



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 9 March 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

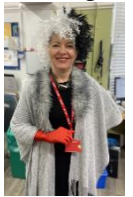
This week was all things 'Bookish' and has been a huge success. The children got involved in every aspect of the week and we appreciate your support for this event. Thank you for making sure the children came in dressed up. Thank you to Alex from Samphire who opened up the conversation about migration with the children. Thank you to Whitstable Library for facilitating visits. Thank you to the wonderful team of staff at WJS who really do get into the spirit of things! Of course, thank you to Mrs Tucker for the meticulous organisation. Events like this enrich our curriculum and ensure that reading and a love of books stays in the front of all of our minds.

Can you help? Our school is in need of some TLC. We're hoping you can help with some gardening and painting. As spring approaches, our garden area needs a good tidy and spruce. Last year we welcomed an amazing group of parent volunteers who helped Mr Rick get the outdoor area looking ship shape. If you are able to help to with some gardening from 1.30pm on either **Friday 15 March** or **Friday 19 April** please let the school office know:

Painting Party - A group of staff are going to be in school painting and decorating. We will provide everything needed including tea, biscuits, music and a good time. **Date TBC**

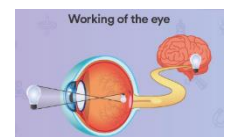
If you are not able to come on this date but would like to get involved, please let us know. There are decorating projects which can be undertaken during the school day.

Have a great weekend.
Sarah Kent
Headteacher



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3** the children have had a brilliant book week learning about migration and taking part in lots of learning related activities including painting their own pebbles! They have also enjoyed an incredible Ancient Egyptian workshop, enjoyed face painting, dressing up and learning lots more fascinating facts about Egypt. **Year 4** have been learning all about refugees and focusing on the skill of empathy. We were also transported to Japan with some fantastic workshops all about Japanese culture completing Japanese calligraphy, origami and learning some of the language. We also had the chance to visit the library which was a wonderful part of our week and so much fun to be immersed in all of their brilliant books. In cooking, we continued to learn about seasonal food and focused specifically on why vegetables are so important in our diet and why we must eat lots of them. **Year 5** have had a fabulous Book Week learning about Kunkush the Cat and his adventures as well as what being a refugee and asylum seeker means (not a silence seeker like our book thought it was.) The children have produced fabulous posters, letters and diary entries around these books and really enjoyed their visit to the library. In maths the children became confident with equivalent fractions and decimals for tenths and hundredths. Also, this week in D&T, the children used their chopping, wilting and whisking skills to create a feta and spinach filo parcel like a traditional Greek Pie. **Year 6** have been analysing the book 'The Island' by Armin Greder and using their writing and empathy skills to explore the experiences of refugees. In maths they have been revising short and long division methods. In science, they have been looking at the working of the human eye and they have charted the many marriages of Henry VIII in history. The children are building their sketching skills in anticipation of their final portrait of a Tudor royal - this week was perspective with drawing noses.

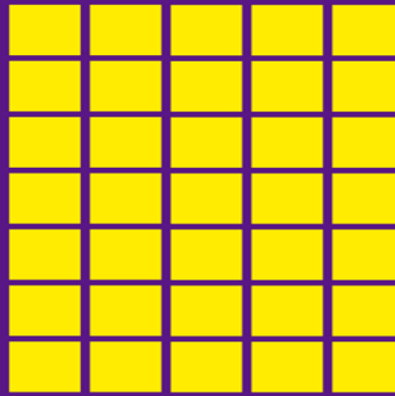


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$5 \times 7 = 35$$



$$35 \div 5 = ?$$



$$7 \times 5 = 35$$



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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 accompany them to the office rather than dropping at the front gate. The school has to log a reason for lateness which should come from parents/carers and not the children.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office with explanation preferably before 8.50 am and then we won't have to disturb you. You will need to call each morning of absence.

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.



Play
LEARN
AND
GROW
together



Pupil leadership and team drivers go to...



Frankie – 3B
Challenge – for answering maths questions



Emy – 6M
Community – for helping Mrs Migden



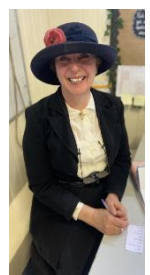
Wilfred – 5H
Community – for telling a story to a family member



Chase – 4JW
Curiosity – for thinking of great questions about the Terracotta Army



World Book Day



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 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**



Lower School Swimming Term 5

- 3B** 16/23/30 April and 14/21 May – **2.00pm – 2.30pm**
3O 16/23/30 April and 14/21 May – **2.30pm – 3.00pm**
4T 15/22/29 April and 13/20 May – **2.00pm – 2.30pm**
4JW 15/22/29 April and 13/20 May – **2.30pm – 3.00pm**



Additional messages

Mrs Grier would like to ask those who walk in woods or have a garden with a tree, to please bring in any sticks, any size or shape will do. Outdoor Learning lessons use a huge amount and we are always looking to replenish our supply.



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/ 11 March – British Science Week – Info TBC**
Monday 11 March – Boys Football – Herne Bay Juniors away
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
Thursday 14 March – Girls Football – Eastling home
Friday 15 March – Parent help with gardening from 1.30pm
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
Friday 19 April – Parent help with gardening from 1.30pm
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