



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme was **“Connect with Nature”**. Each class (except 5M who will go next week) had an amazing time and I know this from the fabulous photos and the comments the children have made. The classes headed down to the beach and had a chance to explore nature. They used resources they had found from the beach to make pebble art, fly kites, crab and just think. Here are just a few of the quotes from children about their trip.



- It was really fun and the kites were awesome, a great place to fly them.
- It felt like when I was 5 years old again, it reminded me of old times.
- When we went to the beach, I felt very relaxed. Even though it was windy, I still enjoyed it and it was so nice to just watch my kite fly around and listen to the sea I hope we could do it again sometime it was a great experience!



twisted around in beautiful patterns.



- It made me happy to see the ocean and feel like everything was back to normal. Flying my kite was my favourite part of the trip as it made me relaxed: my kites
- I enjoyed burying Ms Collin's hands in the stones. I liked the feeling of the stones.
- I liked finding new ways to make entrances to my structures.
- It was amazing because we made beach art and found loads of sea glass.
- When we finished our art, we were able to have some free beach time and I played with new people and had the best time!



- If you ever feel sad or stressed, you should go to the sea; it is so calming.



- I had good fun finding lots of sea glass and even used some to create my mural!
- We made a volcano using sand and red stones!
- I loved the beach. It was amazing. I liked working with my friends to make a crab house.
- I talked all the way to the beach. The gentle felt good and I dug with stones. I felt happy.
- I loved going to the beach. It made me feel and relaxed and I liked listening to the waves. I



so excited to come to school today.

- When I was lying on the stones looking at the sky, the clouds looked like Peter Pan flying.

The children have benefitted so much from this time. They are eager and ready to learn back in school and I have seen for myself some of the fabulous work being produced by the children this week. Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a fingers crossed we get some breaks in the rain.

Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## WJS Playground Project...

### WJS Playground Project- £1848

Many thanks for all the donations received in such a short space of time. So far, we have raised **£1848**. We received a very generous donation in the post from the daughter of a former teacher and sports-master at WJS when it was an all-boys school. She said this project was just the sort of thing he would have been enthusiastically involved in. His name was Gordon Hawkins and we will be displaying a plaque in kind memory of his daughter's donation on his behalf. It's so wonderful to see this kindness from the community far and wide. Please remember though that 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](#).

## Holiday Club Kindergarten Kids....

Kindergarten Kids are running holiday club for 3 days (Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June) from 8am to 6pm and half days are available. Please contact them directly to book places – 01227-772200

## 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  
**96.6%**

## 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!

**George 4W- Ash House – Curiosity**

**Rufus 5T- Maple - Challenge**

**Rubie 3H - Oak - Challenge**

**Daniel 6H- Willow -Challenge**

### House Point Driver Certificates



## Headteacher Award...



### Congratulations to Daniel in 6H

This person is known for being the grammar dictionary of their class! If you can't remember what that punctuation mark is called or what that type of word is - then this person is your man!

He is also such a hard worker, showing great resilience in his learning. I've been told that his friends would agree that he is always there for you and is a great person to hang out with. This person is such a valued member of their class community and embodies all the values of WJS!

A huge well done to Daniel.

## 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.

**These following events are under review with regards to how we will hold them. The**

**Government restriction may be relaxing but if the close contact isolation rules remain the same then we will only be able to hold these events in class bubbles. We will update you as we know more.**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers Disco PTFA
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Performance to parents @ 2pm Main Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Performance to parents @ 6pm Main Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Alphege
- 20<sup>th</sup> Water Fight Year 6

### **Term 5**

#### **May**

- 19<sup>th</sup> 5T Fire Pit session
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Whole School Science Days
- 26<sup>th</sup> 6H Fire Pit Session
- 27<sup>th</sup> 6RM Fire Pit session
- 28<sup>th</sup> **End of Term 5**

### **Term 6**

#### **June**

- 7<sup>th</sup> **Start of Term 6**
- Year 5 phone calls to parents re: CAT Results and Kent Test in the first 2 weeks
- 11<sup>th</sup> PTFA Ginger Bread sale last day for orders (details to follow)
- 18<sup>th</sup> PTFA Ginger Bread Gifts collected
- 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Arts Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> School Photos- Class Photos and Sibling Photos
- 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Activity Week and Year 6 Harry Potter Trip
- 25<sup>th</sup> PTFA Quiz

#### **July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Transition Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Health and Fitness Week
- New Year 3 Parents Information Evening
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sports Day
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### **End of Term 6**