



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 17th March 2023



A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week the children have had! The week started with celebrating National Commonwealth Day, ensuring the children understood the shared values and the background of the 56 countries working together. This was closely followed by our STEM week which focused on 'making connections'; the children took part in live lessons provided by the NFU and were in awe of the facts that they learnt. In addition to this, every class has taken part in an amazing Eureka-Seeker's Science lesson where the children created different solutions that would not mix together.



There has also been delicious Greek-inspired cooking in Year 5 and tasty



blueberry crumble-cake and pizza has been created as part of our Change for Life club. Fantastic models were made during our Outdoor Learning and awesome still-life art lessons completed!

We were also overjoyed to receive a visit from the Lions Charity Chairman today as he presented the school a note of thanks for our contribution to the Syria & Turkey EarthQuake appeal.



Lastly, it was lovely to see all of the gorgeous gifts leaving school this afternoon, there are many of you in for a lovely surprise over the weekend so we would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to our wonderful PTFA for making this possible.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend; enjoying quality time together.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

P.S Please note there are new dates for your diaries in the dates section... more details to follow.

What have the children been up to this week?

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed practically exploring volume and capacity in maths. As part of STEM week, they experienced Eureka Seekers sessions, creating their own rainbows in a cup and popping bags!



Then in Year 4, the children have started to read Beowulf and are writing wonderful descriptions of the terrifying Grendel! In maths the children have been working hard learning about fractions, including mixed numbers. They have also enjoyed an incredible STEM week, where they got to do mind-blowing experiments with Eureka Seekers and learn all



about pigs! In art, the children enjoyed drawing portraits of their teachers and we discovered some budding artists!

In Year 5, the children have been busy this week making scrumptious feta and spinach pies whilst



starting to develop their understanding of philosophy with Homer and the Odyssey. They have done some fabulous finding of equivalent fractions and decimals as well as taking maths into STEM week by taking part in Live lessons and Eureka Seekers.

In Year 6 this week, the children have been multiplying and dividing decimals in maths and learning all about how the eye works in intricate detail for science. In English, they have been exploring the emotions of Ayesha, the main character from Oranges in No Man's



Land, and writing some extremely expressive poetry. For STEM week they have taken part in a wonderfully exciting workshop with the Eureka Seekers too!

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

Attendance...

**Attendance
is:
93%**

Thank you for ensuring that your child is on time and ready to learn.
We are always available to help support you should you be having any difficulties regarding being on time or your child being absent, so please do call the office and chat to us!



Headteacher Award...



I have been told that this truly amazing young person has shown such amazing resilience in their approach to completing their work this week; they have clearly listened carefully to the strategies shared in class and is now far more able to challenge themselves and knows not to give up when something is hard. They have also embraced the techniques for developing their growth mind-set, which is so impressive! Well done to Tommy 4CR, you should feel so proud of yourself.

Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....

	Ash Roscoe – 30 Challenge
	Maple Flo – 6M Resilience
	Oak Arthur – 4CR Community
	Willow Yasmin – 5L Community

Anxiety Workshops on Tuesday 21st March... there are still spaces so please come along it will be great to see you..

Anxiety

Tuesday 21st 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.

**What causes anxiety?
Symptoms of anxiety
Strategies to support ourselves and children**

Emma Harrison will be holding a workshop for parents about anxiety. Emma is the Canterbury and Coastal District specialist teacher for Social Emotional and Mental Health.

Please complete the online form to confirm your attendance.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=D1TVk1kUWUk6B5RY4pJnJyDpy2io51M5Mld51u3AKasIURFpKWldDWEQwWU1TBFB1VE9NQV5YQVdVQS4u>

For further information please contact Kirsten Collin or Becky Strike
kcollin@whitstable-junior-kent.sch.uk or becky.strike@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk

The workshop is easy to book using the link shown on the poster that is attached to the end of this newsletter.

We would love to see you, so please do not hesitate to come and join us!

Letters

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

Term 4 Dates...

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

Monday 20th March – Netball match at home against Davington School.

Tuesday 21st March – Year 3 and 4 Anxiety Workshops in the school from 2pm

- Year 5 Able Mathematicians Workshop – all day in the studio (texts have been sent to inform you if your child is attending)

Friday 24th March – Year 6 Walk-4-Water Event. – Raising money for a village in Africa to have access to clean drinking water. 16 children will be representing the school at the University and the rest of Year 6 will be taking part at school – walking a sponsored 6km.

Tuesday 28th March – Parents invited in at 2.50pm to look at their children's books – more details to follow

Wednesday 29th March – IROC Concert in the school hall from 2pm

Thursday 30th March - NEW DATE- Spring school disco -Lower school 4.30 - 5.30, Upper school 6 - 7. Ticket price £3 to include: drink crisps, and small sweet.

Friday 31st March –End of Term 4 and Easter cake sale after school