



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 24 November 2023



A message from Ms Kent

This week the children have been exploring diversity and what this means to us at WJS as we celebrate Inter Faith week. Each class has learnt about a festival of light and how that is celebrated by different religions: Year 3 Buddhism, Year 4 Taoism, Year 5 Bahá'í, Year 6 Sikhism. Inter Faith Week is an opportunity to bring people with different beliefs closer together. It is also a chance to learn about one another and build positive relationships.

We were astounded by your generosity last Friday for children in need. Dance Dash raised £3,421.00 across 11 primary schools!

Thank you to those parents, carers and family members who came to read with their child on Tuesday afternoon. This positive partnership with you all is so important in shaping your child's educational experience. Look out for next term's invite to come share maths games!

We are really looking forward to sharing with you some fabulous Christmassy things over the next few weeks: the Christmas Fair on 1 December, the Nativity on 7 and 8 December and the Carol service on 13 December – all of my favourite things in one term!

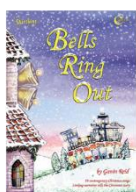
We would like to express our gratitude to Meadow Grange who have donated a beautiful Christmas tree to the school.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.
Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

This week **Year 3** have enjoyed practising more of their Nativity 'The Bells Ring Out.' They have even completed their first full run through with all the songs and narrations! The children are total superstars and we can't wait to welcome you to see their performances. The children have also enjoyed reading more of their text 'The Iron Man' and have been describing the characters' emotions as they progress throughout the text. **Year 4** have learnt all about Taoism for Inter Faith week, exploring the key beliefs and accompanying lantern festival. In English, they have been creating detailed explanation texts on how volcanoes erupt and have continued to consolidate their understanding of multiplication in maths. **Year 5** have had a wonderful interfaith week learning about Bahá'í faith and were very lucky to have some visitors share some fascinating information through dance and song. In English we have been looking at settings and creating their Viking characters for their Sagas next week. This week has also seen the start of our fractions journey. The children have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions and finding equivalents for both! They have been working hard in PE to develop their gymnastic balances and travelling both individually and with a partner. This week **Year 6** have been learning how to multiply and divide fractions in maths using a range of strategies, both visual and abstract. In English, they have been continuing with their virtual reality adventures which have taken them on many twists and turns in an effort to return to the safety of their own homes. They have focused on skills such as relative clauses, show not tell and the use of precise vocabulary for meaning. History involved looking at primary evidence and analysing uses and materials for archaeological finds. For Inter Faith Week they have been learning about Sikhism and the Sikh Diwali and building lanterns from salt dough and paper to carry to our own mini festival of light on Friday.



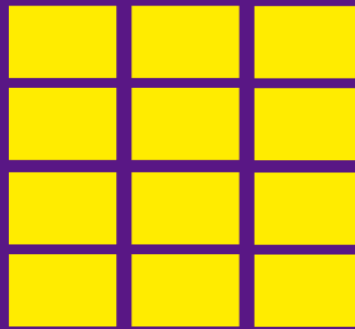
Times Table Fact of the Week

$3 \times 4 = 12$ **FACT**

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12			
4	4	4	4

$$12 \div 3 = ?$$



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4	4	4

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Pupil leadership and team driver awards go to...



Ronnie – 6H
Challenge



Harry – 5L
Community



Maya – 4WJ
Curiosity

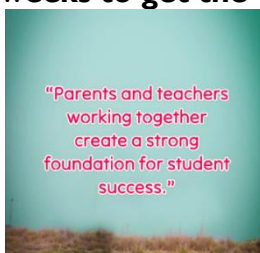


Thea – 3B
Resilience



Attendance

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!



Nativity and all things Christmas

Tickets for the nativity will be available from the school office from **Monday 27th November**. Tickets are limited to two per family and are free. There will be a donation bucket for the library fund if you wish/are able to make a donation. Performances are on **Thursday 7 December at 6pm** and **Friday 8 December at 2pm** and should last approximately an hour.

Whitsparkle – don't forget Whitsparkle this Saturday 25 November from 4.45pm. Bring your lanterns!

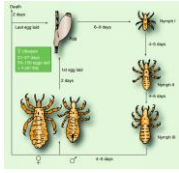
Meet Santa and his festive farm animals this Christmas with **Meadow Grange**. Book a place online at www.meadowgrangenursery.co.uk Monday – Saturday 8.30am – 6pm & Sunday 10am – 4pm.

Dates: 2 & 3 December, 9 & 10 December, 16 & 17 December



Head lice – Let's blitz the nits!

Please check your children regularly. Although some products kill headlice, crucially they do not kill the eggs. The eggs take between 7 – 11 days to hatch and often can't be seen if freshly laid. A good combing schedule would be to comb on days 1, 2, 6, 9 and 12 to blitz all nits and eggs. Expensive products don't have to be used; tea tree conditioner can be effective. Let's all work together and eliminate the current infestation.



Joke of the week

Why are fish so smart? Because they live in schools!



Why not send in a favourite family joke to manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk and see if it makes the newsletter! Don't forget to give your child's name so we can name check!

PE days and football fixtures

PE days 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 Ospringle 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

Costs of Living event at Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed School on Monday 27 November 2023 from 10am.

Whitstable Town Football Club - We have 1 ticket per class to give out to a lucky child and their family that will give them free entry for 2 children and 2 adults to watch one of the following matches, at home. If the tickets are retained at the turnstile, these will also provide 2 free child meals for The Belmont Bites stand.

Dates of matches: 7 October vs Bearsted, 28 October vs VCD Athletic, 4 November vs Welling Town, Tuesday 14 November vs Lydd Town, 21 November vs Hollands and Blair, 9 December vs Holmesdale, 23 December vs Faversham Town, 6 January vs Stansfeld, 27 January vs Punjab United, 24 February vs Glebe

After School Swimming Lessons at Joy Lane Community Swimming Pool

swimschool@joylane.kent.sch.uk

<https://www.joylane.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=About+Us&pid=89>



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

- 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**