



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 20th November 2020



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

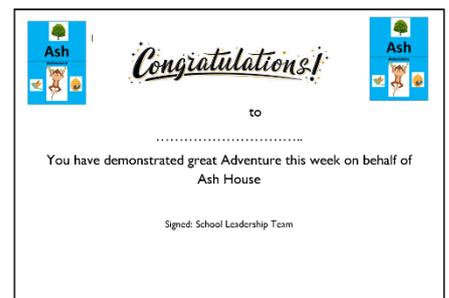
This week the children have taken part in the Anti-Bullying Week 2020. Mrs Migden shared a wonderful assembly with all the children (via Zoom) and they watched this powerful video on anti-bullying. [Video anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying](#). If you look below to the Year Group learning sections of the newsletter you will be able to read about all the things the children have done this week around respect and anti-bullying.

I also wanted to update you on some of the new ways we are linking our Houses to our school curriculum. Every class now has a House Point Tree (a few examples below) and whenever they are recognised for demonstrating a school driver or value, they are given a leaf.



These leaves replace Oysters which used to be given out just for community acts. The children have a special assembly on Thursdays where they can win a House badge and on Friday the Pupil Leadership Team award an overall winning certificate to 4 children, one from each house. We can't wait to see the trees fill with leaves over the year.

Growing Great Learners at WJS.



Year 5 have been learning from home and return to school next Wednesday. I have been really impressed with how the children have managed this situation and send lots of thanks to parents and carers who have supported their children during this time. We are looking forward to having everyone back. Year 5 parents keep an eye out for an email about Space Day on Tuesday 24th Nov. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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.

PTFA Christmas Shop... (it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas)



WJS PTFA Christmas Shop 2020 - We are planning to hold the event on Friday 11th December 2020.



Due to COVID restrictions this year we will be unable to hold our Christmas Shop in its normal form but our wonderful PTFA have been able to source a selection of gifts for the children to purchase within their classroom bubble. Information on how this will work has gone out today so keep an eye on your inbox.

All orders must be in school with money/online payments made by Friday 4th December 2020. These are just a few of the gifts available.



Festival Vibe Mason Jar Candle - Small



Self-isolation due to COVID19.....

Self-isolation Reminders

I am aware that the guidance on self-isolation can be very confusing and so I am hoping that the brief clarification below will help clear the fog.

If your child's school bubble has to close **your child must not leave home and attend public places even if they have no symptoms.** Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.

If **ANY** member of the household has symptoms of COVID19 the rest of the household **must** self-isolate until a negative test result is returned or a period of 14 days has passed since symptoms began.

The key thing to remember is that we are trying to prevent the spread of infection. So, if anyone has symptoms of COVID19 then they must self-isolate and anyone who lives with them must do this too, even if they don't have symptoms.

Walk Once a Week (WOW)...



This week we received an email with some GREAT news! **Class 5L** were the best performing class for Walk to School last week and have won the 'Guinness World Records 2021' book!!! Many congratulations to them all. A message from the WOW team was....Well done to the School for keeping it up!

<https://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/walktoschool/wow/>

Year 3 learning this week...

Year 3 have been using the book, 'Storm' to explore powerful verbs.

They have been rehearsing conversations between characters and learning the rules for writing speech. To celebrate our Anti-Bullying and Respect week, Year 3 have been learning about diversity and what makes us unique. They have been celebrating all their individual talents and successes, and decorated a plate to represent them and their uniqueness, which they then brought to a 'feast at the table' to show how we are all individuals but part of one community.



Year 4 learning this week...

This week Year 4 learnt about Gandhi in R.E. They discovered he was a famous civil rights leader who used peaceful protests to fight for equality (he reminded Year 4 of Martin Luther King - who they then learnt was inspired by Gandhi's actions)! For antibullying week, they created piece of art like a Rubik's Cube, showing each piece can look different but works perfectly together. In Science, they have been learning about how high and low pitch sounds are created and produced some seriously incredible work to show off this new knowledge.

Year 5 learning this week...

This week, the year 5 children have dazzled their teachers with their amazing online creativity. Not only have they written beautifully descriptive pieces of writing on Space, but they have also tackled Factors, Prime numbers and Square numbers. They have shown outstanding understanding of kindness in our Respect (Anti-bullying) lessons and shown great imagination when finding facts and making the planets. Well done, everyone!

Year 6 learning this week...

In Year 6, the children have completed their bikeability training, with an overwhelming number of children achieving level 2, so a huge congratulations goes to all those that took part- the bikeability team were very impressed with the children's mature attitude and sensible behaviour. Throughout the week, the children have also been exploring how they can ensure that they know how to prevent cyber-bullying and also provide support to others should they need it. In computing they have been developing their publisher skills by creating tourist brochures based on a trip of a life time to Mesoamerica in 1500AD.

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

25th Year 5 return to school

25th 5M Micro Forest School

26th 6H Micro Forest School

December

2nd 5T Micro Forest School

4th Deadline for PTFA Christmas Shop Orders.

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

16th Term 2 Attainment and Progress Reports go home

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