



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 20th September 2019



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

An interesting week at WJS with Friday proving VERY interesting!! However we have made it and we hope we have photographed all the children who were here in school today.

This week we had the pleasure of listening to Wayne about his travels around the coastline of Britain and his quest to pick up as much litter as possible. He was truly inspirational and his lovely dog Koda was a delight too. I know Wayne inspired the children because I had children bringing litter through the gates to put in our bins that they had found on their journey to school.

The staff all had training after school at Quex Park Forest School. This was a fabulous opportunity to learn new skills so that we will be able to build more outdoor learning opportunities into the children's lessons.

There has been lots of exciting activity in Lower School this week. Year 3 have made good use of our outdoor learning areas by investigating different rocks and soils, challenging themselves to build Stonehenge from natural materials and generally having lots of fun and adventure in our "micro" Forest School. Year 4 have also been doing some outside learning by embarking on an alien hunt for clues after the mysterious spaceship appeared this morning in St Alphege playground. They have also been learning about changing states by carrying out an investigation involving honey and salad cream races!

Year 5 have had fun in literacy writing letters from people who might have been on the beach (from the book Flotsam), they have done this with photos which were taken at a range of different time periods (Victorians, 50s, 60, 90s and today). They have actively explored our coasts during a very sunny trip on Thursday, using their literacy, art, maths and geography skills. They have also measured the gradient of the beach, the PH levels of the water, looked at the types of stones and waves and discussed the different land uses as they walked down - a very successful trip! They were very fortunate for such good weather and created sea art and poetry as well. In science, they have been investigating dissolving and have experimented with candyfloss to see how it dissolves. Did they create a dissolving solution or not? All will be revealed next week!

Year 6 have continued their epic journey exploring the Amazon, through the wonderful book 'The Explorers', they even got to enjoy a delicious pineapple just as the children in the story did. Maths has been fun, reinforcing their addition and subtraction skills through games and problem solving. During science, they have been researching the lives of key scientists who were famous for discovering and creating their classification system-such an amazing discovery! They also began reading Harry Potter which has delighted all of our Harry Potter fans!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Annie Knoupe

WJS PTFA...



Our wonderful PTFA are selling cakes and ice poles from 3pm-3:30pm on Friday 27th September in the school playground. All funds raised will go towards MacMillan cancer support.

An extra special HT Award ...



Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance
97.28%

School Matters!



Tarik Tiger



**Highest %
Attendance
Winners
Class 4O**

Polly and Penguin



100% Punctuality Winners

**Classes 3H,3G,3MC,4O,4W.5L,
6h, 6RM**

Riddle Time....Can you solve it? (last week the answer was the letter e)

Can you work out the riddle? If you can, don't forget to tell us on the gate next week or your teacher.

**Tomorrow is neither
Wednesday nor Thursday.
Yesterday was not
Friday or Saturday.
Today is not
Thursday or Sunday
or Monday.
What day is it today?**



Online Safety...

<https://www.lifecake.com/family-internet-safety-privacy/>

The link above takes you to a website that has loads of advice on how to keep your child safe on the internet.

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 in your class.



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/>

- 2020 Transfer to Secondary School
- Chartwells Dietary Requirements Letter 2019
- Chartwells Dietary Requirements Form
- Climate Change Letter
- Club Grid Term 1 and 2

- September 2019 Club Letter
- Creepy Claws Animal Club Letter
- E Newsletter Autumn 2019
- SLGS Headteacher Open Eve Letter 2019
- Kent Test Letter
- Music for Schools Flyer
- Open Evening 2019 Poster to Primary Schools
- Parent intro TS to BCGS
- Sports Flyer October 2019
- Y5 Enriching Workshops Letter to HT 2019 – 20 LWI
- Y5 Workshop Booking Form and Flyer 2019- 2020 LWI
- Year 3 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019
- Year 4 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019
- Year 5 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019
- Year 6 Term 1 Curriculum Information 2019
- Year 7 Open Mornings 2019



Winter Multi- Sports Camp at WJS...



Winter Multi - Sports Camp

Cricket/Football/Hockey/Netball

Suitable for ages 5–15 years

Monday 21st - Wed 23rd October 2019 10am – 3pm

£15 per day or £40 for 3 days

Contact Mr Kidd WJS School office or via email

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Children with Allergies....

We do have a few children in school with allergies. We want to remind parents and carers that products with NUTS should not be brought in to school as snacks or in lunch boxes (this includes Nutella or products like this). This helps to eliminate some of the chances of a child having an allergic reaction. Thank you for your support in this.

Important dates for Term 1

September	24 th	Adult Education Taster Session – WJS Studio (pm)
	25 th	Parents Music For Schools Workshop 3:30pm
	27 th	PTFA Cake and Ice-pole sale for MacMillan- 3pm in the playground.
October	14 th – 18 th	Black History Week
	10 th	Hello Yellow-Mental Health Awareness Day
	14 th	2pm PESE talks to parents 6pm PESE talks to parents
	15 th	Parent Consultations (3:30-6pm)
	17 th	Parent Consultations (5:30-8pm)
	18 th	Term 1 Ends
	31st	Term 2 Starts