



Whitstable Junior School

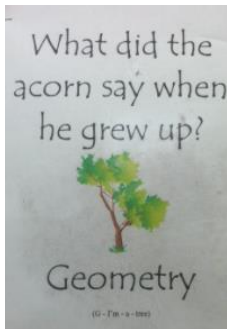
Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 23rd October 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

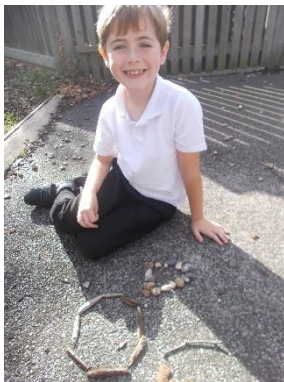


Geometry week really has got us all into shape this week! The week has been full of opportunities for the children to build on all the fantastic knowledge that the children already had, plus any that they may have missed last year due to school closure. The children have been hunting for shapes and angles outside, using co-ordinates and finding the winning position in a whole school Scavenger Hunt, and today, the children were solving mysteries based on our school Curriculum Drivers. At playtime, the children also had the opportunity to take part in treasure hunts and sharing their best shape facts.

In Year 5, the children have had a busy week hunting for angles, understanding triangles, quadrilaterals, and co-ordinates. In Literacy, they have been using their experience of the beautiful coastline to write some fabulous poetry using vivid vocabulary and poetic features.



In Year 6, the children have been observing the effect of warmth and moisture on bread, and have very much enjoyed seeing the bread turn mouldy, what a delight! In other lessons, the children have dazzled their teachers with their knowledge of the animals that reside in the Amazon rainforest, with fantastic information writing. In maths the children have consolidated their understanding of shapes and how to measure angles. Lastly, the children have thoroughly enjoyed decorating plastic bottles for our living wall.



Year 3 have been searching for 2D shapes outside and making them from stones and sticks in the micro forest school. They have looked at symmetry and used mirrors to find shapes with lines of symmetry around the classroom and outside.

In Literacy they have read a new book called *The First Drawing* by Mordicai Gerstein. It was inspired by the true story of the discovery of the Caves at Lascaux in France. They have written descriptions of mammoths and explored how to start sentences with emotions.



Year 4 have been embracing Geometry week by making angle monsters, using directional vocabulary in a 'Where's Wally?' hunt and creating artwork using parallel and perpendicular lines! Children have enjoyed their micro forest school session creating 'Spaghetti Mudinese' in the mud kitchen, toasting marshmallows on the fire and making winter bird feeders. They have also been writing sentences about their favourite animals....in French! Tres bien!

Wow what an “**mathtastic**” week this has been. Many thanks to our Maths Lead, Miss Lodge for organising so many fun and engaging activities for the children this week.

Wishing everyone a fabulous half term break. Don't forget school starts for children on Thursday November 5th.

Warmest regards,
Annie Knoupe

Attendance...

It has been so lovely to have the children back in school since September. Long may this last!! I am delighted to tell you that our attendance is currently 96.7%. Which given the impact of families waiting for test results and some having to quarantine I think this demonstrates what a fabulous community we have. Please don't forget to phone the office if your child is going to be absent because if we don't hear from you this becomes an unauthorised absence. Ideally please call by 8:50am and then we won't have to give you a ring. Thank you.



Health and Safety Executive Visit...

On Tuesday afternoon this week we were visited by a Health and Safety Inspector. These visits have been taking place across the country to advise schools and businesses in relation to their Risk Assessment for COVID19. I am pleased to say that the inspector was completely happy with the school's Risk Assessment and the way in which it was being implemented and complemented us everything we are doing to make school a safe place.

Parents Evenings...

We held our final Video Call Parents Evening on Wednesday this week. A big thank you for embracing this new way of communicating and for some overcoming your "tech fears". For the most part the technology worked. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Mrs Amos in the school office who worked incredibly hard setting the system up and dealing with your tech gremlins. I hope that any parents and carers who were unable to make the technology work have been able to arrange a phone call with the class teacher. If this hasn't happened yet please do email the class teacher and arrange for one early next term.

Whitstable Library...



The library is open for the following times:
Monday: 10.30am - 4.30pm
Wednesday: 10.30am - 4.30pm
Friday: 10.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday: 10am - 2pm



Headteacher award... This Week



Aila has been awarded the Head Teacher's award this week. She has been such a determined learner in all lessons. Well done Aila.



Secondary School Admissions...

Applications for 2021

DON'T FORGET!!!

Secondary school applications opened on 1 September 2020 and close at midnight on the evening of 2 November 2020.

[Apply online](#)

If you cannot apply online, please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

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...

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

26th – 30th October – AMPM running holiday club, so please contact them if you need to use it

2 – 4th November – Mr Kidd Sports Camp – please contact the office for information/see our website

November 5th Term 2 starts for staff and children

w/c 9th

- PE starts again

Children to come to school wearing appropriate PE kit (inc. jogging bottoms and jumpers if necessary) on the following days, with their usual school coat.

Class PE Days

3H Thursday & Friday

3MC Tuesday & Friday

4L Thursday & Friday

4O Tuesday & Friday

4W Monday & Thursday

5L Tuesday & Thursday

5M Tuesday & Wednesday

5T Monday & Wednesday

6H Monday & Wednesday

6RM Monday & Thursday

- Mr Kidd's after school clubs start running
- Individual music lessons start again
- Bikeability for year 6

11th 4O Micro Forest School

12th 5L Micro Forest School

13th Children In Need – Raising money – School council to lead this

16th Respect week/Anti-bullying week

18th 5M Micro Forest School

25th 5T Micro Forest School

26th 6H Micro Forest School

December

2nd 6RM Micro Forest School

w/c 7th

- Arts Week

11th Festive Clothes Day (non uniform, party clothes, xmas jumper, not dressing up) – for Save The Children

w/c 14th

- Online Panto
- Year 3 Christmas Bubble Zoom Concert (information to follow)

15th Flu Nasal Spray Whole School

16th Children's Christmas Packed Lunch followed by party afternoon

18th End of term 2

4th January 2021 – Start of term 3