



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 18th March 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Monday was Commonwealth Day and saw the children create Ukrainian flags using sunflowers they had made for the yellow part. We shared these on the playground for you all to see. It was a lovely way for the children to show solidarity with the Ukraine remembering the Commonwealth Affirmation that is; "We affirm our belief in justice, and peace among people's nations."

This week in year 4 the children have been writing their own fantastic legends based on the story of Beowulf. Our brave heroes and heroines have been battling terrifying monsters and saving lives. The children have also been bravely battling with fractions and have been victorious in calculating fractions of amounts! In science they have been learning all about their teeth and how to look after them and as well as how they compare to the teeth of animals. They have also been enjoying the ducklings who move to their new home today. Their new home is "Retreat into Wonderland" www.retreatintowonderland.com and is in Herne Bay. You can visit the ducklings and are also welcome to make a donation to the sanctuary. <https://www.retreatintowonderland.com/donate>
Year 3 have taken full advantage of the nice weather and enjoyed lots of outdoor learning. From planning and writing poetry outside to drawing fractions in chalk during maths, they have learnt so much.

The children in Year 5 have been busy scientists this week looking at the difference between thermal insulators and conductors when it comes to keeping ice cubes frozen. They have also enjoyed practising their dodging and reaction skills in dodgeball and learning about whether Alexander the Great really deserved the title of being Great.

Year 6 have been getting busy in the kitchen as they explore their culinary expertise through making different types of bread, ranging from flat breads, to gluten-free, to cornbread's, as well as breads from different parts of the world; the year 6 corridor has never smelt so delicious! They have also been mastering equivalent fractions, decimals and % and ensured that they take responsibly of their friendship plants by watering them.

Thankyou for all the donations for Comic Relief today.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

PTFA...

WJS PTFA are giving the children a chance to shop for the ones they love, while raising all important funds for the school.

On Tuesday 22nd March, within the school day, their 'Thank You Shop' will be selling gifts prices £1 - £3.

There will be spring plants, hot chocolate cones, mugs, bath bombs, nail polish & sweets, meaning there's a little something suitable for any loved ones.

This shopping event is cash only and children need to bring cash on the day if they would like to take part.

We look forward to helping the shoppers find the perfect gift.



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- Sunny in 30

This child lives up to their name; they are a ray of sunshine. They are not only always working their hardest, producing the most incredible work and challenging themselves but they do so with this incredible sense of kindness that inspires all those around them. We could not be prouder.

Well done Sunny.

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



"People stop me in the street all the time. I don't mind the attention but sometimes I just want to be left alone." [Beau, Age 9 - nearly 10]



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

	Brooke – 5M Community	
	George – 30 Challenge	
	Isla – 6M Curiosity	
	Sonny – 4W Adventure	

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 21st March- Start of Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 22nd March- PTFA Thank You Gift Shop (info above)

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