



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

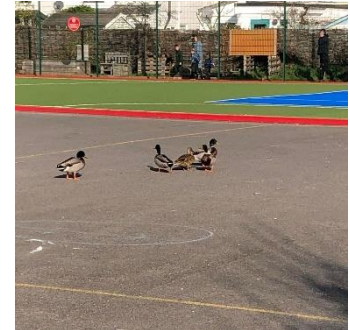
Well this was a week to remember. Jam packed with Shakespeare, Number Day, bread making, shadow making and DUCKS!!!

This week year 4 have continued to read Anglo Saxon Boy in literacy and to challenge themselves with tricky punctuation. They have looked at how to use speech marks in their writing as well as subordinate conjunctions! It has also been Shakespeare Week and year 4 have been watching Macbeth and finding out all about the famous playwright. In maths they have begun looking at decimals and how they relate to fractions work as well as enjoying World Maths Day and thinking about how important numbers are to everyday life.



Year 3 made Peter Pan shadow puppets for literacy and science and told the story! They had the crocodile, Peter Pan and Tinkerbell! They also made number shapes with their bodies.

Year 5 have had a wonderful week appreciating how much we need numbers by reading the story of Plentiful, considering what life might be like without any numbers and playing Nerdle. They also have been developing a balanced argument for whether it is better to have an autocracy or democracy on a ship. What do you think?



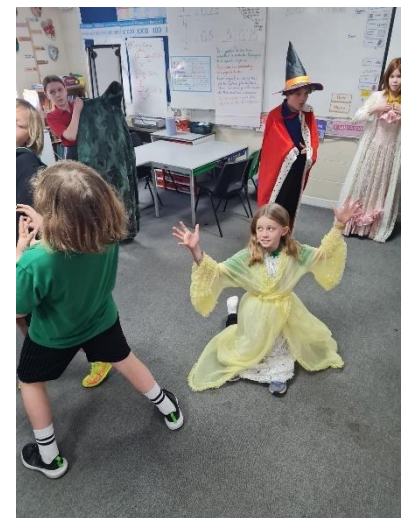
Year 6 have also loved completing the daily Nerdle challenge; if you haven't yet tried it,

you must! The children have also shown great resilience this week as they mastered finding percentages of numbers; mastering both mental and written methods. Well Done Year 6. They have also been demonstrating a real depth of understanding and hidden meaning as they answer questions about this week's poem, The Highwayman. Lastly, they have been completing market research about favourite types of bread and toppings before they make their final design, which we can't wait to taste next week!

Next week is the last week of term 5. It finishes with an Express Yourself Day for Autism Awareness;

**On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April your child is invited to wear whatever they like to school to show that we are all unique and different but we all belong (uniform, non-uniform, dressing up, whatever they like).**

We are also asking for donations for the National Autistic Society to help them continue their wonderful work around the awareness and acceptance of autism. There will be a collection bucket on the gate for any spare change you may have.



Finally, today I had the pleasure of driving Sports Crew to Kent University with Mrs Roy. The Sports Crew represented all of the children today, by taking part in Chestfield Rotary Club's annual Walk-for-Water event. They successfully completed the 6km walk and will be collecting their sponsorships over the Easter holiday. It is hard to believe that some children in Africa have to make this journey every day, just to have clean water. Well done everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## PTFA...

Enormous thanks to the PTFA for holding the Thank You Sale. I know there are lots of lucky carers out there who will be or may already have received some lovely gifts.

The PTFA have further plans in the pipeline so keep an eye on dates.



## 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- Jurgis in 4W

In the words of a very famous song from 'Encanto', "We need to talk about Jurgis"! Your teacher said they would like to nominate you for being kind, helpful and always engaged in your learning. You are hardworking and caring with it, which makes you such a joy to teach. You are a shining star and a real role model for all.

Well done Jurgis!

## 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



"Whenever Mr Ratcliffe comes through the airport we're on maximum security. Tiny Temper doesn't even get that level of protection."

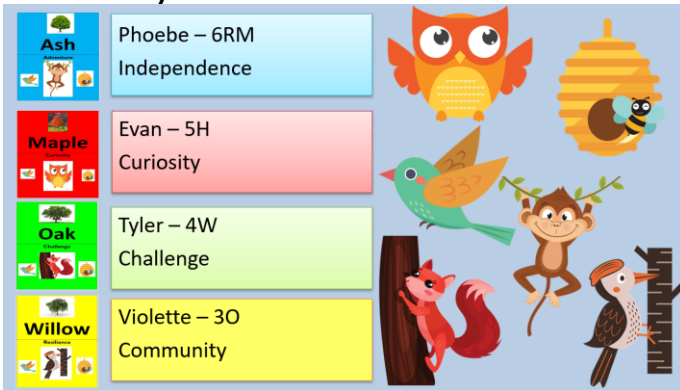
Heathrow Airport Security Official



# 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

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

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April-Last Day of Term 4 and World Autism Acceptance Day- Express yourself! Come to school dressed how you like. Donation for the National Autistic Society.**

**Term 5 Starts- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**