



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 22 March 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

What a treat we had this week with Glee Clubs performance of The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse. This is a poignant story of love, kindness and acceptance which certainly brought some sunshine to my afternoon. A big shoutout to Miss Lodge for putting this together and of course to all of the amazingly talented children. Children in year 3 enjoyed a playdate with their peers at The Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed on Thursday afternoon. The children absolutely loved this opportunity and we will look at repeating this again later this academic year.



Our Year 6's have had a fantastic week of enrichment where they have made memories, challenged themselves and learnt new skills. Thank you to Mrs Roy, Mrs Migden, Miss Nichols and Miss Lay for ensuring a good time was had by all on the residential. I'm sure the adults are looking forward to a good night's sleep tonight!

Hoping the sunshine and promise of spring stays with us this weekend,
Sarah Kent

What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3**, the children have enjoyed using alliteration in their writing to create wonderful Spring poetry. They have also been learning about volume and capacity in maths and getting to grips with litres and millilitres. In science they have continued their topic of light and shadow and have been learning the difference between materials being translucent, transparent and opaque. **Year 4** have continued exploring the wonderful world of fractions, using fraction walls to find equivalents. In English we have planned and begun writing our own unique takes on a Chinese myth, including brave heroes and monstrous beasts. We have also continued to build our skills in PE, consolidating what we know into competitive games of rugby and dodgeball. **Year 5** has been a hive of debate this week with our balanced arguments: Is it better to have Autocracy or Democracy on a ship? They have discovered more about Odysseus and his adventures, for example, his encounters with the Lotus Eaters. In maths they have mastered understanding, finding and converting between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages! In RE, the children have been looking at different places of worship and the Quakers use of silence. **Year 6** have been exploring the differences between rich and poor Tudors. They have also been revising their fraction calculations as well as doing some 'hot seating' for English. They have been adventuring as part of activity week showing great resilience and determination, whether they have been here or at Gilwell.



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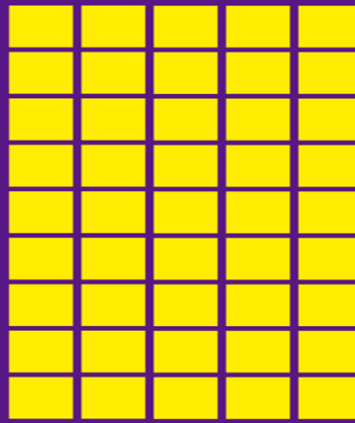


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$5 \times 9 = 45$$



$$45 \div 5 = ?$$



$$9 \times 5 = 45$$



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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.

Children do not need to be absent with minor coughs, cold and sore throats. The school is happy to administer paracetamol, ibuprofen and anti-biotics if required.



Pupil leadership and team drivers go to...



May – 4T
Independence – for showing Mrs Wiltshire my wonderful work.



Billy – 3B
Challenge – for maths work



Martha – 5L
Community for super tidying up



Rupert – 4JW
Challenge for great English work.



PE days for Term 5 & netball fixtures

A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. PE days for Term 5 unless otherwise informed by text.

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



Netball Fixtures

Tuesday 23 April – Bysing Wood – return time 4.15pm – **home**
 Monday 29 April – Hernhill – return time 4.45pm **away**
 Wednesday 1 May – Davington Primary - home
 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

Cake Sale – Don't forget the PTFA cake sale after school next Thursday. Any cake donation to be dropped at the back gate please. Thank you



Calling all gardeners! If you could help with our outside space on 19 April, please do let the office know. If you can donate any plants or seeds ahead of that day it would be hugely appreciated!! Thank you



Things to do over Easter



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

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 at 2.30pm – entrance through top gate
Thursday 28 March – Wear a hat day – raising money for brain tumour research
Thursday 28 March – PTFA cake sale at 3.15pm
Thursday 28 March – End of Term 4
Monday 15 April – Start of Term 5
Friday 19 April – Parent help with gardening from 1.30pm
Monday 22 April – Walk for Water Launch Assembly by Andrew Brealy – Sponsorship forms given out
Tuesday 23 April – Netball vs Bysing Wood – home
Wednesday 24 April – Dogs Trust Workshop – Upper School
Thursday 25 April – Dogs Trust Workshop – Lower School
Monday 29 April – Reports sent home
W/C 29 April – Year 5 CATS
Monday 29 April – Netball vs Hernhill – away
Wednesday 1 May – Netball vs Davington – home
Friday 3 May – Morris Men
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
Friday 19 April – Volunteer gardening
Tuesday 21 May – Harry Potter World – Year 6
Wednesday 23 May – Walk for Water Event
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