



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

**Week ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



## A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final week of September has flown by and Autumn feels very close.

In Year 5, the children had a super week learning all about stacks, stumps, caves and arches caused by coastal erosion. They have had a fabulous coastal trip looking at coastal slope angles, PH levels and land use. They have enjoyed listening to the story of Old Harry and his wife, which then inspired them to create their own versions through the medium of clay and comic strips. In literacy, the children have gone back in time to investigate photos taken through the ages; inferring about the lives of the people in them. In maths, they have been working incredibly hard on the skill of rounding numbers from 1 to a million.

In Year 6 this week, the children have been recounting



the adventures of Max, Fred, Con and Lila from our epic Rainforest adventure story: 'The Explorers' in a diary entry that explores the thoughts and feelings of the characters. In Maths, they have been calculating and problem-solving with factors, multiples, and divisibility rules. For Science, they learned about the process of decay ready for some super gross experiments

next week and in Geography they have created posters urging us all to find ways to save the rainforest.

This week year 4 have been busy building waterfalls in the timber trail as part of their topic work on rivers as well as finding out fantastic facts about gases in science, blowing up balloons with vinegar and baking soda! In literacy the children have been perfecting their instruction writing skills and in maths they have been challenging themselves rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 3 have become mammoth experts and written epic non-chronological reports all about them for Literacy. They created a Stone Age menu in History, including some interesting ingredients such as deer leg and freshly picked berries! They have worked really hard to find ways to engage the reader and executed them brilliantly in their writing. They have also developed their understanding of place value in maths, adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds expertly. In art, Year 3 have experimented using different media to create cave art in their books. We were particularly impressed at how well they avoided getting charcoal on their uniforms!

Wow they have all got up to so much.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Warmest regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## Attendance...

Attendance up  
to today

**96%**

If your child is too unwell to attend school then please phone the school office by 8:50am. We have a new phone system where you can choose option 1 and leave a message. If we don't hear from you, we will have to ring you otherwise this becomes an unauthorised absence.



## Welcome to the Times Tables Hall of Fame Xander...

**TIMES TABLES  
ROCKSTARS**



**HALL OF  
FAME**

WINNERS:



Lower School:



Upper School:



## Headteacher Award...



**Headteacher Award  
Hera 6T**



Hera has had an incredible week. She has worked very hard with her writing showing great resilience and independence. More importantly she has really enjoyed herself and been so successful.  
Well done Hera.



## 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.

	Albie – 3J Curiosity
	Amelia – 4CR Challenge
	Alfie – 6M Independence
	Sonny – 5L Community

**House Point Driver Certificates**

**Congratulations!**

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You have demonstrated great Adventure this week on behalf of Ash House

Signed: Amber Matthews, Oliver Dennis, Alexia Fellows & Zayaan Minhas  
School Leadership Team



## Remind your children about staying safe on the internet...

# How to Stay Safe on Social Media

## Think

Think before you post.

Keep your settings private.

## Privacy

## Friends

Only connect with friends.

Don't hurt other people.

## Hurt

## Kind

Be kind to others.

## Password

Don't share your password.

## Tell

## Unfriend

## Block

## Report

What can you do? Follow these steps...

### Parents and Teachers

Join Social Media  
Understand how it works  
Teach safety  
Check your privacy settings



### Friends



Don't:  
Stay silent

Do:  
Help your friend  
Report the bully  
Tell your parents  
Tell your teacher

### The Bully

Don't:  
Respond

Do:  
Save what they say  
Unfriend them  
Block them  
Tell a friend  
Tell your parents  
Report them



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## Letters ....

[Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

## Term Dates...

### Term 1

#### October

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating World Space Week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating Black History

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wear something Yellow for World Mental Health Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – School Individual Photos

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Parents Eve (early)-info to follow

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Parents Eve (late)-info to follow

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Flu Vaccines for all children in school

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 - Term 1 Ends

#### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

#### Term 2 Starts

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November