



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 7th May 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a **MATHTASTIC** week at Whitstable Junior School! On Thursday, we all took on new jobs: Post people (in Year 3), Architects (in Year 4), Airline Pilots (in Year 5) and Police (in Year 6.) We applied our knowledge of Geometry to solving crimes based on co-ordinates, sorting parcels using their shapes, working out the route for flights to take using angles and building cities using nets.



This led us neatly into Number Day where we have not only come to school wearing our numbers but looked at other jobs which use maths too! Thank you to all the parents who got in touch and sent videos in about how you use maths in your jobs, we have loved learning about why maths is important in our future lives! Thank you for your donations and we will let you know how much money we have raised for the NSPCC.

We also launched the **WJS Playground Project** this week. The children were so excited to hear about the plans we have to “update” the playground and they can’t wait to get involved by raising money through their mini-enterprise project planned for term 6. Thank you so much for the very kind and generous donations we have had in so far. In only 3 days we have raised **£525**. Remember any amount is warmly welcomed and if you think you may know someone who would like to support us please do pass on our JustGiving link [WJS Playground Project JustGiving](#).

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

Mental Health Awareness Week 2021

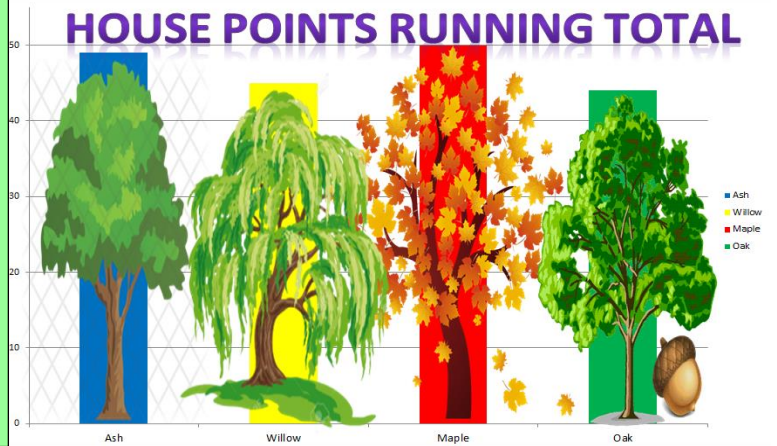


Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme is “**Connect with Nature**”. Each year group will be doing a different activity outside. They won't need packed lunches but will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather - school uniform but sun hats and cream if hot (we wish!) and sturdy footwear. All the children will be going to the beach on different days. You will have received a text or one will be on its way, telling you which day your child will be going out to the beach. The children will be building sandcastles, kite-flying, creating beach sculptures or crabbing. All the activities will involve some degree of mindfulness. Listening to the sounds around them, looking at their surroundings and pondering on the wonder of nature.

House Point Running Total...

Maple House is currently in the lead but Ash is a very close second. There is not much between Willow and Oak. Who will be the first ever winners since our new House names have been in action?



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.

Attendance this week was
97.5%

WJS House Certificate Winners ...

These children were selected by the Pupil Leadership Team as this week's House Point Certificate Winners for demonstrating our curriculum drivers in their learning.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sienna 3MC- Ash House – Adventure

Sylvie 5L- Maple - Independence

Rubie-May 4W - Oak - Independence

Evie 6H- Willow - Resilience

House Point Driver Certificates



Headteacher Award...



Congratulations to Lusia in 5M

Lusia has won the HT award for her curiosity and sense of adventure. She is able to think in such imaginative ways that she inspires us all to view the world from different perspectives. Who would have thought to use grass as a paint in her natural scene painting?! In Science work she astounds us with her knowledge of chemical processes and relates them to her cooking and in RSE she shows what an empathetic person she is with her ideas on how to solve problems and cope with difficulties. Well done Lusia.

Letters

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

Term Dates...

There are number of dates below that are dependent on the Government COVID Roadmap. Therefore, some events may change or have to be cancelled.

Term 5

May

12th 5L Fire Pit session

19th 5T Fire Pit session

24th - 28th Whole School Science Days

26th 6H Fire Pit Session

27th 6RM Fire Pit session

28th End of Term 5

Term 6

June

7th **Start of Term 6**

Year 5 phone calls to parents re: CAT Results and Kent Test in the first 2 weeks

11th PTFA Ginger Bread sale last day for orders (details to follow)

18th PTFA Ginger Bread Gifts collected

14th - 18th Arts Week

14th School Photos- Class Photos and Sibling Photos

21st - 25th Year 6 Activity Week and Year 6 Harry Potter Trip

25th PTFA Quiz

July

1st Transition Day

5th Health and Fitness Week

7th Sports Day

8th New Year 3 Parents Information Evening

9th Year 6 Leavers Disco PTFA

13th Year 6 Performance to parents @ 2pm Main Hall

14th Year 6 Performance to parents @ 6pm Main Hall

19th Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Alphege

20th Water Fight Year 6

End of Term 6