



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week has been World Space Week and WJS have had a whole galaxy of fun! The question was posed: "Are there more stars or planets in space?" Children have been sharing their opinions and ideas in a whole range of ways in an eager attempt to persuade Miss Oliver to agree and be



the lucky winners of the 4 tickets to the Marlowe to see British Astronaut Tim Peake.

In Year 6, the children have really impressed their teachers with how they have absorbed so many facts about planets, stars, and nebula; even testing out the knowledge of a Ph.D. student with their thoughtful questions and points. The result was the children produced really informative and imaginative posters about their learning. The

#### Space Week- Planets or Stars?



teachers are convinced they have many awesome future Astronauts and Scientists in the making!

Year 3 have been stars this week. They have loved Space Week, asking the



most thoughtful questions to Carys, our visiting scientist, and have produced incredibly creative work linking to the big question. They have been exploring a new text in literacy, using it to think about their aspirations

In Year 5, the children had a wonderful week looking at persuasive techniques in preparation for their letters to local government and organisations about plastic pollution. The teachers have been in awe of the facts and statistics that have been discovered as part of the children's in-depth research of what has happened already and how passionate they are about making a change for the future. In maths, the children have started a new topic based on exploring addition and subtraction and have shown some fantastic previous knowledge from years 3 & 4.



This week in year 4 children have consolidated their place value learning in maths and started a new topic in literacy about the creation of the river Ganges. They have also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Otterden where they enjoyed lots of brilliant outdoor learning activities including den building.

An action packed week where children have been inspired to continue their learning beyond the classroom. We love it when this happens. Just a reminder as well that we have some super clubs available after school. Choir Club has spaces and is held on a Wednesday and so does Lower School

Multi-Sports Club held on a Monday.



Warmest regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## Attendance...

Attendance up  
to today

**95%**

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 Douglas...

**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**



**HALL OF  
FAME**

It was very close:

30	184	6H	179
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1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – 30

2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE – 6H

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE – 5L



## Headteacher Award...



**Headteacher Award  
Nancy 4B**

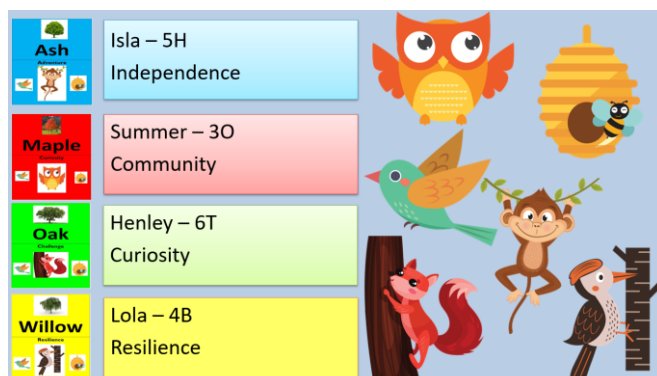


Nancy is kind to her friends, polite and helpful in class and always tries her hardest to do her best. In literacy this week, she wrote a beautiful descriptive piece that included adjectives, similes and metaphors. This demonstrated that she had really been listening in class and then applied what she had learnt to her writing. Well done Nancy.



## 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



## Letters ....

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

## Term Dates...

### Term 1

#### October

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

Wednesday 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