



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 10th June 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 and 4 have loved celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this week. They have created bunting, learnt how to jive and had a marvellous time at



the school's picnic. They have used their amazing scientific understanding to investigate plants this week, even planting their own bean plant in class. They have also made their teachers incredibly proud by working hard in their tests this week, never giving up and finding the joy in tests (even saying that they love them at one point).

Year 5 have been enjoying the jubilee celebrations with traditional 50s



dancing, making commemorative paper plates and learning about the Queen's life and achievements. Everyone has also contributed to a giant card for the Queen that is being posted today. We will keep our fingers crossed that we get a reply.

During the week, they have also celebrated World Environment Day where the children have come up with some fantastic ideas to save our planet such as 'a no electricity school day', using sustainable clothing and



encouraging litter picking. In maths, they have been exploring tables and graphs especially line graphs. In Year 6, the children have made their own Kahoot Quizzes using weird and wonderful facts about the Queen for the year 4 children to complete. Did you know that her first dog was called Susan and that she owns all of the dolphins and whales in the British waters? In other lessons, the children have been developing their screen printing and pop art skills



through producing wonderful screen prints of modern-day items. In English, they have been researching how to keep their minds and bodies healthy whilst writing an interesting information text. Lastly, they have completed an experiment in Science to test the effect of salt on objects floating in the water. Year 6 have shown some amazing resilience this week. They had their residential cancelled by the provider at the last minute which was very upsetting as you can imagine. However the year 6 team have managed to organise an amazing week of activities for them. A huge thank you to the team who worked tirelessly to get these organised in such a short space of time. Thank you to those parents who have emailed in expressing your thanks that this has been done, I have passed your emails on.

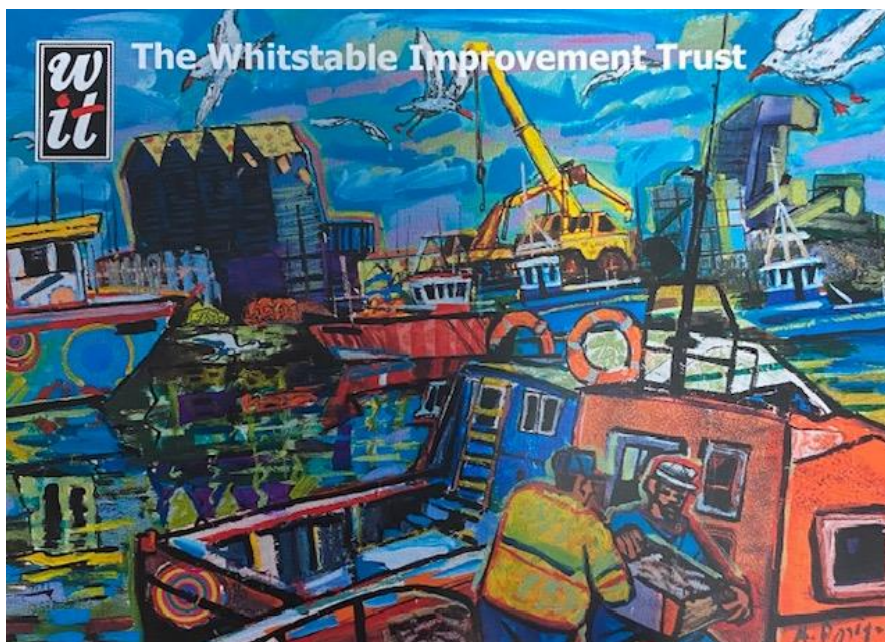
Finally, we have our PTFA summer fair after school today. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

The Whitstable Improvement Trust Grant...

At the end of last term, we received the wonderful news that an application we had put in to "The Whitstable Improvement Trust", for a grant for the **WJS Playground Project** was approved by the board of trustees. They have awarded us a grant of five thousand pounds!!!

We have been told that this grant will be paid from the legacy the WIT has received from the will of Rosemary Rose (nee Kenny) who was born in Whitstable in 1925 and lived here in Joy Lane up



until her marriage to Professor Rose in 1956. She was a Girl Guide and attended Dunelm School in Tankerton. Her good friend was Joan Cavendar who ran the book shop (Pirie and Cavendar) and she had happy memories of the town and particularly wanted the young children here to benefit from her legacy. She re-visited the town on her 60th wedding anniversary in 2016 and was impressed how the town had "perked up" since her youth.

We are enormously grateful and know that the children of Whitstable will benefit from her generosity and kindness for years to come.

PTFA...

We would like to thank all the generous donations for the PTFA Summer Fair Raffle from our local community and in particular Woodward and Bishop who have donated the top prize twice.

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Letters



Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website.

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Times Tables Rock Stars...

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

[Nancy Ball]



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...

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



Whole School Attendance since September 2021

93%

Term Dates...

Last Day of Term 5- Friday 27th May

Week beginning 13th June- Year 6 Activity Week

Tuesday 21st June- Parent Consultations 5pm-8pm

Thursday 23rd June – Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm

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

Thursday 30th June- Sports Afternoon

Thursday 7th July- Transition morning-children meet their new teacher

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