



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

## Week ending 9 February 2024



### A message from Ms Kent

Dear Parents/carers

The children have had a busy and productive term 3 which seems to have whizzed by!

This week we have celebrated National Mental Health Week which this year focuses on 'My Voice Matters.' Understanding that our voice matters means that we know we can have our say and we deserve to be listened to. This helps us to explain what we are feeling so our needs can be understood. The children have explored this through a variety of activities this week. We have also explored the importance of feeling connected to others and how they are all part of our school community.

It was fantastic to see a different side to some of the children - enjoying the school disco and just generally having fun. This is such a great way to end the term - a big shout out to our dedicated team of parent helpers and staff who made this happen.

Wishing you all a great half term week and I look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 19 February.

Sarah Kent



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

This week in **Year 3** the children have been learning about perimeter in maths and continuing to read and write about the exciting adventures of Boot! In history they have been looking at how people in the Indus Valley lived and in science they have been enjoying more fun with magnets, making their games and trying them out. They are also excited about making their own moving monsters this week in DT and putting their knowledge of pneumatics to the test! **Year 4** have been writing persuasive leaflets, encouraging tourists to visit the wonders of Ancient China. In maths they have been comparing metres and kilometres. In addition, and rather excitingly, they have been creating their own versions of terracotta warriors. Each class finished their fantastic dance topics in PE with wonderful final performances and they have continued to explore the ins (and outs) of the digestive system in science. **Year 5** have had a busy week writing exciting Greek Myths, sending their Heroes off on quests and to solve problems. They had scary mythological monster descriptions which lead into powerful fight scenes. Furthermore, the children have been debating, and have written, a balanced argument about whether it is better to live in Sparta or Athens. In maths the children returned to fractions: multiplying Unit and Non-unit fractions by Integers and in science they designed their own mechanisms to help with an assortment of jobs using levers, pulleys and gears. **Year 6** have shown great resilience, determination and smiled in the face of challenge practising their SATs. They have also written vibrant descriptions of dragons from How to Train Your Dragon and researched South American countries for geography. As it is Children's Mental Health Week, the children have been investigating the phrase 'My Voice Matters' and responding with artworks and discussions.



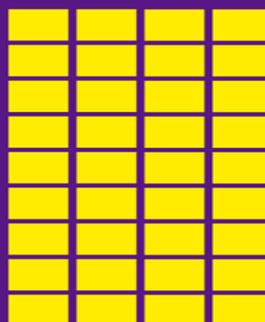
### Times Table Fact of the Week

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## Attendance

Term 4 starts on Monday 19 February 2024



## Pupil leadership and team drivers go to...



Preston – 4T  
Community – for standing in a lovely line



Matha – 5H  
Curiosity – for working out Mr Guilder's mysterious object



Arthur – 5H  
Community – for super singing in assembly



Maisie – 6H  
Community – for holding a dorr for an adult



## PE days for Term 4 & netball fixtures

A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. Thank you. PE days for Term 4 starting 19 February unless otherwise informed by text.

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



### Netball Fixtures

- 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**



## Gallery of some achievements

A big well done to the children for their fantastic achievements!!!



## 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 4, 5 and 6 - Dates**

**Monday 19 February – Start of Term 4**

**w/c Monday 26 February – Fair Trade Fortnight**

**Monday 26 February – Netball vs Joy Lane – home**

**Monday 26 February – Girls Football – Eastling home**

**Wednesday 28 February – HBHS dance festival workshop – children selected from across the school**

**Friday 1 March – Year 3 museum trip**

**W/C 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**

**Thursday 7 March – Year 3 Ancient Egyptian workshop**

**Friday 8 March – PTFA Thank You shop**

**W/C/ 11 March – British Science Week – Info TBC**

**Monday 11 March – Netball vs Davington – home**

**Wednesday 13 March – Year 5 & 6 Handball competition at HBHS - away**

**Thursday 14 March – 5H Taster Day at Archbishops**

**W/C Monday 18 March – Year 6 Enrichment Week**

**Wednesday 20 March – Quick Stick Hockey Competition – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Details TBC**

**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 front 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**

**Monday 29 April – Reports sent home**

**Monday 29 April – Netball vs Hernhill – away**

**Tuesday 7 May – Netball Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed – away**

**Monday 13 May – 16 May – Year 6 SATs tests**

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

**Tuesday 21 May – Harry Potter World – Year 6**

**Tuesday 11 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

**Thursday 20 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 4.30pm – 8pm**

**Thursday 27 June – Sports Day**

**W/C 1 July – Transition Week – all schools on Thursday 4 July**

**Wednesday 10 July – Year 6 production**

**Thursday 11 July – Year 6 production**

**Thursday 18 July – Year 6 Levers Celebration – St Alphege Church**

**Friday 19 July – End of Term**

**Monday 22 July – SDD**

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