

WHITSTABLE NEWSLETTER



first edition

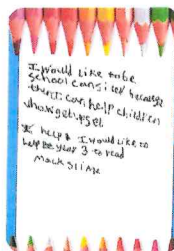
MR RUMBALLS RAMBLES

I suppose I should start by introducing ourselves. We are ISP Whitstable School, and this is our first Newsletter. My name is Steve Rumball, and I am the Operations Manager and Deputy Head of ISP Whitstable School. A small primary school with a maximum of 24 children based in Whitstable Kent, a small little seaside town famous for its Oysters. This is our second year as a school and our first Newsletter and what a lovely time of year to be completing our first. September started with new staff and pupils in our ever-growing school. Existing staff and pupils were brilliant in creating a warm caring environment where all could grow and build positive relationships. Two weeks in and classrooms started filling up with colourful displays and work created by our pupils, the superstar board had its first photos, and I completed forms for the Investing Children Award. This was awarded to us at the end of November 😊. School council manifestos were written by the children and videos created so the school pupils could view and then vote for their school council. One of the first jobs for the school council was to meet with Sovereign Play and share their drawings of the playground. These drawings were used in designing the playground layout. Our new shed was erected, and names were given forward and voted on, with the winning name "The Oyster Shed" All the names were put onto the shed so the pupils could see. A new addition to the school timetable was Golden Time. On a Thursday afternoon after our Well-Being Group, pupils will go off into 4 groups, Art and Crafts, singing group, Reading Club or participated in some sensory sport. In January 2025, 3 of our pupils will be going off to Young Voices at the O2 and the whole school will finally get to see Beauty and the Beast at the Marlow Theatre, a little late but well worth waiting for. As we come to the end of our 1st term of 24/25 and the end of 2024 we look back at a wonderful term and just how far we have come since September 2023. We have created a warm, colourful and caring environment where our pupils feel safe and happy enough to express their thoughts and feeling, where staff and pupils enjoyed coming to work/school. I would like to Thank all the Teachers, Progress Engagement Guides, The Speech and Language team, Parents, Foster Parents, Care Homes, Social Workers and of course our pupils and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Mr S Rumball.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year we did our school council a little differently! Each pupil wrote a manifesto of what they would do for the school and the pupils. These were then recorded for ALL the school to watch and then each individual took to the polls to vote for who they wanted to represent them on school council.

Congratulations to the 6 new representatives for 24/25. We're so excited to see what change you bring to the school and the wider community. Good Luck!



CHRISTMAS CRACKERS



**WHO SAYS "OH, OH, OH?"
SANTA CLAUS WALKING
BACKWARD.**

**WHAT KIND OF BUG
HATES CHRISTMAS?
A BAH HUMBUG.**

**WHY DON'T SANTA'S
ELVES LIKE TO SHARE?
THEY'RE ELFISH.**

**WHAT DO
ELVES LEARN
IN SCHOOL?
THE ELFA-
BET.**

**WHICH OF SANTA'S
REINDEER HAS
BAD MANNERS?
RUDE-OLPH.**

WHERE'S MR RUMBALL ?

We know everyone loves to read the news letter, but how much attention did you take?

Our naughty Elves have managed to get hold of this draft and added Mini Mr Rumball's all over!

How many did you find?



POSEIDON

Poseidon class had an excellent start to the new school year in September and have really bonded as a class team over the last few months. We have achieved lots of learning through fun and engaging activities. The students have enjoyed experiments, testing properties of materials during science lessons, learning about shapes in maths and experimenting making our own 3D shapes. In English and literacy we have worked on different stories such as the Iron man as well as looking at Black British History. The students also entered a competition to design a badge for Black History Month and all received recognition for their efforts, including a student in Poseidon class being announced as the overall winner! We have celebrated various charity days such as wearing yellow for World Mental Health day and also taking part in Children in Need. Poseidon class are now underway with festive activities with the return of our class Elf and rehearsals for our Christmas production are coming along nicely!

We are all looking forward to an exciting year next year and can't wait to see what the New year brings us at ISP Whitstable!

Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2025! 🎄
From Poseidon Class 😊



NEPTUNE

September saw the pupils all return to their new classes with smiles on their faces we have welcomed new friends and a new member of staff the lovely Miss Wills.

Neptune class have been on a trip to Wildwood to study animal habitats, the beach to collect rocks so they could categorise them into the three main rock types. The pupils were most excited when the Elf sent us on a hunt to find the lost Elf treasure, everyone used a map and grid references to find where the treasure had been taken.

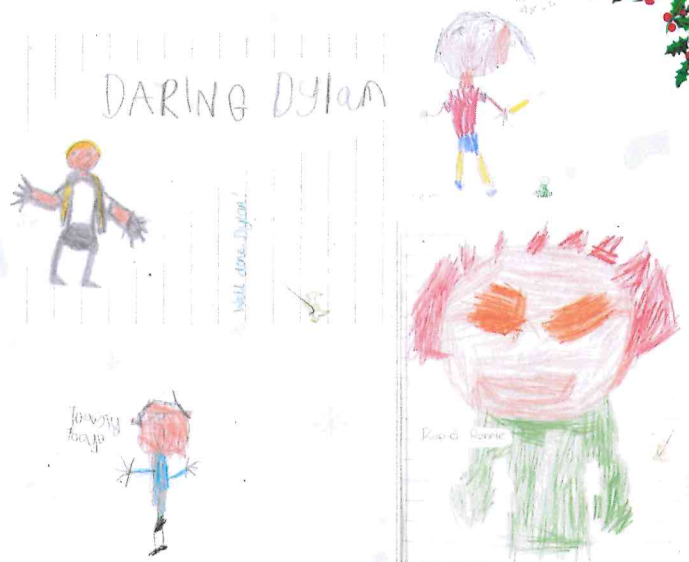
The pupils made a wonderful reef to place at the war memorial in remembrance of those lost in conflict around the world. All pupils laid their reefs at the memorial as a mark of respect.

As you may have guessed the Elf arrived in Neptune class causing all sorts of mayhem but also some good when the twigs the pupils put into water turned into an amazing Christmas tree that the pupils decorated beautifully.

Rehearsals are underway for our annual Nativity everyone is having fun practicing and learning the songs, and acting their parts, not to mention dressing up in character, here is to looking forward to the final performance.

Neptune class would like to wish you a Jingly, happy Christmas with lots of fun and laughter.

We look forward to seeing your children back in 2025.

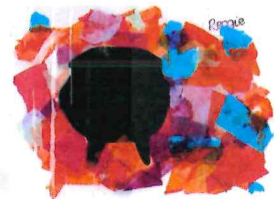
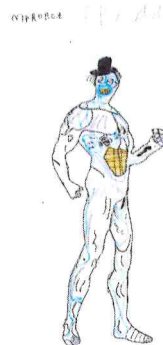


ATLANTIS

Atlantis class have had a wonderful start to year 6, with a mutual agreement to work on independence and self-motivation. We have conducted some really interesting experiments! We have reproduced the Ancient Egyptian method of mummification (on apples, not people!), grown crystals to show how evaporation works, created pufferfish to show the reaction between vinegar and baking soda and the class favourite, making bottles of diet coke explode by dropping Mentos into the bottle. The children found it very funny that the staff got soaked!

The staff bravely allowed the children to lead us on a mystery tour around Whitstable, that they planned out together using a map and we finished up at Whitstable castle.

We went to the beach for an English lesson about sounds and we were lucky enough to catch the practice launch of the lifeboat which was amazing! The children all got a sticker from the crew and watched as the boat bounced across the water, out to sea. As a reward for our excellent Space work, the children got a 300 piece solar system puzzle which they were very proud of completing as a team. They also had a secret mission from Ms Blackwell to be polite, considerate and kind and when an adult mentioned it to one of the Atlantis class staff, they would get a prize. It didn't take long before Mrs Howells told Ms Blackwell how lovely it was that her class always said hello when they saw someone in the corridor and what lovely manners they had. As promised, the children were given their reward of chicken nuggets and smiley faces for lunch!



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO



LEST WE FORGET

On Monday 11th November each class used their art lesson to make Poppy wreaths. Together as a school we walked to the war memorial and took time to reflect.

Petals like torn red ribbons
lie strewn across the ground,
bringing back the old memories of soldiers lost,
soldiers found.

They help us to remember the people here before
and not forget those who fell, tragic losses of a war.

read by Poseidon Class

CLASS DOJO

Here at ISP we use class Dojo to celebrate our achievements. ClassDojo is a global community of more than 50 million teachers and families who come together to share kids' most important learning moments, in school and at home. ClassDojo brings school communities together with one place for teachers and families to connect, communicate, and share learning experiences through photos, videos, messages, and more.

DOJO REWARDS SO FAR

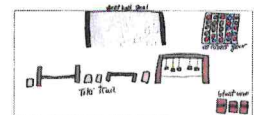
Poseidon Have celebrated their Dojo class milestones with rewards of hot chocolate and movie afternoon, non uniform and free time to play.

Atlantis chose to celebrate their class achievement points with, using the laptops to play dojo island, non uniform and our currently working towards enough points for ice cream sundaes.

Neptune Have had their film reward where the class watched Matilda. Which is their favourite songs to sing on the bus on the way Teynham. We have also had our dressing down day.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND UPDATES

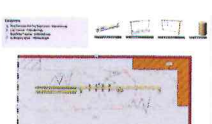
The children had great fun designing how they would like the school play ground to look with lots of ideas including a vegetable Patch, Mud Kitchen, Football goals, Tiki trail and the Grand Prix race track. I think we can all agree that a scooter track might be more practical for our playground.



We welcomed and named our new shed the Oyster shack

Some other contenders were; Wood, Gary, High Tide and the Sea Shell

What the future of our playground looks like:

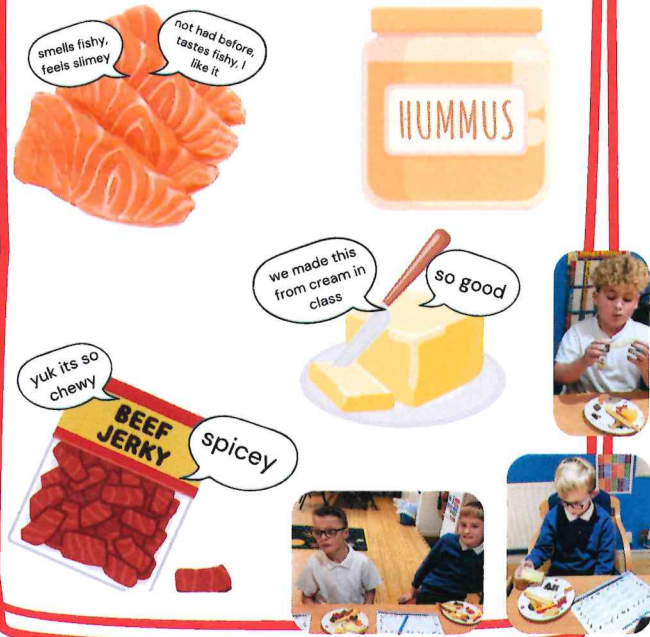


Lights about Town

Can you name the towns these Christmas lights are from?

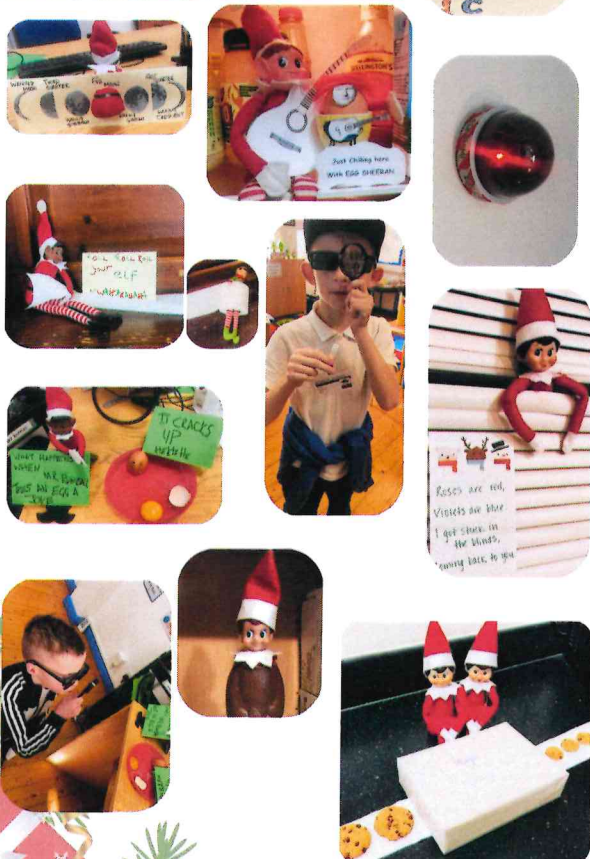


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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____
9. _____ to the world!

FIND SANTA'S REINDEER!

L V C A D E J S T K K G E R
 K I J I P X R J T J I H O E
 D O P F G A R U K L J O G E
 V U W G Q E I O D D R R R D
 C Q A L C R E N N O D Z D N
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Reindeer Dasher Dancer Prancer Vixen
 Comet Cupid Donner Blitzen Rudolph

