



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 27th January 2023



A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another action-packed and fun-filled week, filled to the brim of amazing learning experiences! From demonstrating great resilience when solving fraction-related questions, to designing and making wind-socks in Outdoor Learning to re-creating the digestive system using bread and cola. We have also been amazed at the fantastic artwork and craft club models that have been produced. Fantastic! Next week is even more exciting, as we look forward to launching **National Story-Telling Week** where the teachers will be re-telling traditional folk-tales to the children; using their best voices and it is also **Number Day on Friday**- we can't wait to see all of the **number-inspired outfits!**

Lastly, we wrote to you this week to explain more about the impact of the national NEU strike action on our school. If you missed any of the information, please do not hesitate to call the office, but suffice to say the school is **open as normal for all the children, unless your class has been informed otherwise.**

We wish you a wonderful and relaxing weekend.



Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

What have the children been up to this week?

This week, Year 3 have been exploring the topic of 'measure' in their maths lessons. They have really impressed all of their teachers with how quickly they have become comfortable using the appropriate units. In Literacy, they have been consolidating some of their SPaG skills, using commas in lists, identifying main clauses and recognising word classes. As part of learning about different traditions, you may have been the recipient of a rather dashing Chinese New Year card - the children loved learning about this cultural celebration.

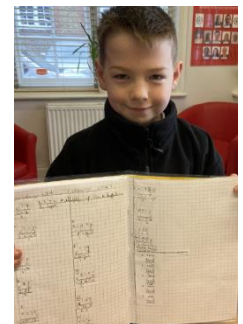
This week in year 4, the children have been tackling tricky multiplication and division calculations in maths and continued to enjoy reading the new class book: *The Thieves of Ostia*. In Science, the children have been learning more about the digestive system and were very excited to recreate the process of the body producing waste using bread and Coca-Cola! In outdoor learning, the children also had an amazing time making wind socks.



In Year 5, the children have been learning about the Gods and Goddesses from Ancient Greece and have created a very complicated family tree from their research. Also, they have completed a speed stacking session with Joe Theze; they practised and practised and were really fast by the end!

Furthermore, they have also completed this term's fantastic fractions unit. Super progress, Year 5!

In Year 6, the children have been having fun making flat bread from around the world; practising their skills of following a recipe. Whilst in Science, the children have been investigating what effect the wire length or thickness has on the brightness of a bulb. The children have also continued their South American topic, through exploring what resources are exported and imported, using their maths skills to create bar charts.



Well done everyone, a wonderful week full of great learning experiences!

Message about uniform...



Just a quick reminder that children should be **wearing dark coloured trainers or shoes, no jewellery and with shoulder-length hair or below tied back.** Also, any nail varnish from the weekend should be removed before school on Monday. As you know it is so important that they take pride in their appearance. Thank you for your support.

Attendance...

**Attendance has
improved to
94%**

Good News re Attendance this week, Thank you for your support. Let's aim for 95% next...
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...



We have been told that this amazing young person is very hardworking in every lesson and has beautiful books which are so neat and such pride has been taken in them. Although their teacher could nominate this person every week, the reason they really deserve it this week, is that they have shown absolute magnificent resilience when tackling fractions- completing extra practice in the morning- and they have never given up (even though they may have felt like it!)

Well done to Lois in 5L- you are such a role-model to all of your peers!

Sporting News...

Congratulations to our amazing Girls Football Team, who played their last match of the season against Swalecliffe Primary School. It was a really close match giving Mr Cooper split loyalties all the way through!

The girls played with passion, enthusiasm and skill. Even though we didn't win this time, all of the squad should feel really proud of their efforts as have improved with every game they have played.

Fantastic team work and skill everyone.



NSPCC Number Day...

On **Friday 3rd February**, we will be celebrating National Number Day on behalf of the NSPCC. We have planned many amazing activities for the day which will take the children on exciting trips to the station or the park in order to solve maths related clues; however, we are hoping that you may be available from 2.45pm to come into your child's classroom to play maths games with them. The bottom gates will be **open from 2.45pm** and the children will then go home as normal at 3.15pm. It will be lovely to welcome you into the school like we used to pre-pandemic. We look forward to seeing you then.



WJS House Certificate Winners ...

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

 Ash	Noah – 6T
 Maple	Poppy – 5L
 Oak	Iyla – 4CR
 Willow	Evie – 3J



Letters

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

Term Dates...

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

Tuesday 31st January – Speed Stacking for Year 6

Wednesday 1st February – NEU National Strike Day – school open

Friday 3rd Feb NSCPCC Number Day

2.45pm – Parent/Carers invited into school to play maths games

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

Tuesday 7th Feb Safer Internet Day

10th February – Dress To Impress Day – children are invited to wear whatever they like to school!