



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 2nd December 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only 2 weeks left of this term, where did that go? I can't believe that my time at WJS is nearing an end but realise how lucky I am to be leaving at the end of a term that is so full of joy. We are excitedly heading into the Christmas period and start today after school with the PTFA Christmas Fair. I hope to see you all there.

Year 3 have been hard at work, rehearsing and refining their Nativity. The children have been putting choreography in place and learning their lines diligently. Fingers crossed for being off script next week - keep practising! In geography, the children have been exploring the various ways land is used in France and why. In maths, we have revisited column addition and the children have amazed us by remembering how to exchange for tricky problems.



This week in year 4, children have been putting their multiplication skills to the test by solving lots of tricky word problems. They have also enjoyed learning more about sound in science, playing musical instruments to listen to their pitch and finding out about the invention of the telephone. They watched the effect of mixing 2 substances which helped them imagine a volcanic eruption. In Outdoor Learning, the children had a



fantastic time exploring the timber trail and gathering items to create their own pictures.

Year 5 children had a fabulous week writing their non-chronological reports, using relative clauses and the many fascinating facts that they have learnt about Space this term. The children have been having fun as they develop their knowledge of compass direction to explore the vast array of different states in the USA.

In Year 6, the children have been learning how the Mayan's developed their own counting system that used symbols instead of numbers, as well as creating amazing masks as their final piece of artwork inspired by the Mayan civilisation. In science, the children have been learning about 'Natural Selection' and the survival of the fittest. What a full week!

Lastly, I would like to congratulate all of the Year 6 children that have completed their level 1 and 2 bikeability this term; they represented the school perfectly and should wear their badge with pride.

On some days the weather was really against them and they stuck with it. Well done.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe

Attendance...

**Attendance
up to today
94%**

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 Milton in 3J



Milton is a perpetual source of entertainment in class. He always has a smile and a joke ready to brighten the day. His teacher has been really impressed with his attitude to learning and his approach to his work, making the best choices to allow him to do his very best. She says he is an absolute delight to have in class. Well done.



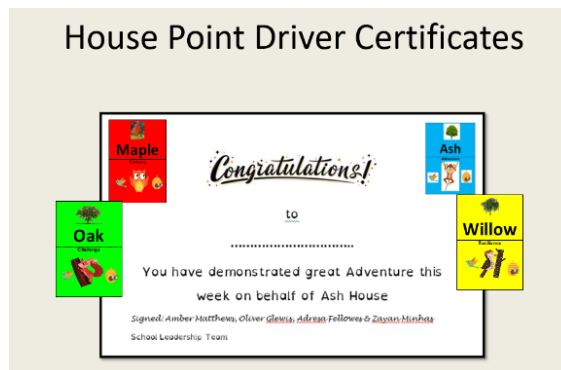
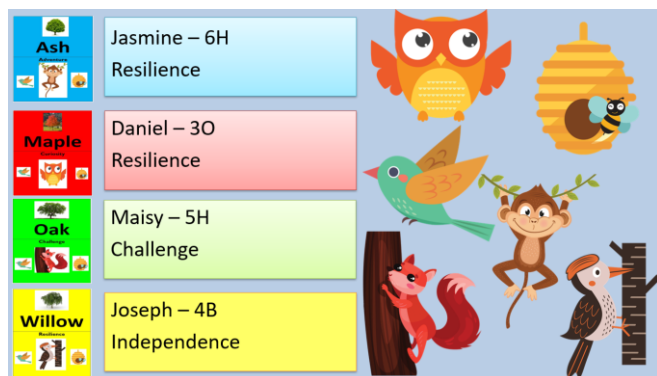
TT Rockstar Hall of Fame...



Timetable
Fact of
the
Week:
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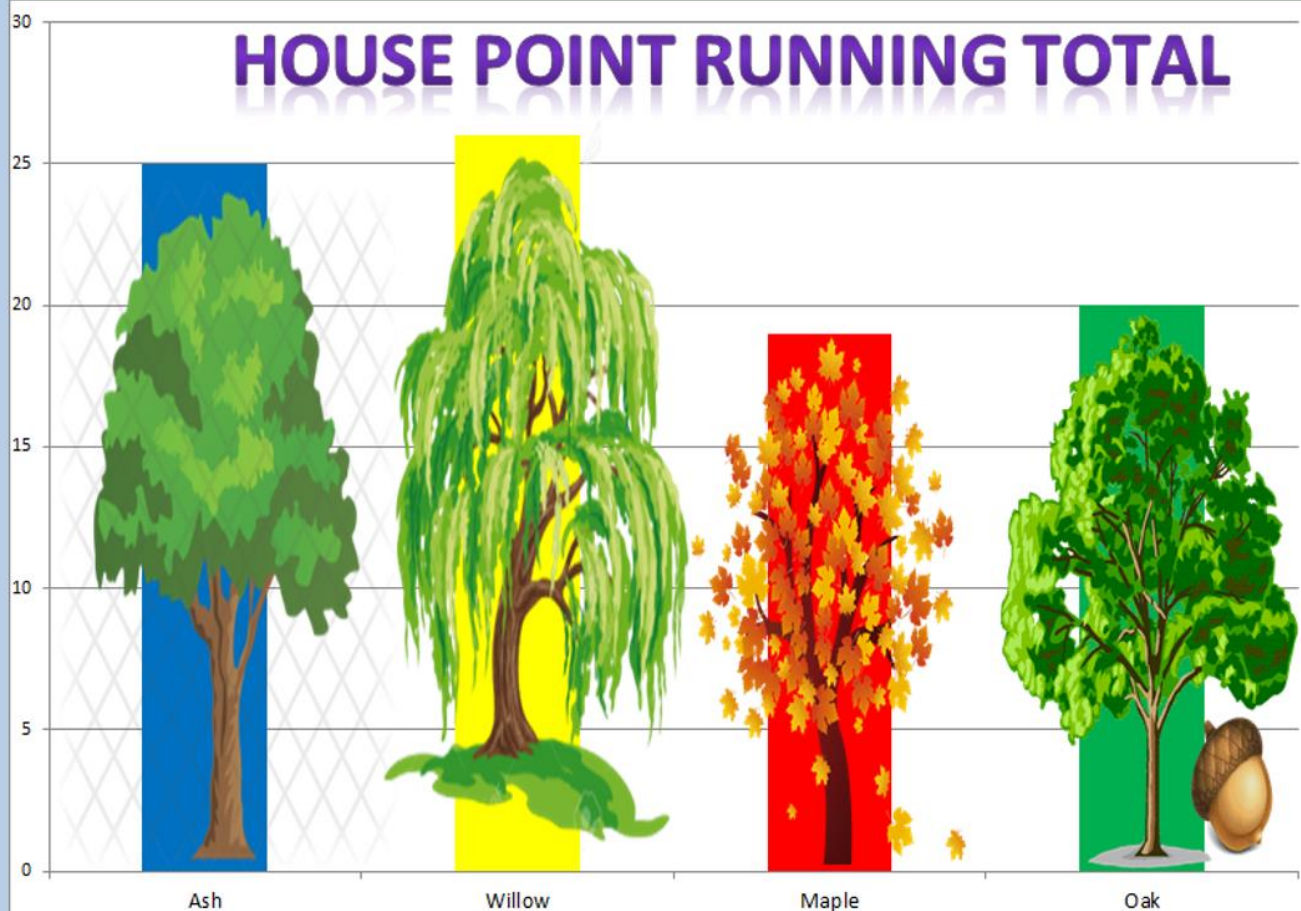
WJS House Certificate Winners ...

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 Running Total...

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Letters

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

Term Dates...

December

Tues 6th - Writer Workshop

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

Thurs 8th - National Wear Christmas Jumper Day. Donation if possible.

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

Weds 14th - iROCK Concert. Arrival at 1.30pm for participating children's parents/carers

Fri 16th - Last Day of Term 2.

Term 3 Starts

Tuesday 3rd January