Monday 16 May 2022

- Staff Meeting in the Dining Room 8am
- U11 A, B and C vs The Hall (H) 2:15pm, return 5pm
- 5F and 5K Parents' Evening 5-8pm

After School Clubs:

Drama (LS), Coding Digital Design, Debating (LS), Football (Y3-5), Homework Club, Indoor Sports, Japanese Anime Drawing, Fencing (Y3&4), Rock Band (Y7), Rock Climbing and Wetherby Voices

Tuesday 17 May 2022

- Winton Cup Humanities Competition for Year 6 at Stowe all day
- P4C Workshop for Years 3 & 4 8:45-10:45am
- U8 & U9 A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H vs Caldicott (A) 2:15pm, return 5pm
- Mr Baker to Harrow Prep School Heads' Dinner eve

Morning Clubs:

Guitar Ensemble, Mental Maths, Rock Band, Tennis Club and Touch Typing

After School Clubs:

Chess (US), Choir (US), Coding Minecraft Education, Cricket, DT & Engineering, Homework Club, Mythology, Rock Band, Fencing (US) and Wetherby Cubs & Scouts

Wednesday 18 May 2022

- Breakfast Concert in the Pioneer Hall 8:15am
- Lower School French and Drama Workshops all day
- Maths Guest Speak for Years 7 & 8 am
- 1st & 2nd XI vs St Paul's Junior School (A) 2:15pm, return 6pm
- 3rd & 4th XI vs St Paul's Junior School (H) 2:15pm, return 5pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting 2:45pm
- Drummers' Extravaganza in Drama Suite 5pm

Morning Clubs:

Handwriting, Rock Band, Swimming (LS), Swimming (US) and Tennis

After School Clubs:

Chess (Y5), Coding Lego Robotics, Cookery, Fencing (Y5), French, Homework Club, Nimble Minds Reasoning (Y5), Rock Band, Rock Climbing, String Ensemble, Swimming (Y3&4) and Table Tennis

Thursday 19 May 2022

- U10 A, B, C & D vs Thomas's Clapham (A) 2:15pm, return 5pm
- School Management Meeting 4:30pm
- Mr Baker to Prep School Heads' Event at Oundle School eve

Morning Clubs:

Football, Swimming and Wind Band

After School Clubs:

Advanced Fencing, Composers, Chess (Y3&4), Creative Writing, Dodgeball, Film Making, Homework Club, Maths Revision, Mythology, Music Composers and Science

Friday 20 May 2022

- Whole School Assembly at the Church of Annunciation 8:30am
 LIVE on Instagram
- U9 Cothill Cricket Tournament (A) all day
- Wetherby Year 4 Cricket Tournament (H) 12:30pm
- Headmaster's Ball at the Landmark Hotel 7pm

Afternoon Clubs:

Advanced Artists, Arts & Crafts, Badminton, Board Games & Puzzles, Cartoon, Chess, Cookery, Cricket, Eton Fives, Film Review, Football (Advanced), Horse Riding, Lego, Percussion Ensemble, Public Speaking & Debating, Robotics F1 Microbits, Rock Climbing, School Play, Skateboarding, Team Sports, Wetherby Cubs & Scouts and Wetherby Magazine

Dear Parents.

Summer is upon us with some much warmer weather over the past week or so and an opportune time for me to get out on the bike again after a winter of 'fair weather' cycling inside the world of Zwift. Joseph, now a year older, a year stronger and five stone lighter than me, is bombing up the hills and easily keeping up with his older and heavier father. We explored a few new trails, found a new café and are fully back in the cycling zone. As if to tease my eagerness, Harrow emailed me details of their 'long ducker' bike ride this week – an eighty mile, marshalled tour of the Chilterns – starting and finishing at the School. I forwarded to Mr Lock and within minutes we had both signed up, representing both Wetherby and our new schools. Now I have something big to aim for, I can start to plan a training schedule and get on the 'Nicky Baker diet', which basically means no cheese or peanuts – I can do this...

Scholarship season is coming to an end and I was delighted to hear from Eton Admissions today that Casper Maclean and Willoughby Hassall were both rated as 'Good' passes at the notoriously difficult papers. This is a fantastic achievement for both boys after a year of hard work. And more news via an email today from City of London Admissions to inform me that Kiran (8T) has been awarded an Academic Scholarship due to his 'exceptional performance' in their papers last week – on the board you go! I remember teaching Geography to Kiran in Year 5 and there was no more organised, precise nor committed boy in the year group than Kiran – this is well-deserved reward for a truly exceptional Wetherby Prep boy.

A week from today and we will all be doing our hair (I had a haircut yesterday and Brig had her nails done a suitably 20s colour...whatever that is...) and getting ready for the Headmaster's Ball at the Landmark. I went through final arrangements with the committee today and it is all extremely exciting. The silent Auction is now LIVE at http://www.wetherbyauction.com and bidding can now officially start. There is also an opportunity to make a donation to the Nick Baker Bursary Fund on this site with more information below from my colleague at the Bursary Fund itself. I am so looking forward to a lot of fun at the Ball and raising a huge amount – we can do this...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

The Nick Baker Bursary Fund

With the Headmasters Ball just a week away, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has already come forward to support the Nick Baker Bursary Fund. As many of you know, we created this Fund as a way to establish a legacy of bursarial support in Mr Baker's honour. All of us at the Gold Standard Charitable Trust are so grateful for the incredible generosity of the Wetherby Prep community which will help to provide a bedrock of support for future pupils.

For those of you who would still like to support the Fund by becoming a Philanthropic Benefactor of the Headmaster's Ball, it is not too late! We still need your support to ensure we can give the gift of a Wetherby education to as many pupils as possible. Please see sheet attached to this Wetherbuzz full feel free to for details and do contact me directly terra.goulden@goldstandardcharitabletrust.co.uk.

Thank you again to the generosity of Wetherby Prep parents. With your continued support, the Headmaster's Ball will be a very memorable evening which will benefit of a wonderful cause.

Citizen of the Week



Filippo - 80

Over the last few weeks Pippo has been working incredibly hard. He is doing well in his lessons, keeping his head down and really pushing himself to do well in his exams. He is a great role model for the boys in 8O who all really look up to him. Well done, Pippo!

Kindness Cup



Lorenzo - 6C

I have been in crutches and Lorenzo has been helping me all week to get me to my lessons, carrying my bag and opening doors for me. He is a great friend to me. *Dmitry*, 6C

Sportsman of the Week



Thomas - 5S

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Thomas in 5S. Thomas hit a remarkable 22 runs off just six balls in this week's fixture against The Hall. Thomas loves his cricket and is hitting the ball cleanly and with excellent technique. Well done, Thomas!

Congratulations, Kiran the Scholar!



Kindness Cup Nominees

Aman (80)

He stayed behind after my lesson and tidied up the chairs and picked up any spare papers or rubbish. Really nice gesture! *Miss Wood*

Cyrus (5L)

Cyrus made a new jumper for Nancy which looks just fabulous. To really make me smile, it is made out of some old clothing, sustainable fashion is something that Cyrus knows I love! *Miss Lister*

Max (5L)

Max knew that Cyrus was feeling a little nervous just before presenting his Curiosity Project to the judging panel. Max said he wanted to 'make Cyrus feel more confident' and so asked him all about the project and what he had done. This has now led to the two boys deciding that they want to meet outside of school to focus on 'engineering' together. Fabulous! *Miss Lister*

Shamil (3H)

Shamil was really helpful and kind during music/drama helping Kosei to follow the script. He was quiet and gentle about it and was unprompted to do so. Really thoughtful. *Mrs Tomsett-Rowe*

Miles (6M) and Leo (6M)

One of the boys in my class was having a difficult day and was very upset. They took him aside and tried to cheer him up. When that didn't work, they came and found me (and Mrs. Lock) and got the boy the help he needed. *Mr Maguire*

Class Achievement of the Week - 7L Drama

Miss Wood writes...

Every week these boys do an exceptional job at working together, going above and beyond in their devised work and always producing well thought out, creative scenes which engage their audience. I always look forward to their enthusiasm and I leave the lesson with a huge smile on my face without fail every single week. A fantastic bunch of thespians!

2025 Entry to Eton College

From the Eton College Admissions Team...

We are writing with a polite reminder for any Year 5 families at Wetherby that might be interested in applying for Eton, that the registration deadline for 2025 entry is **30 June 2022**. The registration form can be found by clicking on the following link: https://application.etoncollege.com

Please note that any applications received after 30 June 2022 will not be accepted. There will still be the option for boys to apply for a scholarship as a non-registered candidate when they are in Year 8, however these places are very limited.

We have very limited availability left on our tours for the remainder of this academic year and cannot guarantee being able to offer a tour prior to the registration deadline. If any prospective families have not yet visited and wish to do so, we ask that they please get in touch and we will send them our available dates. We are also running virtual webcasts via Zoom and prospective parents can book onto these by emailing us directly. We hope this information is helpful and thank you for your assistance.

Enrichment Curiosity and WIRE Projects

Miss Hood writes...

Firstly, we would like to say a huge well done to all boys that entered The Curiosity and WIRE Project 2022. We were extremely impressed with the time and effort taken to explore your chosen topics and enjoyed the artistic flare in the variety of presentations.

The judges found it very challenging to choose the shortlisted projects! All shortlisted boys were invited to Monday's Presentation Evening, where we were joined by parents and teachers to view and find out more about the projects.

All boys should be proud of their work and, after careful consideration from Mr Baker, we would like to say congratulations to this year's winning projects:



The Curiosity (lower school): Cyrus

The WIRE Project (upper school): Rishaan and Raahil

Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium

Mr Metherell writes...

The Battlefields Trip is one of the most popular trips of all time at Wetherby and the numerous times we have run it over the last few years have always resulted in them being 'sold out' and this year was no exception. After having to cancel the trip due to the pandemic we have been waiting to get the all clear to travel again. The trip was open to initially 40 boys, but after 131 responses we enlarged that number to 72. A big undertaking and a sign that the boys have missed this trip!

We departed school on Friday at 6:30am and headed straight for Dover...unfortunately to be met by Operation Stack and congestion at the border and border crossing, resulting in us missing our ferry. The boys were really patient with a delay, but when we boarded the ferry they did enjoy a hearty meal and some early shopping opportunities! We headed first for **Vimy Ridge** in Northern France. Vimy Ridge is such an impressive place with a beautiful memorial dominating the local landscape and the boys spent time exploring the names carved into its base. A few last names were spotted which gave the boys some family research opportunities!



We walked down from the memorial to the Canadian Vimy Ridge Museum where the exhibitions and preserved trenches could be seen. As we walked down they got to see some of the battlefields that have remained untouched since the war, some with deep craters still visible (and an electric fence to keep visitors away from the unexploded shells). The museum is brilliant – it is staffed by Canadian students really knowledgeable about the battle that took place and that historians say gave birth to the Canadian nation. We then drove into Belgium and checked into the hotel in Ypres/leper. We then headed across the square for our evening meal at a local restaurant. Day one was long and putting the boys to be was, relatively, easy.

We started day two by tucking into a hearty breakfast at our hotel – lots of eggs, bacon and pastries consumed. We then went and picked up our fantastic local guides called Johannes and Martin. Firstly, they took us to **Essex Farm Cemetery** which is in the John McRae Memorial Site.

This site is named after the "In Flanders Fields" poet and we saw the bunker in which he worked to save people's lives. Also at Essex Farm the boys were able to see some of the realities of young men signing up to war as we saw the grave site of **Valentine Joe Strudwick** who was killed in action at the age of 15. The boys were really curious about the reasons why boys signed up and lied about their age and their were many questions – and a bit of realisation when they were told the youngest boy who fought in the war was 12.



We then headed to **Langemark German Military Cemetery** and this gave the boys the opportunity to see the 'other side' of the war and how these were also just young men following orders. Both of our guides were very knowledgeable about the different chemical weapons used for the first time in WW1 and the boys learnt a lot about the devastating effects the gas had on the area. The guides also impressed on them the differences between the British and Commonwealth cemeteries and the German ones...the layout, stones, more mass graves. The boys also learned about how Hitler used this cemetery as part of his Nazi propaganda.

No visit to Ypres is complete without paying respect to the fallen soldiers at **Tyne Cot**...after a little picnic lunch we went and visited it. It truly is a remarkable site to see and the boys were taken aback by the number of graves and names on the memorial walls. It was nice to see the boys wander between the headstones looking at the different inscriptions and reflecting on what they were seeing.



We dropped off Johannes and Martin then headed to the **Sanctuary Wood Museum** where the boys got to explore a very unique trench system – some say they aren't genuine but other historians say they are...but they certainly looked the part and were wet and muddy so it gave the boys some picture of the hellish conditions the men would have faced. The museum also has a great number of artefacts that were keenly reviewed by the boys.

We then spent the rest of the afternoon at the **Passchendaele Memorial Museum** which was incredible and a lot of the boys said it was the best museum they had been to – we all agree. It has a replica bunker and another trench system where the boys could see the fire step and the duck board they would have learned about in Year 5 History.



Sampling some Belgian chocolate was our pre-dinner treat before a big meal of pasta bolognaise and then we headed to the **Menin Gate** service. It was an extremely popular service on Saturday and there were hundreds of people in attendance so until the procession the boys mainly had to listen to what was going on (bagpipes and the last post), but it was still a memorable experience. Post service we went and had an ice cream before returning to the hotel for packing and winding down.

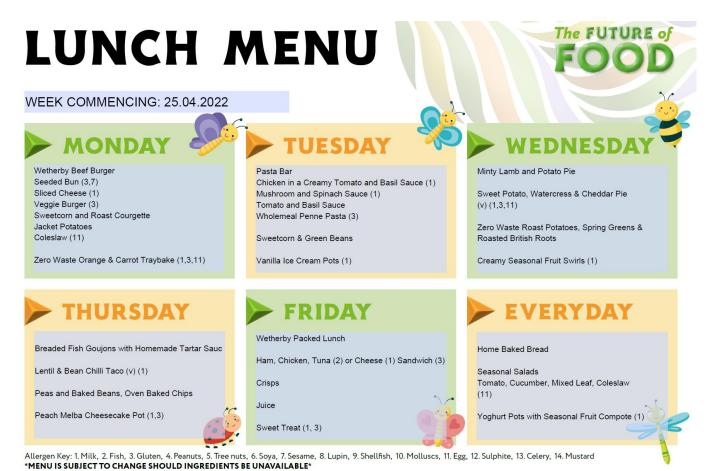
We got up early on Sunday morning and met Rob, our driver, in the square, loaded up the coach and headed down the road to **The Rijselpoort and Ramparts Cemetery**, **Lille Gate**. This is a beautiful small cemetery on the edge of Ypres/leper nestled between the city wall and canal. The boys had a look around at the headstones and were able to look at the different insignia, rank and epitaphs having learnt about these on Saturday. We finished our time in this cemetery with the boys choosing a headstone and spending some quiet reflection time with them – saying goodbye to the soldiers we were leaving behind in Belgium before we headed back to the United Kingdom.



I, and I am sure all of the boys, would like to say a massive thank you to Dr Waldin, Miss Orpwood, Mrs Lock, Dr Lee Miss Flomet and Mx Cox for accompanying us on the trip and helping everything run so smoothly. If you want to see more pictures from the trip, check out the school Instagram.

This trip will run again next May for boys in Years 7 and 8 (from September 2022). More details to follow from the History Department.

Week 29 Menu from Chef Peter



Chess Competition Winners

Mr Tony Niccoli writes...

Hurlingham School hosted their first school team event last Sunday. We sent a team to play in Division 2 (Division 1 was for older children).

Only one team from each school was allowed so I decided to send some of our younger players to take part to give them some competition experience.

They did fantastically and, impressively, came first place in their division! They were awarded a trophy for the school to keep for a year.

Well done to the following boys for representing Wetherby so brilliantly on Sunday:

Adrien (5L), Julian (Y4), Reis (Y4), Zubin (Y4) and Armaan (Y4).



Horse Riding Club visit Royal Windsor Horse Show

Miss Andrews-Bowen writes...

This Thursday, the Year 7 boys from Horse Riding Club watched a range of equine disciplines and even got to see a Cheltenham Gold Cup winner! Coneygree, who won the 2015 Gold cup, made a stunning appearance competing in the Racehorse to Riding horse class – what a treat! The boys also watched the Olympic Gold Medalist, Scott Brash competing with his new superstar 'Hello Mr President'. A fantastic day out which was enjoyed by all. A day to remember!



School Library Notices

Ms Punatar and Ms Sanderson write...

Parent Volunteers Needed

We are still looking a couple more parent volunteers to helps us expand the boys' access to our school libraries. If you are interested in volunteering your time in Summer Term for either of these weekly slots:

Mondays 8:45–11:45am Tuesdays 8:45–11:45am

Please email <u>library@wetherbyprep.co.uk</u> with the subject 'Parent volunteer'

Birthday Books

We are relaunching a past initiative called 'birthday books' where boys can donate a book to the library in their name to celebrate an upcoming birthday. For more information about how to donate and what it involves, please email library@wetherbyprep.co.uk with the subject 'Birthday books'.

Readerly Monthly Competition

The form for submissions into the Readerly competition will open next Friday (20th). To enter, the boys will need to:

- 1. Find the link to the entry form either on Teams or in the Readerly.
- 2. Fill in personal details and details of the books they have read this month.
- 3. Evidence their reading either by: a) attaching a photo of their Reading Record entries or b) submitting a handwritten summary of each book read.

From the TPR Department

Miss Bidie writes...

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 6 who won the Ethics Project competition. Well done to Methu (6C), Felix (6E), Dino (6F) and Samuele (6M).



From the Geography Department



Mr Thorne's beautiful red Earth Day flower.



Dr Waldin has been hard at work!





Peas, broad beans, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, beetroot, herbs, strawberries, luffa, courgette and Sichuan pepper. Yay. Dr W.



The Earth Day Challenge was made on Earth Day this year to get boys, parents and staff to plant suitable plants in the spirit of greening London and responding to climate change. We have had lots of staff entries, but none from parents or boys. Can we level up?

Email pictures to Dr Lee andrew.lee@wetherbyprep.co.uk

> Miss Lister's recent greenery, and she is pottering with a terrarium too. Bravo. Plants in a jar!





Dr Lee's Cosmos has already attracted 3 peacock butterflies to a garden that has never before seen them.









From the History Department

This week in History

9th May:

1955 - West Germany joins NATO

1974 - The Nixon impeachment hearing begins for President Nixon's involvement in the Watergate cover up

10th May:

1912 - The Titanic sets off on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York

1925 - The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald is published

1972 - 70 nations (including USA and Soviet Union) sign an agreement banning biological warfare

1998 - The Good Friday agreement between Britain and Ireland is signed

1930 - A Civil Rights Act prohibiting housing discrimingation and protection for Civil Rights Workers is introduced in America

1970 - Apollo 13 is launches by NASA

12th May:

11th May:

1961 - The Space Race continues as Soviet Yuri Gagarin becomes the first man in Space

1981 - USA launches their first Space Shuttle (Columba)

1992 - Europe's Disney Land opened

13th May:

1949 - The Nuremburg Trials ended with 19 top aids to Hitler recieving up to 25 years for their part in war crimes

14th May:

1906 - Mount Vesuvius errupts (this lasts 7 days)

1912 - The Titanic strikes an Iceburg and begins to sink

15th May:

2010 - Obama announces \$6 billion is to be given to NASA and predicts that astronauts will be sent to orbit Mars by the mid-2030s





From the Maths Department

Maths Challenge

Mr Gascoine writes...

Boys who have answered correctly and therefore achieved eternal greatness:

	Lower School Maths Challe	enge	
Michael	Shixuan	The Dentist	
Lawrence	Sushi Master	Michael	
Thomas	Thomas	Marius	
Mingze	Cheese Curd	e Curd Sami	
Joseph	Roman	Oak Nuggins	
The Penguin	Louis	Lumberjack	
Small Cabbage	Methu		
	Upper School Maths Challe	enge	
Michael	Sushi Master	Michael	
William	Oak Nuggins	Thomas	
Lumberjack	Bruno	Big Cabbage	
The Denousin		Joseph	
The Penguin	Methu	Joseph	
Dead Swan	Methu Roman	Joseph Cheese Curd	
	Roman 747 F3NGI of each pair is the same.	Cheese Curd	

Please remember to write your full name on the answer sheets and put all entries in the box outside Mr Lock's Office and 6E.

Housepoints

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

	Lower School		Upper School
3H	Kosei	6C	Methu
4M	Luca	6E	Henry
4P	Erik	6F	Hugo
48	Ahmetzhan	6M	Samuele
4T	Isaac	7B	Leonardo
5F	Hugo	7C	Bohan
5K	Stefanos	7H	Zain
5L	Adrien	7L	Harish
5 S	Thomas	8A	Aydan
		8C	Felix
		80	llai
		8T	Kiran
		8V	Suleman

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Hugo – 34

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4P	Form 5L	Form 5K
194	153	152

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne	Chepstow	Pembridge	Dawson
Captain C. Paolini	Captain K. Kar	Captain F. von Saher	Captain A. Govindan
543	336	315	308

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 Capital A. Govindan
18,388	12, 603	10,536	10,090

Out of School Achievements



Fencing

Well done to Zehen, 8A, who achieved a 3rd Place Bronze Medal in the British Youth Fencing Championships at Sheffield which were held 30 April to 2 May.

This was his first time fencing in the Under 14 Boys category.

An achievement we are all proud of – good work, Zehen!

Tennis

Well done to Aymen, 3H, for reaching the final of the National Tour South at the National Tennis Centre. He played outstanding tennis over two days event and won nine matches in a row and lost in the final but played beautiful final match.

This achievement today will place him in the top ten boys for U9 in the LTA rankings in the UK.

Due to his outstanding performance and excellent behaviour on court, he has been selected to participate in the U9 regional performance camp on 19 May. The day will be headed up by Mark Hayden, the 10U LTA National Coach for the London and South East along with County Coach representatives from the region. Well done, Aymen!





Swimming

Ayden, 5S, and Thomas, 5S, won medals in a competitive swimming event last week.

Ayden won a bronze medal for 50m butterfly and Thomas won a silver medal for 200m individual medley.

They were exhausted from all day competing but happily brought some medals home!

Well done, boys!

Curiosity and WIRE Projects Photos

Curiosity Project Finalists:



WIRE Project Finalists:













CREATIVITY

ORIGINALITY

INDEPENDENCE



Photos of the Week





Oscar and Maxwell in 4P creating Viking longships on Minecraft during break following their History lesson!



Raf with his Grandfather's Yashica Mat EM Camera from the 1960s!



7B's attempt to see how high their pencil tower can go!







