



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 25th November 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We near the end of November and the Christmassy feel is revving up at school. Thank you for your kind donations today for the PTFA Christmas Fair. You will have a chance to win all these goodies on Fri 2nd Dec.

So what have the children been up to. This week, the whole school has celebrated Inter-Faith Week, which has been amazing; the children have been exploring that no matter your belief we all have very similar values, such as love, trust, and care. To demonstrate their knowledge each class has worked as a team to produce some amazing animations which will be available to view on the website very soon. Year 3 have enjoyed starting to stage their Nativity 'A Magical Christmas Journey' and are beginning to recall some lines off script! They have been demonstrating their amazing working scientifically skills in Science by researching the whys, whos and hows behind certain inventions.

Year 4 have been learning about the features of a non-chronological report and using their research skills to find out lots of fascinating facts about different animals. In art, they have been learning about the American modernist painter Georgia O'Keefee, replicating some of her wonderful work.

In year 6, the children have been using their independence and curiosity skills by researching facts about Mayan gods and their beliefs. They have also started to plan their very own website based on the Mayan civilisation during their computing lessons. In science, the children have been using skittles to show how traits are passed down from one generation to their offspring - a really rather yummy session was had by all!

Year 5 have had a very exciting week! They have enjoyed learning about the sport of Pickleball and practising those important co-ordination skills. Also, the children have been exploring Space and been practising their best astronaut skills in their stations. The Year 5 classrooms were transformed today and Miss Lodge looked particularly fewtching in her Space Helmet.



I have some thank yous to give from the WJS community. Firstly we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Sainsbury's family for their generous gift of a sewing machine. As you might be aware, without a sewing machine we could not provide the beautiful costumes for our productions, nor could craft club make their many wonderful creations. So, thank you, this gift means the world to our school community.

Another massive thank you must go to CoastalPrinting and Hannah Wrench for her very thoughtful donation of a brand-new girl's football kit. I know that the girls team felt huge pride when they played their first game wearing complete and correct kit.

Don't forget to complete the Parent Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZQHJPRL> 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.

Headteacher Award...



Headteacher Award Scarlett in 5H



Scarlett is a ray of sunshine and always has a smile on her face and a kind word for others. She has shown a real love of learning this term, growing in independence and demonstrating a brilliantly positive attitude. She has made wonderful progress, especially in math's and now loves to challenge herself in all lessons. Well done.

From Mrs Knoupe 😊

TT Rockstar Hall of Fame...



Timetable
Fact of
the
Week:

$$7 \times 2 = 14$$

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.

	Leo – 6M Community
	Albie – 3J Community
	Martha 4CR Resilience
	Ava – 5L Challenge

House Point Driver Certificates

Congratulations!

to

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

Signed: Amber Matthews, Oliver Glenns, Adrian Fellowes & Zayyan Minhas
School Leadership Team

Letters

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

Term Dates...

Term 2 Starts

November

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)

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