



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 13th November 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 13th certainly made its mark at WJS today. As you should all be aware we have had a confirmed case of COVID19 in Year 5. We have taken the advice from Public Health England and all Year 5 children have been advised to self-isolate until Wednesday 25th November. Letters have been emailed giving more detail to all parents and carers. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Awareness/Friendship Week. As an accredited Safe School it is important that we continue to raise awareness of how to prevent bullying and continue to be a school that acknowledges that it *can* happen and therefore ensures that it provides the children with the tools to act against any such incidents throughout their lives, as well as how to support their friends when they need it.

Today our Living Wall went up in the Timber Trail Area. Huge thanks to Mrs Migden for this fabulous idea and to Mrs Webb, and all the other staff who helped the children turn an idea into a marvellous sight.



Warmest regards,
Annie Knoupe

Attendance...



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.

Cycling or Scooting to School...



If your child would like to cycle or scoot to school (and leave their scooter or bike at school) we ask that you complete a Bicycle/Scooter Permit. This can be emailed to you or we can send a paper copy home. When you have completed it send it back into school or take a photo/scan and email it to manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk. We ask that all children wear cycle helmets and this is stipulated on the permit.



We also ask that bikes and scooters are dismantled at the school gates and not ridden on in the school grounds. We also ask that younger siblings don't cycle or scoot whilst waiting on the playground. Thank you for keeping the children safe.

Parent Survey Term 2 2020...

Below is a link to the WJS Parent Survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete this. We welcome and value the feedback, views, and thoughts of parents and carers. We feel that this is a crucial part of the process of celebrating successes and identifying improvements to be made. The survey mirrors the Ofsted Parent View survey and this is what most schools use when they carry out a parent survey. It has an additional question around our communication with you during this challenging times. The survey will close on Monday 16th November at midday. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LKYQBT3>

Children in Need...



Lots of Spotty Fun today for Children In Need. We will count the donations next week and let you know how much money you raised.



Year 3 learning this week...

In Year 3 they have been reading *Storm* by Kevin Crossley-Holland. They have mastered descriptive writing this week using similes, adjectives, exciting verbs and different sentence openers to engage the reader and used ambitious ninja words! They have been learning about France and looking at man-made and natural features. In Art, they have discovered some amazing facts about unusual sea creatures and created their own beautiful tonal drawing. They are very excited about making these into a collage in future weeks. They have also been looking at hearts and how to look after ourselves and others.

Year 4 learning this week...

Year 4 have loved their first full week back to school. They started off the week by creating their own scratch art showing fireworks to think about Diwali. Year 4 then showed great curiosity with their first sound lesson by going on a sound hunt!

Year 5 learning this week...

For Literacy this week, Year 5 have been imagining what an incredible experience it would have been to take part in a game of football during the Christmas Truce in WWI. During maths, they have been finding out all about multiples and factors which has enabled them to really practice those times tables skills. In Geography, they have been discovering the many countries that make up North America.

Year 6 learning this week...

Year 6 have begun their Mayan topic by reading 'The Rain Player' which has inspired them to explore what they know or would like to know about their topic. In RE they played a values game to bid for things that they thought were most valuable: family and friends achieved the highest bids with one group saving all of their 'money' to ensure that they got a family! In science, they have begun to look at evolution and the events following the Big Bang. Year 6 bikeability has also taken place this week, with the children developing their road safety awareness and bike skills in order to achieve a recognised qualification. Lastly, the children had fun putting the last touches to the living wall in the timber trail (photos above).

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...

November

16th Respect week/Anti-bullying week

18th 6RM Micro Forest School

25th Year 5 return to school

26th 5M Micro Forest School

December

2nd 5T 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 has been emailed today)

15th Flu Nasal Spray Whole School

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

17th Year 3 Christmas Festive Sing Up (Zoom invites to follow)

3MC-1:30-2pm

3H -2pm-2:30pm

18th End of term 2

4th January 2021 – Start of term 3