



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 6th March 2020



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have all had an amazing time during Book Week, as they have immersed themselves into the imaginative mind of David Litchfield and his super book called 'Lights on Cotton Rock'. This award-winning picture book allowed the children to consider what might happen if they should ever come face-to-face with an alien. During the week they have used their imagination - sprinkled with a little awe and wonder - to predict what the alien may say to his fellow aliens once he had returned home about planet Earth. The children were asked to predict the ending of this story or to infer what the main characters must have felt like during significant parts of the story or indeed what they may say to an alien had they met one. Children also created freeze frames, dramatizations, poetry and book reviews. Children have also produced amazing artwork inspired by the beautiful illustrations- a thoroughly creative and memorable week for everyone.

Year 3 maths has seen the children practising their measuring skills and solving problems about length. In Science they started learning about the functions of a plant by starting underground at a plant's roots. They closely examined the root structure before discussing the function of the roots. They also planted potatoes for a competition and are looking forward to harvesting and eating them in June!

In science, Year 4 have been learning about the human body and they were lucky enough to have Julian's mum come in to teach them some very important lifesaving skills. All their teddies and soft toys enjoyed being saved too!



Thank you to year 5 parents for bearing with us when we asked your children to bring in both swimming kit and a change of clothes for our "micro-forest school" sessions on the same day! Not our finest hour in coordinating things and you graciously accepted the challenge. I know the children had a great time with Mrs Grier. These sessions have been so successful we will be carrying them on through the summer term. The sessions will we hope be less muddy. A final thankyou to everyone who took the time to complete the House name survey. The results will be shared next week.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

Headteacher's Award...



Frankie in 5L For demonstrating every one of our curriculum drivers in particular our community driver by helping others. Well done!



Charity news...

NSPCC

The school raised £233.64 for the NSPCC for Number Day. Thank you to everyone who donated.



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

Aurelia, Flossie, Micah, Emmy and Lily in Year 4 will be holding a cake sale next week for Cancer Research on Thursday. The cup cakes will be 50p each and the cake slices 75p. The cakes will be sold at playtime and then after school. They will be sold by the structure.

Internet Safety...

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to. But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

Talking to your child about online safety

Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Attendance and Punctuality...

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

**Whole School
Attendance
Since Sep 2019
96.13%**

**Tarik Tiger
100 % Attendance
Winners**



Class 40

**Polly and Petur
100% Punctuality
Winners**



**Classes
3MC, 4O, 4W, 6H, 6RM**

Coronavirus...

We have been advised to inform families to follow the professional advice from PHE / DfE and the NHS and you will find links to these on our website.

With regard to children attending school the advice is that schools will only expect formal self-isolation to be undertaken if any person displays any symptoms, or have had contact with **known** cases of Covid-19 and parents have been in contact and taken instruction from NHS I I I. This means that your children can come to school unless the above has occurred.

Below are some links, which you might find useful. One is to the new tab on the WJS Website, which provides you with up to date information on the Coronavirus. The other is a link to a Newsround video, which help to explain the situation to children without giving them a scare.

WJS Website-<https://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus&pid=117>

Video link from Newsround-<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51481330>

