



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 13th May 2022



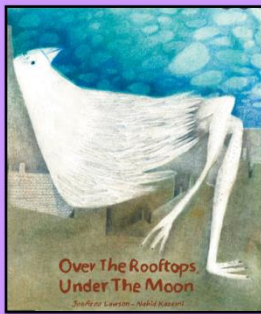
A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in year 6 have completed a huge challenge this week as they completed the SATs tests. We are so incredibly proud of every one of the children, who tackled each test with a sense of dedication and pride; it was so clear that they wanted to do their best and achieve; they are amazing. Well Done! We hope they have enjoyed their well-earned Reward Day today.



Over The Rooftops, Under The Moon



What happens when a bird doesn't feel like a bird? Alone with himself, even among his flock, a young bird finds an unexpected connection in the eyes of a little girl. He begins to wonder about the nature of life: What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to be a bird? Swept up in his exploration of the human world, he doesn't notice that his flock has already migrated south for the season. Written by JonArno Lawson and beautifully illustrated by Nahid Kazemi, this sparse, lyrical story is about community lost and found, and what it means to know one's self.

Year 5 have had a brilliant week writing fabulous Viking Sagas; ensuring they choose their descriptive vocabulary carefully in order to build tension. As it is Mental Health Awareness Week, they have been looking at what makes them feel lonely and how they can make connections with each other and their emotions. The children have also enjoyed their Outdoor Learning experiences this

week. They explored their five senses, through experiencing surviving a course whilst wearing black-out goggles with only directions from a partner.

Year 3 have also enjoyed the beautiful story selected for Mental Health Awareness week, about a bird and this has inspired some amazing artwork and RSE lessons.

In maths, the children have been looking at time and finding o'clock and half past. In literacy, they have been making a non-fiction booklet about snakes!

As part of topic work, year 4 have been predicting the future using 'dragon bones' that they have made from clay as part of their Shang Dynasty work. They have also been learning about the Chinese New Year, how to write in Chinese and what it would be like to go to Kung Fu school! In maths, the children have been learning about money and how to estimate amounts and convert pounds and pence.

Finally, I want to say goodbye to Shannon. Today is her last day with us and we will all miss her very much. I am sure you join me in wishing her all the best in her new job.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe



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Internet Safety...

If you are looking for a way to help keep your children safe on the internet these may help. The Google Family Link app lets you set digital ground rules to help guide them as they learn, play and explore online. It allows you to set time limits each day and the amount of total time spent on individual apps. You can set their phone to lock itself between times e.g. 1900 and 0815 each weekday. On the weekend you can limit the amount of time they can have access each day. Also, any apps that they want to install have to be approved by you and you can lock down age-appropriate apps. It works on both iPhones and Android.

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Headteacher Award...



Headteacher Certificate

Well done to Mila in 3MC

Mila has shown huge resilience this week in class. Her teacher says it has been a pleasure to have her in the class this week and that she has tried really hard in everything. She has also come into school with a big smile on her face and a giant willingness to learn.

Mrs Knoupe

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...

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"Our book is constantly out of date because Hollie Port just keeps breaking records. Most #1 Christmas Singles, Most Downloads, Highest paid Rock Star, Longest Guitar Solo."



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.

Term Dates...

Term 5

Week beginning 16th May- NHS Lancaster Model Survey Year 6

Thursday 19th May- Class Photos

PTFA School Disco

Lower School 5pm-6pm

Upper School 6:30pm-7:30pm

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-After school.

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)

Thursday 30th June- Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 13th July- Attainment and Progress Reports.

Last Day of Term 6- Tuesday 19th July

Year 6 Leavers Celebration and Disco- dates to be confirmed, information to follow.