



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

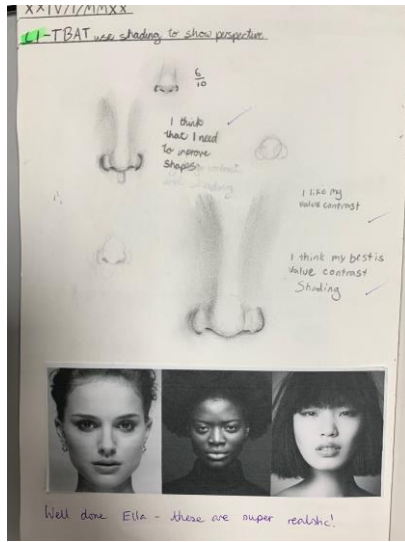
Week ending 31st January 2020



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Year 6 have been developing their understanding of the symbols that represent the components of a circuit, as well as investigating the levels of light emitted by circuits when the number of bulbs is changed. They have also delved into the artwork seen in Mosques and the link this has to religion. In art, the children have been focusing on proportion and the fine details of faces, which has produced some amazing artwork. Just look at the pencil portrait art in the photo.



Year 5 have been challenging themselves, as they began their journey into developing their understanding of tricky fractions, particularly mastering Equivalent Fractions. They have also investigated and developed their understanding of different Viking characters and studied Athelstan, the first King of England!

Year 4 began this week by celebrating the Chinese New Year! They made cards themed around the Year of the Rat, created origami boats and then the whole year group came together in the Studio to play traditional Chinese games before eating fortune cookies. 4O had their forest school session this week. They made bird feeders, muddy pies, s'mores and memories for a lifetime! Big thanks to Mrs Grier for organising this.

I had the pleasure of seeing children in year 3 learn about onomatopoeic words this week. They listened to sounds and then described them. The written work they produced was seriously spectacular. In fact, it made my heart go BOOM!

Next week is National Story-Telling Week and the children will be having great fun listening to a range of stories. On Friday 7th February, it is the NSPCC Number day. To celebrate 20 years of this amazing event, we are asking everyone to dress up as a number (please feel free to be as imaginative as you like). You could use a football shirt, decorate a T-Shirt or research facts about a famous mathematician with numbers. We are asking for a donation of £1 to support this event and raise money for this amazing charity. This means Friday 7th is non-school uniform. During the day, staff and children will challenge themselves to answer times table questions or facts about their number (e.g. factor pairs, square numbers and prime numbers.) Please ask them at home as well! We shall also be completing number quizzes. Finally do not forget our HERO Attendance and Punctuality challenge is still running for 1 more week.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Annie Knoupe

Headteacher's Award...



Teddy 4L Her resilience is astounding, especially in maths. She has been an absolute superstar!



Spellings...

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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 your class.



Internet Safety...

Keep your children safe. Learn about the importance of setting parental controls on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Nf8GTIV4so>



Attendance and Punctuality Challenge...

Well done to all our attendance **HEROES** (and their parents and carers).

Here Every day Ready and On time.

This week's % attendance was **96 %** which is not quite as good as last week but is still better than the same time last year.

The number of children arriving late has continued to improve.

Thank you so much for your support.



Attendance and Punctuality...

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

Whole School Attendance Since Sep 2019 96.1%

Tarik Tiger 100 % Attendance Winners



Class 4O

Polly and Petur 100% Punctuality Winners



Classes 3H, 3MC, 4O, 4L, 5M, 6H

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/>

- Number Day NSPCC Feb 2020
- Year 5 Swattenden Parent Info Letter Jan 2020



Important dates coming up...

February 2020

Wednesday 5th February- 4L afternoon in the "Micro Forest School"

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day – Wear a number for the NSPCC.

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day. Visit by Bigfoots Theatre Company for workshops on Cyber-Safety.

WJS Winter Art Exhibition- 3:00pm to 3:45pm-more details to follow.

Wednesday 12th February – 4W afternoon in the "Micro Forest School"

Friday 14th –End of Term 3