



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 26 May 2023



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents and carers,

Cakes! What a delicious way to end what's been a productive term full of enrichment opportunities for our children. I feel totally settled in and overwhelmed by the huge welcome I have received from the whole community.

This term we have been learning about how we can show we are a **trustworthy** member of the school community. The children have demonstrated this in their behaviour and attitudes to learning. We can **trust** our children to pay attention in class and listen to all adults in school. We can **trust** our children to be a good friend during unstructured times. We can **trust** our children to take responsibility for their actions and to reflect honestly when things don't go to plan.

We are keen to further develop partnership with you as we know this will lead to better educational and pastoral outcomes for your children. With this in mind we invite you to come and read with your child next term - see dates section below. I will also be holding Headteacher drop ins, the first of which is on Friday 9th June at 2.30 pm which will be held in the studio. This is an opportunity for you to let me know what you love about our school and any thoughts you may have on improvements and opportunities for WJS. Next term we also have parent consultations; this is an opportunity for your child's teacher to share your child's achievements with you. Consultations will take place on the 15 & 22 June. We will let you know when you are able to book on-line. I look forward to next term and all that term 6 brings – The School Fair, Sports day, Year 6 Production and enrichment week.

Wishing you all a sunny half term break,
Sarah Kent

What have the children been up to this week?

This week, **Year 3** have enjoyed making their own balanced sandwiches as part of their D.T learning. They also finished reading their text this term 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and created a blurb to reflect the story.

Year 4 children started learning about the Battle of Muye in literacy. Children imagined that they were a soldier fighting for the Shang Dynasty and how they would have felt about being part of this battle. In maths, children have been tackling decimals, dividing 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10 and 100. They have also learnt about the impact of environmental change on the habitat of wildlife and the dangers that littering pose to their survival. **Year 5** have wrapped up their unit on Changing States by delving into the story of the 'Death of the Pancake.' This was a chance for the children to show what they had learnt over the term from our many investigations. In Maths, they have been busy getting acquainted with negative numbers and what the - symbols represents. They have been looking at it in real life contexts and applying it to problems. Furthermore, they have been practising their tenses this week and developing a knowledge of active and passive voice during Literacy. As it was better weather, they were lucky to have an Athletics session by Joe Theze which involved doing the hop, skip and jump, javelin and throwing. **Year 6** have been preparing for writing a newspaper as part of our Oliver unit. They have been hot-seating characters as eye witnesses to the theft of Mr Brownlow's wallet and then wrote their news report of the events. As part of their art topic, the children have begun the preparation for their printing by creating a design and making their tile. In history, the children have been experiencing what it was like to be a prisoner in the Victorian age: picking oakum and lifting weights - all in silence!



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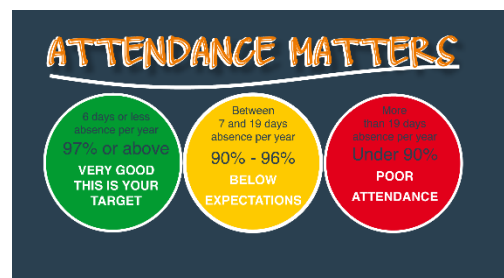
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Attendance

Attendance
is:
93.28%

Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn.
Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Let's try and increase attendance next term!



Safeguarding/Esafety

Setting up parental controls is important to safeguard your children with their online activity. With this in mind we are running a drop-in workshop where we will help you set up parental controls on your child's devices. This will take place on the 12 June at 9am in the ICT suite. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. We have become aware that some children have been accessing a website named 'omegle.' Please take time to read this information as this website is **NOT** appropriate for any primary age children.

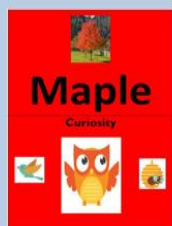
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Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



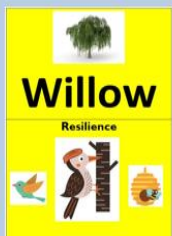
Mary – 6M
Adventure



Tommy – 5H
Community



Louis – 4B
Resilience



Yasmine – 3O
Community



Lego Club


PYXIS-social
LEGO® club


A YOUTH CLUB FOR 10-13 YEAR OLD'S INTERESTED IN LEGO®

We have developed Pyxis.Social Lego® as an offshoot of our successful youth club. From Technics to Minifigs, big scale builds to intricate inventions, we've got it all.



This club is for young people aged between 10-13 years who have a particular interest in Lego, but is particularly suited to those who are also socially lonely, isolated or need support with their social skills. We specialise in providing a low-stimulus environment for young people to thrive.

"I like how relaxed it is and the calm environment."
Young Person at Pyxis.Social

"The time my daughter spends at Pyxis is invaluable because it is the one time during the week she can relax and enjoy interacting socially, with people her own age, without having to mask her true self."
Parent of Young Person at Pyxis.Social

Key Information

- Pre-Registration Required
- Sundays
- 11am-12:30pm
- Canterbury
- £10 per session
- Max. 8 Young People Per Group

Contact us at the following for more information:
<https://pyxis.life/what-we-do/> OR @hello@pyxis.life

PTFA

We have a small hardworking team who are keen to help us raise funds for our library project. We would love more helpers! If you are able to help or have another family member who can, please let the school office know.

Friday 16 June - Gift shop
Friday 23 June - Summer fair
Friday 7 July - Leavers' disco

PE

3J - Wednesday Athletics, Friday Cricket
 3O - Thursday Athletics, Friday Cricket
 4B - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics
 4CR - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics
 5H - Monday Athletics, Tuesday Swimming
 5L - Tuesday Swimming, Thursday Athletics
 6H - Monday Athletics, Friday Swimming
 6M - Monday Swimming, Thursday Athletics
 6T - Thursday Athletics, Friday Swimming



Letters

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



Term 6 Dates...

Monday 5 June - Start of term 6

Monday 5 June - 6M start swimming

Monday 5 June - Coast guard visit all year groups

Tuesday 6 June - Lower School Stay and Read – Bottom gates open from 2.50PM

Tuesday 6 June - Year 5 start swimming

Wednesday 7 June - Upper School Stay and Read – Bottom gates open from 2.50PM

Friday 9 June - 6T & 6H start swimming

Friday 9 June - Head teacher drop in session from 2.30PM

Monday 12 June - Parent/Carer on-line safety support drop in

Monday 12 June - AIM high Writing Day for Years 3 & 4. More details to follow

Monday 12 June - The Whitstable School visit to Year 6 at 11.30am

Monday 12 June - Netball match against Joy Lane

Tuesday 13 June - 3J Otterden trip – more details to follow

Wednesday 14 June - 3O Otterden trip – more details to follow

Wednesday 14 June - Year 4 MTC day

Wednesday 14 June - Year 6 Road Safety talks

Wednesday 14 June - Queen Elizabeth School visit to Year 6 children at 11.30AM

Thursday 15 June - The Archbishops School visit to Year 6 children at 10.30AM

Thursday 15 June - Parent/Carer Consultation – more details to follow

Friday 16 June - Gift Shop

Monday 19 June - Arts Week

Tuesday 20 June - Girls Cricket Competition 12 – 3PM in Bridge. More details to follow.

Wednesday 21 June Year 5/6 Rounders Competition in afternoon. More details to follow.

Friday 23 June - Year 6 Transition to Secondary School Week

Friday 23 June - Summer Fair

Monday 26 June - Year 6 Enrichment Week – Gillwell or Stay At Home enrichment

Monday 3 July - Friday 7 July – Year 6 Visiting secondary schools

Tuesday 4 July - Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter

Tuesday 4 July - Year 5 Road Safety talks

Wednesday 5 July - Whole School Assembly from the library to advertise Summer Reading Challenge

Thursday 6 July - Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Meet their new teacher morning

Friday 7 July - Leavers' Disco

Monday 10 July - Health Sports Week

Tuesday 11 July - Year 6 morning production to parents. More details to follow

Tuesday 11 July - New Year 3 parent/carers evening – 6PM in the hall

Wednesday 12 July - Athletics Festival HBHS all day. More details to follow

Wednesday 12 July - iROCK concert outside at 2.30PM

Wednesday 12 July - 6PM Year 6 Production to parents/carers. More details to follow

Thursday 13 July - Sports Afternoon. More details to follow

Friday 14 July - Books home apart from Year 5

Monday 17 July - Progress Reports sent to parents/carers

Monday 17 July - Foodbank Donations

Tuesday 18 July - Leavers' Celebration at St Alephege Church from 2PM

Wednesday 19 July - Year 6 Water Fight at 2.50PM