



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has been National Storytelling Week. The children have really enjoyed listening to traditional tales and have even curled up with a hot chocolate and some biscuits while enjoying the story.

Alongside Storytelling the children have been very busy. Here are just a few things they have been doing.

Year 5 has been using their clay skills to make pots in the style of the Ancient Greeks. In Year 6, the children have begun a new exciting adventure in the enchanting world of The Galapagos Islands; exploring it through the eyes of Darwin's servant. The book entitled 'Darwin's Dragons' will take the

children on a fascinating adventure that looks at how evolution was discovered. Year 3 have been learning about money in maths this week and finished their week by



creating their own shops. They were superstars at giving out change and said it was the 'best maths lesson ever!' Year 4 have been learning how to calculate the area of a shape which is not as easy as it may seem.

The children have also had some Speed Stacking Fun. Sports Crew, Upper School Change for Life Club, and other children from Upper School took part in a Speed Stacking tournament. The staff was amazed at how quickly they adapted and learned new skills and managed to work so well as a team. Even though we didn't win any of the different



individual competitions based on our times, we were very close! Well-

done to all of those that took part. There will be further tournaments during the rest of the year so get practicing. Here is a link to show you the 'Individual Cycle' which was one of the elements that the children had to learn

<https://youtu.be/hD2ZnEVXc78>

Today it was Number Day. The children came dressed up as either a Rockstar (like TT Rockstars) or a number and brought in a donation for the NSPCC. It was great to see all the costumes and raise money for a good cause and of course have fun with maths.



Finally it is time to say goodbye to Mrs Amos as today is her last day at WJS. She has been here for 7 years and will be greatly missed. She is a ray of sunshine to work with and I know that she is very much appreciated by all of our parents and carers. We wish her all the very best in her new job.

We welcome Mrs Hannon as our new School Business Manager and she starts with us after the half term holiday.

Please bear with us for next week when the office will be a pair of hands short.

Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## Competition Time...

# COMPETITION TIME!

Making up your own stories is an important part of National Storytelling Week!

Can you write your own 'Twisted Fairy Tale story'.

Entries to Mrs Montgomery; deadline for entries is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February (so you have the weekend after Storytelling Week if you would like it).

Feel free to illustrate your stories if you would like (although I will be judging your wonderful words not the illustrations!).

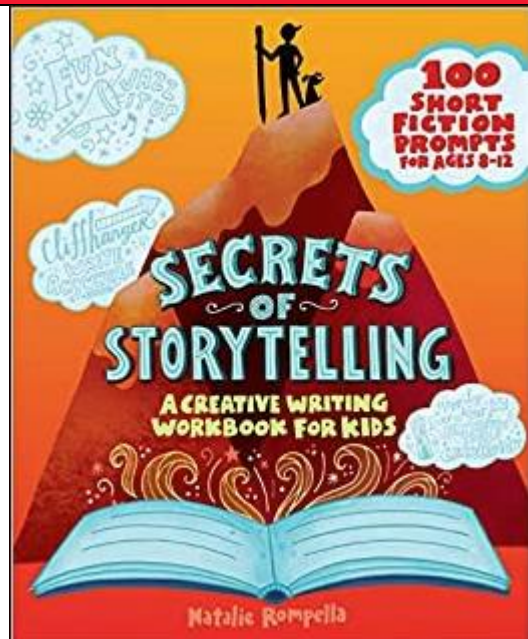
A book of all the entries will be made and put into the library for everyone to read and enjoy ☺

Winning entry from each Year Group will win...

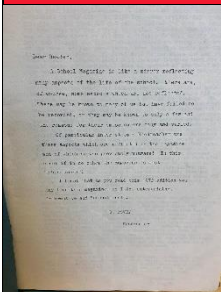


**FAIRYTALES  
WITH A  
TWIST**

Does a well known character end up in a different tale?  
Does the setting change?



We received a rather special envelope in the post this week. It was from an ex-pupil who came to WJS in the 1970's when it was a boy's school. The envelope contained 2 WJS school magazines called The Helm written by the children. He now lives in London and thought of us when he found them. We have written back to say thank you.



## WJS PTFA...

Please help our wonderful PTFA get off to a great start for 2022, by signing up to support us for FREE on [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com).

You can raise FREE donations whenever you shop online with over 6000 retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Ebay, Argos, ASOS, M & S, various insurance companies, holidays and many more. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up - please use the link below.

We really hope you will help us with this and make a BIG difference to our fundraising.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our fundraising.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whitstablejuniorschool/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_content=fdr22-fl](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whitstablejuniorschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=fdr22-fl)

## WJS Playground Project...

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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 [WJS Playground Project JustGiving](#).

## Headteacher Award...

### Headteacher Award- Harry 4T

The Headteacher Award goes to Harry in 4T who is like a bright star of energy when he comes into the classroom, full of enthusiasm for the day ahead and keen to learn. He is always engaged and works so hard. He is also thoughtful and kind, helping out his peers and his class teacher with any jobs that need doing without complaint! He is a happy, bouncy super star! Well done Harry



## COVID Update...

This week we removed the zones at playtime which means lower school classes and upper school classes can mix again during playtimes.

Next week we will be reverting to “normal” lunch time routines.





All children will eat in the hall and once finished they will be able to go onto the playground to play together. We will continue to have Zoom Assemblies and keep an eye on things with a view to reviewing this after half term.


As mentioned previously we have not been running a “bubble” system but we have been limiting the numbers of people in any one space as a way of trying to minimise the spread.



## 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.

	Ludo – 6RM Independence
	Iris – 5L Curiosity
	Dylan – 3MC Community
	Clara – 4W Challenges



### House Point Driver Certificates



## Attendance...

Attendance  
**93%**

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...

### Term 3

#### February

Monday 7th Feb - STEM week and NHS Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

Tuesday 8th Feb - Safer Internet Day

**Term 3 ends 11<sup>th</sup> February normal time of 3:15pm**

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

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- PTFA Cake sale and Second-hand Uniform sale after school.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- World Book Day

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March -Full curriculum reports to parents and carers