



Week 8

Monday 7 November – Sunday 13 November 2022

Monday 7 November	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower School Assessment Week • Staff Meeting in the Dining Room – 8am • U11A, C, E & G vs Arnold House School (A) – 2:30pm, return 5pm • U11B, D, F & H vs St Anthony’s Prep (A) – 2:30pm, return 4pm • Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm • 7K & 7W Parents’ Evening – 5-8pm 	<p>After School Clubs: Advanced Drama, Chess, Coding–Digital Graphics, Debating, Fencing, Football, Geography Eco Action, Homework, Indoor Sports, Lego, Rock Band, Rock Climbing, Wetherby Voices</p>
Tuesday 8 November	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower School Assessment Week • Year 5 TPR Trip to the Jewish Museum – 9am–1pm • U8 & U9G, H & I vs Garden House (H) – 2:15pm, return 4pm • U8 & U9A–F vs The Hall (A) – 2:30pm, return 5pm 	<p>Morning Clubs: Guitar Ensemble, Mental Maths, Rock Band, Tennis, Touch Typing</p> <p>After School Clubs: Chess, Choir, Coding–Minecraft Education, Cricket, Fencing, Homework, Mythology, Recorder, Rock Band, Running</p>
Wednesday 9 November	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower School Assessment Week • PTA Meeting in the Dining Room – 9am • U12A & U13A & B vs Northcote Lodge (H) – 2:15pm, return 4pm • U12B & U13C vs Northcote Lodge (A) – 2:30pm, return 5pm • 7A & 7E Parents’ Evening – 5-8pm 	<p>Morning Clubs: Handwriting, Running, Swimming, Tennis</p> <p>After School Clubs: Coding–Lego Robotics, Cookery, Fencing, Homework, Nimble Minds Reasoning, Rock Band, Rock Climbing, String Ensemble, Swimming, Table Tennis</p>
Thursday 10 November	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower School Assessment Week • U10A, C, E & G vs Northcote Lodge (H) – 2:15pm, return 4pm • U10B, D, F & H vs Northcote Lodge (H) – 2:15pm, return 4pm • School Management Meeting – 4:30pm 	<p>Morning Clubs: Advanced Football, Football, Mental Maths, Swimming, Wind Band</p> <p>After School Clubs: Chess, Creative Writing, Dodgeball, Homework, Maths, Science</p>
Friday 11 November	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Meeting in the Dining Room – 8am • Whole School Assembly at the Church of Annunciation – 8:30am LIVE on Instagram 	<p>Afternoon Clubs: Arts & Crafts, Badminton, Board Games, Puzzles & Rubik Cubes, Cantata, Cartoon, Chess, Coding–Microbit Robotics, Cookery, Cricket, Drama, Film Review, Geographica, Horse Riding, Lego, Modern History, Outdoor Activities, Percussion Ensemble, Public Speaking & Debating, Rock Climbing, Skateboarding, Team Sports, Tennis</p>
Saturday 12 November	Sunday 13 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U9 Royal Russell Football Tournament 	

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a very good half term. Much has happened since the middle of October, not least the appointment of a third Prime Minister in four months. As I said, these are unparalleled times, and your sons will no doubt learn from this period and do things differently when they emerge as adults. That is certainly the case with COP27, the 27th United Nations Climate Change conference, which starts on Sunday in Egypt, where the next generation is very aware of the need for radical change. Dr Lee mentioned this at assembly this Friday.

Also, this Friday I mentioned that we will be commemorating Remembrance Day, which is on 11 November, in advance of Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 13 November, with hymns, readings, poems, and the sounding of the Last Post. This is an opportunity for the Wetherby community to reflect on the sacrifice of all those who died in conflict in the service of their country. Parents are very welcome to attend at 8.30am.

It was wonderful to meet so many parents at the Mums' Night Out on Thursday evening. It was a great occasion-look out for more PTA social evenings during the year. Thank you very much for all the organisation of the event.

On a final note, as the evenings draw in, please can we all ensure that we are respectful of the parking areas around the school. For obvious safety reasons, particularly with children around, cars should not be double parked or left running and blocking the movement for other traffic. Thank you for your cooperation.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes,



Mark White

Kindness Cup Winner

This week's Kindness Cup winner is **Tariq Talib** in 5F. Tariq was nominated for the Cup by Mrs Lister-White:

I really enjoy having this boy in my class as he is hard-working, polite, kind and (most importantly) has an incredible sense of humour! He always makes Science lessons more enjoyable just by being in the lab.

Also, we heard how kind and respectful he is in Performing Arts, and how he fills a teacher's water bottle every week in Homework Club!

Thank you for your kindness, Tariq!



Citizen of the Week



This week's Citizen of the Week is **Nathan Risman** in 7K.

Nathan is a delightful and polite student. He works extremely hard in all his subjects and is just a pleasure to have in the classroom.

Having a superb work ethic means he shows perseverance to always go above and beyond, especially with project homework.

Keep up the fantastic effort in school, Nathan and well done!

Sportsman of the Week



This week's Sportsman of the Week is **Oliver Beck** in 8C.

Oliver was the playmaker of the U13 A football team and was awarded the man of the match this week for a magnificent hat trick, away to Arnold House School.

A great end to the week, during which, this talented footballer was offered a Sports Scholarship to Charterhouse School.

Brilliant work, Oliver!

Kindness Cup Nominations

Isaac Rossan – 5L

Isaac always helps people be more organised, especially at the end of the day. I was looking for my friend yesterday and Isaac helped me locate him. He always gives support to his friends.

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Ayden Roumilhac – 6M

Ayden is always the first to offer his headphones, laptop, pen, pencil etc to any boy who needs it and always looks out for younger boys in school. Today he offered to share his headphones and computer with a boy in the class.

Mrs Campbell

Class of the Week – 4P

Miss Preece writes...

They are such a wonderful class to teach and show such kindness always. We had a boy in for a taster session on Thursday, and they were so welcoming, kind and I had so many offers to be his helper. A really super bunch!



WETHERBY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 1st November

Time: 8:30am

Attendance: Ayaan Chadha (Chair of School Council), all School Council Representatives and Mrs Lister-White (Secretary)

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- Conker Competition final will be held THIS FRIDAY 4th November.



- Have a bell/jingle bells/tambourine in the large Dining Room to get the boys' attention.
- Badges for Charity Reps.
- We loved the Sushi Station – can we have as often as possible?
- We prefer thin-based pizza.
- Panettone at Christmas.
- Salmon fish-fingers or fishcakes on fish day.
- Chicken goujons with 'dips'.
- We love inflatables – can we have more of these at the Summer Fair?
- Pegs outside the Dining Room are great! Could we have them numbered to retrieve our bags quicker? Also, taller boys to put their bags on the top row!

The next meeting will be Tuesday 8th November in the Small Dining Room

From the English Department

Miss Preece writes...



'Never Such Innocence is nurturing the next generation of thinkers, leaders and peace keepers through the arts; inspiring cultural exchange and dialogue.'

Year 8 attended workshops with the Never Such Innocence Charity to create persuasive and thought-provoking speeches on the above question, 'What does war mean to you?' Wetherby have worked with NSI for many years, and the workshop provided a brilliant opportunity for the boys to reflect on the realities of war and conflict. We were really impressed with how maturely and eloquently the boys tackled this challenging topic. An example of some of the speeches from Year 8:

G Lund

When I think of the world, I think of an organ system. People and countries working together to operate society. War is like a cancer. It effects everything. Breaking families, relationships and all the things that humans love. The war in Ukraine has one word to describe it - terrifying. How a once ordinary urban country turned into a destroyed and broken land. And miles away people are struggling to feed their families because of the lack of money. How once a mostly sufficient world changed within days to an economic disaster. With refuges being sent far away, scared, and solemn. But this isn't just for Ukraine, this is for war in general. A brutal way of settling an argument of any sorts. We all know that there is no point of ending people's lives in the point of personal gain.

My Grandma ran away from the Nazis when she was a young girl. She travelled across Europe hiding and secretly traveling with her brother. Just to end up in a displaced person camp after the war ended to see the grim effects of the aftermath of the Holocaust. She saw people with no family, no friends and on the brink of death. People with post-traumatic stress disorders and extreme health issues. People who had seen the indescribable. And people who had seen the horror of man. What she saw is the outcome of bad ideology and a grave war.

When you think about things so deep and horrible it must come from the heart. To think that the atrocities people have done for glory of their countries. And the hero's that have arisen for saving lives in the mishmash of the battlefield. Just fighting over land that is scarred by blood. War is a gruesome, horrific thing that shows the raw horror man can achieve.

Bailey Pittack

What does war mean to me?

Unfortunately, wars are always fought over meaningless arguments between two countries, people, tribes and religions. These wars could be any size including a conflict with a friend or between two continents.

Innocent soldiers sent out to risk their lives for their country, graves dug, families torn apart and children suffering. When wars end there are businesses destroyed, homes and memories lost and land decimated. Most of these can be fixed but there some scars which can never be healed. For the families at home, the devastation of losing a loved one is unbearable. We should stop war now! Why can't humans find solutions with peace. The past is the past we can't make history repeat its. War is like a shredder of human lives which needs to be turned off.

Imagine a world without war, a world which has conflicts with no violence, imagine a world when people don't get dragged away from their families to enlist. This is not a dream and can easily be a reality! Would you like to have a world with no war?

I would.

House Conker Competition

Mrs Lister-White writes...

The final of the House Conker Competition was today during Friday Assembly, with an impressive display of conkers from each Head of House. The results are as follows:

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Chepstow Captain X Leventis Miss Preece 132mm 200 HP Tokens	Pembridge Captain T Clerget Ms Punatar 129mm 100 HP Tokens	Dawson Captain A Chatin Mr Gascoine 124mm 50 HP Tokens	Westbourne Captain L Baring Mr Bayes 111mm 25 HP Tokens

Congratulations to Chepstow!

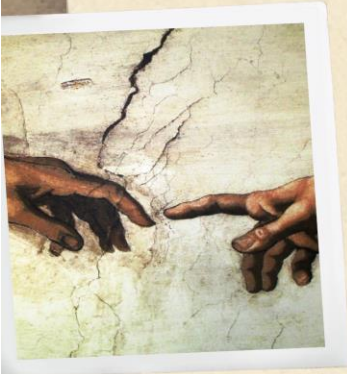
Xan Leventis, Chepstow's House Captain, with the 200 Housepoint Tokens ready to put in his house at school as well as the winning conker!

We hope everyone is looking forward to next Autumn's competition!





This week in History



31st October:

1517 - Martin Luther sends his 95 theses to the Archbishop of Mainz

1541 - Michaelangelo finishes painting "The Last Judgement" in the Sistine Chapel

1876 - Great Backerganj Cyclone of 1876 ravages British India (over 200,000 killed)

1st November:

2012 - Scientists detect evidence of light from the universe's first stars, predicted to have formed 500 million years after the big bang

2nd November:

1355 - An English invasion under King Edward lands in Calais

1698 - Scottish settlers make landfall in Panama, establishing the 'Darien Venture' colony

4th November:

644 - Umar ibn al-Khattab, second Muslim Caliph, is killed by an enslaved Persian captive

1394 - Jews are expelled from France by Charles VI

1493 - Christopher Columbus 'discovers' the Island of Dominica, originally inhabited by the Kalinago

1529 - First sitting of the Reformation Parliament in London

5th November:

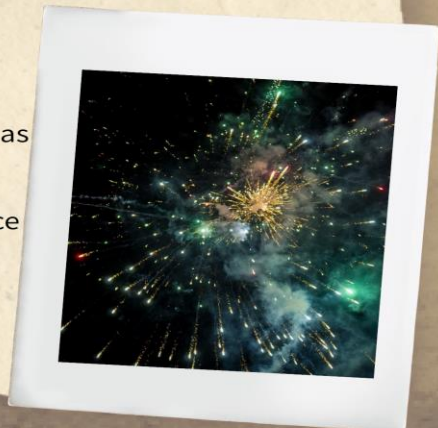
1605 - Gunpowder Plot - Guy Fawkes attempts to blow up King James I and the English Parliament

1639 - The first Post Office is set up in Massachusetts

6th November:

1572 - Supernova is observed in constellation known as Cassiopeia

1844 - Spain grants Dominican Republic independence



Elevate Education Webinar for Parents

How to Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

Miss Casserly and Miss Hood write...

Elevate Education will be continuing their free parent support series on **Tuesday 8th November at 6pm**, with their webinar focusing on helping your child prepare for exams. Please feel free to sign yourself up to attend by clicking the link below.

As a reminder, Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

[Click here to register for free](#)

In this webinar Elevate will be showing parents how to:

- 👉 Create a road map to maximize success in your child's exams
- 👉 Structure their final week before exams
- 👉 Stay on track and avoid cramming or stressing the night before

Housepoints

Lower School		Upper School	
3K	George Petrov	6C	Cassius Metta
4C	Lawrence Ene Adamopoulos	6M	Emir Ergun
4G	Kosei Mamiya	6P	Philip Meier
4P	Lavrenty Evgenev	6S	Stefanos Paschopoulos
4T	Aariv Mirpuri		Robbie Walker
5B	Yesset Serikov	7A	Henry Stoneham
5F	Zubin D'Souza	7E	Salomon Samuelides
5L	Shixuan Yu	7K	Alexander Danantanas
5W	Alistair Burgess Hume	7W	Maximilian van der Klooster
		8B	Maxime Desbiez
			Leonardo Guidi
			Jamie Hamilton
		8C	Timothée Clerget
		8D	Tristan Vickery
		8S	Bear Seidel

Highest Housepoint Earners for the Week

Emir Ergun – 28

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
4T – 248	4C – 138	7W – 132

1		2	7W	Miss Wood	3	4G	Miss Grainger	
4	8C	Mr Criddle	5	8D	Mx Cox	6	7W	Miss Wood
7	4T	Mr Thorne						

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain T Clerget 477	Dawson Captain A Chatin 473	Chepstow Captain X Leventis 449	Westbourne Captain L Baring 420

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Chepstow Captain X Leventis 3,003	Pembridge Captain T Clerget 2,903	Westbourne Captain L Baring 2,592	Dawson Captain A Chatin 2,579

Headmaster's Good Shows

Gold 10 Housepoints	Silver 5 Housepoints	Bronze 3 Housepoints	
Alistair Burgess Hume	Charity	Aaryan Jain	TPR
Benno Seidel	English	Adrien Ponnouaille-Rieu	Mathematics
Benno Seidel	English	Aharon Aminov	History
David Nagy	English	Alexander Hutt	English
Dino Leventis	English	Alexander Riou Marco	Science
Dylan Evans	English	Alexandros Alexandridis	Classics
Hugo Kent	English	Alexandros Alexandridis	English
Hugo Moody-Stuart	English	Cassius Metta	English
James Best	English	Daniel Zecevic	Science
Justin Watt	English	Dmitry Chertishev	English
Leonardo Pennetta	English	Elliot Mikkelsen	English
Maximilian van der Klooster	English	Emir Ergun	English
Niklas Koenig	English	Ethan Nye	Science
Samuele Bertolo	English	Faris Khawaja	Science

Silver 5 Housepoints		Bronze 3 Housepoints	
Sebastian Lavers	Science	George Zhu	Mathematics
Theodore Slater	English	Graydon Penner	Classics
Timothee Clerget	English	Hamzah Sharaf	Science
Tristan Vickery	Classics	Henry Penfold	Science
Yesset Serikov	English	Henry Stoneham	English
		Hugo Kent	Science
		Jamie Hamilton	English
		Lawrence Ene Adamopoulos	Science
		Luca Orlando-Waring	Science
		Marat Zakirov	English
		Max Drouin	English
		Mingze Gao	English
		Pyotr Mamut	English
		Ratan D'Souza	English
		Romell Jaffar	Reading
		Timothee Clerget	Mathematics
		Timothee Clerget	Art
		Timothee Clerget	English
		Yury Sukhanov	Science
		Zachary White	Science
		Zahaan Melwani	English

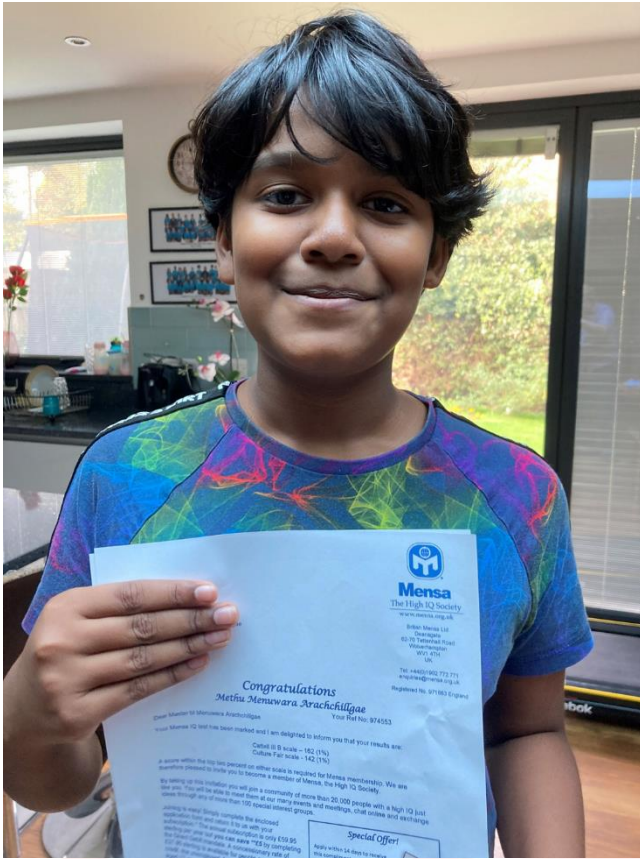
Out of School Achievements

Max Drouin – 6P

Max auditioned for the National Children's Orchestra on the oboe and has been offered a place.

Fantastic achievement, Max!





Methu Menuwara – 7K

Methu entered the exam to join Mensa for fun and has been accepted into the organisation with a brilliant score!

Brilliant work, Methu!



Thanos Pipilis – 5F

Thanos has had some excellent achievements in his latest swimming gala at Harbour Club.

He completed all three strokes with success winning a gold medal in all of them and achieving the fastest time record.

He will now represent the club against Hurlingham Club in two weeks.

Amazing effort, Thanos!

Hector Nahal – 6M

Over the half term break Hector entered a Clear Round Competition at Ealing Riding School on one of his favourite ponies, Sweetie. Well done, Hector!



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