



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 29th November 2019



A message from Mrs Knoupe...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started this week thinking about “random acts of kindness” and discussed how this is where people do something kind for others and usually it’s quite unexpected. I have heard through the week of lots of these acts happening at WJS. Teachers and children have told me how someone has been kind to them and how special it has made their day. Of course that’s not all that unusual at WJS because we have such kind children!

This week I have had the pleasure of seeing Year 3 children creating some fabulous sketches of strange and wonderful sea creatures. They were shown an extract of underwater sea life, from the David Attenborough series, to stimulate their ideas. I was truly impressed with their skills and imagination. Year 4 have been creating their own mini volcanoes using baking powder, vinegar, red food colouring and water.



Year 5 have spent the week learning all about North America. They have had fun exploring the 23 different countries and discussed the weather that might be experienced whilst living there and how this compares to living here. Year 6, have continued to be entertained by the compilation of short stories from the book: 'Funny, Fantastic, Frightening'. They are now ready to write their own short story about being trapped in a computer game.

On Thursday our school council representatives joined other school council representatives at Swalecliffe C P School for the annual Coastal Alliance Co-operative Trust (CACoT) Children and Parents Forum. The aim of the event was to get children and parents involved in contributing to the CACoT future plans with particular emphasis on sharing ideas around the topic of the environment and what we can do in schools to make a difference. The children came back to school absolutely buzzing. Each school council decided on the one thing they were definitely going to do back at school. The children voted for their favourite idea to be adopted across CACoT and these were the most popular choices:

- Eco-Club/ Eco code
- Meat Free Monday
- Animal 'Hotel'
- Crisp Packets for Kent Air Ambulance
- CACoT Campaign for Government action to reduce packaging and single use plastic

Out of these, the overall most popular vote was ‘Crisp Packets for Kent Air Ambulance.’

So all in all a fabulous week at WJS and another week that has whizzed by full of fun and learning.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Annie Knoupe

p.s Don't forget to give your child a healthy snack for break time- they do get hungry between breakfast and lunch time and we are running out in our emergency snack jar! Remember we also sell fruit tokens at 40p.

Headteacher's Award...



Elliot 3MC for showing such enthusiasm for learning and continued devotion to always trying his best.



WJS PTFA...



WHITSTABLE JUNIOR SCHOOL PTFA

THE LONG AWAITED WJS PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR- THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER FROM 3:15PM-5PM. WE WON'T LET THE GRINCH SPOIL OUR FAIR!! DON'T MISS OUT ON SAMPLING SOME "POOPCORN", OR HAVING A GO AT "PINNING THE HEART ON THE GRINCH", OR EVEN GUESS HIS MIDDLE NAME! THERE WILL BE THE OLD FAVOURITES TO HAVE A GO ON TOO; A CHANCE TO WIN CHOCOLATE, A BOTTLE, A MYSTERY JAR TO NAME A FEW!

The PTFA have generously offered to pay for every child in the school to have a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th December. If you do not wish your child to have a cooked lunch then they will need to bring a home packed lunch in. The Christmas Lunch is a special day where all the teachers serve the children as they sit at their table. The children can wear Christmassy clothes on that day and we will make the lunch as festive as possible.

Attendance and Punctuality...

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



**Whole School
Attendance 96.59%**

**Tarik Tiger
Highest % Attendance
Winners**



Class 3MC

**Polly and Petur
100% Punctuality
Winners**



**Classes
5M, 6RM**

**Brain teaser answer from last week..... there were 40 squares!!!
Did you get it right?**

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/>

- Swimming Letter Nov 2019 to all parents
- Year 5 swimming letter Nov 2019
- Year 3 nativity Letter Nov 2019



Important dates coming up...

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

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.

Tuesday 17th December- Children's Christmas Lunch. Flu Jabs 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