



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 25th September 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A real mixed bag of weather this week, warm enough to swim in the sea one minute and coats and jumpers the next. With this in mind we are more than happy for children to bring a warm jumper to wear in class as the weather turns colder. We are still being advised to keep the classrooms as ventilated as possible so doors and windows are open. At the moment this doesn't seem to be causing any problems but if your child does say they are a bit nippy a cosy jumper can be worn. We will keep you updated if things change in any way.

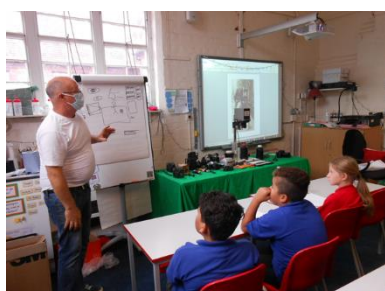
What a busy week Year 3 have had. They have explored how Stone-Age people used fruit, vegetables and natural materials to create dyes and paint. They had a go at using a stone to grind the materials to



create dye for their own cave paintings. In PSHE, they have been learning about how to keep teeth clean and healthy. They learnt a wonderful song to help them remember the rules! In literacy, they have been continuing to enjoy the story of The Stone Age Boy. They have worked hard using exciting verbs in their sentences and acted out the story with great expression!



Year 4 have watched an animation entitled, 'A Cloudy Lesson' [A Cloudy lesson animation](#) in their literacy lesson and then enjoyed cloud watching outside. Inspired by these activities the children had to write instructions on how to make a cloud maker. The ideas were incredible. In geography the children are learning about rivers and Beau painted a fantastic river in the art lesson this week. Fantastic art work.



Year 5 were lucky enough to have a visit from our resident photography expert Mr Rick (also known as our caretaker). He showed them many types of cameras from past and present and talked them through the history of photography. They then went on to write about how cameras had



changed over time and what they might look like in the future! We thought maybe our eyes might have cameras in that could take infinite (Archie's word) photographs in our lifetime.

Year 6 have been having fun immersing themselves in what it must have been like being stranded in the Amazon Rainforest. They wrote diary entries as their favourite characters. Linked to this they have discovered all about the Linnaean system and how this helps us to understand animals' characteristics. I need to ask them about this!!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe

Headteacher award...Last Week



Well done to Lily in 5M for welcoming a new member of WJS into our community with such kindness and thoughtfulness.



Headteacher award...This Week



Ruby-Jean in 3H was awarded the Head Teacher's award this week. She has demonstrated so many of the school drivers during her learning. Curiosity and adventure amongst them. Well done Ruby.



Secondary School Admissions...

PESE (Procedure for Entry to Secondary School) and some Kent Test updates.

On the school website in the tab; Parent Information, Secondary School Admissions, you will find a Slide Show ([Link to Slide Show Video - Information for Secondary School Admission Process](#)) giving some updates regarding the Kent Test and lots of information about the transfer of year 6 children to secondary school.

The slide show helps explain how to complete the SCAF (Secondary Common Application Form) and hopefully answers all your other questions. I would usually share this with parents and carers at a meeting in the school hall but unfortunately, this is unable to happen this year. I have talked about each slide as I would have during the meeting.

If you have any questions once you have watched the slide show please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parent Evenings...

Parents Evenings for Term 1 will be held virtually by Video Call on Thursday 15th October and Wednesday 21st October.

You can book your appointments from 6pm on Friday 25th September until 12pm on Friday 2nd October.

Appointments on Thursday 15th October will be between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. Appointments on Wednesday 21st October will be between 3:30pm and 6:30pm.

We will be using the Parents Evening Booking System we have used before as they now have an added video call function available. You would book in the usual way. A letter and instructions on how to do this have been emailed today and are on the school website.

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.

[Link to COVID Flow Charts to help Parents and Carers](#)

Letters this week....

Parental Consent for Manor House Forest School
Clothing Checklist
Westmead's HT Leaving Letter
Parents Evening Letter
Year 6 Application for Secondary School- email

Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website.

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

Term Dates...

Term 1

September

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 has been emailed)

19th Geometry Week

21st Early parents Eve-3:30-6:30pm (information has been emailed)

23rd **Term 1 ends**

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

November

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