



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

**Term 6 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**



## A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been all about celebrating our Health and Fitness week and has been full of healthy competition, inspiring facts, healthy living and socially distancing teamwork! To start the week, the children in our Year 6 bubbles, and those at home, were given the task of designing sporting challenges that could be completed by our Year 3, 4 and 5 children from the comfort of their own home. The entries were then whittled down to the 10 best activities ranging from: 'Sit-Ups, Fast-Feet to Egg and Spoon Twirling and How Many Items of Clothes can you put on in minute?' These challenges were then filmed and added to our Google Classrooms so that all the children still working from home could take part in our Virtual Sports Day; recording their best attempts online ready to be presented with certificates for the overall winners next week. We can't wait to see the results and you have until midday on Sunday to record them.



The children have also been learning about the importance of healthy living, the effects of exercise on our bodies and why eating a healthy and balanced diet is so important for your body. In school they have also been outside practicing slightly different challenges of their own in preparation for our actual Sports Day, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We celebrated with a socially distant celebration gathering, where the winning Bubble (Bubble 3) and the winners for each individual challenge were announced. The winners were presented with a certificate, a small gift and an all-important sticker.

All the children have had an amazing week and that is due to our hard-working staff who have made it all happen. Our winners were: Louis for Speed Bounce, Oliver for Shot Hoop, Daniel for Hoop Run, Katie for Hockey Dribble, Harry for Target Throw and Tyler for Goal Shoot. Congratulations everyone!

Week 3 of the Skids COVID19 Swab Study has shown no positive results again which is great news and the Government Guidance for full opening of schools was released yesterday. Once I have had time to read it thoroughly I will share our plans for September with you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes,  
Annie Knoupe

## Parent Survey July 2020...

Thankyou to all the parents and carers who completed the Parent Survey this week. The results were incredibly positive and have made everyone who has worked so hard feel hugely valued. If you follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-5WN2FW637/> it will take you to the results page, excluding the comments which could identify children.

It was great to see that 96% of parents agreed or partly agreed that the home-learning we have provided during this challenging time has been appropriate and I'm so pleased that 94% of parents and carers agreed and 6% partly agreed that we managed to get the communication right, so that's 100% in the answer choices we are happy with. This was very important to me at a time when we all felt in the dark and faced with challenges we had never expected to be facing. The questions relating to how your children feel about school were so positive too alongside how you feel we deal with bullying. There were a lot of don't know responses for the bullying and that's good to see because we assume that means your children haven't had to deal with it.

The comments you have made regarding home-learning, communication and any concerns you may have about the return to school in September have been invaluable. We have already responded to some of your feedback and you should have received an email inviting you to email your child's class teacher to ask for a telephone call with your child.

## Transition (Say Hello Wave Goodbye)

Keep an eye out next week for the email telling you what time your child can come into school on the last day of term to say hello to their new class teacher and wave goodbye to their current class teacher. The letter will also tell you which gate to use and what your child should bring with them. We have also been asked by several parents about children bringing in goodbye gifts for their teachers. We are more than happy for them to do this. We will put the gifts in a box for each teacher and they can then take them home and open when they feel it is safe to do so. They won't be able to open them at school though.

## Royal Native Citizenship Award...

Due to the way school life has changed over the past few months, children have been unable to complete the Royal Native Citizenship Award Scheme as they normally would have. They have also missed out on the end of year celebration assembly we have where they would receive their badges and certificates and get the recognition they deserve. Mrs Migden spoke to me about how very proud she was of the children who had taken part and she wanted to show them what wonderful citizens of our school they are. To do this she sent them all their badges and certificates in the post.

The photos of the bee badge and bee keyring, show what we awarded to the Year 6 children who have achieved all the certificates, bronze, silver gold and pearl over the 4 years at WJS.

The bee represents their enormous commitment to our community.



## Huge Congratulations to all these children:



Bronze	Silver	Gold	Pearl
Rohan	Felix	Gabriel	Ethan
Bronwen	Sylvie	Maisie	Ethan
Amelie	Ruby	Hollie	Mia
Olive	Carrie	Joshua	Ayse
Betsy	Isla	Eve	Chloe
Amie-Rose	Betsy	Roman	Liaidain
	Beatrice-	Argina	George
	Rose	Alyssa	
	Jessica	Tom	



## Letters this week...

Remember you will find all the letters sent out on the school website in letters.

<http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

## Important and Interesting dates coming up...

### July

17<sup>th</sup> July- Say Hello, Wave Goodbye- meetings (times to be confirmed)

**Last Day of Term 6- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm for all children.**

**School closed to children until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**