



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 3rd March 2023



A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...



Dear Parents and Carers,
Wow! What an amazing week the children, and staff, have had!! From being immersed in a plethora of inspirational poetry books, to sharing their favourite reading books with children from different year groups, to becoming 'Reading Ambassadors', the week has been alive with excitement. Inspired by the weeks' theme, the



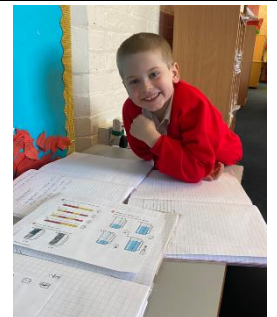
children have loved writing and performing their own poems as well as creating a whole-school 'poe-tree' display and then creating some absolutely stunning artwork from old book pages, the list is endless. Lastly, we must not forget the incredible efforts that all of the children (and parents/carers) and staff went to on Wednesday as the entire school community embraced their love of reading and their favourite book characters; everyone looked wonderful. Three of our school governors came into the morning assembly to see the amazing costumes and to see world book day in action. They were all very impressed. We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for embracing and supporting these events and to Mrs Tucker for organising an amazing week. We hope you have a lovely weekend.



Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

What have the children been up to this week?

This week, in year 3, the children have loved exploring not just poetry but performance. The children have wowed their teachers at every step with their enthusiasm, skill and love for poetry and performing. A particular highlight was when the children wrote and then performed their own poetry in groups to the class. In P.E, they enjoyed developing their tag rugby and dodgeball skills - coming back from each session with a smile on their face. Wonderful!



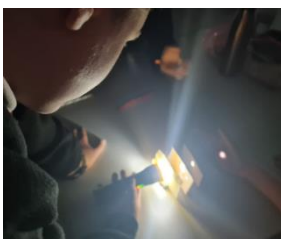
Then in year 4, the children have also had an amazing time reading and performing poetry, as well as sharing their favourite books with year 6 children in a book swap. They have also enjoyed creating habitats for mythical creatures as part of their outdoor learning and been on an exciting trip to the Roman Museum to find out more about how the Romans lived and how to handle artefacts.

In year 5, the children have also absolutely loved Book Week! They have been looking at a range of poets and then developing their styles as their own. Have they told you about their favourite? They have also loved reading



with other classes and of course dressing up was just so much fun for all! Lastly, they have also been busy cooking Greek Salad's and investigating a range of materials in Science.

In year 6 this week, the children have been exploring the theme: 'nature' as they focused on the wonderful book 'Nature - poems inspired by the Natural History Museum'. In maths, they have been delving into the wonderful world of decimals. Then during science lessons, they have been exploring how light travels and in art they have been drawing eyes in detail. A very busy week!



Well done everyone, a fantastic end to a wonderful week!

Attendance...

**Attendance
is:
93%**

Just so you are aware...when a class is closed due to strike action, this does not count against the children's attendance, obviously they cannot help it. For those classes affected so far, in particular, it is important to note that there are two further strike dates planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Hopefully there will be progress made before then.



Headteacher Award...



This truly amazing young person has worked really hard and has fully embraced poetry week. They have found that they are fantastic at writing poetry and this has been wonderful to see. Also, in maths they have really cracked fractions and is now approaching all tasks with a 'can do' attitude. Although this person is a quiet member of the class, they always have a kind word or smile for someone who is feeling a little down.

You should feel so proud of yourself. Well done Sophie in 5H

Our Science Winner went to the Marlowe Theatre this week to claim his prize...



Cast your minds back to Term 1, and our Science Week competition: **'Are there more stars than planets?'** and the amazing prize of a trip to the Marlowe Theatre to watch Tim Peake's, well the day has finally arrived! Finn and his family went this week and had the most amazing evening.

We would like to thank Miss Oliver for making this dream a reality.



PTFA Thank you Shop and School Disco information.



On Friday 17th March, our lovely PTFA will be in the studio with wonderful gifts your children to purchase to say 'Thank you' to someone they love.

This year, it will be cash on the day so please send your child into school with any money in a sealed envelope with their **name, class and amount clearly marked.**

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Letters

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Term 4 Dates...

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

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 3rd March –End of Term 4 and Easter cake sale after school