



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 19th March 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an excellent way to end the week. So many fabulous superheroes joined us in school today. These ranged from Marvel Superheroes to NHS Superheroes!!!! We will let you know how much we raised for Red Nose Day-Comic Relief when we have counted the loot.

Thank you to those parents who attended parents evening this week, we hope you found it useful. The second parents evening is next week on Thursday 25th March and we look forward to seeing you there, "virtually" of course.

Don't forget to buy the **LIVE Zoom Disco** tickets. We are raising money for the PTFA. The children will be able to dance with their friends-virtually, win prizes and take part in some disco challenges. The tickets cost £2, and this can be paid via SchoolMoney or children can bring the cash in to school in a named envelope. Teachers will be joining too, as we all deserve to have some end-of-term disco fun.

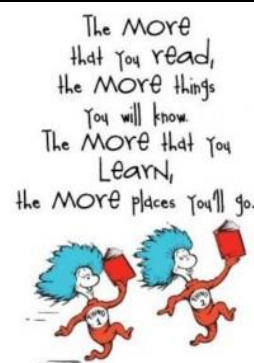
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe

Buster Book Club...

Buster Book is a Kent Messenger sponsored initiative which takes in data for reading every Wednesday across schools throughout Kent. There are wonderful prizes of books to be won and sometimes larger prizes like visits from local celebrities. We are delighted that the children in our school are such fantastic readers and every week it is a joy to see just how many have been nestling in to a great book as reading is so fundamental to every area of the curriculum (not to mention the nurturing of a wonderfully creative imagination). The target for year 3 is to read for 15 minutes on a Wednesday and in all of the other year groups to read for 20 minutes but of course if children read for longer or shorter periods of time, we welcome that as well.



Science Week...

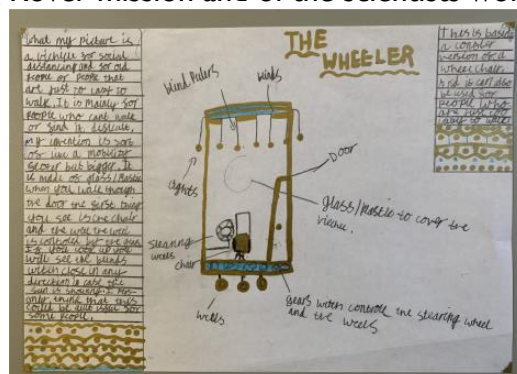


Last week we celebrated British Science Week, a celebration of science, technology and engineering. The theme for the week was 'Smashing Stereotypes' and 'Innovating the Future.'

The week began with a whole school assembly asking the children what a scientist might look like and how scientists are sometimes imagined as an old, white man with crazy hair and a lab coat and how this is a stereotype. The children then learnt about a range of modern-day scientists that smash this stereotype; they learnt about the women scientists who were pivotal in the Perseverance Mars Landing Rover mission and of the scientists working hard to create vaccines for COVID19.

The children were then set a challenge; to invent and

design something for the future. The results were absolutely breath-taking and there are certainly some wonderful innovations from the children at WJS. Some examples of the inventions are:- future glasses, a smart bag, an ocean cleaner, a tea maker and a wheeler as a walking aid. All of these inventions are incredibly innovative, and I feel sure that some of our WJS children will be the scientists and engineers of the future. Huge thanks to Mrs Harris for organising this week.



Sports update...

It's great to see the children back into school for Term 4, and instantly enjoying their PE lessons and being active within their class bubbles during the lunch and early breaks. This term we have been learning Handball and Hockey and catching up on the previous term's sports in Rugby and Basketball. It's very clear to see how much the children have missed their classmates and getting the opportunity to play team sports again. Interclass competitions will be taking place this term in Rugby and Basketball, so for some children this brings some much-needed competition to the sessions. Unfortunately, we have missed the majority of interschool competitions this school year, but we do aim and believe that in the summer term we should be able to run the school sports week and sports day. We also hope that the mixed, and girl's interschool cricket competition will go ahead in term 6.



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.

Well Done Everyone!!
Attendance this week
was

95.9%

WJS House Certificate Winners ...

These children were selected by the Pupil leadership Team as this weeks House Point Certificate Winners for demonstrating our curriculum drivers in their learning.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sylvie in 5T - Ash House – Community
Florence in 4O - Maple - Curiosity
Casey in 3H - Oak - Challenge
Seren in 6H - Willow - Resilience

House Point Driver Certificates



Headteacher Award...



Congratulations to Caspar in 4O

Caspar has come back to school so ready to learn and has made his teacher so proud. He asks brilliant questions about the learning and shows such great resilience every single day.



Letters

[Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

Term Dates...

Term 4

Thursday 25th March – Parent Evening – 5pm-8pm

Monday 29th March –WJS will mark World Autism Awareness Day on Mon 29th March (info to follow)

Wednesday 31st March

LIVE Easter Zoom Disco- £2 per ticket- Prizes to win.

5:30pm - 6pm -Lower School

6:15pm - 6:45pm -Upper School

Thursday 1st April- End of Term 4