



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 29 March 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

School has been a busy place this term! Not only have the children continued to have excellent learning opportunities, they have also had many enrichment opportunities. We know that personal development comes from both academic pursuit as well as access to the wider curriculum. We have had an all-time high of children signing up to clubs next term. It is our ambition every child attends at least one club during their time at WJS. Hobbies and interests impact positively on our mental health and we aim to develop these positive habits early. There are limited places in upper school netball, upper school rounders and whole school dance. All after school clubs start second week of term.

Thank you to year 5 parents who came to our Greek Museum on Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing casing their learning to you all. A shout out to Mrs Harris and Miss Lodge for making this happen.

The school council have asked us to re consider part of the uniform policy. Please note this change to policy: ***Shoulder length, or longer hair needs to be worn up for PE and outdoor learning. 'Half up – Half down' is allowed at other times. There may be occasions when the Headteacher requires hair to be worn fully up for a period of time i.e. if nits are present in children's hair***

Today we say good-bye to the lovely Miss Fulcher. Miss Fulcher has contributed a great deal to WJS and her kindness will be missed by us all. We wish her well as she embarks on a new direction in her career in Education.

Earlier this term we had the very sad news of Jess's death. To celebrate her life and mark her funeral, on Tuesday 16th April, we invite children to wear a hat and to make a donation towards Brain Tumour research. Next term children will be invited to decorate a pebble with a positive message either about Jess or about their own lives. These will be used to decorate the base of one of our flowering cherry trees. Those closest to Jess, will be invited to help create a garden area.

Wishing our whole school community, a happy and peaceful Easter,

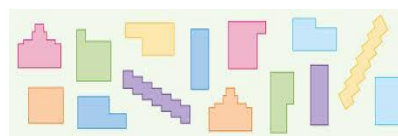
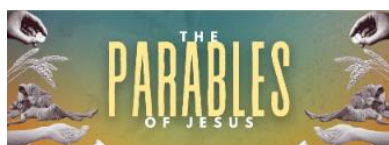
Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

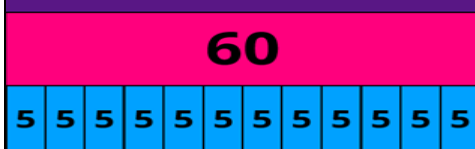
This week in **Year 3** the children have enjoyed making posters as part of their learning about 'Time' in science week. They have also been thinking about neurodiversity and how it feels to manage day to day tasks if you are neurodiverse. In English the children have been brushing up their SPaG skills, ready for some amazing writing in Term 5 and comparing capacity and volume in maths. They also enjoyed making seed bombs in Outdoor Learning and are looking forward to watching their flowers grow! **Year 4** have continued to write their take on a Chinese myth in English, describing in detail how their valiant heroes save the day by using some fantastic adjectives, adverbs and fronted adverbials. In maths we have built on our fractions knowledge, incorporating mixed numbers into our addition and subtraction problems. During RE we thought about what makes a good teacher and how Jesus used parables to teach his followers. As part of our topic on Modern China, in geography we delegated roles within a team to research different cultural aspects before bringing our knowledge together. This week, **Year 5** have been celebrating their amazing Greek knowledge by hosting a wonderful Greek museum. Furthermore, the children have

been writing a balanced argument based on a philosophical question from the Odyssey of whether they would rather be a Happy Pig or an Unhappy Man. During maths the children have been finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. **Year 6** have been exploring the grim punishments for different crimes during the Tudor period. They have also been stepping into a character's shoes and recalling events from their point of view as part of our continuing work on 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. In maths they have been revising calculations using decimal numbers and fractions and in art they have been creating detailed portraits of monarchs.

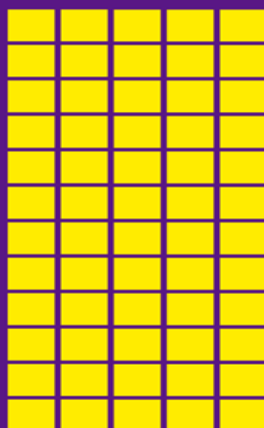


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$5 \times 12 = 60$$



$$60 \div 5 = ?$$



$$12 \times 5 = 60$$



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Attendance

Term 5 begins on **Monday 15 April 2024**. 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.

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



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 5 & 6

Monday 15 April – Start of Term 5

Tuesday 16 April – Wear a hat day in support of Brain Tumour Research

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