



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 28th May 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great week here at WJS with the children doing some super science on their Science Days. Year 3 have enjoyed finding out about the lifecycle of plants and how living things depend on one another. They drew their own sunflower lifecycle using scientific vocabulary and they observed the different trees in our school environment and made careful labelled drawings. We discussed what the functions of each part of a tree were. The children in Year 4 loved learning about light and shadows this week. They went on a shadow hunt, used tin foil to create an opaque object and its shadow and finished with a hand shadow puppet show. What an amazing week. Year 5 became architects and electricians for the day in order to make a working circuit to power a lighthouse or tiny house. They were able to make switches for their circuits and some of them were even able to



conceal the wiring! It was wonderful seeing the 'lightbulb moment' when they discovered how to make their light switches work using just a piece of card and two metal paper clips! Year 6 have absolutely loved investigating materials and their properties on Science day. Initially, they focused upon controlling variables



when planning a fair test, separating solids from liquids using filtering and sieving, and finally the relevance of reversible and non-reversible changes of state using candles.



A quick reminder about the snacks your child is bringing into school. As we are a healthy school, please can you ensure that you send in a healthy snack for their break time bite! We do have a very popular Snack Cafe that also provides the children with a variety of fruit and oat-based breakfast bars to choose from for 40p. The children can buy these each day.

We also supported the charity The Water Project this week. <https://thewaterproject.org/> The children raised £202.37 through donations and then walked around our playground for half an hour to see how far they could walk in the time given. Well done everyone.

We have been asked to continue with contact tracing in the first few days of the school holiday. Please use this link to notify us of a positive case of COVID in your child if they have been in school within 2 days of receiving this. [WJS Notification of a Positive COVID Test](#)

Have a wonderful half term break everyone. Fingers crossed for some beach weather.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe

Sportsperson Awards...

This is the first time we have awarded our new SPORTSPERSON AWARD badges. The teachers have thought about who they would like to receive the badge for their class. Please read below to see what amazing sports boys and girls we have in school.



SPORTSPERSON AWARD



3H – Mr Kidd and Mrs Harris would like Frankie to receive the sportsperson award.... all round effort, ability and teamwork in all the sports.

3MC – Ms Collin and Mrs McNally would like to award the sportsperson award to Tommy for the award due to his continued display of skills in all areas of sport. Also, he always gives 100% effort and has shown great teamwork.

4O – Miss Oliver would like to award the sportsperson award to Zachary. Zach not only tries his hardest at every point during our PE learning but he cheers on all of his team mates along the way. Not only that but anyone who is unsure, he cheers on that bit more. He's just amazing.

4L – Miss Leaver would like to award the sportsperson award to Noah. He is not only an extremely talented athlete but is fantastic at supporting and cheering on his friends. This doesn't only apply to PE but on the playground as well – Well done superstar!

4W – I would like to nominate Mayli for the sportsperson award in 4W for her enthusiasm, resilience and stamina. Well done Mayli!

5T – Mrs Tucker would like to award the sportsperson badge to Olivia. She utterly deserves the award for her focus, attention and excellent effort in all PE lessons.

5L –Miss Lodge would like to award the sportsperson award to Phoebe. There is no one in the world who is more supportive when it comes to sports as Phoebe who works with, helps and coaches everyone in the class to do their best. She runs alongside them and encouraging them to keep going and is ever our class motivator.

5M -Mrs Migden would like the award to go to Logan who is a little whippet on the sports field yet always remembers to look out for his teammates and encourage others.

6H –Mrs Hitchmough would like to award the sportsperson badge to Marta. Marta is a great team player in whichever group she is in; she was especially supportive when we were doing the running tasks in athletics - she would be my go-to coach!

6RM – Mrs Roy and Miss Moss would like to award the sportsperson badge to Betty. We are astounded by her enthusiasm in every area of the curriculum. She always gives when learning a new skill and strives to be successful in order to apply herself to her own physical and mental development through sport. Most importantly, she has fun!

Fundraising events on behalf of the WJS Playground Project...

Lots of children have been coming up with great ideas on ways to independently raise money for the WJS Playground Project. This week 2 children have announced some amazing challenges they have set themselves.

Fundraising Bike Ride

One is an EPIC bike ride that Ridley in year 4 is going to undertake. This is what Ridley has said- "I want to help make the playground better at my school, Whitstable Juniors, so that kids can have even more fun. Everyone is trying to raise money for it and I would love to help. I have decided to try and do an EPIC bike ride from Bognor to Whitstable - its about 125 miles, along cycle routes. (Last year I managed a 34 mile cycle to Dover). I would love your support." [Ridley's EPIC Bike Ride JustGiving Link](#)



Fundraising Walk



Sam in year 5 wanted to do something to help. He has decided to do his own sponsored walk. On Thursday 3rd June 2021 Sam will walk approximately 10 miles from his home here in Whitstable all the way to the historic town of Faversham. This will be the longest walk he has ever attempted. The route follows the old Saxon Shore Way and takes in Seasalter, Graveney right through to Faversham. The land here is predominantly marshes and is home to many varieties of birds and wildlife. On a clear day walking along the Seasalter path you can see the Isle of Sheppey. Sam will be joined by his mum and they are hoping for sunshine and to be able to take some photos of wildlife as they pass Castle Coote Bird Sanctuary. To donate you use this link [WJS Playground Project JustGiving](#) and say that your donation is for Sam's walk in the comment section.

WJS Playground Project...

WJS Playground Project- raised so far.
£3974.94 (13%)



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 1st June, Wednesday 2nd June, Thursday 3rd June) from 8am to 6pm and half days are available. Please contact them directly to book places – 01227-772200

Considerate and Safe Parking...



Please **DO NOT** park unsafely on Cromwell Road or on the zig zag lines. This endangers children's lives.
Thank you.



We have been asked to share this link to a survey about road safety in Whitstable;

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQwaZ97HLXew5oSwFWKLjdSxZJYMTkXZvoH5A34i3oAaozg/viewform>

We need your help to make our roads safer! We are campaigning for safer crossings on Oxford street, in particular by the umbrella centre, after two near misses in just two weeks, one involving a child.

To convince the council, we need to give them data of how many accidents or incidents there have been on this stretch of road. Please fill in this survey to help us give the council a clearer picture of the issues on our roads.

If you would like more information or you would like to help, please email Kim, kimfranceshill@gmail.com

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
96.5%

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!

Harry- 6RM- Ash House - Community

Harry - 3MC- Maple - Challenge

Isla - 5T- Oak - Community

Elliot - 4O- Willow -Community

House Point Driver Certificates



Headteacher Award...



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The HT Award goes to Cody in 3MC. Your teacher has told me that you always come into school with a smile on your face! You always have such a positive attitude to your learning and show fantastic resilience when you are faced with new challenges. Also, you always volunteer ideas and answers and try your absolute hardest all the time. Well done Cody.

Letters

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

PE Days for Term 6...

Children to continue to come to school wearing appropriate PE kit (inc. jogging bottoms and jumpers if necessary) Starting from Monday 7th June 2021.

Class	PE Days
3H	Mondays & Wednesdays
3MC	Tuesday and Wednesday
4L	Mondays & Thursdays
4O	Wednesday & Thursdays
4W	Thursdays & Fridays
5L	Monday & Fridays
5M	Wednesday & Fridays
5T	Monday & Wednesday
6H	Tuesday & Friday
6RM	Mondays & Tuesdays

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.

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

Term 5

May

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

July

1st Transition Day

5th Health and Fitness Week

New Year 3 Parents Information Evening (tbc)

7th Sports Day

9th Year 6 Leavers Disco PTFA- (class bubble discos)

20th Water Fight Year 6

End of Term 6