



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 27th May 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We blinked and it was gone..... term 5 comes to an end. Another great week of learning for the children. Lots of memorable experiences along with learning new skills, facts and having good old fun at the same time. Year 5 have had a wonderful week learning about Crime and Punishment in the Anglo Saxon/ Viking times. They have been counting their missing body parts and presiding over a justice system. In Maths, it has been all things measure! We have converted between kg, km, l to mm, cm, g, m as well as trying their hand with imperial conversion. They also welcomed some new year 5 members in the form of a family of Stick Insects.



6H Printing as part of our POP Art topic

Year 6 have begun the auditions for their end of year production and I for one cannot wait to see it. They have also produced some fabulous art work in the Pop Art genre.

Year 6 have been printing as part of their Pop art work. They have also been exploring the digestive system, writing explanation texts, exploring angles in maths and writing a newspaper report linked to their Oliver topic!

Year 3 combined their love of STEM with their love of history to plan and create their very own pyramids using marshmallows and spaghetti! They also completed

epic story writing in literacy, showing off all of the incredible skills they've learnt in Year 3.

Year 4 have been writing wonderful stories in the style of ancient Chinese legends and the children have used their topic work on the Shang Dynasty to support their work. They have also been looking at time in maths and this will continue next term. In science they have been learning more about the environment and the importance of recycling. The children enjoyed an assembly about Sir David Attenborough and were very knowledgeable about all his incredible work!



I had the pleasure of taking our Pupil Leadership Team down to The Horsebridge Centre yesterday. We were invited to view photographs taken by students from The Whitstable School, for the

Befriending Project run by Red Zebra because children from WJS made and sent Christmas cards as part of the project. The photographs were stunning and we reflected on the work we had done as a school about loneliness and how connection is so important. The children were a credit to themselves and the school. I must also share a wonderful piece of art work by Ewan in

year 4. He created this wonderful Willow Pattern Plate and we were all suitably awestruck.

Finally, I just want to say goodbye and good luck to the members of staff leaving this term. Ms Moss, Mrs McNally, Mrs Gibbs and Miss T. We hope your new jobs and in Mrs McNally's case new adventures in Ireland go well.

Wishing you a lovely half term break.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe



WJS Jubilee Celebrations...



WJS will be holding our Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Friday 10th June.

We ask that the children come dressed in either red, white and blue or dressed up for “Elevenes” on the day. At 11 o'clock all the children will go onto the playground to sit with their class and “partake” in some scrumptious treats and cordial. Your child’s class teacher will let you know what wonderful delights they would like you to contribute after the half term break.

At the end of the day the PTFA will be holding the WJS Summer Fair. All classes have prepared stalls to help the PTFA raise money for the school. The Fair is on the school playground and starts at 3:15pm. You can collect your children as normal and then take a wander around the stalls. There will be a game involving a treasure map, a plant sale, garden spinners for sale, a chance to shoot hoops and Whack a Rat, find Dotty the Lolly, guess the name of the dog, guess the number of sweets in the jar, scones and jam, biscuit decorating, face painting and much more.

We look forward to welcoming you.



PTFA...

The PTFA want to thank you all for your very generous donations today for the chocolate and bottle tombola stalls.

Also please ask your child for the Summer Fair Raffle Tickets that have come home with them today. If you want to enter then please write your name and contact number on the ticket stubs and return to the school office with the money. If you do not want to enter, we would be grateful if you could return the tickets to the office.



Headteacher Award...



Headteacher Certificate Bronwen in 5M

Bronwen has had a smile on her face whilst learning this week which has, in turn, put a huge smile on her teacher's. She has been an absolute superstar and she has shown real resilience and independence in maths, a huge sense of community and curiosity in science investigations, and has asked so many amazing questions too. Your teacher says “keep believing in yourself as you are fab”.

Well done from 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](#)

Times Tables Rock Stars...

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



"We haven't seen a performance at Wembley like this since Hendrix in '86!"

Journalist for *Kerrang!* Magazine reporting on Joshua's gig



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.

	Zachary – 5M Adventure
	Michael – 6H Community
	Freddie – 3MC Challenge
	Yasmin – 4W Community

House Point Driver Certificates



Attendance...

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

<p>0</p> <p>DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)</p> <p>100%</p> <p>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</p> <p><i>Best chance of SUCCESS</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE</p> <p>96.99%</p> <p>SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE</p> <p><i>Harder to make good progress</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE</p> <p>92.99%</p> <p>REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT</p> <p><i>Less chance of success</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE</p> <p>Below 90%</p> <p>Persistent Absentee</p> <p>CAUSE FOR CONCERN</p> <p><i>Serious concern Possible Court Action!</i></p>
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Whole School Attendance since September 2021

93%

Term Dates...

Last Day of Term 5- Friday 27th May

Friday 10th June- WJS Platinum Jubilee Celebration -information to follow next week

Friday 10th June -PTFA Summer Fair-After school- information to follow next week

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

Friday 8th July- Year 6 Leavers Disco – 5:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 13th July- Attainment and Progress Reports

Mon 18th July- Year 6 Leaver Celebration St Alphege Church-2:30pm

Last Day of Term 6- Tuesday 19th July