



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 11th March 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very special week to belong to the WJS community. We have talked to the children about the events in the Ukraine and have been so touched by the children's desire to try to help and support in whatever way is possible. One of those ways was to bring donations in on Wednesday and wow did they come up trumps. See the information below to know how appreciated all the donations were. We have such an awesome community.



Alongside this the children have continued making great strides in their learning. In Year 5 the children have been having so much fun as they became official newspaper reporters from the Trojan Wars, writing interesting and engaging recounts. They have also been tackling the tricky method of subtracting fractions, which requires lots of resilience - but well-done children I hear you have smashed it! This week's RSE focus has been on forgiveness and the teachers



have read a beautiful story called the 'Forgiveness Garden' by Lauren Thompson. The children have been thinking about what this teaches them. In DT (cookery) they have made filo pastry spinach and feta parcels. They looked delicious.



In Year 6 this week, the children have had so much fun writing a formal letter to Queen Victoria, as they pretend to be one of the main characters from the story: Darwin's Dragons, as he tries to save the innocent Dragons from near death. Their challenge was to use precise, high-level, and formal vocabulary, they even used words such as supplicate and lamentable! Wow! The children have also been tantalising their taste buds by making and tasting different types of bread, in preparation for them to design their own based on likes and dislikes.



Lower school have had the most Ducktastic Time! The school took delivery of incubating duck eggs and very soon they were ducklings! The children made them all Happy Birthday cards and named the first 4 ducklings: Tiny Tim, Beowulf, Brownie and Dog Duck! All named by the children in a vote! The ducklings have now moved from the incubator to the brooder. We will keep you updated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

Ukraine Appeal...

A message from Emily Lau-our parent who took the donations to the collection point.

Thank you to all our community who donated so generously. In total it was two van loads of supplies including well over 60 bags of nappies, 3 bags full of toothbrushes and toothpaste, 8 bags of dried foods, 2 huge bags of medical supplies, blankets, sleeping bags etc. Quex Barn have lorries going to refugees in Poland and Romania. The next lorry including our donations will go to Romania. Thank you all for making a difference!



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...



A huge Well Done to our Handball Team who competed against 15 other schools this week, and came 5th. We are super proud of how well they worked as a team; representing WJS perfectly. They have certificates to take home today.

Headteacher Award...

Headteacher Award- Rosie in 6H



The Headteacher Award goes to Rosie in 6H. Rosie is such a ray of sunshine in her class. She works with great resilience and is always challenging herself in her learning. Rosie is also so helpful in class and her teacher says she doesn't know what she would do without her. She is full smiles and full of kindness – and a pleasure to teach!
Well done Rosie.

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 15/20 minutes every week for the rest of the term will get an extra playtime for all their hard work.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



"Oh My Gosh!
She's amazing! I
want to be like
her! She's got it
all...the lifestyle,
the famous
friends, the
talent!"
Martha's no. 1 fan



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

	Cody – 4T Challenge	
	Logan – 6H Independence	
	Wilfred – 3O Challenge	
	Ashton – 5H Curiosity	

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

Monday 14th March- Commonwealth Day

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

Monday 21st March- Start of Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 22nd March- PTFA Thank You Gift Shop (more info to follow)

Wednesday 23rd March- Number Day

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

Friday 1st April-Last Day of Term 4

Term 5 Starts- Tuesday 19th April