



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 9th December 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A cold and chilly week at WJS but I think that helps it feel more like Christmas, which is of course exciting. Don't forget hats and gloves for when the children play outside. Tracksuit bottoms and hoodies are allowed for outside PE sessions.

Christmas activities are in full swing and this week has seen; Christmas Shopping Day, Festive Clothes Day and the fabulous Christmas Lunch, provided by our PTFA and cooked by Chartwells Cook, Tammy. The lunch was delicious and the PTFA braved the dinner hall to help out with serving the dinners to lower school children. There were crackers galore and Christmas music too. Huge thanks to the PTFA for enabling every child in school to have a delicious dinner.



Exciting learning opportunities have continued this week, alongside these activities. Year 3 have been enjoying lots of singing, dancing and acting as they continue to rehearse for their upcoming Nativity. They can't wait to show off all their hard work and spread festive cheer during their performances on Monday to the school and infants and on Tuesday to parents.

In Year 5, the children have had the most wonderful week investigating

Space; it all began as they were transported into space on Monday when they experienced the awe and wonder of the Astrodome. They have also explored the moon's phases using Oreo biscuits to illustrate their understanding. In English, they have begun learning how to rap;

they have identified that they are in fact poetry put to music and have had a go at performing some to the class.

In year 4 the children have been consolidating their multiplication, addition and subtraction skills, solving lots of tricky maths problems. They have also continued their topic work, learning about volcanoes and creating their own! In music, the children have been getting into the Christmas spirit, learning some beautiful traditional Christmas carols with Mr. Migden.

In Year 6, the children have been writing stories about being transported into a Virtual World; ensuring they include a variety of descriptive devices. Whilst, in maths, the children have been extending their knowledge of how to multiply and divide fractions. They have also thoroughly enjoyed carrying out an experiment in science investigating the different beak shapes of finches to understand more about how they have evolved over time.

As you can see a busy week. We have lots more to look forward to

next week. The children will be making Christingles, I can't wait to see them all and smell the oranges around school (thank you to Tesco for donating the oranges).

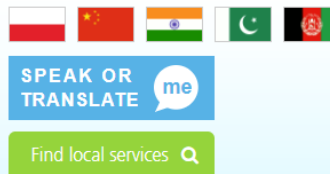
Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe



Medical guidance...



One of our parents who is a Dr has forwarded this link to a website which gives some sensible advice and guidance around the childhood illnesses that are currently causing concern for parents and carers. There are sections for a lot of common childhood illnesses, with a very-new section added to cover the signs of Group A Strep/ Scarlet Fever. <https://what0-18.nhs.uk/>

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...



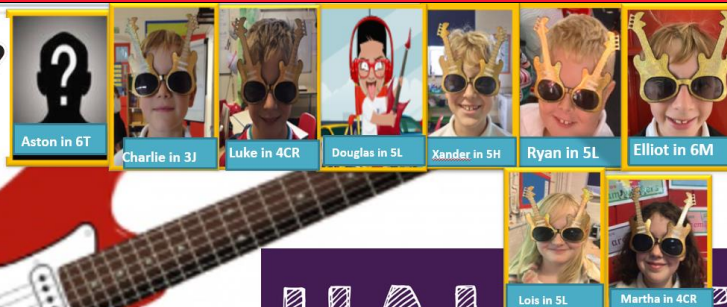
Headteacher Award Poppy in 5L



Poppy works really hard in every lesson and recently produced an amazing piece of writing all about Space. She shows great resilience, never giving up when she finds something challenging. We are all very proud of her. Well done.



TT Rockstar Hall of Fame...



**HALL OF
FAME**

Timestable
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Week:
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WJS House Certificate Winners ...

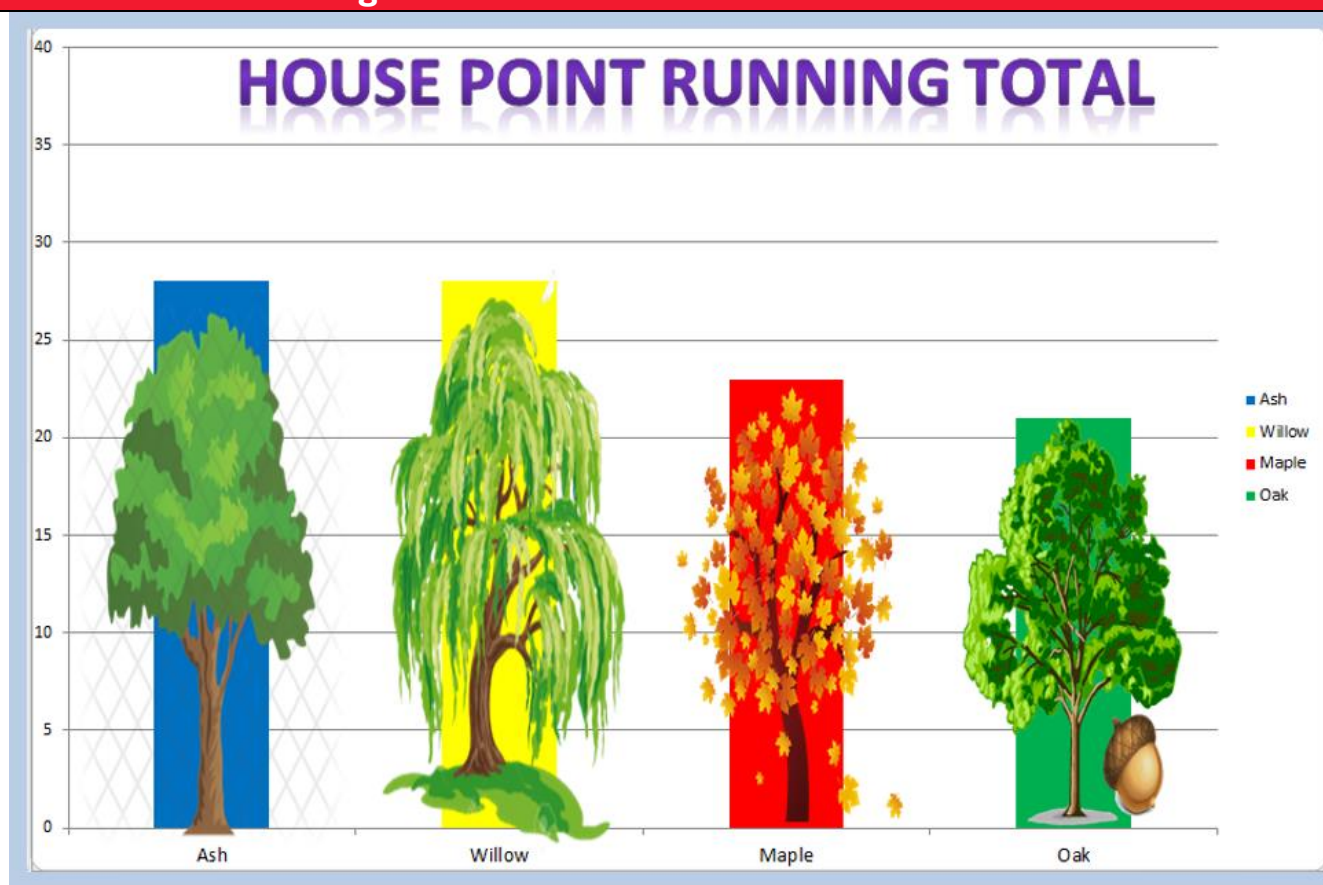
These children were selected by the Pupil Leadership Team as this week's House Point Certificate Winners for demonstrating our curriculum drivers in their learning. Well-done everyone.



House Point Driver Certificates



House Point Running Total...



Letters

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

Term Dates...

December

Children making Christingles this week

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

Wed. 14th Dec –Progress and Attainment Reports out to parents/carers

Wed. 14th Dec - IROC Concert

Wed. 14th Dec – 30 visiting the library

Thurs 15th Dec – 3J visiting the library

Fri 16th – Last Day of Term 2.

Term 3 Starts

Tuesday 3rd January