



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 22nd April 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 5. I hope you had a lovely Easter break. The Bank Holiday weekend was a real taste of the summer to come, I hope. The children have launched straight into their learning. Have a read about the things they have got up to this week.

Year 3 have started learning about the amazing Egyptians. They have been reading *The Egyptian Cinderella*, writing their own diary entries and perspectives from different characters. I was lucky enough to read some of these and they were amazing.



In Design Technology they have been looking at the importance of amulets to the Egyptian people and have begun to design their own. In Maths, they have been learning about fractions, making a whole, adding and subtracting fractions.



This week in year 4 they have started a new topic - the Shang Dynasty. This ties in with both literacy and art where they have been reading *The Magic Paintbrush* and creating spirit animals and learning all about willow pattern painting. In maths, children have mastered decimals, dividing by 10 and 100.

Excited for Term 5, and in preparation for their science topic on changing states, the children in Year 5 have been revising their knowledge of materials by successfully escaping



from a tricky, problem-solving activity entitled *The Kitchen* (otherwise known as an Escape Room) as well as helping a supermarket to separate its mixtures that were muddled up. The children have also been using one of their 'words of the day' '(warrior)' and have been investigating the idea of female warriors, ranging from: Shield Maidens, The Valkyries and Goddesses as well as researching how the image of Thor has changed over time (and not just the Chris Hemsworth Marvel version!).



Year 6 have also started term 5 with enthusiasm and wonder as they begin their science topic on leading a Healthy lifestyle, where they have begun exploring all of the organs and muscles in their bodies. As well as this they have been launched back in time to the Victorian era as they begin their topic on *Oliver*; developing their comprehension skills and learning about life as a Victorian orphan in a work house. Lastly, they have had great fun beginning their art project based on print making and the amazing artwork of Andy Warhol.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

Parent Support Group...



The Kent Autistic Trust hold Zoom parent/carer support groups. These get togethers are very informal and provide a great opportunity to meet other parents/carers in similar situations so you can share information, discuss concerns and experiences or just to have a chat with people who 'get it'. Please note that your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to join one of the groups. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Boorman Wendy@kentaustic.com

Headteacher Award...Feel Proud of Yourself Certificates



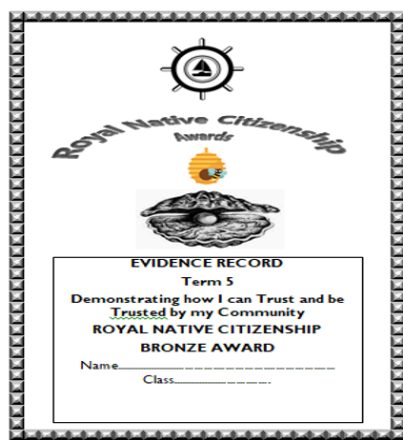
Feel Proud of Yourself Certificates

Each week the teachers send me a nomination for the weekly Headteacher award. I can only choose one child each week which is the hardest job in the world. However, I wanted the children to know that during term 3 and 4 their name was put forward to me so therefore they should be very proud of themselves.

I thought it was important for the children to know how much all their hard work, kindness and commitment to our school values means to me and the rest of the adults at Whitstable Junior School. Every child who was nominated has received a Feel Proud of Yourself certificate. Well done everyone.

Royal Native Citizenship Award...

ROYAL NATIVE CITIZENSHIP AWARD TERM 5 - TRUST



Will you be someone who has friends that have lasted for 37 years? Will you be someone who others love to work with? Are you someone whose family know you can be trusted?

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.](#)

Times Tables Rock Stars...



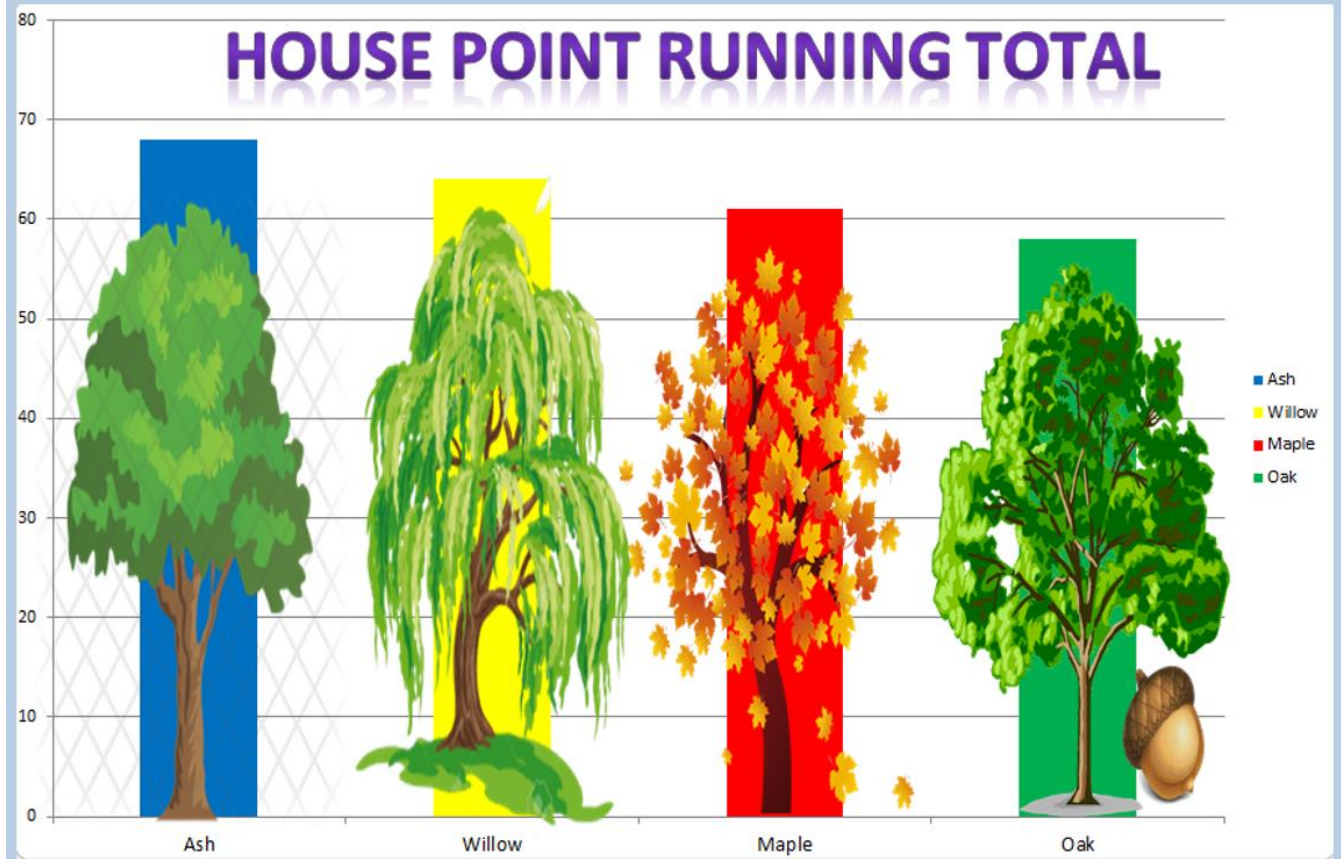
Term 5 WJS Battle of the School

- ★ Week 1 – Practise/ be ready
- ★ Week 2 – In Year group battle
- ★ Week 3 – In Phase battle
- ★ Week 4 – Battle of the School

The winning class wins the amazing prize of an afternoon at the park!



WJS House Points...



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.

Term Dates...

Term 5 Starts

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.