



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 5th October 2018



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such an interesting week embracing Black History Month. The focus this week has been on inclusion, diversity and variation within our world. The children have learnt about global icons; Rosa Parks, Mohammed Ali, Nelson Mandela. Sporting heroes; Dame Kelly Holmes, Lewis Hamilton, Mo Farrah. Poets and writers including Malorie Blackman. These amazing people have shown determination, resilience and belief in themselves to achieve their dreams. Amazing personal attributes we want all your children to have. The Caribbean Dance Workshop was fantastic-well done year 3. Later in the week Year 6 children served tea and cakes to residents from Bradbury Grange and spent time chatting about their lives and how things have changed and how some things have stayed the same.

Look out for pictures on our school website and in the local paper for all of these activities.

Massive well done to the PTFA for raising £247.24 for MacMillan with their delicious cakes at their coffee morning and the tray bake sale at break time.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and this sunshine lasts.

Warm wishes,

AMKnoupe

Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to.....



Attendance and punctuality.....

Whole School Attendance

96.6%

On no! It's dropping.
Please don't take holidays during term time.

Highest % Attendance Winners

Tarik Tiger



Class 3G

100% Punctuality Winners

Polly and Petur Penguin



**Classes 3A,
3H, 3G, 5P,
5W, 6CR,
6H, 6T
WOW!**

Year 6 workshops at The Whitstable School.....

Year 6 enjoyed a number of visits to workshops at The Whitstable School. These included science, photography and Japanese. A big thank you to them for inviting us.



The Big Draw....

The Big Draw is a national festival – held every year in schools, galleries, museums etc. across the UK - to celebrate and promote drawing. **See the website www.thebigdraw.org for details of events happening locally.** The theme this year is 'Play' and Whitstable Junior School are taking part.

Each class is going to make 5 large 'building blocks' using cardboard boxes. These will represent the blocks and bricks that little children play with. The children then paint them in bright colours (or cover them with bright paper) and then the children's drawings - on the theme of 'play' – are stuck all over them so that they look fantastic. On the last Friday of term the children will bring them into the school hall so that they can build with them.

We are collecting boxes, about the size of photocopier paper boxes. If any parents or carers can donate anything like this we would be grateful. Please drop them into the office.

This is another element to our ARTSMARK award so we are grateful of your support.

Thankyou to Mrs Fry for her dedication to bringing the Arts alive at Whitstable Junior School.

Internet Safety

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>

Above is a great link for parents. It helps you with all the safety and privacy settings for social media apps and also will give you some guidance on online gaming crazes.



Road safety



We've had some reports of children crossing roads between parked cars and putting themselves at risk. Please can parents talk to their children about how unsafe this is.



We also remind all children as they leave school to remove their headphones when crossing the roads.

Reminders

Parent Consultations- school finishes at 1:30pm. If you are unable to collect your children early that is not a problem we will take care of them until 3:15pm. Only AMPM will run that day, there will be no teacher run clubs.

Long Hair- please can hair that touches shoulders be tied back. This helps to keep any unwanted visitors at bay.

Healthy Packed Lunches- School meals are a great choice but if you do make a packed lunch here are some great ideas to bring some spark back into your child's lunchbox.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Don't forget you can find all the letters sent out this week on the school website.

Some important letters to look out for:

- Parent Consultations-how to book appointments online
- Buster Book Club
- Football team info and fixtures
- Year 6 Thornden Wood Trip letter

Dates for next week:

Monday – District Football Tournament at UKC

Wednesday – Football matches after school for girls and boys at Swalecliffe CP School
No football training.

Thursday – Boys football match after school-Davington Primary School
No girl's elite training after school.

Important dates coming up...

Mon 15th October- Year 6 parent's information meetings about the Kent Test process 2pm and 6pm. Please telephone the school to let us know which meeting you are attending. Many thanks.

Wed 17th October- Parent Consultations- (school finishes at 1:30pm)

Mon 29th October- Bikeability week for Year 6-info to follow.

Fri 9th November- Year 6 children go to The Horsebridge to see the film The Eagle.

Mon 12th November-Start of Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 16th November -30 Year 3 children go to Thanet to see the film-Early Man

Saturday 17th November – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-1pm