



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023



## A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been another fun-filled, exciting week, with the children getting outside to develop their problem solving skills in maths and science, to being entertained by their class teachers as they listen to the re-telling of traditional folk stories as part of our story-telling week.

We have also celebrated Number Day today, which has been amazing! The children looked fantastic dressed in a variety of maths and rock-star related outfits, so thank you so much for your support! We would like to thank Miss



Lodge for organising Number Day: planning all of the Code Cracking Investigations, as well as all of the trips out to parks, the beach and the town, plus a huge thank you to



the parents who gave up their time to become aliens and deliver vital information to help the children crack the codes!

It felt like we had also taken yet another post-pandemic step forward in opening up the school, as we welcomed parents into the classrooms this afternoon to play maths games with



your children; what a wonderful end to a great week! For the end of a dress up day, and the end of a Friday afternoon, the children were amazing!

Next week, we will be raising the profile of Children's Mental Health and how to look after ourselves and others, which will be celebrated by an Express yourself day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

We also want to remind you of the importance of listening to your child read as often as possible, but please let us know if this is a struggle and we can make sure we support your child even more whilst at school.

Lastly, just quick message from our WB team: if you have any spare plastic pots please can you send them into school.

Have a lovely weekend, we hope you enjoy the warmer weather that we are forecast.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

## What have the children been up to this week?

This week, Year 3 have been enjoying exploring their new story book: 'Boot'. This has involved some incredible verb spotting challenges and some creative drama scenes to predict what may lie ahead in the text. The children have also started planning for some exciting things next week, including their DT 'pop up' books and a magnet game to consolidate their Science learning.



This week, in Year 4 the children have been learning to divide 2 and 3 digit numbers using the bus stop method and they have continued reading our book: 'The Thieves of Ostia'. They have also put their maths skills to good use, enjoying a brilliant trip to the local park to measure play equipment as part of Number Day! In Science, they are continuing to learn lots of fascinating facts

about the digestive system and they have also been finding out why the Romans invaded Britain, three times!



In Year 5, the children have been thoroughly entertained with wonderful story-telling, as well as investigating water resistance and designing and making boats that were streamlined. They loved working in teams to create their boats and could explain how they would move through the water.

In Year 6, the children have been describing dragons related to their new topic: how to train your dragon. In maths, they have started exploring algebra by writing and drawing expressions. They have also continued their bread making adventures and are planning their final bake, whilst in RE we have designed a church for the modern age.

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

## E-Safety

We will be further raising the profile of the importance of E-Safety day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Although we teach the children about how to stay safe online during every computing lesson, we also like to celebrate it with a full day of activities. Should you need any advice, the following link has many helpful tips, and hints.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



## Attendance...

Attendance is:

93%

Let's work together to get it to 94% for the last week of school before half term.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, then please phone the school office by 8:45am, giving the reason for absence. Please note that term time holidays cannot be authorised.

## Headteacher Award...



We have been told that this amazing young person has impressed everyone with their wonderful manners, their super work ethic and their enthusiasm for learning. Despite not speaking English when they arrived at WJS, they have managed to engage with the lessons, make lots of new friends and quickly become part of the school community. We are particularly proud of how well they have picked up the language, enabling them to become part of the school community. What amazing resilience! What a star! Well done to Hilin 4B

## PTFA

Below are a list of important dates that our lovely PTFA would like to make you aware of, so make sure you add them to your diaries...

### Fri 10th February:

Cake sale and pre-loved cake sale after school. Any tasty, baking treats will be most welcomed, can you bring them to gates during the morning of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### Friday 17th March:

Thank You/Someone Special Shop - Sale of flowers/plants/treats ahead of Mother's Day, during the school day – held in the studio

### Thursday 30th March - NEW DATE

Spring school disco -Lower school 4.30 - 5.30, Upper school 6 - 7. Ticket price £3 to include larger drink crisps, and small sweet.

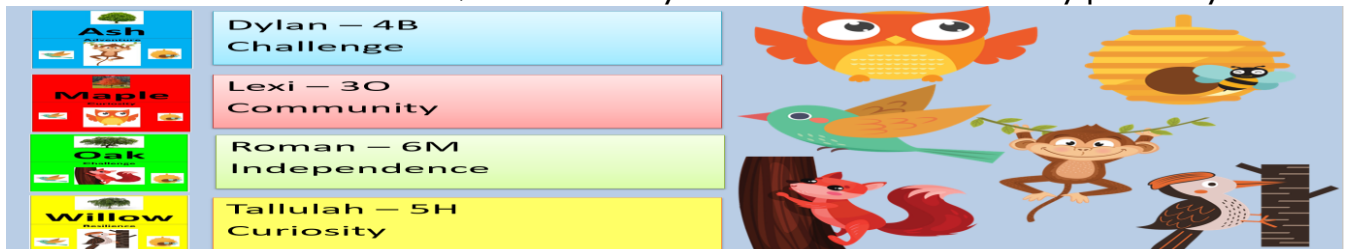
### Friday 31st March

Easter cake sale after school



## WJS House Certificate Winners ...

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 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - **Children's Mental Health Week**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 6 Height and Weight check, plus Year 6 Lancaster Questionnaire

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Dress To Impress Day – children are invited to wear whatever they like to school!**

