



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 2nd November 2018



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a lovely break. We have a jam packed term ahead of us which has started with Year 6 children doing their cycling proficiency. There will be another opportunity for Year 6 children who haven't done it this time to do this after Easter, information will follow.

Year 4 had their first visit to The Turner Contemporary in Margate as part of this year's START Programme. The START Programme is a year-long programme to selected local primary schools, aimed at enriching pupils' arts experiences through gallery visits and in-school artist visits. Thank you for organising this Mrs Fry.

Hoping you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe at any Firework Displays you attend.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Fame!!!



Children at Whitstable Junior School taking part in the Big Draw competition. Picture: Whitstable Junior School

Event a real draw at town primary school

Staff and children at Whitstable Junior School have celebrated this year's national Big Draw festival.

The annual event - run by The Campaign for Drawing - aims to get youngsters out and about and using their creativity, celebrating the importance of play with activities in venues up and down the country.

Each class at the Oxford Street primary school created large blocks out of cardboard boxes, brightly decorated with children's drawings of their favourite games.

They then worked together to build the blocks into shapes including tigers, forts, dens and even Stonehenge.

Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance
96.1%

Oh No! All these holidays in term time are having a negative impact on our attendance figures and more importantly children are missing school!

Highest % Attendance
Winners

Tarik Tiger



Class 5P

100% Punctuality Winners
Polly and Petur Penguin



Classes
3A, 4M, 4O,
5P, 5W, 6T

Short Story Writing Competition...



Faversham Literary Festival 2019. Under 11 year olds short story competition. Submissions are now open for entries to Faversham Literary Festival's 2019 U11 short story competition. Entries must be no longer than 300 words. Deadline 31/12/2018. Submit online to: info@favershamliteraryfestival.org or on paper to: 73 Athelstan Road, Faversham, Kent. ME13 8QN. Faversham, Kent. ME13 8QN. **The winner will receive free tickets to a festival event and a signed copy of a book of your choice by one of our featured authors.**

100 Years....



As this year marks 100 years since the end of WWI, we are celebrating with 2 memorable and exciting days! On **Thursday 8th November** there is an opportunity for **everyone to come dressed up in anything WWI, WW2 or related to remembrance**. We will start our celebrations with an opening assembly, followed by lessons inspired by the many children's books available about WWI. We also have a visit from the Folkestone Museum sharing the life of Walter Tull, visits to the Horsebridge to look at the wonderful Hearts memorial that we have contributed too (if you have time please go and have a look!) and some of our year 5 children will be visiting Bradbury Grange to discuss their experiences of war.

Internet Safety

"The internet is like a swimming pool – instead of keeping our kids out of the pool forever, we should teach them how to swim."
The parenting place.

The advice given is. Get yourself up to speed! You might describe yourself as 'technophobic' – afraid of new technology. But you really do need to upskill, otherwise your children will be living in a world you know nothing about.

Road safety



Please let the school know if you see any dangerous parking. We will be reporting these drivers.

We have been placing these in the no parking zones. Someone asked their child to move one so they could park!!!



School Letters

Don't forget you can find all the letters sent out this week on the school website. Any fliers we are asked to share with you we put on our website (we ask the community to email them to us rather than waste lots of paper with 277 leaflets!) You can find these in the What's Happening tab under Community.

Looking after our school environment...

Lower School classes received a goody bag from me on the last day of term. This was to say thank you to every child for looking after their toilets. I'm so pleased to say that the hard work over the summer holidays to make the toilets a nicer place to visit was well worth it. The children have looked after them so well. In fact they are spotless. You are fantastic lower school. The plan is to do the same to the upper school girls. I just need 465 days in a year not 365!!

I'd also like to thank our school cleaners and caretaker who are doing a wonderful job of keeping the school clean and tidy.

Clubs....

Creepy Claws Club (Animal Club)

There has been huge interest in the Creepy Crawly Club. This is run by Michael from Creepy Claws. Have a look at the website www.creepyclaws.org. If you'd like your child to join you need to contact creepyclawsclub@gmail.com directly. A massive thankyou to Mrs Harris (our Science Leader) for organising this amazing club, which due to popular demand will be running Wednesdays and Thursdays now. Michael will be contacting parents via email today with further details.



Important dates coming up...

Thursday 8th November- World War I Day-celebrating 100 years since the end of WWI.

Friday 9th November- Year 6 children go to The Horsebridge to see the film The Eagle.

Monday 12th November-Start of Anti-Bullying Week.

Thursday 15th November- PTFA Tombola Thursday-non-uniform in exchange for a bottle donation

Friday 16th November -30 Year 3 children go to Thanet to see the film-Early Man.

Saturday 17th November – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-1pm.

Tuesday 27th November- Christmas Jumper Day- Pantomime at school and PTFA Tombola Tuesday non-uniform for chocolate/pamper gifts for tombola

Thursday 6th December-Whitstable Junior School PTFA Christmas Fair-3:15-5pm

Monday 10th December- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2:15pm and 6pm.

Wednesday 12th December- Children's Christmas Lunch.

Friday 14th December- Last Day of Term 2.