



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 10th February 2023



A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing start to 2023! This term has been jam-packed full of exciting memory-making moments, from visits out into the community and to neighbouring schools, to taking part in nail-biting sports events and exciting inter-school competitions. There has also been a wide variety of fantastic science experiments, inspiring outdoor learning activities as well as cooking and eating a variety of food from around the world. We have also thoroughly enjoyed a



variety of enrichment activities such as celebrating World Religion Day, to learning about the Chinese New Year and 'how to keep ourselves safe online'. It was also wonderful to see you in the classrooms last Friday, with the children enjoying playing maths games. This week the school has also celebrated the importance of making connections and building relationships, which culminated in a wonderful shared performance of a song entitled: a gift of a friend, as well as dressing either to impress or in something the children felt comfortable in.



Next term is just as busy as we look forward to Book Week based on poetry, supporting charities such as Comic Relief and raising money for African countries who need better water facilities, as well as completing beach cleans and recycling crisp packets for Porchlight. There is also STEM week with a long-awaited visit by the amazing Eureka-Seekers! As well as celebrating Shakespeare Week and launching a re-wilding project.

We would like to wish you a relaxing and happy half-term and look forward to seeing you on

Tuesday 21st February.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

What have the children been up to this week?

This week, Year 3 have finalised their Indus Valley topic by designing their own Indus Valley themed houses. They were incredibly creative, all the while considering the tools and materials available at the time. The children also enjoyed our school's mental health week theme and created class bunting to reflect how they can all work together to create something amazing.



This week in year 4, the children have continued their topic work, learning about the Roman Empire. The children have also been busy being creative in DT making their own catapults! In literacy, they have been practising their persuasive letter writing skills, telling the people of Ostia why the barbaric slave trade should be banned. In maths, the children have put all their multiplication and division skills to the test, proving themselves to be wonderful mathematicians; we are so proud of all their hard work this term.

In Year 5, the children have had a wonderful week writing some very creative and descriptive Greek myths with their own morals. They have shown us that we have some future writers among them as they have knocked us off our seats with their vocabulary choice and use of relative clauses. In maths, they have finished the unit on multiplication and division being able to use short



division with remainders. Plus, for children's mental health week, they have written some fabulous poems and created paper chains to show how we are all connected to each other.



In Year 6, the children have absolutely loved completing their DT project based on developing their product research skills, which has then informed their final design and what type of bread they will produce. The children have also enjoyed writing for an audience as they use their understanding of the animation: 'How to Train your Dragon' to write a detailed set of instructions.

Well done everyone, a fantastic end to a very busy term!

Supporting the Earth Quake appeal...



Just to let you know that we are contributing all of the Charity Car Parking money this weekend in support of the family and friends affected by the recent Earth Quake in Turkey and Syria. Our thoughts are with them.

Attendance...

Attendance is:
93%

We achieved an average attendance of 93% in term 3. Let's make term 4 even better!

Please note that term time holidays cannot be authorised.



Headteacher Award...



This truly amazing young person brings joy with them wherever they go. From their epic stories about adorable puppies and funny puppets to the effort they put into all that they do; you just know they will make you smile whenever you encounter them. Not only that, but their teacher has commented that they have been making so much effort to make progress, particularly in their handwriting, and should be so proud of themselves. **Well Done Max 30.**

Writing Competition Winning Entries.....

Mrs Tucker was amazed at the quality, content and imagination of all of the competition entries. Well Done everyone; we look forward to hearing from you in the future as published authors.



WJS House Certificate Winners ...

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

	Ephraim – 5L Adventure	
	Sonny – 4CR Challenge	
	Lotte – 6H Community	
	Baxter – 3J Adventure	

A message from Dexter...

Hi everyone, I hope you have all had a lovely term. As you can see I'm wearing my new school tie, I hope you think I look smart. I just wanted to let you know that everything is good with me at my new school. The children are really nice, just like you, but I do miss you and all the lovely cuddles and strokes you gave me. I have heard that you have Nancy coming to visit you at school now and I know she is amazing so you are really lucky. Hope you all have a great half term holiday. Lots of love, Dexter



Letters

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Term 4 Dates...

Start of term: Tuesday 21st February

Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March – Book Week

Thursday 2nd March – Dressing up as a book character (If NEU Strike Day affects this then it will be on Friday)

Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March – STEM week with a visit from Eureka Seekers on Wednesday 15th March for Lower School and Friday 17th March for Upper School

Friday 17th March – PTFA – Someone Special Shop (Sale of flowers/plants/treats) and Red Nose Day

Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March – Shakespeare Week

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 –End of Term 4 and Easter cake sale after school

