



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 18th November 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had. This week we have been "Reaching Out" across Whitstable Junior School for Anti-Bullying Week. Every child in the school has made a

friendship card for someone else. These have been collected together, sorted by our Pupil Leadership Team and then delivered. The children have taken part in a range of activities on the



theme that empowers them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

The week started with odd socks day and has ended with Children in Need Day. Everyone had the chance to wear whatever they felt the most snuggly and comfortable in, for some people this was jeans and others their pjs. There were lots of Oodies around and something surprising in the Timber Trail!!

Alongside these activities the children have continued with their other learning. Year 5 have been learning about the importance of being good friends and celebrating our differences. In

literacy, they have been discovering famous female astronauts and those that helped to get them into space: Helen Sharman, Mary Jackson, Gwynne Shotwell. In maths, they have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 using place value grids and counters. Year 6 children have been exploring how fossils and skeletons can give us clues about evolution in science. They have also really enjoyed exploring how to create humour within their writing, there are definitely some comedians with a great sense of humour within the group! The children are also continuing to explore different masks around the world and in particular the meaning behind Mayan masks.

In Year 4 children have been working hard in maths, learning to multiply and divide by 3, 6 and 9. In literacy, they have been completing their work on 'Hurricane', using powerful imagery to describe the settings in the book. In science, the children have been finding out how sound travels and in topic they have been getting to grips with tectonic plates!

Year 3 have written a non-chronological report all about France. They really immersed themselves in their learning and became total experts. We can also hear lots of singing when we pass Year 3 as Nativity practise is well under way! We cannot wait to share this with you.

Don't forget to complete the Parent Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZOHJPRL> we have extended the deadline.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe



Attendance...

**Attendance
up to today
95%**

A reminder that holidays cannot be authorised unless for exceptional circumstances and these are very few and far between.

If your child is too unwell to attend school then please phone the school office by 8:45am. 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 and if we cannot contact you this becomes an unauthorised absence.

Welcome to the Times Tables Hall of Fame ...

**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**



**HALL OF
FAME**

Headteacher Award...



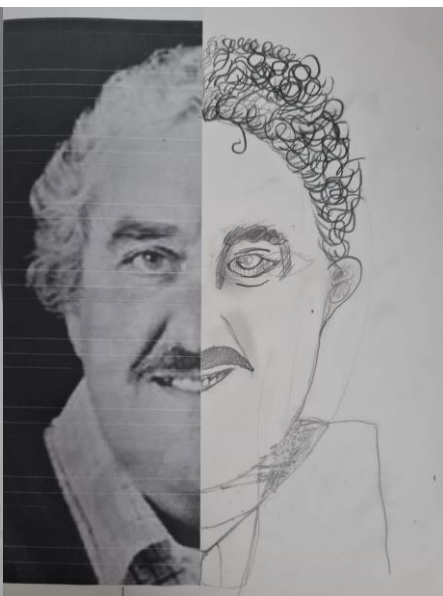
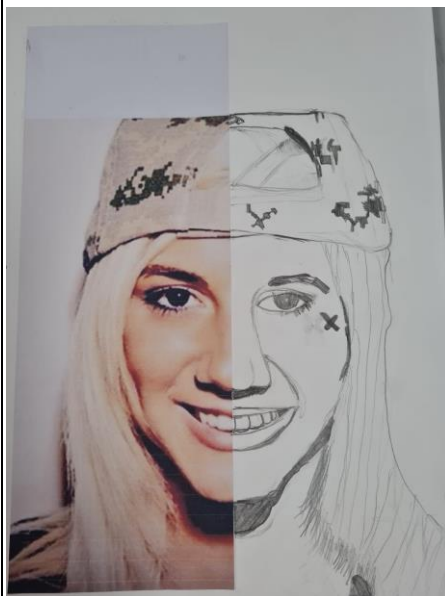
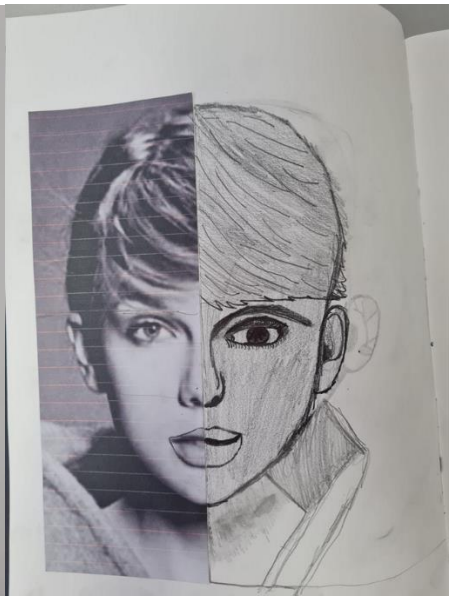
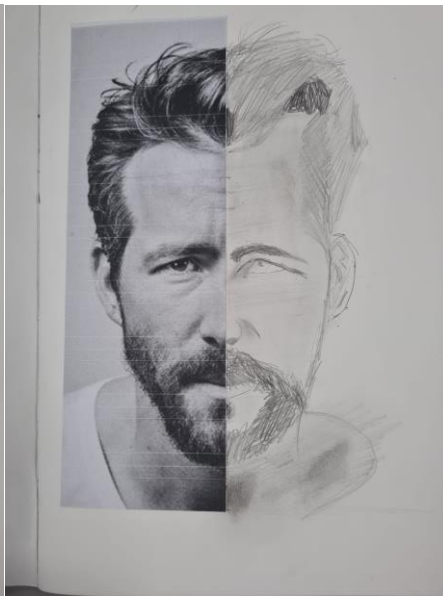
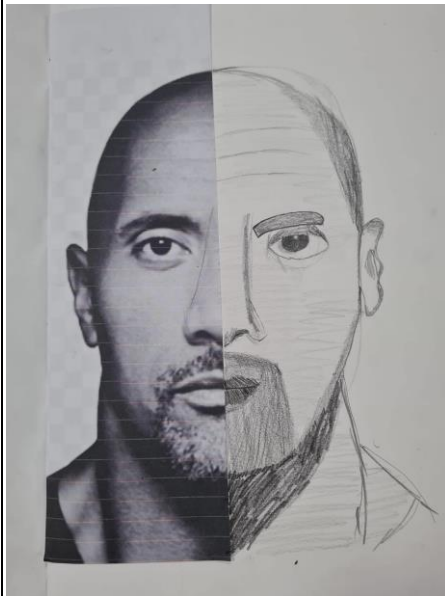
Headteacher Award
Well done Tate in 6H



Tate is a super mathematician and his teacher has said it has been great to see his enthusiasm this year for solving puzzles. She was also so proud of him for doing the tours on Saturday and for being such a supportive friend on the day. She says he is so full of facts in our science sessions and has a good memory of previous topics. She says he is a pleasure to teach, and has a great sense of humour! 😊

Art Corner...

Sketch club used their celebrity heroes as a basis to develop their observational, symmetry and scale skills this week.



I'm sure you agree that these are fabulous.



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.



Letters

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

Term Dates...

Term 2 Starts

November

Fri 18th – PTFA/Friends of the Brown Family- Quiz in the school hall

Mon 21st – Bikeability starts – bring in your bike, helmet and waterproof clothing

Mon 21st – Our Inter-Faith Week

Thursday 24 Nov – Girls Football Team playing Briary (Away)

Fri 25th – Non-uniform Day- bring a bottle for the tombola

Mon 28 – Donate a book for the Christmas Fair

Wed 30th – CACOT children's forum at Swalecliffe CP School

December

Fri 2nd Dec- WJS PTFA Christmas Fair- 3:15pm-5pm

Tues 6th - Writer Workshop

Wed 7th PTFA Christmas Shopping and Christmas Dinner Day (provided for all children who want it- letter to follow)

Thurs 8 – Christmas jumper day and donation to children's charity

Fri 9th - Wear Something Festive Day.

Tue 13th – Year 3 Nativity to Parents 2pm in the school hall and 6pm in the school hall-more info to follow.

Fri 16th – Last Day of Term 2.

Term 3 Starts

Tuesday 3rd January