



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

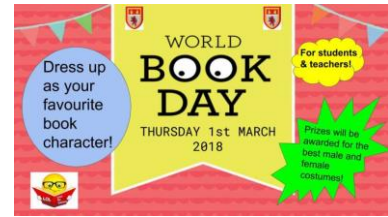
Week ending 8th March 2019



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a week that was. Your children have had so much exciting learning this week I'm not sure where to begin. A massive thankyou to Miss Lodge (aka Mary Poppins) who organised the most amazing Book Week.



The week was based around the book *The Jolly Postman* and started with a fabulous assembly where the book was read out. Every teacher had a role to play and they dressed up too. Mr Rick our caretaker also joined in. He had to travel round each classroom (with his post sack) and deliver letters to the classes. I was lucky enough to get one from Sam in 3H. Sam told me that they had made bookmarks, drawn pictures of themselves and their favourite book characters. The children had discussed fantasy/magical lands/story settings last week. Then as if by magic on Monday when they arrived at school their classes had been transformed.



There were lots of competitions including; the best dressed child, the best decorated classroom and name the book. Mrs Wiltshire was particularly delighted to have won Upper School Best Classroom Award.

Year 6, were lucky enough to visit the amazing Harry Potter Studio's on Tuesday, as part of Book Week and supporting their reading this term, which has focused on the Harry Potter stories. Without doubt, they all had the most amazing time and were full of awe and wonder as they were taken through the golden doors, into the great hall – it was just as spectacular as it is when you see it on film. Their day was spent exploring the magical world of Hogwarts: climbing aboard the Hogwarts Express, walking through the creepy Forbidden forest, full of enormous spiders, thunder and lightning and eerie smoke, experiencing Harry Potter's muggle house in Privet Drive, walking down Diagon Alley and finally experiencing the actual Hogwarts Castle that took 8 weeks to build. The children were an absolute credit to you and we all want to go there now.



Thank you to Mrs Roy (aka Harriet Potter) for organising this spectacular trip. You will find more photos on our Face Book page if social media is your thing. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Knoupe (aka Cruella De Ville)



This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Spellings...

SPELLINGS

Syd the Sequinned Super Spelling Snake.

Don't forget to learn your spellings and get active on Spelling Shed. Syd wants to come and spend the week with you.

Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance
95.9%



100% Attendance Winners
Tarik Tiger



Class
6T
Well Done!!

100% Punctuality Winners
Polly and Petur Penguin



Classes
3H, 3G, 4K

Polite requests...

After School Clubs

Most of our clubs are run voluntarily by staff or parents and these are free. There are some where an external provider is involved and there is a cost. Unfortunately there are occasions when after school clubs have to be cancelled. Sometimes at very short notice because of emergency situations. I am asking all parents to be aware that school clubs should not be used as child care because of this eventuality.

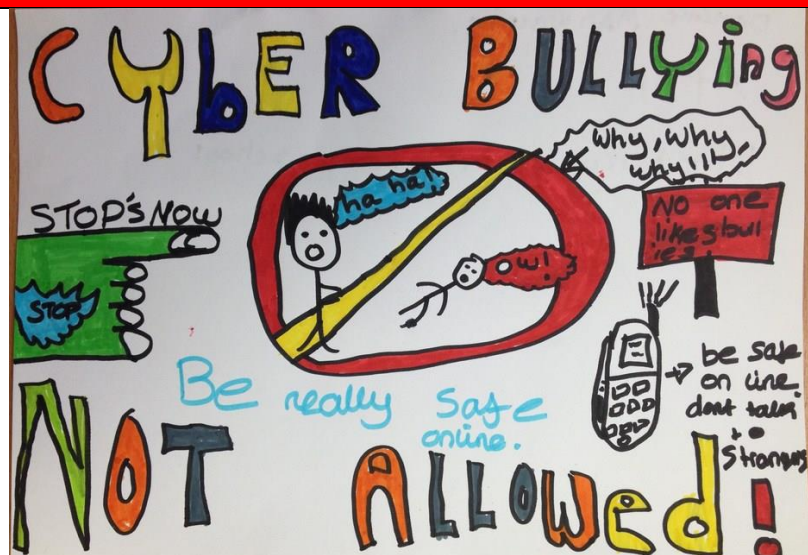
Please ensure that you have a contingency plan for collecting your child should a club be cancelled at short notice.

Permission Slips

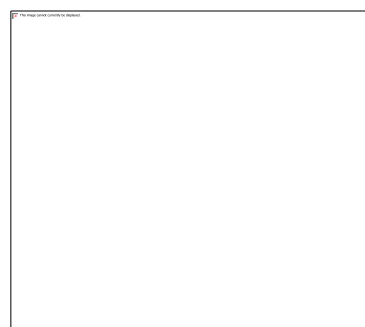
Please could you try to return permission slips for trips, extracurricular activities, clubs, swimming etc. as quickly as possible. We have had a few occasions where parents have arrived at the school office on the morning of a trip and asked to sign the permission slips there and then. I'm sure you can appreciate that the office at the start of the school day is very busy and even busier on a day when children are going off the premises.

Thank you.

Online Safety...








Twitt and Two's Maths problem....The Answer!



Did you get it
right?

Letters this week...

-  Book Week Competition
-  Fire Fighter Kids Year 3
-  Internet Safety Letter March 2019
-  WJS Newsletter Week 1 Term 4
-  CACoT Worth Less Campaign Update Letter for Parents March 2019

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website.

The link is below.

<http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Important dates coming up...

Mon 11th March- visit to Common Wealth Service in London by selected children.

Friday 15th March - Forest School Visit for Year 4

Friday 15th March- Red Nose Day-

After a vote and discussion at the School Council Meeting, members chose to have a non-school uniform day with an option of crazy hair. A few questions arose:

1. Can hair be dyed? *Yes, but only temporary dyes*
2. Can long hair be worn down? *Yes*

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March - National Shakespeare Week - Shakespeare workshops for Year 5 and a whole school performance on Monday

Friday 22nd – UKC Sports Centre - 30 Year 6 children to complete W4W

Charity Fundraising for Pilgrims Hospice-info to follow.

Monday 25th March - Live lesson for all classes on Plastics in the ocean

Thursday 28th March - PTFA Plant sale

Friday 29th March – Year 6 got watch Pan Rocks at St Edmunds – info to follow

Reports out to parents

Tuesday 2nd April-Spectrum Day (ASD awareness)-info to follow

Friday 5th April - Last day of term