



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 10th March 2023



A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of the children at WJS have had another fantastic week: from learning about abstract art in Year 3, or creating delicious Greek feasts in Year 5, to learning about how to look after your teeth in Year 4 and the impact that meddling Monarchs had on religion in Year 6. Without doubt, the children have really enjoyed their learning experiences this week and this is clear to see as they cannot wait for the gates to open in the morning!



Next week there are even more amazing opportunities for the children to be inspired by their time at school as we celebrate STEM week, with a focus on 'making connections'. During the week, each child will complete a session with the amazing 'EUREKA SEEKERS!' as well as live lessons all about farming.

We are also supporting the very worth-while

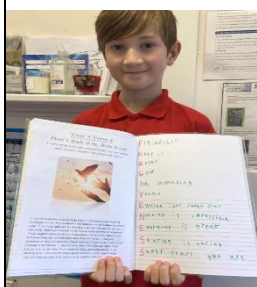
Comic Relief charity fundraising event on Friday 17th March, by inviting the children to wear something red and/or donate what you can to this event. There will be a collection on the gate on Friday morning. In addition to this, the wonderful PTFA will be in school all day on Friday holding their 'Thank you Shop' so that the children can buy a gift to show their appreciation (please see further information on the other page).



Lastly, just to let you know that there may be potential class closures for Year 6 next week due to the NEU strikes. We will let you know as soon as we can if your child's class is affected (the children will not miss out on Eureka Seekers should their class be affected as there is no clash).

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

What have the children been up to this week?



This week, Year 3 have had a great week completing their fractions topic in maths and were even sad to move onto their next topic, all asking for more fractions learning! In science, the children have been learning about how mirrors reflect light by creating their own secret code using mirror writing, whilst in RSE they have been exploring more about what makes a good friend.

Then in Year 4, the children have been completing their work on Julius Zebra, writing wonderful descriptions of the nomadic lion and sharing their scary ideas! In maths, they have continued to tackle perimeter, looking at regular and irregular

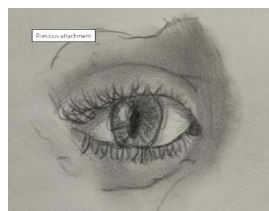
polygons, as well as working hard on their times tables. The children have also been learning all about teeth and their different functions as part of their science topic on the Human Body.

In Year 5, the children have conquered decimals and their equivalent fractions for tenths and hundredths. In Literacy, they have reported on the Trojan War and how a wooden horse destroyed Troy. Furthermore, they have mashed chickpeas and created delicious falafels as a traditional Greek dish. As it has been a chilly week, in Science they have been investigating how to keep themselves warm and what are the best



thermal insulators. The children were set the challenge of stopping their ice cubes melting, using different materials.

In Year 6 this week, the children have been producing a religious rollercoaster to help explore further, how the Tudors influenced religion. In science they have been exploring the inner workings of the eye which was supported by our artwork focusing on shade and tone to draw a detailed eye.



Well done everyone on another wonderful week!

Attendance...

Attendance is:
93%

Thank you for ensuring that your child is on time and ready to learn before the gates close at 845am.

Please note that there are major road works affecting Oxford Street next week, so please allow for a longer car journey.



School success starts with attendance

Headteacher Award...



This truly amazing young person has become part of our school community despite not speaking English to begin with! Their enthusiasm and delight shines through in every aspect of their learning. Every morning, her teacher looks forward to the moment she steps through the door with a huge beaming smile on their face and every day they impress with their growing vocabulary and 'can do' attitude. Their history work this term has shown incredible resilience in learning dates, names and events all in a language different to their own. This person is truly grateful for everything taught to them and all that they can learn!

You should feel so proud of yourself. Well Done Sesil in 6M

Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



Roscoe – 3O
Challenge

Flo – 6M
Resilience

Arthur – 4CR
Community

Yasmin – 5L
Community



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

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

Term 4 Dates...

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

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March – NEU Strike days (texts and information to follow)

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

Tuesday 21st March – 2pm Supporting anxiety workshop for Y3 and 4 parents and carers

Thursday 30th March - 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