



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school have been learning about special places and World Religion Day (WRD) which is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. This year it is this coming Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Its aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. The purpose of WRD is to work towards a peaceful



understanding between faiths. We are always striving to create a community that shows understanding and inclusivity and this really allows the children to do this.

Alongside learning about WRD the children have been enjoying a whole host of other exciting lessons.

Year 3 have enjoyed using our school atlases to learn more about cities. They also learnt about Hinduism for World Religion Day - focusing on the Hindu place of worship, a Mandir. They immersed themselves in the experience through a virtual tour and were inspired to create Mehndi patterns which they took so much pride and care in.

This week in Year 4 they have started designing their Roman catapults and thinking about the materials they will need to build them. They

have also been learning about the mighty Boudicca! In science they have been looking at the digestive system and what happens to their food after they have eaten it. They have learnt lots of exciting new words like oesophagus! In literacy they have finished writing about the devastation of Pompeii and in maths we have been working hard learning our 11 and 12 times tables and applying them to multiplication problems. For World



Religion Day they looked at the special places in the Islamic faith and created some wonderful Islamic patterns.



Year 5 have been busy learning fascinating facts about the gross, hairy and atrocious Minotaur, as well as mastering multiplying by 2-digit numbers and applying this new skill to word problems. As it is World Religion Day on Sunday, the children visited St Alphege Church and explored this sacred place of worship.

In year 6, the children have been continuing to develop their skills of debating. This time understanding how to produce a balanced-counter argument; they have thoroughly enjoyed some rather heated debates!

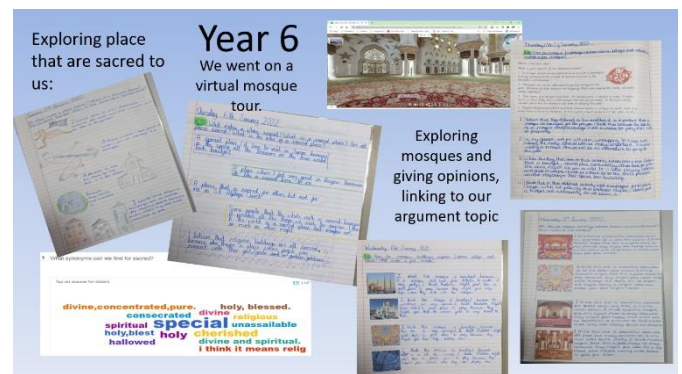
During their art lessons, they have been exploring different shading techniques as they learn to

draw different facial features in preparation for their final piece later in the term. They went on the virtual tour of a Mosque and we hope they will be able to go in person at some point.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe



## Headteacher Award...



### Headteacher Award- Jack in 5L

The Headteacher Award goes to someone who is a fantastic role model to his peers in both his attitude and resilience for learning. He is very community spirited (several members of staff have commented this week on how wonderful he is) and he has shown great independence in his learning. Well done Jack.

## COVID Update...

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to **reduce their isolation period after 5 full days** if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day (no less than 24 hours later). It remains that currently if the LFD test is positive and your child is asymptomatic then you no longer need to confirm this with a PCR.

If your child tests positive, their self-isolation period begins on the day their symptoms started or the day they had the test (we call this day 0) and the **next 10 full days unless** they test negative on LFDs on day 5 and 6. If they continue to test positive, they can only leave self-isolation after they have completed the full 10 days.

## Sporting News...



On Wednesday the girls football team played their final league match against Bysing Wood, in what ended up being an amazing and successful season. Finishing 2nd in a very competitive league. A fitting way to end a season full of highs and personal achievements. A large crowd of both proud parents and teachers witnessed a deserved 2-0 win with Micah and Lily scoring the goals.

The game was played in the spirit,

determination, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and collectiveness that has been evident throughout the season from the whole squad of 16 girls.

This should be the catalyst for the girls to continue playing football within local clubs that their ability clearly deserves.

Well done girls!



## 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. Well-done everyone.

	Amelie – 5H Adventure	
	Charlie – 3O Independence	
	Julian – 6RM Challenge	
	Phoenix -McCalla 4T Challenge	

### House Point Driver Certificates



## WJS Playground Project...

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# So far we have raised £23738

Please remember that any amount is warmly welcomed and if you think you may know someone who would like to support us, please do pass on our JustGiving link [VJS Playground Project JustGiving](#).

## Attendance...

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**94%**

Regular attendance is so important for your child to make progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have a better chance in life.

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.

## Letters ....



Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. [Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

## Term Dates...

### January 2022

**Term 3 Starts Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Clubs start week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan World Religion Day

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan National Story telling week

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb NSPCC Number Day

PTFA School Discos- Lower School 5 – 6 pm Upper School 6.30 – 7.30pm –more info to follow

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb STEM week

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day

**Term 3 ends 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Term 4 Starts 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**