



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 4th March 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week the children have had! They have been starting every day exploring high-level ninja vocabulary shared with them by a variety of well-known authors, such as Michael Rosen, Katherine Rundell, and Tom Palmer. In upper school, the words even ranged from juxtaposition, mellifluous and eluding, which they had to put into context. Children have then been immersed in the book 'I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast' written by Michael Holland. A fantastic book that celebrates plants around the world in an inspiring way; providing interesting activities and facts for the children.



Every day, the children have focused on a different section of the book from making Cornflower Slime, using persuasive language to then convince their teachers about superpowers or which part of nature they would change and why, to then designing and making their own wild plant; using high-level vocabulary to describe it and where it can be found.



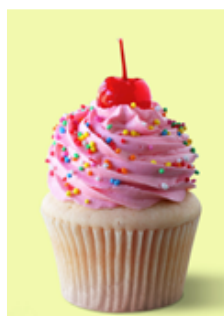
Other activities ranged from leaf printing, writing poetry, making a plant maze and then writing instructions to help someone escape it! In addition to this, they have experienced live lessons from a vast array of authors to inspire them to use their imagination when writing and be inspired to explore new authors.

Of course, we must not forget yesterday and the amazing costumes that filled our classrooms; the children clearly loved having the opportunity to become their favourite characters yesterday, as did the staff!

Huge thanks to Mrs Montgomery for organising the week.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

WJS PTFA... PTFA Cake Sale- Wednesday 2nd March 3:15pm WJS Playground



A huge thankyou to our wonderful PTFA who organized the Cake and Uniform Sale this week. They raised £163.72

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](#).

Sporting News...

Congratulations to the netball team who played last night and won, scoring 6 goals.



Another fantastic sporting achievement for our children as they took part in a Cross Country Competition at Herne Bay High School today, running 1500m against 60 other children from local schools. The results are still being calculated!!



Headteacher Award...

Headteacher Award- Sylvie in 6RM



The Headteacher Award goes to Sylvie in 6RM. She has been chosen because she has blown her teachers socks off this week with her commitment to learning and clear love of reading! Her history work also impressed a visitor so much that they mentioned her work ethic to her teacher. 😊 We are so incredibly proud of this kind and very modest person. Well done!

Times Tables Rock Stars...

We have launched a new drive to get children logging on to TTRockstars!

Every week we celebrate the children's achievements. Take a look at the Hall of Fame below. But we want MORE children logging on and having fun practising those all-important tables which make all the difference in their maths lessons. We will have a display up in school and also children who can complete a tables quest in under 1 minute will earn themselves a Rock Hero Badge.

Finally, anyone who has been on TT Rockstars for 20 minutes every week for the rest of the term will get an extra playtime for all their hard work.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



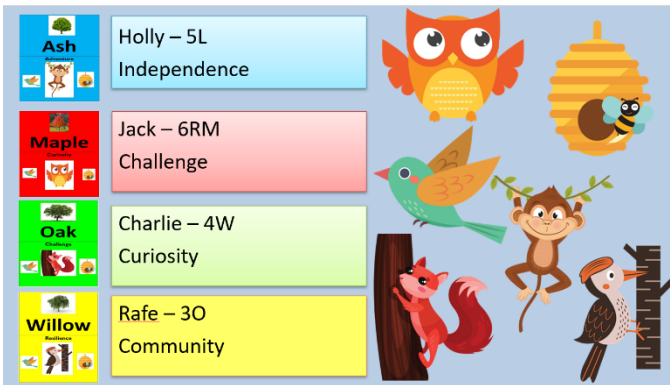
"We haven't seen a performance at Wembley like this since Hendrix in '86!"
Journalist for Kerrang! Magazine reporting on Arlo's gig



HALL OF FAME

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.



House Point Driver Certificates



Attendance...

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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 4

Tuesday 8th March- Chartwells Food for Thought Survey opens-letter to follow.

Fire Safety Talks for all children.

Wednesday 9th March- Collection for refugees/Ukraine- please bring to school today and not before.

Friday 18th March- COMIC RELIEF- Wear Red for Comic Relief and bring a donation.

Wednesday 30th March -Full curriculum reports to parents and carers

Friday 1st April-Last Day of Term 4

Term 5 Starts- Tuesday 19th April