



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 1st April 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final newsletter of term 4 is here and with snow!! I'm wishing I hadn't done some planting last weekend, anyone else?

In Year 5 this week, the children have been exploring both Shakespearean and Greek theatres in literacy and have enjoyed learning about *The Tempest*. They have also created their own play and made traditional Greek masks to show whether it was a comedy or a tragedy. In maths, the children have recognised that less than a whole can also be a decimal as well as a fraction. Also, the children have been having great fun as they rounded off their food technology unit by making delicious traditional Greek Easter biscuits.



In Year 6 this week, the children have also been developing their culinary skills, by cooking the delicious breads that their chosen audience voted for. From following complicated recipes,



accurately measuring out ingredients, to kneading the dough and then decorating it, they have had so much fun and worked incredibly well as a team to produce really high-quality products that have now been enjoyed evaluated. They have also managed to fit in learning about white light and what it is made up of, as well as writing their own modern-day versions of the Highwayman. An action-packed week!



Year 3 have been learning about different modern artists and the impact they have had on the world. In literacy they used the film *Hook* to put their Peter Pan writing into context. They have been mastering fractions in maths and recognising that $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $\frac{2}{4}$. They also enjoyed a final outdoor learning session with the wonderful Mrs Grier.

In Year 4 the children have been debating who should be the next King of England, following the death of Edward the Confessor in 1066. In maths, they have continued to show great resilience in their understanding of decimals. They loved recreating their own version of the Bayeux Tapestry in history, although it wasn't quite the 70 metres of the original! In DT, they have produced some stunning Anglo-Saxon brooches, using great symmetry in their designs. Our fabulous IRock musicians also performed to the whole school and parents. You Rock!!



This week ended with raising the awareness of Autism (World Autism Awareness Day 2nd April) and children came dressed in whatever they liked. It was "Express Yourself Day".

Have a lovely Easter break.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

Sporting News...



Congratulations to our Upper and Lower School Hockey teams, who represented our school with a sense of community, resilience and determination when they took part in the Hockey Tournament this week at Polo Farm. They competed against 23 other school teams from the local area; with one of our lower school teams coming 4th overall; a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of you all.



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- Isla in 6M

This person literally fizzes with the urge to find out more. She has a million questions every day which lead us down magical pathways of discovery and has an intense desire to see fairness and respect for everyone, everywhere. A truly fascinating young lady who makes the world burn a little brighter for her presence.
Well done Isla!

Royal Native Citizenship Award...



Congratulations to all the children who received their RNCA bronze, silver, gold or pearl certificate today. Your examples of responsibility were fabulous. Alfie and Charlie Lau were awarded Outstanding Contribution to Society Certificates for their help collecting the donations for Ukraine.



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



"I get into all the best clubs, people want to shake my hand... it's like being royalty or something."
[Ephraim, Year 4]



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 5 Starts- Tuesday 19th April

Week beginning 9th May- Year 6 SAT Tests in school.

Week beginning 16th May- NHS Lancaster Model Survey Year 6 (more info to follow)

Thursday 19th May- Class Photos

Week beginning 23rd May-Cognitive Ability Tests Year 5 (more info to follow)

Last Day of Term 5- Friday 27th May

Friday 10th June- WJS Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Friday 10th June -PTFA Summer Fair-2:30pm-4:00pm

Week beginning 13th June- Year 6 Residential and Activity Week

Tuesday 21st June- Parent Consultations 5pm-8pm (more info to follow)

Thursday 23rd June – Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm (more info to follow)

Week beginning 27th June- Year 3 Cognitive Ability Tests (more info to follow)

Wednesday 13th July- Attainment and Progress Reports.

Last Day of Term 6- Tuesday 19th July

Sports Day date to be confirmed.