



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 17 November 2023



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents / carers,

Odd socks on Monday launched our annual anti-bullying week. The children have been learning about the importance of 'shouting out' if they notice their peers are not showing kindness to one another. What has shone through in the children's discussions is how we need to show compassion and understanding to all parties and that often, when people behave in ways which are unkind, it is because they have something difficult happening in their life.

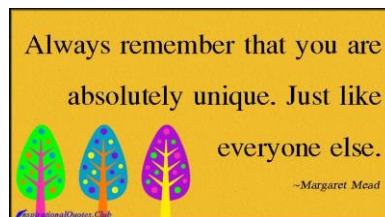
We are delighted to welcome Tom Delahunt to our community as our Poet in Residence. Tom shared his book 'The Wandering Lamb' with the whole school. Tom talked about his super power – dyslexia- and both the challenges and opportunities this has presented. Tom's key message to the children is that being different is a positive quality and something to celebrate.

This afternoon we welcomed students from Herne Bay High School who performed a fantastic Dance Dash which we enjoyed in our PJs! All money raised will go towards Children in Need.

Tomorrow we are looking forward to showcasing all that is amazing about WJS at our Open Morning for prospective New Parents. Thank you to those children who have volunteered to come in and help.

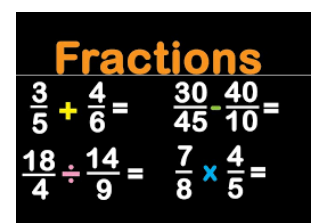
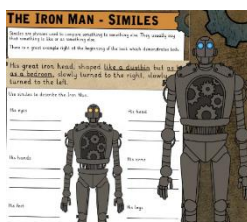
Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

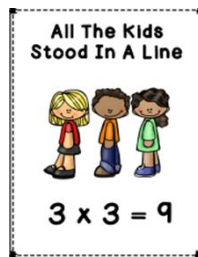
This week in **Year 3**, children have enjoyed meeting year 2 children from Westmeads and St. Alphege; getting to know them and taking part in lots of creative workshops. They have also enjoyed music with Mr. Migden where they have started to learn a Christmas song. In maths the children are tackling the 4 times table and learning to divide numbers into groups of 4. In English they have continued to read the Iron Man and have been planning and writing news reports on the exciting events that are taking place! **Year 4** have been learning all about explanation texts and their features. In maths, they have been continuing to master the tricky art of times tables with great success. In geography they have learnt all about mountains and may well be able to explain what a dome mountain is and why it looks so peculiar. In RE, they have explored the incredible life of Mahatma Gandhi. **Year 5** have been looking at relative clauses in the book Odd and the Frost Giants this week. They were a bit shocked when they discovered the animals were really Gods. In maths, they have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 using place value grids. During Topic this week, the children have learnt about King Alfred the Great and how he managed to both hold back the Vikings and burn the cakes! **Year 6** have started their own stories in English based on 'Virtually True' text - their gaming experience is actually proving useful! Exploring gods and rituals has revealed a darker side to the Mayan which they have found fascinating and has been inspiring for their Mayan masks in art. Year 6 have also shown great resilience with solving problems and calculations with fractions this week.



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!

3 x 3 = 9 **FACT**



Pupil leadership and team driver awards go to...



Demi – 3O
Challenge



Arlo – 6M
Curiosity



Mila – 4T
Challenge



Lilly – 5L
Community



Attendance and illness

Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is at school and on time every day. Only a few more weeks to get the “keys to success” this term!

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters!



Did you know...?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

Your child would have lost approximately...

or they would have missed approximately...

5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Please encourage punctuality to maintain attendance

Change of PE day for 3B and football fixtures

Note the change of PE days for 3B for the remainder of Term 2.

3B Tuesday and Thursday
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

Winter Mini Challenge : Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is easy. Encourage children to read at least three books of their choice between 1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024 and add them to their online profile at wintermini.org.uk Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

Junior & Primary School Applications for September 2024 : KCC link is : www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Junior School Applications for children transferring in September 2024: Applications opened on the 3rd November and close at midnight 15th January 2024 for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

Primary School Applications for children transferring in September 2024: Applications opened on the 3rd November and close at midnight on 15th January 2024 for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

Coastal School Uniform Company are offering 10% off until Friday 24 November until midnight. Use Code: BLACKFRIDAY



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

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