



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 17 May 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

On Wednesday it was lovely to welcome Sharon and her team from The Horsebridge Centre into school to work with our last group of year 5's in preparation for a private viewing for parents of Year 5 on the 23 May and the general exhibition that will be open during half term. All the volunteers were so positive about our school and pupils – it is truly heart-warming when we receive such a high accolade from members of our community about our amazing children.

This week our year 6 pupils have demonstrated our school values in their approach to SATs – well done children you really have made us all so proud. As a special thank you and well done the school rewarded the children with a fun afternoon and BBQ.

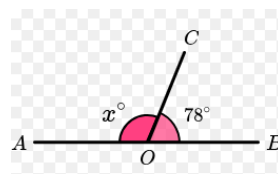
At the end of this academic year, we will sadly say goodbye to Kindergarten Kids. They have provided the school community with superb wrap-around care and will be greatly missed by those families who have used this service. Thank you to Amanda, Maria and WJS staff who have provided such care and kindness. The school are currently working closely with Inclusive Sport to provide an affordable option whilst also promoting activity. We will ensure there is a variety of activities on offer so that all children can be included. The school does not currently have the staffing capacity to run our own after school provision. As we currently work closely with Inclusive sports and have coaches in school who provide a range of services, we believe they can offer an excellent service. Please take time to complete the school survey sent out earlier this week to help us plan and provide wrap-around care which meets your needs.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Sarah Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3**, the children have shown great resilience learning to successfully tell the time in maths. They have also been revising their SPaG skills, and are able to name and use a number of different word classes. In science, the children have been learning all about skeletons and how their muscles and bones work together to create movement. They have also enjoyed going back to swimming, working hard and making real progress! In English, **Year 4** have been delving further into the Roman mystery, 'The Thieves of Ostia'. They have been challenged to write a diary entry from the perspective of a main character, practising their skill of using informal language. In addition to our daily maths lessons, Year 4 have been working incredibly hard on recalling their times table facts at speed by using flashcards, TT Rockstars and class games in preparation for their MTC assessment in June. In history, they have been learning which Gods and Goddesses Romans worshipped and in RE this week explored the Hindu festival of Diwali where the children created their own intricate Mendhi patterns. Monday PE saw a return to swimming and Year 4 were a credit to WJS with their enthusiastic, responsible attitude in the pool. The children in **Year 5** have learnt about the phases of the moon this week and have enjoyed exploring what they look like. The children have also been creating angles on straight lines and around a point this week as well as exploring what makes a regular and irregular polygon. In RSE, the children have been looking at not hiding their feelings when they are faced with a problem and to ask for help when they need it. The final group completed the Horsebridge project and ready to share their creations with everyone over the half term. We are so proud of the resilience of **Year 6** this week as they completed their SATs assessments; they really rose to the challenge! In art, they have begun to create their tile for some Pop Art style printing and have been exploring systems of the boy in science. In English, they have been planning a modern version of the 'Highwayman' poem and we can't wait to see their imaginative versions next week.



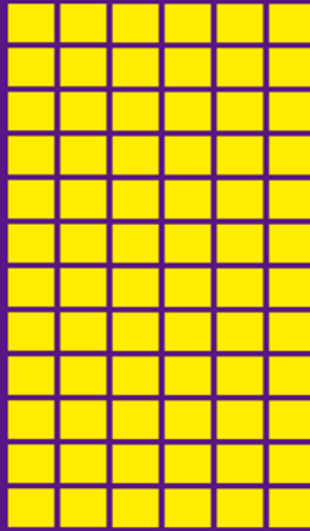
Times Table Fact of the Week

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$$12 \times 6 = 72$$

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Pupil leadership & team drivers go to...



Lauren – 4JW
Challenge – for early morning work



Isabella – 3O
Community – for picking up paper and tidying up



Iris – 6H
Challenge – for Kahoot quiz



Leo – 5H
Community – for finding a missing ball!



Hot chocolate Friday with Ms Kent



Each week I will spend time enjoying some hot chocolate with children who consistently show our school values as a way of recognising their positive behaviour. Well done this week to:

Ms Kent's Hot Chocolate Club



3O – Jack
3B – Elsie
4JW – Max
4T – Mila

5H – Charlie
5L – Jacob
6H – Ida
6M – Maisy

Attendance



Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is at school and on time every day, ready to learn.

Well done to the children. They have reached 95% and received an attendance reward.

A reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised, unless in exceptional circumstances and, where appropriate, a penalty notice will be applied for if taken. The school adheres to government guidelines regarding holidays.

Please notify the school by 8.50am if your child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g., sickness) and please book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.



PE days for Term 5 & netball/rounders 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.

Next week is the last swimming lesson for years 3 & 4.

- 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



Rounders Fixtures

- Thursday 6 June – Herne Juniors – **away**
Monday 8 July – Hernhill – **away**
Thursday 11 July – Bysing Wood – **home**



Additional messages



Walk for Water event – Thursday 23 May 2024. Please collect any sponsor money over half term and bring into school in Term 6. Children to wear comfortable shoes and appropriate coats if required. Upper school will walk before morning break and lower school after morning break.

“Artfully yours” is a project in collaboration with Whitstable Junior School, Red Zebra and The Horsebridge. Every Year 5 child has been part of the project. There is a private viewing for parents/carers of Year 5s and Year 5 children on Thursday 23rd May after school at the Horsebridge until 5pm then it will be open to the public throughout the half term holiday.



PJs or Non school uniform next Friday 24 May 2024 as key attendance reward.

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

Dates are listed by the school gate for any important reminders!

Tuesday 21 May – Harry Potter World – Year 6
Tuesday 21 May – Richborough Roman Fort – 4JW
Wednesday 22 May – Richborough Roman Fort – 4T
Thursday 23 May – Walk for Water Event
Friday 24 May – PJ or non uniform day due to attendance award
Friday 24 May – End of Term 5
Saturday 25 May – Parents/carers consultation bookings open at 6pm
Monday 3 June – Start of Term 6
Monday 3 June – Year 6 swimming begins
Tuesday 4 June – Year 5 swimming begins
Friday 7 June – Non uniform day and bottle donations for summer fair
Tuesday 11 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 13 June – Thank You shop
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
Wednesday 17 July - iRock end of term concert in afternoon. Time TBC
Thursday 18 July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration – St Alphege Church
Friday 19 July – End of Term
Monday 22 July – SDD
Tuesday 23 July - SDD