



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 30th April 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A great week leading us all to our slightly longer weekend ahead. Have a read below to see what the children have been getting up to.

Year 3 have been learning about fractions and exploring equivalency within these. They have been reading *Into the Woods* by Anthony Browne and considering the characters from their books and their actions. We look forward to reading their diary entries from the main character's perspective tomorrow! In Art and Topic, we have been looking at Kandinsky this week and how his paintings make us feel. We have been producing our own artwork in his style too.



In Year 5, the children have brought to life a character ready to stride into the Viking Sagas they will be writing using all their precise vocabulary and language to Show not Tell the reader about him/her. They have been finding fractions of amounts in maths with using multiplication and division skills and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers - challenging stuff! In PE they have been really enjoying their athletics and tennis lessons in the April sunshine.

This week Year 6 have been busy solving problems with ratios in some real-life situations. They have also been learning about the different circuit symbols so that they can draw and interpret circuit diagrams. As part of Design Technology, they have been exploring how yeast helps bread to rise so that they can make our own bread rolls next week.

This week Year 4 started their new book 'Thieves of Ostia,' which they have used as inspiration for a variety of writing in Literacy. Science has led to some epic exploring of animal classes using post-it notes to create a guessing game based on their new knowledge of vertebrates and invertebrates.



Next week we have Geometry Day (see the message below) where the children have a range of exciting maths challenges designed for them. The following day, on Friday 7th March, we have Number Day. We are inviting the children to come to school with a number on them, this could be a whole costume or a simple badge/sticker. They can wear uniform or non-uniform. We don't mind. Number Day raises money for the NSPCC and so we will

have a collection bucket at the gate for your donations.

Warm regards and I hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend,

Annie Knoupe

Geometry Day Thursday 6th May....

Can you help? Are you; a post person, an architect, a pilot, a police officer?

To support us in our upcoming Geometry day (6th May), we are looking for anyone who is in the professions above that could spare us a few minutes to talk about how you use maths (specifically Geometry) in your work. We are aiming to help bring maths into a real and everyday life context for the children and would really appreciate your help. This could be in the form of a Zoom call with the children, live or pre-recorded. If you think you might be able to help and want to know a little bit more about what it involves, please contact Miss Lodge on rlodge@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to hearing from you.

Buster Book Club...Read on a Wednesday



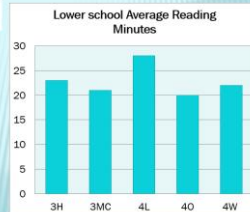
PERCENT OF READERS
IN THE SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY

74%



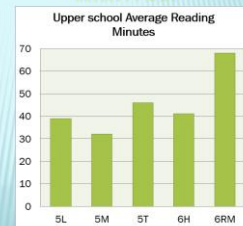
Every lower school class matched or beat their target this week!

LOWER SCHOOL
AVERAGE
MINUTES!



6RM averaged 68mins EACH. Massive well done to everyone.

UPPER SCHOOL
AVERAGE
MINUTES!



PTFA news...



World Earth Day Stone Painting Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered. We found it very hard to choose the winner.

Congratulations to Jurgis in 3H.

His painted stone won the WED competition. We loved his use of a darker stone which we felt represented our world in space really well.



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.

Attendance this week was

96%

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!

Hollie 4L- Ash House – Adventure

Alyssa 6H- Maple - Challenge

Ashleigh 4O- Oak - Challenge

Mia 5L- Willow - Community

House Point Driver Certificates



Headteacher Award...



Congratulations to Bella in 4W

Bella has been really adventurous in her learning. She has shown such determination in maths work by tackling maths questions that have made her really think and apply new learning. By doing this she has been able to show her amazing maths skills. Well done Bella!

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

May

3rd BANK HOLIDAY

5th 5M Fire Pit session

6th Whole School Geometry Day

7th Number Day- non-uniform - dress up as a number (be as imaginative or low key as you want)

12th 5L Fire Pit session

19th 5T Fire Pit session

24th - 28th Whole School Science Days

26th 6H Fire Pit Session

27th 6RM Fire Pit session

28th End of Term 5

Term 6

June

7th Start of Term 6

Year 5 phone calls to parents re: CAT Results and Kent Test in the first 2 weeks

11th PTFA Ginger Bread sale last day for orders (details to follow)

18th PTFA Ginger Bread Gifts collected

14th - 18th Arts Week

14th School Photos- Class Photos and Sibling Photos

21st - 25th Year 6 Activity Week and Year 6 Harry Potter Trip

25th PTFA Quiz

July

1st Transition Day

5th Health and Fitness Week

7th Sports Day

8th New Year 3 Parents Information Evening

9th Year 6 Leavers Disco PTFA

13th Year 6 Performance to parents @ 2pm Main Hall

14th Year 6 Performance to parents @ 6pm Main Hall

19th Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Alphege

20th Water Fight Year 6

End of Term 6