



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 24th February 2023



A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

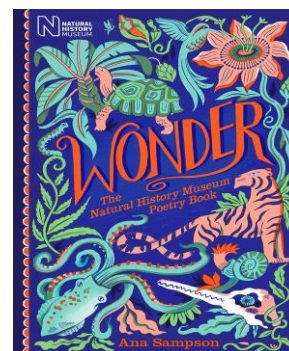
It has been a wonderful start to term 4 and so lovely to see all the children returning back to school looking really smart, with smiles on their faces, ready to learn and do their best. The school has been full of great memory-making moments this week with: exciting music lessons based on the great Northern American culture, inspiring outdoor learning sessions based on building habitats for mythical creatures as well as the launch of a vast range of interesting new topics and themes from the Medalling Monarchs, to the Anglo-Saxons and the Greeks.

Looking forward to next week, we have the long-awaited **Whole School Book Week** which is based around poetry. The children will be immersed in a wide range of quality texts that will inspire their use of imagery and high-quality vocabulary so that they can write and perform their own. There will



be lots of other exciting reading activities as well as opportunities for the children to share their favourite stories with other children across the school.

Please note our Book Character dressing-up day is now on Wednesday 1st March.



Prime Energy drink bottles:

Please can we request that children do not bring this energy drink to school from this Monday as it is no longer permitted. Can we also ask that children **do not** use the empty bottles as water bottles in school. Most schools have now banned these and we are now doing the same. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy



What have the children been up to this week?

In year 3, the children discovered how sound is made and enjoyed exploring different pitches. They have also enjoyed their new topic based on the history of Ancient Egypt, through their intriguing new text: The Egyptian Cinderella!

Year 4 have started a new book called 'Julius Zebra' about the adventures of a zebra during Roman times. They have also been improving their inference skills and tackling abstract nouns and synonyms as part of this learning. In maths, following on from their work on Number Day last term, the children have been calculating perimeter. In R.E. they have started to think about why their lives can be described as a journey and all the exciting events that happen along the way!

In year 5, the children have 'hit the ground running' with fractions; they have been multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers. Amazing progress and understanding! They have also learnt about the Trojan war in preparation for writing newspaper reports next week.

Lastly, year 6 have made a start on their Medalling Monarchs topic, creating a timeline of the key rulers that they will be covering. They have also enjoyed completing drama that explores the feelings of the different characters in our book: 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. For Science, the children have been recalling their previous knowledge on light and exploring what they would like to find out more about this term.

Well done everyone on a great start back.

Supporting the Earth Quake appeal...



Just to let you know that the Charity Car Parking fund raiser collected a total of £850.72 for the Earth Quake appeal. Of which, we donated our half. We hope that this money will go some way to help the family and friends affected by the recent Earth Quake in Turkey and Syria. Our thoughts are with them.

Attendance...

**Attendance
is:
93.3%**

**Just a reminder that the gates open at
8.30am and close at 8.45am.**



Headteacher Award...



This truly amazing young person has shown such an incredibly positive attitude towards learning already this term, their teacher just had to reward them and share why. From using impressive maths skills, which really demonstrate their understanding and super listening skills to producing the most fabulous English writing that celebrate super vocabulary choices, great grammar and punctuation and lovely presentation.

You should feel so proud of yourself. **Well Done Ronnie 5L**

Mindfulness and Mindset lunchtime sessions

Julie Bevan, from Dot Kids, is running Mindfulness and Mind-set sessions with children during Thursday lunchtimes this term. These sessions are popular but there are still a few places left, so if you feel that your child may benefit from developing ways to relax themselves and develop their self-confidence, then please refer to the email sent out before half term with contact and price details.



Supporting Anxiety Workshops for parents and carers of Year 3 and 4



Anxiety



Tuesday 22nd March 2023
2pm
Whitstable Junior School Hall

This workshop is available to parent/carers of children in **Year 2** at St Alphege and **Years 3&4** at Whitstable Junior School.

Emma Harrison will be holding a workshop for parents and carers about anxiety on Tuesday 22nd March at 2pm, at WJS. Emma is the Canterbury and Coastal District specialist teacher for Social Emotional and Mental Health.

A flyer with further information and how to book a place has been emailed out to you and will also be available on the school website.

Letters

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

Term 4 Dates...

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

Wednesday 1st March – Dressing up as a book character

Thursday 2nd March – NEU Strike Day (affecting some Year 6 classes only)

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

