



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Term 6 10th July 2020



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Normally at this time of year you would be receiving an Attainment and Progress Report but that is sadly that isn't possible. Instead we thought it would be nice for the teachers to write individually to your children so we have created a "Goodbye Report" and I have penned a short message to everyone too. You will receive this next week.

It's been damp and dull, weather wise, this week but I know the learning tasks at school and in Google Classrooms have been about moving on to pastures new in September which is far from dull, it's very exciting. These new pastures might be to new schools or moving to a new teacher. Last week your child should have received a "hello" letter from their new class teacher and so now know a little bit more about them.

All of the Year 6 children (both at home and at school) have been reminiscing over their time at WJS; creating their own unique Virtual Leavers Service, sharing their most memorable moments and thoughts for the future. Year 6 parents and carers, look out for the letter next week which will have the link to the video of the service. The children have also been putting together a special 2020 Leavers Book that will be given out to all Year 6 children, along with their lovely WJS Leavers Hoodies (funded by our PTFA) next week.

The Year 6 children in school have been busy in maths conquering algebra ready for secondary school. They have also worked on journals writing about their memories of lockdown and what they would like to get up to during the holidays. They've looked at Pop Art and scales and maps in geography. The other learning I have seen happening has involved the children having lots of fun. They have been busy with a scavenger hunt, sewing hand puppets, creating soft toys and making wooden spoon people.



We also have the "Say Hello Wave Goodbye" sessions on Friday 17th July to look forward to. The weather looks promising, so fingers crossed. We will be so disappointed, as I know the children will be, if the weather changes and we can't hold the sessions. Keep an eye on emails and texts just in case we have to cancel at the last minute.

Finally I would like to share with you a wonderful "Team WJS Video" that Mr George has put together. I won't say any more than it was a real mixture of laughter and tears watching it. We will pop it into Google Classrooms too. Thank you Mr George for spending so much time getting this just perfect.

https://youtu.be/zBk_5BS7IEY

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Warmest wishes,
Annie Knoupe

September Opening Update for All Children...

As you are aware the Government Guidance for full opening of schools was released last Thursday. We are still finalising the Risk Assessment and School Opening Plan and all the associated timetables and will be sharing with the staff today. We will then make any amendments needed and next week I will be sending out a letter to all parents and carers with the full information on.



I can already tell you that school will be open to all children in all Year Groups on **Wednesday 2nd September** and we are very much looking forward to welcoming everybody back on that day. There will be some changes to the structure of the day which will all be outlined in the information letter.

This has been another labour of love ensuring that we put the safety of the WJS community at the forefront whilst also ensuring we provide the children with the rich learning experience WJS believes in.



COVID 19 Swab Study...

This week saw my job change to Nurse Noop!!

Unfortunately our nurse was unable to come in this week and so as had been planned in case of this eventuality, I had to put my newly acquired skills of nose swabbing into action (yes there really was a training video I had to complete to stick cotton buds up nostrils). We completed 95 nose swabs with aid of my trusty assistant Nurse Leanne. The children were all super stars.

Next week the “participants” will also be taking part in an antibody study that PHE have just developed. This is an “oral swab” which I have to say I am very excited about. I’d love to know if I have actually had the virus. Only those people who have taken part in the nose swab study can take part in the antibody study. So a reminder to those parents that we must have your consent forms by next week.

Week 4 of the Skids COVID19 Swab Study has shown no positive results again which is great news.

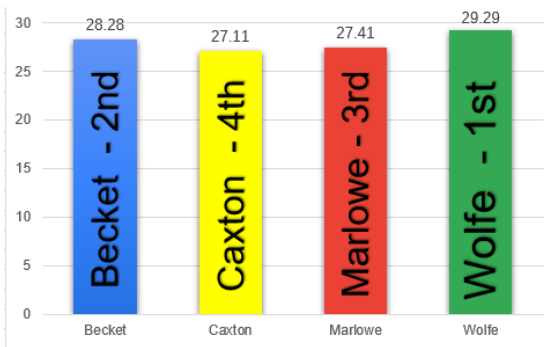


Virtual Sports Day Results...

Well done to everyone who took part in the Virtual WJS Sports Day.

Event	Year 3 Winners	Year 4 Winners	Year 5 Winners
Speed Bounce (over shoes)	Robert (3MC)	Sam (4L)	Zach (5M)
Speed Dress	Poppy (3G)	Joseph (4L) Lincoln (4O)	Milly (5M)
Star Jumps	Elliot (3MC)	Phoebe (4L)	Olly (5L)
Keepie Uppies/kick ups	Roman (3MC)	Elliot (4O)	Charley (5M)
Egg and Spoon Spin	Leo (3MC)	Beatrice-Rose (4L) Madhavi (4W)	Hollie (5M)
Sit ups	Alfie (3MC)	Maggie (4W)	Freya (5L)
Press Ups	James (3G)	Bea (4O)	Luke (5L)
Burpees	Evan (3H)	Lusia (4O)	Joe (5L)
Quick feet	Jacob (3MC)	Ruby (4W)	Rory (5L)
Body Balance	Henley (3H)	Kika (4W)	Amber (5M)

Overall House Winners



Becket	28.28
Caxton	27.11
Marlowe	27.41
Wolfe	29.29

We were very impressed with everyone's efforts on Google Classroom and in school to make the Sports Week a success. We have loved flicking through the pictures and videos sent in showing everyone's great sporting achievements, not just this week but over the past 3 months of lockdown. Everyone should be very proud of themselves. We know you have been eager all week to find out the results. We have combined the average score for everyone who took part at home with the Year 6 Sports Week that took place in school and the results are in! Well done to everyone who took part, there are just 2 points between 4th and 1st place!

Letters this week...

The Summer edition of **The Lockdown Times** has been published. You will find it on the school website. Follow this link to find it easily.

<https://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2836&type=pdf>

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

17th July- Say Hello, Wave Goodbye- meetings

Last Day of Term 6- Friday 17th July at 1pm for all children.

September

Wednesday 2nd September- First day of school for everyone.