



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 6th December 2019



A message from Mrs Knoupe...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas arrived at WJS this week. Our lovely Christmas tree was delivered and decorated by children. A huge thank you to Mr T, from Inclusive Sports, who kindly donated the tree. It looks really beautiful in our hall. Year 5 children were transported to space in the Planetarium which filled our hall to the ceiling. I had a quick peak inside and it brought back memories of taking my own class into one many "moons" ago! The children learnt about the Space Station, the planets and the stars. It was a truly cosmic day.

Year 6 have been using everyday utensils, such as tweezers to represent birds beak shapes as studied by Darwin in the 19th century. They wanted to see which beak picked up food the easiest and they had to compete against each other and work out each average! In year 4 the children created tornadoes in bottles, to understand the destructive nature of a swirling vortex!

Next week is Democracy Week for the children at WJS. In keeping with what is happening nationally, we will be exploring the background, and history, of the UK Parliament and exploring how a General Election works. During the week, Year 6 will have the exciting opportunity to develop their own Political Parties (not in any way connected to the current UK parties) and then write their own Manifestos based on 3 main topics which could affect them. Firstly, they will consider how school lunchtimes could be enriched and adapted. Secondly, they will consider the current subjects/topics that are taught in school and which ones they might feel are less important and what they would replace them with. Lastly, they are going to consider the facilities they would introduce into Whitstable to further support the young community.

These manifestos will be shared in our own Hustings Assembly on Thursday 12th December at 10 am, where the leaders of our political parties will try to persuade the rest of the school to vote for them. Later in the day, children will be given their own voting cards and a chance to take part in our very own WJS Election, where they will be able to secretly vote for their favourite Year 6 party; results will be announced on Monday 16th December and then the winning party leader will meet with myself to discuss their manifesto priorities further. I am really looking forward to seeing the children take part in this.

I also wanted to say a huge well done to the girl's football team who won their first match this week.

Here is a short statement from one of the players:

As a player of WJS girls' football team, we are delighted to announce that, in our last match, we won against Bysing Wood Primary School.

We all know this is our best match we have ever played. Thank you for all the players that made the football match: you're all amazing.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr George and Mr Kidd.

Well done girls you are going from strength to strength.

I will finish with a final thank you to the PTFA for organising an amazing Christmas Fair. The theme of The Grinch was fabulous and the children (and adults) loved having their photos taken with him. Thank you so much for coming along and taking part in the stalls. We will let you know how much they have raised as soon as we can.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe

WJS PTFA...The Grinch came to our Christmas Fair



Reminders...

- Children should arrive at school through the back gates and the gates shut at 8.50. If children are late then parents need to ring the bell and accompany them to the office.
- School dinner cost goes up to £2.35 from January.
- Please bring £1 donation in next week to go towards the panto.

Attendance and Punctuality...

Please phone the school office before 9am if your child is going to be absent.



**Whole School
Attendance 96.43%**

**Tarik Tiger
Highest % Attendance
Winners**



Class 4O

**Polly and Petur
100% Punctuality
Winners**



**Classes
3MC, 5L, 6H, 6RM**

Letters this week.... Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. <http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

- Choir Letter for PTFA Fair Dec 2019
- Eureka Seekers
- Festive Week Menu 16-19 Dec



Important dates coming up...

w/c 9th December - Bikeability Week 2

Wednesday 11th December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2pm

Thursday 12th December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 6pm

Friday 13th December – Panto In School. Non Uniform and wear something Christmassy if you like. £1 donation please.

Tuesday 17th December- Children's Christmas Lunch. Flu Vaccines whole school

Wednesday 18th December-PTFA Christmas Shop

Thursday 19th December-Last Day of Term 2- children making Christingle's and need to bring an orange to school

Monday 6th January – Term 3 starts