

Week 35
Monday 4 July – Friday 8 July 2022

Monday 4 July	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports Day 12-3:30pm – see note below• Leavers' Disco – 7-9:30pm	NO CLUBS OR HOMEWORK CLUB – School finishes at 4pm
Tuesday 5 July	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 8 to Go Ape – all day• Prize Giving at St Mary's Bryanston Square – 6pm	NO CLUBS OR HOMEWORK CLUB – School finishes at 4pm
Wednesday 6 July	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winning House Trip to Margate – all day• Year 8 Treasure Hunt – am	NO CLUBS OR HOMEWORK CLUB – School finishes at 4pm
Thursday 7 July	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A practical guide to Senior School to Y8 – 10:45-11:45am• Year 8 Rolling Mega Quiz – pm	NO CLUBS OR HOMEWORK CLUB – School finishes at 4pm
Friday 8 July	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 10:30am• School Closes for the summer – 1pm	

Dear Parents,

What an emotional week – on Wednesday, we welcomed the boys and parents I will never get to know to New Boys' Evening and then last night, joined over 400 past and present parents at my farewell party. Thank you for your kindness, most generous words and best wishes. It has been a pleasure to serve you over the years, and your brilliant children make everything worthwhile. And a very nice 'Wetherby Prep' touch to invite my mother and wife. As we have always done with Friday Assembly, if your son is to receive an award, we'll tip you off in advance, and similarly, I was very touched that this gesture was extended to us teachers as well...

I'm really looking to receiving my new bike, which Mr Lock assures me is arriving this weekend – I will take a picture and put it in my final letter next week. I did hear, though, that the original intention was to get me a dog... something I have pined over ever since my two Tibetan Terrier dogs, Sasha and Lucy, passed away in 2008. Brigid, probably sensibly (what with my new job and all) declined the incredibly kind offer... though I did say, "Why would you say no to that?" But thank you, as you have definitely sown a seed. I will get settled in at The Beacon and then get a dog...and I'll call it 'Bryanston' in memory of my time at Wetherby Prep.

I will write next week – I like to write, as you well know – but this is the last formal 'Wetherbuzz' of the school year. Thank you to all staff and parents who have sent in contributions. I am biased, of course, but it is easily the most accessible and interesting school newsletter out there. Thank you also to all those that have 'interacted' with it by following up with me on some of the content that fills this column. It always amuses me as to what piques the interest of the Wetherby community and no better example than the fascination with my back lawn. I wrote about this in February (suffering writer's block at the time) and remember saying to my Proofreader-in-Chief Mr Thorne, "Is that too much information?" And ever since, parents and staff ask me regularly, "How's the lawn going?" So here we are – pictures of before, during and after the re-laying and re-seeding. So now you know...and another one of my last jobs to tick off before next Friday...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



The Nick Baker Bursary Fund

I am delighted to announce that through the Headmaster's Ball and Appeal this year we have raised £208,000. Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to this project. It will genuinely change the lives of future Wetherby Prep boys and allow me to continue to engage with the school in a small but significant way.

End of Term Arrangements

As we come towards the final week of term, please note the following:

Monday 4 July

Sports Day – boys can either attend school as normal and be transported to the Sports Ground for a 12pm start or arrive with parents for a 12pm start – all boys **must be in the white PE kit**. No lunch will be provided at school on this day. Normal bus service will run from Wetherby Sports Ground or parents can take their boys direct. The event will finish no later than 3:30pm. All other boys can return to school but pick up from Bryanston Square could be as late as 5pm.

Tuesday 5 July

Prize Giving – this will be held at 6pm at St Mary's Bryanston Square (on Crawford Street). Boys in Years 6, 7 and 8 must attend with their parents. Boys must wear **full school uniform and strictly no trainers**. Boys and parents in Year 3, 4 and 5 are welcome to attend but attendance is not compulsory – the event will be live streamed via Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>.

Friday 8 July

Final Assembly – **10:30am** (an earlier time than originally posted) at the Church of the Annunciation. All parents invited to attend. Boys can be picked up from the Church or come back to school for 12:30pm bus service or 1pm pick up.

Class Achievement of the Week – Cast of Pantastic!



Citizen of the Week



This week's Citizen of the Week is Kosei (3H). Kosei has made enormous progress since joining the school at the start of Year 3 and his comprehension of English has exceeded even our most bullish predictions. Kosei is a real character and well known to our community – well done!

Sportsman of the Week



This week's Sportsman of the Week is Tariq (4S). In this week's fixtures against Arnold House, in the last ball of the match, Tariq picked up the ball in the field and threw it towards the stumps. It was a direct hit and ran the batter out - a real champagne moment to finish the game on!

Kindness Cup



William

I think William should get the Kindness Cup because at break, he helped me when I got stung by a bee.

Isaac

Kindness Cup Nominees

Bowie

Bowie really helped me out during a Drama lesson by lending me a new pen after mine exploded! He is always so kind. *Dastan*

Maxi

Thank you, Maxi, for letting me borrow your blanket during our camping trip- this helped keep me nice and warm! *Ali*

Ali

Ali is forgoing his birthday presents this year and instead is collecting money for charities that are important to him. An amazing example of kindness for those who are less fortunate. *Miss Bidie*

Zachary

I nominate Zachary because he has treated me well throughout the whole year by helping me find my classes and always being friendly to me. I would like to thank him for making my year so great. *Thomas*

From the TPR Department

Miss Bidie writes...

Congratulations to Alexander (8V) for receiving a 'Highly Commended' for his submission to the ISRSA essay competition. A huge effort and a fantastic achievement, well done!

Thank you to Mrs. Blair who kindly came into school on Tuesday to talk to 5K about Islamic practices and traditions. It was such a valuable session that the boys found so engaging. Their questions were so insightful, and it is all thanks to Mrs. Blair's fantastic presentation!

MUSLIM WOMEN.....

.....ALSO MUSLIM WOMEN!!!
DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

MUSLIM INVENTIONS & DEVELOPMENTS

- Surgical Instruments.
- Coffee
- Hospitals
- Algebra
- Maps.
- Camera.
- The Toothbrush.
- THE ZERO!

From the Learning Enrichment Department

Miss Bevan writes...

Naomi Martin will be running her usual touch-typing lessons throughout July and August at Fulham Boys School.

Her courses are excellent and particularly benefit pupils with dyslexia and dyspraxia.

Please visit www.nmtouchtyping.co.uk and see the attached flyer for further details.

Naomi Martin 
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Contact Naomi: Tel: 07949 204 553
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From the Maths Department

Ms Punatar writes...

Year 4 have produced some amazing revision board games. I was genuinely stunned by their creativity!





WPS Ski Trip 2022 – Tuesday 13th to Monday 19th December 2022

Miss Preece writes...



I am delighted to announce the return of the WPS Ski Trip this winter to the world cup resort of Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria.

This trip is a recreational ski trip for beginners to expert, for skiers and snowboarders. Please email hannah.preece@wetherbyprep.co.uk to secure the last of the spaces available – first-come, first-served. This is open to Y5 and above only.

NOTE: This is a different trip from the IAPS Championships in March 2023.

From the School Library

Ms Punatar writes...

Parent Volunteer Library Committee

We were very fortunate to have some Year 4 parents join us in the library on Monday as volunteers. This was the first session of the Parent Volunteer Library Committee, which aims to continue next term. If you are interested in participating in the academic year 2022-2023, please email library@wetherbyprep.co.uk with the subject 'Library Volunteer'.

Birthday Books

A big thank you to **Franklin** in 6C who is donating a complete collection of 'Diary of A Wimpy Kid' books to the library. He celebrated his 12th birthday this week!

If you are interested in donating a book to the library to celebrate a student's birthday, please email library@wetherbyprep.co.uk with the subject 'Birthday Books'.

Readerly Monthly Competition

Thank you to all the boys who entered June's reading competition, particularly those who entered for the first time.

Congratulations to **Victor** (Year 4) and **Marc** (Year 5), who were June's winners. The monthly competition will continue next year. Enjoy a summer of wonderful reading!

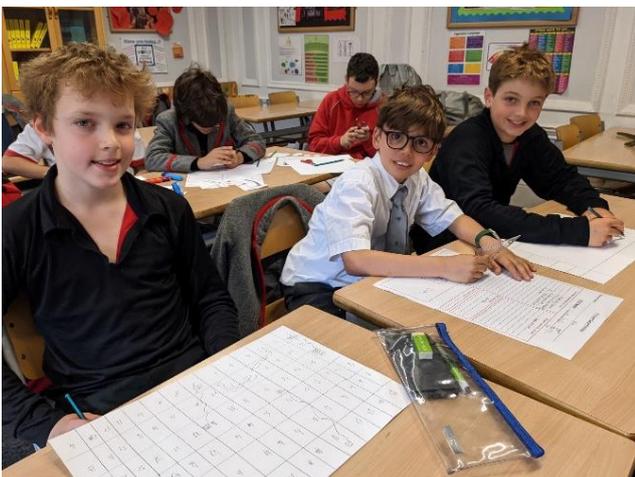
Reading Lists

Please see the summer suggested reading lists (from the English Department) attached. Boys may wish to read a book or two from each section in preparation for next year.

From the English Department

Miss Preece writes...

Y7s creating Hunger Game themed board games to link to our class text!



Our Charity Work

Miss Preece writes...

Thank you so much to the Year 8s who held a brilliant charity fete for Year 3 and Year 4 on Tuesday morning.

There were so many excellent stalls for the boys to choose from, and over **£300** was raised for the chosen charities. Great work!



From the Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

Contemporary artist Jonathan Huxley worked with Year 8 to create a UV light installation. The concert, originally in night clubs in New York was adapted for an exhibition in Somerset House in London.

The boys loved the workshop and created some amazing space themed artworks.



Housepoints

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Maxim	6C	Theodore
4M	Zia	6E	Mortiz
4P	Kian	6F	Hugo
	Erik	6M	Moritz
4S	Thanos	7B	Maximilian
4T	Jackson	7C	Bohan
5F	Carter	7H	Adrien
5K	Mateus	7L	Ayaan
5L	Harry	8A	Ilya
5S	Thomas	8C	Rafa
		8O	Kourosh
		8T	Rishaan
		8V	Taymour
			Harry

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Harry– 51

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 5L 232	Form 8C 192	Form 4S 154

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain C. Paolini 524	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher 407	Chepstow Captain K. Kar 363	Dawson Capital A. Govindan 246

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain C. Paolini 20,325	Chepstow Captain K. Kar 14,058	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher 11,751	Dawson Capital A. Govindan 11,208

Out of School Achievements



Noah and Carter Football Stars!

Noah and Carter both won parents player of the year awards with Foxes FC this season.

Grayson's Football success!

Grayson won both the U10 with Cademy and the U11 with FC Shepherds Bush championships at this weekend's Sandgate tournament. The latter he won with Moritz Koenig.





Aran helping his community

Aran 80 has been donating food to his local foodbank.

With the rise in food costs and many people left without jobs and homes, the Westminster Food Bank have been inundated with requests.

If you wish to donate, please contact:

foodbank@westminsterchapel.org.uk

Westminster Foodbank
Westminster Chapel
Buckingham Gate
London SW1E 6BS

Aymen – tennis champ!

1st Place All Stars Summer Championship 2022 for 10U at Chelsea Harbour Club on 26 June 2022.



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