



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 7th February 2020



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are on the penultimate Friday of term 3. We are officially nearly half way through the academic year. Where has the time gone? This week sees the end of our Attendance HERO Challenge (**Here Every day Ready and On time**). Well done to all our attendance HEROES (and their parents and carers).

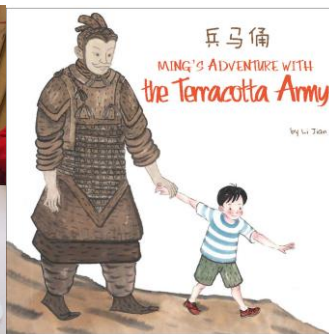
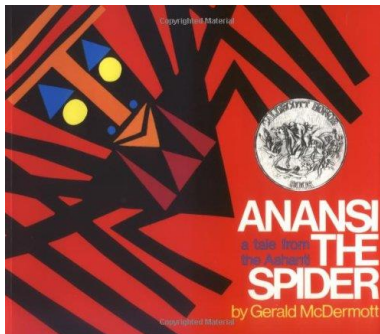


97%

Whole School Attendance for this week!

We will be studying the numbers and issuing the prizes, certificates and huge congratulations to all those children who have been a HERO for making such an impact on the learning taking place this term. Long may this continue. We are sure to have more rewards up our sleeve over the coming months.

This week it has been Story-Telling Week at WJS. Year 3 have been telling stories about Anansi the Spider. They have made “fishing games” using magnets and written articles for newspapers. In RE they re-created the story of the Burning Bush. Year 4 began the week reading the book “Ming’s Adventure with the Terracotta Army”. This inspired some children to do their own research at home. In ICT, the children made some fabulous moving Chinese Dragons.



This week year 5 continued to write their exciting Viking sagas; thinking about the skill of showing not telling... 'He was a bear of a man' rather than 'He was big and strong.' In maths, they have been exploring fractions - such as equivalent, improper and mixed numbers. In other news, history took a dramatic turn with the children creating performance poetry based on the dilemma between Ethelred and the greedy Vikings, who kept demanding more Danegeld! They also set their curiosity alight in science through exploring how a candle works; learning all about the chemical reaction compared to physical changes.

Year 6 have been enjoying developing their knowledge of electricity; carrying out fair tests on simple circuits and measuring the effect on bulbs. They have thoroughly enjoyed Story-Telling week- listening with baited breath whilst their teachers entertain them with stories. There has also been much debate over whether monarchs should rule with complete power – and the children have shown real curiosity during the research of these past, brutal Kings and Queens.

Next week you will have the opportunity to come and see the artwork created during WJS Arts Week. We will be creating an exhibition in The Studio and corridor, which will be open from 3pm-3:45pm. You can pop in before the end of the day or wait to collect your child/ren and go with them. We hope you can make it.

Best wishes,
Annie Knoupe

Headteacher's Award...



Sylvie 4W For being so adventurous and teaching the whole class a poetry lesson. Inspirational stuff Sylvie!



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...



Whether you are puzzled by parental controls or would like to get knowledgeable about gaming, this website can help. We all know that it can sometimes be challenging to keep up to speed with what children and young people are doing online. On this website, you will find a whole host of useful ways to help keep your child safe.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

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 Highest % Attendance Winners



Class 6RM

Polly and Petur 100% Punctuality Winners



Classes 3MC, 4W, 4L, 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/>

- Boys football Joy Lane 03.02.20
- Girls football Luddenham 06.02.20
- Parental Consent for Quex Park Forest School
- Quex Park Clothing Checklist
- Year 4 Forest School Feb 2020
- Netball Matches Letter Feb 2020



Important dates coming up...

February 2020

Tuesday 11th Feb

- Safer Internet Day. Visit by Bigfoots Theatre Company for workshops on Cyber-Safety.
- WJS Winter Art Exhibition- 3:00pm to 3:45pm- entrance via the Studio.

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

Friday 14th Feb–End of Term 3

Monday 24th Feb – Start of Term 4

24th Feb-Year 5 Arts Workshops at The Whitstable School

26th Feb – Eureka Seekers Club starts for Term 4

27th Feb –

- Dot Kids Craft Clubs starts for Term 4-info for booking to follow
- US Game Zone Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip (letters to follow)

28th Feb –PTFA Disco-Information to follow

March 2020

2nd March

- Whole School Book Week - Monday 2nd March - 6th March with the
- LS Game Zone Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip (letters to follow)
- Year 5 Arts Workshops at The Whitstable School
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5th March

- 4O Day at Quex Park Forest School Day
- Dressing up for National Book Day

9th March

- School Council Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip (letters to follow)
- Year 5 Arts Workshops at The Whitstable School

12th March – 4L Day at Quex Park Forest School Day

16th March

- Whole School STEM week - 16th March - 20th March
- School Council Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip (letters to follow)

19th March – 4W Day at Quex Park Forest School Day

23rd March

- National Well-being week - 23rd March - 27th March
- Arts Council Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip (letters to follow)

25th March – Yr 4 Musical Soiree (to parents/carers)– Details to follow

26th March -NSPCC assemblies

27th March

- NSPCC Upper School workshops
- National Autism Day – Details to follow

30th March – Arts Council Quex Park Forest School Reward Trip (letters to follow)

31st March – End of term 4