



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



### A message from Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a very Happy Friday! It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of Term 4 already! The children have been working hard and experienced a wide variety of different learning experiences; From designing Roman brooches to creating Greek biscuits, to learning how to calculate



the area of compound shapes to writing persuasive leaflets or learning how to play the piano; there was never a dull moment!. Also this week, we have run a very successful Anxiety Workshop in the school hall, with a great number of our parents, as well as parents from St Alphege coming along to listen to the speaker. The children had a lovely time at our



AIM High Maths Workshop run by Peter Hall, where they were joined by 5 other local primary schools to spend the day developing their problem solving skills. In year 6 today, the children have been supporting Chestfield Rotary Club by completing the Walk for Water event in order to raise money to provide clean water for a village in Africa. We were so touched by the letters of support written by the children who wanted to raise as much money as possible for this worthwhile cause. Wonderful!

Looking forward, we are delighted to be able to welcome our new Headteacher, Ms Sarah Kent, to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, who will be introducing herself to the children during our whole school assembly and then available on the school gate in the afternoon, so please come and say 'hello'.



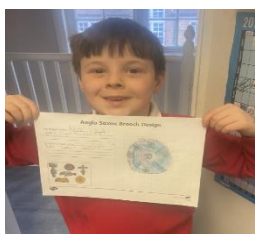
We will be opening the gates early on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March (at 2.50pm) so that you can visit your child's classroom again and this time have an opportunity to look at all of the amazing work that they have been doing! **Lastly, a request from our Change for Life Club: if anyone has a bag of compost that they could donate to the school they would be ever so grateful as they are going to be growing their own fruit and vegetables next term! Thank you**

We wish you a fantastic weekend and happy fasting and Ramadan to those in our community who are observing over the next few weeks.

Mr Cooper and Mrs Roy

### What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have fully embraced the excitement of Shakespeare week, learning about the playwright's life and works. In Science, they have been exploring our light and shadows topic, practically investigating which materials block light most effectively. The children have also demonstrated their impressive knowledge of volume and capacity in Maths, reading and interpreting a range of scales. Well Done Year 3



In Year 4, the children have also been enjoying Shakespeare week, learning about his life, writing poems and performing Shakespeare themed plays. In maths they have continued to learn about fractions, looking at mixed and improper fractions. In science, the children have been learning about the different layers that make up our teeth and why it is so important to look after them. In D.T. the children have also started making wonderful Anglo- Saxon brooches.

In Year 5, the children have been researching their favourite holiday destinations in Greece in preparation for the nice weather coming up; they have made persuasive leaflets about where to go and what to see.

They have also been considering whether they would rather be a Happy pig or an Unhappy man after listening to stories from the Odyssey. Also in R.E, the children have been considering the Christian idea of 'being part of the body of Christ' and how people can worship in many locations.



In Year 6 the children have been honing their sketching skills to draw portraits of the school staff. In Maths they started to find equivalent fractions and decimals and in Literacy they have concluded the wonderful book 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. The children will now write a flashback from the

perspective of a key character. In Science the children have loved exploring the direction of light and their History took them back to the Industrial Revolution to learn about the explosion of invention!  
**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 have been at 93% for the whole of this term. It would be fantastic if this could increase this in time for the last of week of term!**



## Headteacher Award...



I have been told that this truly amazing young person always lights up their classroom with their sparkling personality and bright smile. Always willing to help, this person shows compassion and understanding to their friends. This person demonstrates excellent manners, always greeting their teachers with a "Good Morning", which never fails to make their teachers day. This person always takes great care with their work and tries their best in every lesson. I am so proud of this person. Well done to Jasper in 3J- you should feel so proud of yourself.

## Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....

	<b>Ash</b> Resilience	
	<b>Maple</b> Community	
	<b>Oak</b> Community	
	<b>Willow</b> Challenge	

## Healthy School Fruit Café Menu

**We have a Fruit Café in operation for children who want to buy a healthy snack for 40p.**

**If children bring their money into class, there is a Fruit Café pouch for them to give in their money and then order their snack.**

**The seasonal surprises are quite popular!!**

**Snacks are then delivered to the classrooms before break time**

Fruit Café Menu		
40p Each		
	Apples	
	Bananas	
	Pears	
	Citrus Fruit (Orange, Clementine, Satsuma etc.)	
	Seasonal Surprise	

## Letters ....

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

**Look out for the new club list for Term 5 and 6!**

## Term 4 Dates...

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Netball match – at WJS – against Hampton Primary school – all welcome

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents invited in at 2.50pm to look at their children's books – please come through the normal bottom school gates and walk to your child's classroom. If this is your first time, then please ask a member of staff on the gates to show you the way. We look forward to seeing you

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – IROC Concert in the school hall from 2pm (parents of the children performing at invited from 2pm)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March -WJS Celebrating World Autism Day – wear something bright and colourful**

End of Term 4 and Easter cake sale after school (TBC)

**Term 5 starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am – where we welcome Ms Sarah Kent as our new HeadTeacher**

