



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 18th September 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another packed week of learning and lots of it in the sun too.



In Year 3 this week the children have been investigating the durability of different rocks by making careful observations. They have also continued to learn about the Stone Age in literacy and topic lessons and this week they found out what Stone Age people might have done all day. In music, the children have continued to develop their glockenspiel skills by playing along to two different songs.



Year 4 have enjoyed reading their new Literacy book 'River Story.' Which follows the journey of a river from its source, to mouth. Year 4 were so inspired that they even acted out our own river journey! During SRE, Year 4 saw the effect kind words can have, using two apples to see what happens when you spread kindness, compared to what happens when you spread negativity. The apple treated with kindness was healthy when cut open and the one with negativity was rotten.



In Science Year 5 learned about dissolving. They observed how different solutes (solids) either formed a solution or suspension in water. They tried so many things from candy floss to coffee, oregano to rice! They really impressed with their fabulous scientific vocabulary and questioning.



Year 6 had fun this week as they worked to design and make the best rafts from natural resources found in our timber trail. Later they used their experiences to write detailed instructions on how to build a raft should they find themselves stranded in a jungle! All of which was inspired by our amazing book this term: The Explorer. Here they are making and then testing out their rafts.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe

Congratulations...Meet the new Pupil Leadership Team (PLT)

CONGRATULATIONS Pupil Leadership Team



**Congratulations on being selected to be the new
WJS Head Girl 2020 2021**

Amber

Signed Mrs A Knoupe

Date 18/9/2020

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**Congratulations on being selected to be the new
WJS Head Boy 2020 2021**

Oliver

Signed Mrs A Knoupe

Date 18/9/2020

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**Congratulations on being selected to be the new
WJS Deputyhead Girl 2020 2021**

Adresa

Signed Mrs A Knoupe

Date 18/9/2020

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**Congratulations on being selected to be the new
WJS Deputyhead Boy 2020 2021**

Zayan

Signed Mrs A Knoupe

Date 18/9/2020

Year 6 children were asked to write a letter outlining why they would like to be part of the WJS Pupil Leadership Team. The letters were truly amazing and we have some very talented writers who were highly skilled at explaining their strengths and what they saw the roles involving. The certificates above show who were given the 5 prestigious positions. Mrs Knoupe will be meeting (socially distanced) with the PLT next week for Juice and Biscuits- a very important inauguration meeting. Well done all of you!

CONGRATULATIONS Pupil Leadership Team



**Congratulations on being selected to be the new
WJS Eco Ambassador 2020 2021**

Samuel

Signed Mrs A Knoupe

Date 18/9/2020

Remote Learning...

I wanted to keep you updated with regards to the government requirements around remote learning (home-learning).

If your child has to self-isolate because a member of your household has symptoms of COVID19 then your child must stay at home for a period of 14 days or until a negative test result is returned. In this situation school will provide you with a home-learning pack which we would ask you to arrange to be collected from school. If this proves difficult for you please contact the school office and we will do all we can to help.

If your child is the person who is unwell they do not need to complete the home-learning (just like in a normal situation when your child is off school due to being unwell).

Should a school bubble close on advice from PHE then we will contact you with your child's new Google Classroom log-in and instructions on how to use it.

The school will ensure that every day there will be 3 tasks set for your child. This will be set by the class teacher unless the class teacher is unwell. If the class teacher is unwell we will ensure the work is set by another member of staff in school. Here's to keeping our fingers crossed that we don't ever have to manage the bubble closure.

Should any local or National Lockdown occur we will return to using Google Classroom and for those families who find this difficult provide paper packs as before.

Attendance...



Don't forget the WJS website has lots of helpful information regarding the big question.

"WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD OR SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY IS UNWELL?"

Follow the link and you will find flow charts that should help.

Letters this week....

Chartwells School Meal- Allergy Form

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. <http://www.whitstable->

Term Dates...

Term 1

September

21st Recycle Week (assemblies)

22nd 5T Beach Trip

25th 5M Beach Trip

30th 5T Forest School (letter to follow)

October

5th Black History Week

12th Raising awareness of Mental Health Day

15th Kent Test Day - Year 6

Late parents Eve-5pm-7:40pm (information to follow)

19th Geometry Week

21st Early parents Eve-3:30-6:30pm (information to follow)

23rd **Term 1 ends**

Half Term Holiday-Monday 26th Oct to Wednesday 4th Nov

November

5th **Term 2 starts for staff and children**