



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 9th October 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an awesome week. WJS have for the 3rd year running had their own Black History Week as part of Black History Month.

I need to do a shout out to Mrs Wiltshire who planned the week and provided all the staff with some amazing material and activities for the children to take part in. I would also like to say at this point that this week is not a token gesture to developing a greater understanding of diversity and sense of community. This is one of our key school priorities within our curriculum and weaves it way through all that we do. It is so important that we widen our children's perception and understanding of all the different cultures, religions and races around the world and the journey that people have experienced along the way. This week, the children focused on the quote: "The time is always right to do what is right." (Martin Luther King)



Year 3 have been busy learning about Rosa Parks. They have been continuing to learn different methods for addition and subtraction in maths and have loved watching The Dragon Slayer film in Literacy. Year 3 have also loved exploring the forest school at WJS Micro-Forest School and at Quex park.

Year 4 have written their own speeches inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. They have also been busy making spy kits from junk modelling based upon 'Operation Gadgetman' by Malorie Blackman.

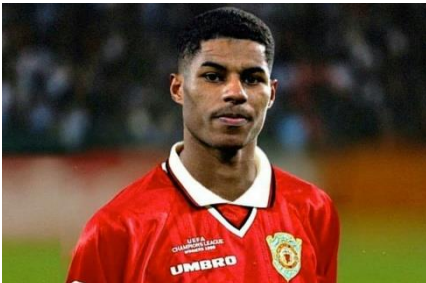
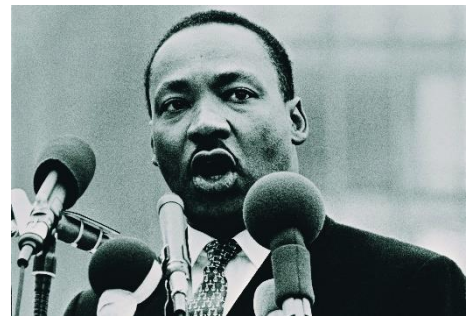
In Year 5 this week, the children have been inspired by Barak Obama and learning about his achievements and organising his significant life events. They then created art and Top Trumps cards celebrating his achievements. The children went on to analyse John Boyega's poignant Speech at the Black Lives Matters Protest which inspired them to consider how they could make the world better for the future.

In Year 6 the children began the week looking at Martin Luther King and his 'I have a dream' speech- inspired by his inspirational viewpoint, they then created dream catchers that show their dreams of equality for the future. They have also learnt about how Harriet Tubman freed slaves in America; creating timelines,

presentations and comic strips about key events of her life.

Lastly, the children have also focused on the amazing Marcus

Rashford whilst creating persuasive letters about ending child poverty. Currently, the children are ending the week working on a piece of artwork to celebrate the achievements of Marcus Rashford.



As you can see inspiring learning happening all through school. We are super proud of the children and their thoughtful contributions all through this week.

Happy weekend everyone.

Warm wishes,
Annie Knoupe

Headteacher award... This Week



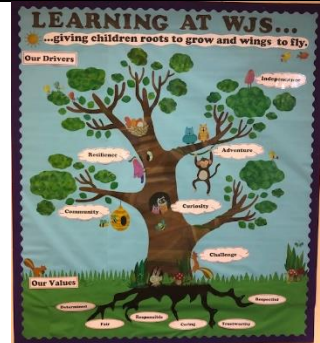
Charley in 6RM was awarded the Head Teacher's award this week. His teacher was so impressed with his persuasive writing and thoughtful considerations during Black History Week. Well done Charley.



House Points...



We are continuing to work on building the profile of our new House names and will be sharing some new ideas with the children over the next weeks. When children demonstrate one of our curriculum drivers in their work or actions they are given stickers and carrot reward points. You may have seen these stickers. These will continue but we are adding a new idea in to the mix....Watch this space.



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.



Letters

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

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

Term Dates...

Term 1

October

- 12th Raising awareness of Mental Health Day
- 15th Kent Test Day - Year 6 (a letter has been emailed out)
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