



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

**Week ending 29 September 2023**



## A message from Ms Kent

Dear Parents / carers,

As we come to the end of week four at WJS, the children are well and truly settled and back into the routine of school life. They are achieving great things in the classroom and continuing to enjoy and participate in the enrichment offer at school. This week our Year 3 children enjoyed a visit to The Beany Museum and made all of the adults extremely proud with their exemplary manners and behaviour – well done children.

Our PTFA have lots of fantastic events planned for the year ahead. Please take a look at their flyer attached with this Newsletter. Fundraising is currently going towards refurbishing our library. The total cost of the work is £10,000. Last year they raised £5000 so we are well on our way to meeting our target. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our team of helpers without whom we would not be able to go ahead with this project. If you are able to help with any aspects of this project please get in touch!

- Flooring
- Painting and decorating
- Providing soft furnishing
- Providing Books

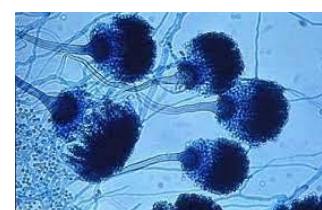
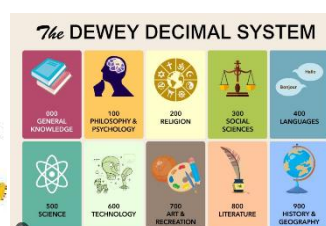
Wishing you all a great weekend,

Sarah Kent



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

This week **Year 3** enjoyed their Beany trip! They travelled on our school minibuses and headed into Canterbury to learn about prehistoric people. They were able to handle real artefacts, including arrowheads and created their own cave paintings using charcoal! They were super stars and their curiosity shone throughout. **Year 4** have been on a terrifying trip through the Wild Wood with Mole, thankfully finding Badger's home eventually. They have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 in maths and exploring the ways in which gasses are formed in science. In football, they have been practicing attacking skills and have been creating calendars in computing. **Year 5** have had a busy time this week. On Monday, they were visited by two members of Canterbury Mosque to talk about the Year 5 RE big question. The children have also visited Whitstable library where they had a great time browsing the books and learning about the Dewey system of organising non-fiction books. In English lessons, the children have continued their study of Flotsam; writing letters from some of the children in the photographs. Maths has included rounding numbers within 1 million. In English this week, **Year 6** have been learning the challenging rules of punctuating speech and how to use figurative language to make their writing more colourful. In maths, they have been finding prime, square and cubed numbers and are now moving on to the revision of long multiplication with four digit by two digit numbers. In science they have peered through the microscope at microscopic organisms and focus upon mould! In geography, trade links with the rainforest have been discussed and their advantages and disadvantages.



## Times Table Fact of the Week

To help children know and retain all their times tables, we are sharing our Fact of the Week which also gets shared in assembly. If children learn them all, they will be able to calculate all times tables by the end of the year. There are **only 36 times tables facts** to learn!

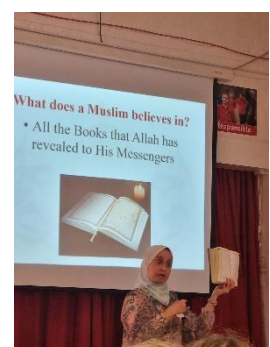
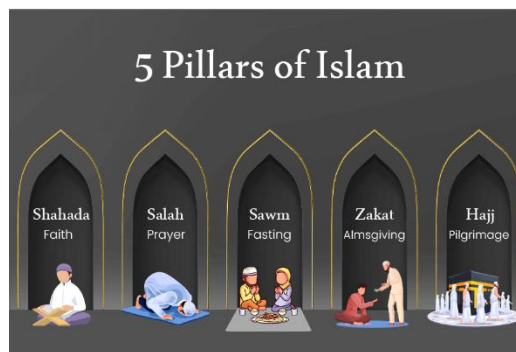
$2 \times 4 = 8$  **FACT**



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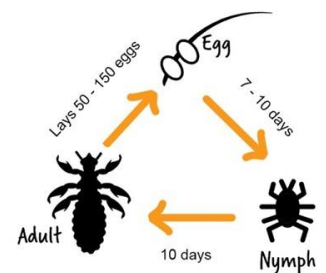
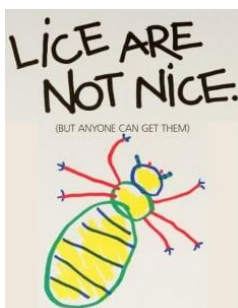
## A visit from Canterbury Mosque

Year 5 welcomed 2 members of the Muslim community into school on Monday. Rana and Shehrazade from Canterbury Mosque kindly gave up their time to talk to the children about their key question in RE this term: "What is it like to be a Muslim in Britain today?" The children learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam and how their religion is based around kindness and caring. The children listened carefully and asked some incredibly thought-provoking questions.



## Head lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in the last couple of weeks. They seem to be resilient and persistent. Please check your children's hair regularly and if hair is long enough to tie back, please do so. When treating, remember to focus on the eggs as they are waiting to hatch new bugs hence the returning lice and never-ending cycle. Bedding and clothes need to be washed and it is said that lice do not like peppermint, lavender, tea tree, rosemary and citronella!



## Chartwells pizza making workshop

Children will be taking part in Chartwells pizza making workshops next week - each class will get a 30-minute session on how to make a healthy and tasty pizza.

Monday 2 October - **4JW, 5L 6M**

Tuesday 3 October - **3B 3O 4T**

Wednesday 4 October - **5H 6H**



## Well done!

Tomasz in 3O recently won 3rd place at the Wild About Whitstable Photography Competition, in the under 11's category. He went to an event at the Horsebridge where was given his photo in a frame by the Lord Mayor of Whitstable. Fantastic Tomasz!!!



## Attendance and illness

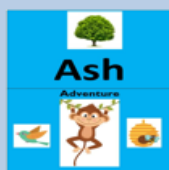
**Attendance is:**  
**94.75%**

**Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn.**  
**Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am.**

We understand there are coughs and colds this time of year, but if children are well enough to come in, there is no need for them to be absent. If your child is absent due to illness, you will need to call the office each day they are away confirming the reason, preferably before 8.45AM. Many thanks



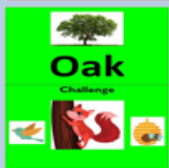
## Pupil leadership Team Driver Awards go to...



**Tyler – 3B**  
**Community**



**Ariyo – 6H**  
**Challenge**



**Mya – 4JW**  
**Resilience**



**Lawrence – 5H**  
**Curiosity**

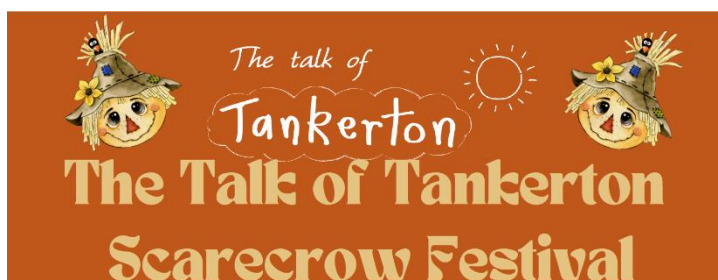




## Things to do

Our after-school craft club are making a scarecrow for the Tankerton Scarecrow Festival. Scarecrows will be displayed in Tankerton from the 24 – 31 October.

Folkstone is hosting a model railway exhibition on the 7 and 8 October from 10am – 5pm. Choo Choo!



## Letters and emails

If you have a message, please send it to the office and it will be passed onto your child's teacher / dealt with as appropriate. Thank you.

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



## Term 1 & 2 Dates

**Monday 2 October – Chartwells pizza workshop**

**Tuesday 3 October – Chartwells pizza workshop**

**Tuesday 3 October – 5L at the beach, pack lunch required, notify school if school lunch needed by Monday 3PM**

**Wednesday 4 October – Chartwells pizza workshop**

**Thursday 5 October – Year 6 Rugby taster session (no-touch rugby) please wear PE kits**

**Thursday 5 October – After school club for Year 3 who enjoyed the rugby sessions**

**Friday 6 October – 5H at the beach, packed lunch required, notify school if school lunch needed by Wednesday 3PM**

**Tuesday 10 October – 6PM Year 6 parents/carers secondary school application support meeting**

**Thursday 12 October – After school club for Year 6 who enjoyed the rugby sessions**

**Monday 16 October – Black History Week**

**Tuesday 17 October – Food bank donations, collection at the gate**

**Wednesday 18 October – Individual school photos**

**Wednesday 18 October – Kent Test results emailed to parent/carers after 4PM**

**Wednesday 18 October – Parent/carers consultations evening 3.30 – 5PM**

**Thursday 19 October – After school club for Year 6 who enjoyed the rugby taster sessions**

**Thursday 19 October – Parent/carers consultations evening 4.30 – 8PM**

**Friday 20 October – End of term 1**

**Monday 30 October – Staff development day**

**Tuesday 31 October – Term 2 starts**

**Tuesday 31 October – Year 6 parent/carers to have completed secondary school application**

**Wednesday 1 November – NHS height and weight measurements Year 6**

**Monday 6 November – Year 6 bikeability until Tuesday 14 November**

**W/C Monday 6 November/ 13 Nov – Parent/carers tours for next year**

**Monday 13 November – Friendship, antibullying and Inter-faith week**

**Saturday 18 November – Open morning**

**Friday 1 December – School Christmas fair 3.15 – 5PM**

**Wednesday 6 December – Christmas jumper and lunch day**

**Thursday 7 December – Year 3 morning performance of nativity to Year 4 and evening performance to parents at 6PM**

**Friday 8 December – Year 3 morning performance of nativity to Years 5 & 6 and afternoon performance to parents at 2PM.**

**Wednesday 13 December – Christmas carols in St Alphege Church from 1.30pm**

**Wednesday 13 December – Progress and Attainment Reports**

**Friday 15 December – End of Term 2**