



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 30 June 2023



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents and carers,

This week our year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful residential trip – and for some their first taste of independence to prepare them for secondary transition. Our staff work incredibly hard to ensure these trips run smoothly so I am sure you all join me in saying a huge thank you to all staff who helped organise and run the trip. I hope you have all enjoyed the photos on Facebook which show what an amazing time the children have had.

We would like to extend a very warm thank you to Mr Webb who made a donation towards this year's Gilwell trip.



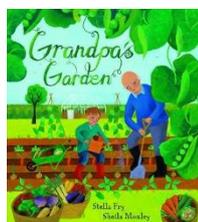
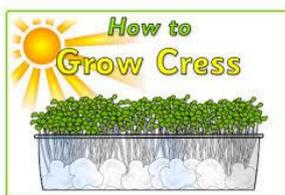
Huge thanks to our dedicated team of parent helpers who made our school fair possible. We raised an incredible £..... Special thanks to Laura, Yvonne, Sarah and Amie for all that you do to ensure we can provide those extras in school. Our PTFA cannot continue to run without more help. Please look out for the next meeting dates and come along to see what you can do to help!

Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

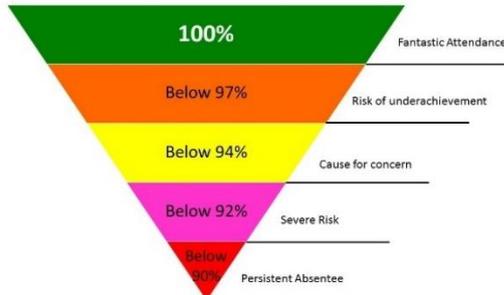
Year 3 have enjoyed bringing their science topic to life this week by planting cress seeds, ready to apply their learning to see if they can make them grow. In Literacy, they finished their text 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' and reflected on how the characters had changed through descriptive writing. This week **Year 4** have been looking at Grandpa's Garden and rewriting the story from the perspective of an earthworm. In maths they have been converting money from pounds to pence. They are very excited about which materials conducted electricity to light up a bulb. This week, **Year 5** have continued their research and informative writing all about Rye; they have learnt lots of facts about the flora, fauna and historical attractions that Rye has to offer. In Maths, they have been adding and subtracting decimals using a range of strategies. Linking to literacy, in Geography we have been comparing physical and human features of Rye and Whitstable. In PE, the children have really been enjoying developing their hand-eye coordination while playing 'caterpillar cricket.' **Year 6** had a fabulous time on their residential and activity week. Check out Facebook for all the wonderful photos.



Attendance

Attendance
is:
93.45%

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 week! Remember our target, of at least 94%, by the end of term. Please can we do all we can for the final two & half weeks!



Teacher Strike

As you may be aware, the NEU have planned further strike days during term 6. The planned dates "In the South East area, are scheduled for":

- Wednesday 5th July
- Friday 7th July

We anticipate that **school will be fully open for classes**. Staff who took strike action previously have chosen not to this time. As is often the case with teachers, they have made this decision because they are putting the needs of their classes before their own views. This has not been an easy decision for them. I'm sure you would join me in thanking them for this.

While our teachers have made the decision to be in school, I wanted to extend support to the ongoing dispute. Our teachers work incredibly hard, and I say that without diminishing the hard work of other professions. Teachers are leaving the profession in large numbers. Our children deserve the best quality teachers, our future needs them! Without funding, schools are having to make difficult decisions about staffing and resources. We are concerned for our education system and without a change it will end in:

- Not enough teachers
- Not enough money in schools
- Buildings in a state of disrepair
- Demoralised workforce
- The loss of goodwill that keeps things going

We want to remain open for the children—we know that every minute counts. But we do want the government to fund schools properly, and pay teachers fairly so that we can give our children the very best teachers, provision and environment.

Thank you

Pupil Leadership Team Driver Awards go to....



Tiegan – 6T
Independence



Emy – 5H
Challenge



Iyla – 4CR
Challenge

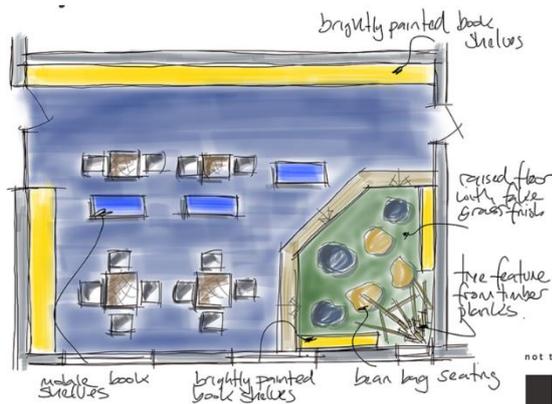


Lacey – 3O
Adventure



School Library

Plans are afoot to rejuvenate our school library to make it an enticing place for our children. We are currently getting quotes for the work. More information will follow but we thought you'd like to see where the PTFA fundraising will go.



General

If you have an old, soft (not leather) football you no longer require, please can you drop off in the office. Many thanks

If you haven't done so already, please take a couple minutes to complete the parent/carer survey. Your views are important to us. Survey closes on Monday 3 July at 9am.

NHS
Blood and Transplant

We are holding blood donation sessions

at **The Kings Hall** Beacon Hill, Herne Bay, CT6 6BA on **Thursday 6th July** and at **Riverside Vineyard Church**, Riverside Works, Thanet Way, Cheshfield, Whitstable CT5 3JQ on **Thursday 27th July** and have appointments available between **13:45 – 19:45**.
For more information and to book an appointment please

- visit us at blood.co.uk
- download our app **NHSGIVE BLOOD**
- call us on **0300 123 23 23**

New and Existing Donors are Welcome but an Appointment is Essential



PE

- 3J - Wednesday Athletics, Friday Cricket & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 4 July
- 3O - Monday and Friday & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 4 July and Multisports on Monday 10 July
- 4B - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 11 July
- 4CR - Tuesday Cricket, Wednesday Athletics & Inclusive Sports on Tuesday 11 July
- 5H - Monday Athletics, Tuesday Swimming
- 5L - Tuesday Swimming, Thursday Athletics
- 6H - Monday Athletics, Friday Swimming
- 6M - Monday Swimming, Thursday PE & Multisports on Monday 3 July if not going to The Archbishops
- 6T - Thursday Athletics, Friday Swimming

Letters

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



Term 6 Dates...

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

Tuesday 4 July – 4CR to walk to Joy Lane Primary for a singing event

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/carer 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