



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 10 November 2023



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents / carers

This week we have welcomed prospective parents to tour our wonderful school. Tours continue next week with our Family Open morning on Saturday 18th. Please let any friends and family looking for school places know!

Thank you to all of our Year 3 parents who have completed our transition survey. We have received some really positive and constructive feedback which will help shape our future transition process. If you've not yet had a chance to complete, please follow this link:

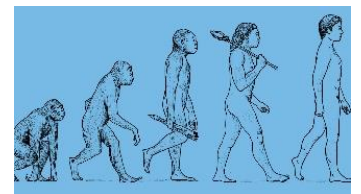
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The children have learnt about and marked Remembrance Sunday with a minute's silence to remember those who have died in war and conflict. The children continue to explore the theme of respect in assembly and it has been fantastic to hear children making an extra effort with 'please' and 'thank you' around school.



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3** children have continued reading the Iron Man and have been both writing a recount of the story as well as using drama to retell the story! In maths we are tackling the 3x table and learning the difference between grouping and sharing amounts. We have also been learning all about France, geographically and culturally and working out where it is in relation to the UK and other countries in Europe. We have started to cast for the Nativity - more information to follow soon! **Year 4** have been learning about tectonic plates and the continental shift. They have been learning the 3, 6 and 9 times tables in maths and have been creating incredible sentences using a wide range of brilliant fronted adverbials in English. In science, they have started to explore sound and have been intrigued by the Hindu concept of reincarnation in RE. **Year 5** have been learning about the Viking attack on Lindisfarne. They now know what happened to the friendly monks and the money that they took. In maths, the children have loved exploring factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cubed numbers. Wonder if they can tell you what they are and give an example? In English, the children have finished their learning on the Christmas Truce with great recounts and instructions. In science they have taken an initial look at the properties of materials and understanding why these are important when using them. In **Year 6** the children have enjoyed the story 'Virtually True' and with a view to creating their own virtual reality adventure. In maths, they have continued to work with fractions: adding and subtracting, comparing and ordering. Science was a fascinating exploration of the history of evolution and a realisation that humans have only lived on our planet for a very short time in the history of the universe. In Art, they have formed a plan for making their Mayan mask and they have also made poppies for Remembrance.



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!

IF YOU KNOW ONE OF THESE FACTS, WHAT OTHER FACTS CAN YOU WORK OUT?

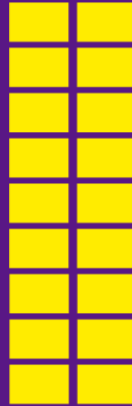
FACT OF THE WEEK

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU REPRESENT EACH FACT?

$$2 \times 9 = 18$$



$$18 \div 2 = ?$$



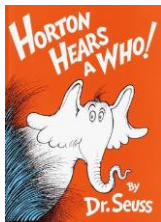
$$9 \times 2 = 18$$



$$18 \div 9 = ?$$

Anti-bullying week

Next week will be Anti-Bullying Week at Whitstable Junior School starting with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13 November. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise' which encourages children to speak up about bullying behaviours and recognise the differences between harmless banter and persistent targeted banter. The children will be looking at the story of Horton Hears a Who and composing their own poem/rap to raise their voice against bullying.



STOP THE BULLY



Children in Need

Next Friday 17 November, children are invited to wear PJs and bring in a soft toy. Herne Bay High School will be performing a Dance Dash on site and will have collection buckets for those able to donate!



Pupil leadership and team driver awards go to...



Pip – 5H
Curiosity



Daniel – 4JW
Community



Louie – 3B
Challenge



Yasmin – 6H
Curiosity



Attendance and illness

Attendance is:

94.48%

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 all pull together and help the children to be awarded their first "key to success" next week and receive a prize at the end of term.



**DREAM, BELIEVE,
ACHIEVE TOGETHER.**



All things Christmas

Don't forget the Christmas fair on Friday 1 December! It's also a non-uniform day in return for a bottle or chocolate donation if possible

Christmas lunch and jumper day – Wednesday 6 December. Lunch is £3.00 and a letter is coming home in the children's bags for those who would like to order as they need to be pre-ordered.

Nativity performances to parents/carers – 7 December at 6PM & 8 December at 2PM

Tuesday 12 December - children's Christmas shopping at the school



PE days for Term 2 and football fixtures

Children should wear full PE kit on their PE days.

- 3B Tuesday and Friday
- 3O Monday and Thursday
- 4JW Wednesday and Friday
- 4T Monday and Thursday
- 5L Wednesday and Friday
- 5H Tuesday and Thursday
- 6M Monday and Friday
- 6H Monday and Tuesday



Football Fixtures

Tuesday 28 November – Year 6 girls team vs Ospringe Primary – **away** at The Mount Faversham

Tuesday 12 December – Year 6 boys team Herne Bay Junior – **away**

Monday 8 January – Year 6 boys team vs Swalecliffe – **home**

Tuesday 9 January – Year 6 girls team vs The Endowed – **home**

Wednesday 17 January – Year 6 girls team vs Eastling – **home**



Additional messages

This Monday 13 November, author Tom Delahunt is sharing his book 'The Wandering Lamb' with the children in assembly. Tom will be available after school to sell signed copies.

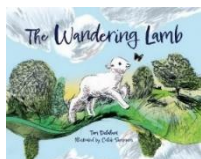
This book is about unconditional love and the search for acceptance. As a dyslexic academic, this book is a reflection of my heart. Tom Delahunt

Curiosity leads a lamb wandering from the flock on a search for acceptance. When a shepherd rescues him by showing him unconditional love, he is set free to be happily different and ready to dream.

https://bookshop.canterbury.ac.uk/The-Wandering-Lamb-SIGNED-COPY_9781838293222

If your child is booked in an after-school club but is unable to attend for any reason, please inform the office.

Lantern-Lit Parade Saturday 25 November – switch on starts from 4.45pm.



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 2 Dates

Monday 13 November – Friendship, antibullying and Inter-faith week. Odd sock day.

Wednesday 15 November – The Lancaster Model – Year 6

Thursday 16 & 17 November – Speak Out. Stay Safe assemblies

Friday 17 November – Children in Need Dance Dash. Children can wear pyjamas/comfy clothing or anything Pudsey. Bucket on gate if you wish to donate

Saturday 18 November – Open morning 10am – 12pm

Tuesday 21 November – Parents invited to spend time with their child in class listening to them read. Please enter through back gate at 2.45PM

Tuesday 28 November – Year 6 girls vs Ospringe Primary at The Mount Faversham

Friday 1 December – School Christmas fair 3.15 – 5PM & non uniform day in return for a bottle or chocolate if possible

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

Monday 11 December – Flu jabs at school

Tuesday 12 December – Year 6 boys vs Herne Bay Junior – away

Tuesday 12 December – Children's Christmas shopping at WJS

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

Wednesday 3 January – Start of Term 3

Tuesday 9 January – Year 6 girls vs The Endowed – home

Wednesday 17 January – Year 6 girls vs Eastling - home