



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 13th March 2020



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week again at WJS. I hope you have been able to use the tab on our website to keep up to date with any information coming from the government regarding the Coronavirus. There is a separate section on the newsletter below giving the most recent guidance.

This week Year 3 have been investigating how plants transport water by putting celery in food dye and recreating the capillary action of plants using kitchen paper. RE was really exciting as they used musical instruments and drama to recreate the story of Moses and Passover for the Jewish festival of Pesach. In art they looked at the artist Kandinsky and used the music of Wagner to inspire their artwork.

Year 4 have enjoyed making Roman shields in Design Technology to protect themselves in battle! They have also been learning about how and why the Romans built roads and how some of these roads are still used today. Two of the year 4 classes have also enjoyed a day at Quex Park Manor House Forest School.

Upper school have been having a fantastic time this week with Year 5 immersing themselves in ancient history and the lives of the Greek Gods through making delicious Greek salads and then writing a debate entitled: 'Would you rather be an unhappy person or happy pig?' inspired by their class book The Odyssey.

They have explored keeping themselves safe online through learning about 'Strong Passwords' using the menti-meter in class. Year 6, have completed their amazing year group, Jackson Pollock inspired artwork. They have learnt about the life of Dick Turpin during their Crime and Punishment lessons and also visited the local Whitstable museum to learn all about the first steam train that is on display there.

We have also sent out a letter this week about our aim to build a Living Wall with the children in Term 5. We desperately need plants to fill the recycled bottles we have collected for this. We are ideally looking for hardy perennials that will attract butterflies, bugs and add fragrance to our outdoor learning space. If you are able to contribute a plant please bring it either to the office or by way of your child to Mrs Migden in class 5M by 27th March 2020. Huge thanks in advance for helping contribute to our school's natural environment.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

Coronavirus...

Link to Government Updates for COVID-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>



Guidance.

Read NHS [advice about staying at home](#).

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you are staying at home.

Headteacher's Award...



Liadain in 6RM - For constantly striving to improve our community by making others feel valued. Being curious and always bringing interesting items in to share. Well done



Charity news...



Aurelia, Flossie, Micah, Emmy and Lily in Year 4 held a cake sale for Cancer Research. They raised **£160.75!!** Wow! Well done everyone for buying the cakes and well done to the girls for setting this up.

Road and Parking Safety...

We have had several phone calls and emails from local residents passing on their concerns regarding drop off and pick up times. Cars are parking very dangerously at these times. The diversion currently in place has obviously made these times congested more than usual. However, we really do not want to be informing you of a tragedy so please do not park on double yellow lines, up on the kerb or near the yellow zigzag lines. Thank you.

Mobile Phones...

We will be reminding upper school children that mobile phones **MUST be switched off** before they enter the school grounds. Children who do not follow this will be given one warning. Any further incidents of this happening will result in the child being banned from bringing their phone to school for one week. We hope you can understand the importance of children's phones being switched off on the school premises.

Attendance and Punctuality...

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

**Whole School
Attendance
Since Sep 2019
96.12%**

**Tarik Tiger
100 % Attendance
Winners**



Class 4O

**Polly and Petur
100% Punctuality
Winners**



**Classes
3H, 4O, 4L, 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/>

- Forest School arts council 230320
- Forest School arts council 300320
- Walk for Water letter 2020
- Year 4 Soiree Letter March 2020
- Hockey Comp March 2020



Important dates coming up...

16th March

- Whole School STEM week - 16th March - 20th March
- School Council Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip

19th March

- 4W Day at Quex Park Forest School Day
- PTFA Plant Sale. Cost £1.75 per plant. Sale during the school day.

23rd March

- National Well-being week - 23rd March - 27th March
- Arts Council Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip

25th March

- Yr 4 Musical Soiree – POSTPONED until further notice.

26th March

- NSPCC assemblies

27th March

- NSPCC Upper School workshops
- National Autism Day – Details to follow

30th March

- Arts Council Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip

Tuesday 31st March – Last day of term-End of Term 4

Tuesday 14th April- First day back-Start of Term 5