



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 2 February 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear Parents/carers

It's been another fun and exciting week here at WJS. As part of National Storytelling Week, the children have enjoyed some storytelling as well as trips to the library and Moon Lane Bookshop. Encouraging a love of reading is a core objective for us and one which so many of you support by listening to your children read and sharing books together- thank you. Every Wednesday we take a poll to find out how many children have read that week. Last week 85 % had read. Next week, with your help, let's see if we can get this to 90%.

The children have participated in more sporting competitions this week - the boys football team played against Joy Lane as well as year 3 children attending a district speed stacking competition hosted at Herne Bay High competing against 12 other schools. Well done to all children who represented our school at these events – the children made us all so proud with the way they demonstrated WJS values.

Next week we welcome Tom Delahunt, our resident poet, back to school. Tom will be working with some of our pupils to explore poetry. We look forward to sharing this with you!

Remember the attendance workshop on Monday at 2.30 pm. We will be gathering your views around how we can further support with attendance at WJS.

Have a fun weekend everyone!
Sarah Kent



POETRY



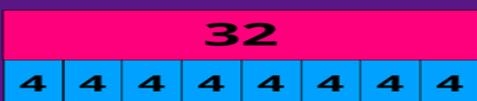
What have the children been up to this week?

It has been a busy week in **Year 3** with children being brilliant mathematicians looking at equivalent units of measurement and continuing to read and write about the exciting adventures of Boot! We have also been on a trip to the library as part of national story telling week and some year 3 children took part in an amazing speed stacking event! In English, **Year 4** have been starting to use persuasive language to advertise the delights of ancient China. During maths, we have been practising informal methods of multiplication and division to enable us to solve calculations quickly and accurately in our heads. We explored the life of Fu Hao, a famed Chinese warrior in history and have continued to investigate the inner workings of the digestive system. **Year 5** have been enjoying their unit on Forces looking at Water Resistance this week and the best shapes to use to make their boats stream lined. They have tested them and found that a smoother, pointed front is the most effective for moving through the water at speed. In English, the children have done the story of Jason and the Argonauts looking at the qualities of a hero and choosing who they would like to save their village creating a persuasive speech. Furthermore, the children have recapped their fraction knowledge to see what they had retained after a two week break and looked at the most efficient methods for division. This week **Year 6** have been writing their formal letters to Queen Victoria, imploring her to save the Galapagos Green Lizards. In maths, they have been exploring the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and have used this knowledge for some Jelly Bean pie charts as part of Number Day. Year 6 have also used their creative skills to create stunning eggs, with peering dragon eyes, to adorn their display.

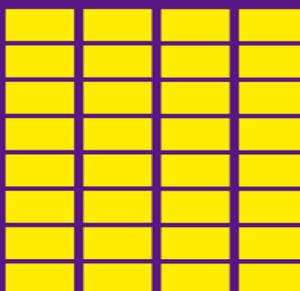


Times Table Fact of the Week

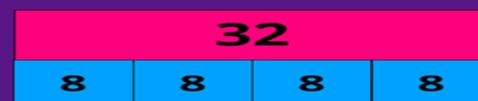
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$$32 \div 4 = ?$$



$$8 \times 4 = 32$$



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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. The partnership between parents and the school is invaluable and with it we can nurture a positive and fun educational environment for overall growth and success.



If your children are late for school, please bring them into the school office rather than dropping them at the front gate. The school needs to log a reason for their lateness which should come from parents/carers. Many thanks



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



Pupil leadership and team drivers go to...



Esme – 5L
Adventure – for doing the ‘Mirror Me’ House Captain challenge



Tommy – 4T
Curiosity – for amazing answers in class



Morgan – 6H
Community – for looking after my friend when they were sad.



Hiwa – 3B
Challenge – for getting points in maths



PE days/football and netball fixtures

A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. Thank you. PE days for Term 3

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



Netball Fixtures

Wednesday 7 February – Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed - 4.15pm finish – (friendly) **home**
Monday 26 February – Joy Lane – 4.15 finish – **home**
Monday 4 March – Ethelbert Road – return time 4.45pm - **away**
Monday 11 March – Davington – **home**
Tuesday 23 April – Bysing Wood – return time 4.15pm – **home**
Monday 29 April – Hern Hill – return time 4.45pm **away**
Tuesday 7 May – Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed – return time 4.30pm – **away**
Monday 13 May – Boughton-under-Blean – return time 4.45pm – **away**



Additional Messages

Library Book Pack Up - If any parents can help to box up the books in the library from 1pm on Friday 9 February, last day of term, it would be greatly appreciated. We are having the floor laid over the half term period.

Whitstable Folk Youth Group - Places available. Pioneers 10 – 12 yrs and venturers 13 – 15 yrs on Thursdays.

Football Futures – Term 4



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

information

Terms 3, 4 & 5 - Dates

Monday 5 February – Tom Delahunt exploring poetry

Monday 5 February – Children's mental health week. "My Voice Matters" – activities TBC

Monday 5 February – Attendance Forum at 2.30pm in The Studio. Please book a space through the office, enter through front gate.

Tuesday 6 February – Whole School Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7 February – Netball friendly vs Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed - home

Thursday 8 February – School disco. Lower School 4.30pm – 5.30pm & Upper School 6pm- 7pm

Friday 9 February – End of Term 3

Monday 19 February – Start of Term 4

Monday 26 February – Netball vs Joy Lane - home

Monday 4 March – Whole School Book Week

Monday 4 March – Netball Ethelbert Road - away

Thursday 7 March – World Book Day – dress up as book characters

Friday 8 March – PTFA Thank You shop

Monday 11 March – Netball vs Davington – home

Monday 18 March – Year 6 Enrichment Week

Thursday 21 March – Poetry Day – Alan Durant AIM High Workshop

Wednesday 20 March – Year 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park

Tuesday 26 March – Parents/carers workshop for reading strategies – The Studio from 9am back gate please

Thursday 28 March – Wear a hat day – Raising money for brain tumour research

Thursday 28 March – End of Term 4

Monday 15 April – Start of Term 5

Tuesday 23 April – Netball vs Bysing Wood – home

W/B Monday 29 April – Reports sent home

Monday 29 April – Netball vs Hernhill – away

Tuesday 7 May – Netball Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed – away

Monday 13 May – Netball Boughton-under-Blean - away