



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 2nd October 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A fabulous week of fun and learning all rolled into one. Lots of outdoor adventures at the beach, in our own “micro-forest school”...



...and also a visit to Quex Park Forest School for 5T who missed out on their trip in Year 4.



Year 6 children have been having a great time this week as they explored the Amazon Rainforest in even more detail when they had the unique opportunity to virtually interview one of our parents who had actually visited the rainforest. The children were in awe of her stories and mind-blowing facts, reinforced with amazing photographs of the wildlife and surroundings. We are so grateful to have such wonderful parents and carers supporting us. Thank you Kerry I heard so much about it from the children.

This week year 5 have had a wonderful time doing all manner of fun activities: they have written a letter to parliament; 5T were lucky enough to go to forest school while 5M went to the beach. In maths, they have been discovering the intricacies of Roman Numerals– perhaps if you spot any Roman Numerals out and about you could ask them if they can tell you what number the numerals represent.

Year 3 have started reading about the adventures of George and the Dragon in the book Dragon Slayer. They have learned about the features of legends and used exciting vocabulary to describe the setting of where the beast lives. In RE this week, they sampled different types of bread and learned about how and why different Christians celebrate Holy Communion. In History, they became archaeologists and investigated an Iron Age bronze helmet that had been found on farmland in Canterbury. They made great historians and the lessons was definitely filled with lots of curiosity!

This week year 4 have been conducting science experiments to find out about gas by using balloons! They have investigated the questions, does gas have a weight? What happens to gas when it is heated? And, can gas be made from a solid and a liquid? In RE they have listened to and explored the Hindu creation story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfy0jKaxBFs> and have also been busy composing their own Bhajan music using a variety of instruments. What a fabulous learning week.

Happy weekend everyone.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

Headteacher award...This Week



Alfie in 4O was awarded the Head Teacher's award this week. His teacher said his learning has been so enthusiastic, focused and he has been a joy to teach. Well done Ruby Alfie.



Special Mentions...



Ludo in 5L cycled 17 miles from Whitstable to Margate in August to raise money for the orphaned bear cubs at Wildwood Trust. He raised £837 and received a certificate from Wild Wood. Well done Ludo.



Sports Crew...

SPORTS CREW 2020 2021

- ❖ 6RM
- ❖ Roman
- ❖ Harry L
- ❖ James T
- ❖ Sophie B
- ❖ Summer
- ❖ Ella F
- ❑ 6H
- ❑ Joe W
- ❑ Alfie A
- ❑ Mason
- ❑ Poppy N
- ❑ Freya
- ❑ Darcie J



Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to be Sports Crew. These children will support all the children in school over the coming year. Thank you for putting your names forward. Well Done!

Autumn Multi-Sports Camp...

All team Sports

Suitable for ages 5—15 years

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th November 2020

9am — 3pm, £20 per day or £50 for 3 days

If you would like to discuss any aspects of what would be on offer then please contact Mr Kidd either via Whitstable Junior School office or via email chriskidd1976@btinternet.com



Chartwells School Dinners...



Our fabulous kitchen has been up and running since the start of term, serving delicious hot meals and packed lunches. With the colder weather drawing in I thought I'd remind you that you can find the menu on our school website for the week coming up. [Link to School Meals Menu](#) So many tasty meals that cost only £2.35 and you can pay using Parent pay or send cash in to the school office. I popped in this week and jut had to sample it myself. What a roast!



Reminder about 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.

Regent Street Road Safety...



I have been contacted by Cllr Chris Cornell today who has himself been contacted by local residents who are concerned about the safety of children crossing Regent Street. Concerns are being raised that parents are parking across the alley to drop off children and that the three parking bays on the junction of Regent Street/Cornwallis circle are restricting sight lines making it harder for children to cross the road safely. Please can you remind your children if they do walk to school this way to take extra care when crossing the road. If you are a parent dropping your child off please park safely and responsibly.

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....

Bikeability Nov 2020 Parental-guardian consent form
Yr 3 Micro forest school sessions September 2020

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

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**