



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 1 March 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

I have enjoyed seeing and tasting some of the delicious food the children have created this week. Cookery is a key skill we aim to develop as part of our DT curriculum. Embedding this within the children's topic gives them a true understanding of life for those cultures or in those times as well as seeing science in action.

On Wednesday it was lovely to see our children working with students from TWS in preparation for the Dance Festival on 27th March. Both our children and WJS pupils thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. Next week I am meeting with the relatively new Headteacher of TWS, Mr Alex Holmes, to discuss how we can further develop our links. We will explore how we can use some of their facilities and how we can develop further links to support with transition to year 7.

I am looking forward to all that Mrs Tucker has planned for book week next week - a huge thank you for all her work with this.

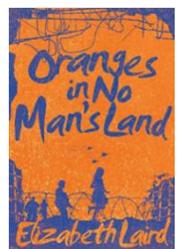
Why not get your children in the mood for all things bookish with a visit to the library or some extra time sharing a book this weekend?

Happy reading!
Sarah Kent
Headteacher



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3** the children have started tackling fractions and learning the difference between unit and non-unit fractions. They have also been reading *The Egyptian Princess* and looking at inference, show not tell and how to use inverted commas correctly. This links in with their history topic this term of ancient Egypt, where the children have been learning about Egyptian pyramids and even creating one of their own! **Year 4** have been writing fantastic haikus this week about animals, landscapes and more! In maths they have continued to explore perimeter and have enjoyed finding missing angles and looking at regular and irregular polygons. In RE, the children looked at Christian images of Jesus from around the world and found interesting links between the other religions we have studied. They also made delicious Chinese stewed apples in DT (that tasted just like sweets according to the kids). **Year 5** have been looking at the saturation point of sugar and water through experiments with different types of sugars. They then explored any anomalies their results seemed to show. The children started to create newspaper headlines for their reports on the Trojan war. They identified the 5 Ws (when, where, what, why and who) to be able to start their reports in the coming weeks. Furthermore, the children finished their second unit on fractions looking at fractions as operators and problem solving ready to move on to finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. In Topic, the children have identified some tourist locations in Greece and thought about where they would like to go and why tourism is important. This week, **Year 6** have completed their bread project by filling the corridors with delicious smells of garlic bread and pizza pin wheels. They shared their bread with their customers - Years 4 and 5 - who gave it a firm thumbs-up. In English, they have started reading *Oranges in No Man's Land* and exploring the characters therein. In Maths, they have been working on angles and calculating degrees.

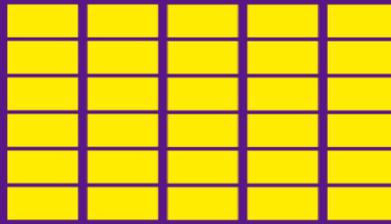


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$5 \times 6 = 30$$



$$30 \div 5 = ?$$



$$6 \times 5 = 30$$



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

Exploring new ideas is fun. Succeeding in your classes is fun. Excelling in your extracurricular activities is fun. Even eating school lunch with your friends is

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



What Can You Do to Help if your child is struggling to come to school?

1. Ensure that you develop a routine that allows your child to get to school on time in the morning and ready for learning.
2. Make sure your child attends school each day and on time.
3. Praise your child when their attendance is good.
4. If your child is sick or prevented from attending for any unavoidable reason, contact the school on the first day of absence and thereafter on each subsequent day of absence.
5. Speak to the school or Education Welfare Service if your child is reluctant to go to school for any reason.
6. Seek permission from the school, giving details, well in advance if there is an important matter requiring your child to be absent from school.
7. If you receive a letter about your child's attendance, do not ignore it.

Pupil leadership and team drivers go to...



Jude – 3B
Challenge – for great spellings



Valerie – 3O
Challenge – last girl standing in Dodgeball



Imy – 4T
Independence – for reading



Hatty – 5H
Community – for helping Miss Lodge at lunch



Outdoor learning for Term 4

Children should wear PE kits with an appropriate change of shoes so mud is not brought back into the classroom.

Tuesday **05-Mar** 3O/Tuesday 6H/Wednesday 4JW/Thursday 5L

Monday **11-Mar** 3B/Tuesday 6M/Wednesday 4T/Thursday 5H

Monday **18-Mar** 3O/Tuesday 6H/Wednesday 4JW/Thursday 5L

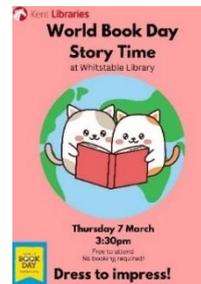
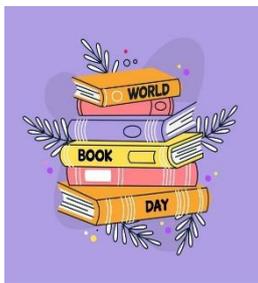
Monday **25-Mar** 3B/Tuesday 6M/Wednesday 4T/Thursday 5H



World Book Day – Thursday 7 March

Don't forget to dress up as a **book character** or wear **comfy reading** clothes or wear clothing which reflects your **cultural heritage**.

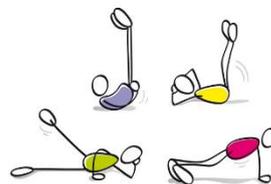
There is a **special menu** for this day: Pork or veggie toad in the hole with mashed potato, onion gravy, peas and carrots followed by jelly.



PE days for Term 4 & netball fixtures

A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. 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 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 – Hernhill – 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**



Letters and email

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

Dates – Terms 4, 5 & 6

- 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 a book character/wear comfy reading clothes or clothing reflecting your cultural heritage**
- 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**
- Monday 14 March – Girls Football – Eastling home**
- 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**

Tuesday 26 March – Year 5 showcase of Greek learning to parents – time tbc
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
Friday 24 May – End of Term 5
Monday 3 June – Start of Term 6
Friday 7 June – Non uniform day and bottle donations for summer fair
Tuesday 11 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 14 June – Non uniform day and chocolate donations for summer fair
Friday 14 June – PTFA Summer Fair
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 Leavers Celebration – St Alphege Church
Friday 19 July – End of Term
Monday 22 July – SDD
Tuesday 23 July - SDD