



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 5. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. I know that we are all feeling refreshed and raring to go. We are all really looking forward to having 2 “normal” terms ahead of us. Fingers crossed.

The children have hit the ground running with their learning this term. Have a read below to get a flavour of what each year group has been up to. In year 4, 4O enjoyed the forest school. I went down to visit them in our lovely micro-forest school and was offered a wonderful pine cone salad, served up with a delicious mud dressing, all from a restaurant made that very afternoon out of bits of foraged wood! The children loved every moment of being there (marshmallow eating very much included) and the sun even made an appearance. The children have also been using personification and powerful verbs to write about erupting volcanoes.

Year 3 have started studying the book 'Into the Forest' By Anthony Browne. They have been looking at the main characters and how those characters are showing their feelings. They have enjoyed writing poems, character descriptions and doing some role play. In art, the children have been exploring the work of David Hockney who is an English painter, draftsman, printmaker, stage designer, and photographer.

Year 6 has started the new term full of enthusiasm and curiosity as they explore the writer's ability to create suspense and tension in their new class book: 'The Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. The children have thoroughly enjoyed each lesson, as more of the storyline is revealed: day by day, chapter by chapter. They have shown great empathy as they write from the different character's points of view and discuss how they may solve the problems faced by the characters. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of ratios, learning how to calculate and apply their understanding to problem-solving and how it can be used in real life. During RSE, the children have been exploring and discussing the fact that we are all entitled to our own opinions and how we can respect and embrace these differences.

Year 5 has got stuck into the vicious, blood-thirsty Vikings this week looking at their arrival at Lindisfarne, their God Thor, Asgard, and Valhalla. The children were surprised to learn about the respect they had for women and how they could be a warrior like a Shieldmaiden or were seen in myths like Valkyries and the Goddesses. The children have mastered multiplying tricky mixed number fractions and in art looked at the importance of line. While in French, they have started their journey into different school subjects. It has been a fascinating week!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

### Buster Book Club...Read on a Wednesday



Just a quick reminder about Buster's Book Club. This is a scheme that runs in partnership with Kent County Council, Medway Council and the KM Charity Team and is supported by the KM Media Group.

The aim of the scheme is to encourage your child to read more and that this extra reading should be of literature they really enjoy. We know from research that reading for an extended time from a text of their own choosing can have an impact on a child's academic

progress. Reading is the most important and fundamental activity which impacts on our future life chances. Every week in assembly we celebrate the amount of reading being done at home and we also have a target for improving the number of minutes read on a Wednesday. The children love seeing if they have improved the school % week on week. There are also class prizes to be won. So don't forget, remind your child to Read on Wednesday!!

## Club's update...

Class clubs, Mr Kidd's sports club and Football Futures start next week.

## PTFA news...



Great News! The PTFA Competition celebrating World Earth Day has been extended until Monday 26th April. This gives the children time at the weekend to find and decorate a stone or shell, add their name (*if they can fit it on underneath*), pop it in a named envelope with 50p and bring it to the school office on Monday. Such a fabulous and beautiful way to celebrate our fabulous and beautiful world. We can't wait to see them all and hopefully we

will have enough to display them proudly in the school grounds. We also have some more PTFA events coming up. Check the dates at the bottom of the newsletter.

Don't forget to like the WJS PTFA FaceBook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Whitstable-Junior-School-PTFA-125723597622581>

## Attendance...



Please don't forget to phone the office if your child is going to be absent because if we don't hear from you this becomes an unauthorised absence. Ideally please call by 8:50am and then we won't have to give you a ring. Thank you.

Well Done Everyone!!  
Attendance this week  
was

**97.6%**

## WJS House Certificate Winners ...

These children were selected by the Pupil leadership Team as this week's House Point Certificate Winners for demonstrating our curriculum drivers in their learning.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Lily in 5M- Ash House – Independence

Rosa in 3H - Maple - Independence

Ella in 6RM - Oak - Resilience

Ashton in 4L - Willow - Independence

## House Point Driver Certificates



## Headteacher Award...



### Congratulations to Sammy in 4L

This person has been working unbelievably hard to be independent this week. They have written a fantastic description of a volcano eruption including fronted adverbials, powerful verbs AND personification. I am so proud of how this person has come back to school. Well done Sammy in 4L.

## Letters ....

[Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

## Term Dates...

There are number of dates below that are dependent on the Government COVID Roadmap. Therefore, some events may change or have to be cancelled.

**Term 5 Starts 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**April**

28<sup>th</sup> 4W Fire Pit session

**May**

3<sup>rd</sup> **BANK HOLIDAY**

5<sup>th</sup> 5M Fire Pit session

6<sup>th</sup> Whole School Geometry Day

7 <sup>th</sup>	Number Day- non-uniform - dress up as a number (be as imaginative or low key as you want)
12 <sup>th</sup>	5L Fire Pit session
19 <sup>th</sup>	5T Fire Pit session
21 <sup>st</sup>	Doughy Pizza Kit PTFA fundraiser (information to follow)
24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Science Days
26 <sup>th</sup>	6H Fire Pit Session
27 <sup>th</sup>	6RM Fire Pit session
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	
<b>June</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Ginger Bread sale last day for orders (details to follow)
18 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Ginger Bread Gifts collected
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week
	Year 5 phone calls to parents re: CAT Results and Kent Test
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Activity Week and Year 6 Harry Potter Trip
25 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Quiz
<b>July</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Health and Fitness Week
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
8 <sup>th</sup>	New Year 3 Parents Information Evening
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Disco PTFA
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Performance to parents @ 2pm Main Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Performance to parents @ 6pm Main Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Alphege
20 <sup>th</sup>	Water Fight Year 6
<b>End of Term 6</b>	