



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 13th January 2023



A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week at school; with the children looking really smart and showing visitors and staff how polite and kind they are, resulting in such a wonderful community spirit. The week has been full of exciting experiences; from the magical Wizard Stories workshops at Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed School, to the start of speed-stacking lessons as part of our Inclusive Sports, to an inspiring IRoc concert that resulted in children, who have never played an instrument or even sang before, being given the opportunity to make up a rock band in front of our eyes, to our last boy's football match of the season.



We are looking forward to even more memory-making magic next week when we celebrate World Religion Day and take part in an Athletics competition.

School begins at 08:45



Just a quick reminder that our morning registration is at **8.45am**; being on time really supports the children in starting the day calmly ensuring they are ready to learn.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards,

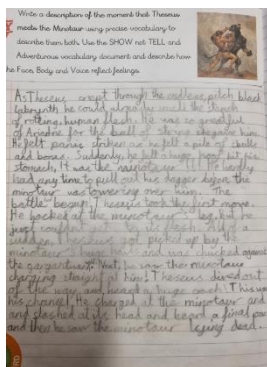
Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

What have the children been up to this week?

This week, year 3 have enjoyed instruction writing in Literacy. Their favourite lesson was the first one, where they got to instruct their teachers on how to make a sandwich but there was a twist - the teachers followed their instructions literally. We hear that Miss Oliver even ended up with Marmite on her nose! The children have also demonstrated good teamwork in RSE; moving a hoop around in a circle with arms linked; they were giving each other helpful comments during this time which helped them achieved their goal. Well Done year 3!



In year 4, the children have continued to enjoy reading 'Escape from Pompeii' and have started writing their own newspaper articles, reporting on the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children have also started their Roman topic work, looking at the Roman invasion of Britain and designing their own catapults in DT.



This week, Year 5 have started investigating forces through making marble runs from card. However, they had to think about how to make it as slow as possible by using friction. In Literacy, they have listened to the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur and written descriptive pieces using their best ninja vocabulary and relative clauses.



Year 6 have been exploring the different biomes of South America using their mapping skills, whilst in Science, they have been learning about the different

symbols you find in a circuit and what they mean, in order to interpret diagrams. During English, the children have been writing diaries as though they are Syms, one of the main characters from our amazing book 'Darwin's Dragon's', who was stuck with maudlin thoughts in a lava cave. Lastly, in maths, they have been converting measure using their amazingly accurate place value skills.

Well Done everyone, a great week full of high-level learning and achievement.

Message from our Well-Being Team...

Leanne and Nicola are available on the gate, as well as via email or telephone, should you require any support or advice, such as gaining food from the Food Bank or signposting you to financial advice. Or just to listen and be there for you should you need to chat.

Attendance...

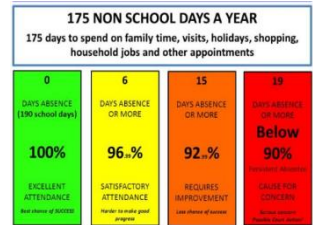
Attendance was
down to today:
93%

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.

Please feel free to select 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...



This amazing young person is such a delight to teach as they display such a positive attitude towards their learning. Whatever the subject, they put 100% effort into every lesson and are a delight to teach.

They are such a valuable member of our PLT team, showing independence and fabulous organisational skills.

Well Done Phoebe in 6H-you are an asset to our school community.

Sporting News...

The boy's football team played their final game this Wednesday at WJS against St Ethelbert's School, Faversham. It was another tough match against strong opposition; unfortunately, after a very close first half, we did lose the game. However, the team played with great attitude and sportsmanship, with a wonderful goal scored by Marley. It has been a challenging season results wise, but the boys demonstrated resilience, community and independence and displayed such a positive attitude; well-done, you represented our school fantastically.



WJS House Certificate Winners ...

	Esme – 4CR Challenge	
	Jasper – 3J Community	
	Iris – 5L Resilience	
	Lucas – 6H Challenge	

Well Done to these children, who have really shone this week. We are very proud of you!

Letters

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

Term Dates...

Monday 16th Jan - World Religion Day

Wednesday 18th Jan - Sports Hall Athletics for Upper School, children to return to WJS by 4.30am

Wednesday 25th Jan - Girls football match at WJS

Week Beginning Monday 30th Jan - National Story-Telling Week

Wed 1st Feb - Speed Stacking Tournament

Friday 3rd Feb NSCPCC Number Day and the Winter Olympics Begin

Week Beginning Monday 6th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th Feb Safer Internet Day

Term 3 ends 10th February

