



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 11th June 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. It definitely felt like summer had arrived in Whitstable. Long may it continue.

We have 6 weeks and 2 days this term, which feels short for a final term with so much to fit in, but that's not a problem because we are ready, rested and raring to go.

Traditionally, this term for Year 6, incorporates a range of events. A letter outlining these will be coming to Year 6 parents shortly (and yes there are Leavers Hoodies being gifted to the children by our lovely PTFA).

This week the children have been told about the Mini-Enterprise Project all classes are taking part in.

This is a way all children can contribute to the fundraising for the WJS Playground Project. Each class has been given £20. The remit is for the class to make a product using re-cycled materials that they can then sell on Fri 16th July from class tables after school (COVID Restrictions permitting). The aim is to recoup the £20 and make lots of profit for the playground fund. Start saving your money everyone the ideas look spectacular.

Take a look later in the newsletter to see how much we have raised and also how it has been raised- truly inspiring! What a community we have here.



So, what have the children been up to this week? Year 5 have enjoyed being back together this week and are loving learning about Life Cycles watching newts, caterpillars and ladybirds grow in their science lessons. They have also been researching life cycles - a whale can live for 90 years! They have been planning bird houses to house one of our garden visitors which they will go on to build in DT. They discovered the music of Bollywood in their music lesson and were awestruck by the choreography and skill of the actors and musicians. Year 4 started the week by researching things to do and see in Canterbury and acted out being a tour guide. Throughout the

week, they have been creating their own visitor guides to show off the wonderful things Canterbury has to offer. They have also been busy learning about different types and sources of electricity in

Science as well as starting their tennis session in PE.

Year 3 have started learning about plants in science lessons and made some very careful scientific observations about plant roots and their functions.

Year 6 have started to look at statistics in maths, generated some ideas and designs for their phone case projects and started play rehearsals for the Year 6 Production. They have also been very creative, designing their own sorting hat houses in the style of the Harry Potter books for RIC Reading and some of the crests have been mind blowing! They have also made

advertisements for Sewa in support of selflessness and Hindu beliefs.

All in all, a cracking start to the term.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe



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

Half term holiday has been a hive of fundraising activities. Children (and parents) have been busy raising money for the WJS Playground Project. Huge thanks to every single one of you.



Carrie and Ronnie raised a total of £149.50 for the WJS Playground Project. Their mum and dad sponsored them £20 each to have a week without their tablets which they both achieved. Now that is impressive! Carrie made some delicious cakes, all by herself and raised £39.20. Ronnie set up a stall in the front garden to sell some seedlings which he potted himself. Ronnie raised £70.30. We are so proud of them and very grateful that we can add this to our ever-growing playground fund.



Fundraising Walk

Congratulations and a huge thank you to Sam who completed his sponsored 10 mile walk to Faversham over half term. Sam said he had a hot but very enjoyable walk. On the walk Sam met a Kent Wildlife warden at Castle Coote bird sanctuary who kindly let him look through his very powerful binoculars which meant he saw seals sunbathing on the mudflats! What an awesome sight that must have been. Sam has raised well over £450 so far. What an amazing achievement. Thank you again Sam.



An Awesome Offer!!!



We are very lucky to have Sam Grady <https://www.samgrady.co.uk/> as part of our school community. Sam, dad to Kip in year 5, has offered to help WJS raise as much money as possible for the school's playground fund. He is offering 10 two-hour photo sessions for Whitstable-based businesses and asking for a donation which will then be given to the school for the WJS Playground Project. His target is to raise £2000, hopefully, a little more. If you are interested, please take a look at his website above or click on this link to take you directly to the page about the WJS Project. <https://www.samgrady.co.uk/wjs>

WJS Playground Project...

WJS Playground Project- raised so far.
£6291 (21%)



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](#).

PTFA....

Our lovely PTFA have been working hard behind the scenes getting all sorts of fun things sorted for the children. Below are the latest but they are also working hard to get the Year 6 Leavers Discos organised. More information on this will follow very soon.

Don't forget they are always looking for new members. This video gives a great flavour of the important role the PTFA have. https://youtu.be/PIVz4JqEf_g

WJS PTFA -Biscuit Break



50p each -order forms being sent out, can pay cash or online Deadline 11th June

Take 5 with a Scrumptious ginger bread men

Biscuit Break

Ginger bread man sale- orders have been taken.

These will be ready for you to take home on Friday 18th June and you will be able to treat that special someone to a lovely biscuit and a cuppa and let them put their feet up and relax.



EACH KIT MAKES 1 PIZZA, COSTS £6.00 AND INCLUDES:

- 1 Fresh dough ball perfect for baking that evening, or within 48 hours
- 90 grams of special tomato pizza sauce
- 90 grams of fresh, cubed mozzarella (or vegan mozzarella)
- 10 grams of grated Grana Padano cheese for an added depth of flavor
- A pouch of stretching flour to help stretch your dough balls

Each kit includes printed instructions, and the Doughies website contains videos and tips to help you stretch and cook the perfect home oven pizza



Bring the family together for a fun weekend activity. Take photos of your pizzas and share them with us on Facebook

Pizza Making with Doughies

As you know the PTFA have teamed up with Doughies to provide you with an awesome fun filled family activity. Doughies are delivering us fresh pizza kits ready the children to bring home on 18th June!

Kits cost £6 and include everything you need to make a delicious homemade margarita pizza.

An order form has been sent out to you & payment can be made on line or in cash. Any questions please phone the school office.



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.



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 **96.3%**

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!

Phoebe 5L- Ash House – Adventure

Evan Newman 4L- Maple - Resilience

Charlie 3H- Oak - Challenge

Freya 6H- Willow -Independence

House Point Driver Certificates



Headteacher Award...



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The first Headteacher Award for term 6 goes to Maggie in 5T. Maggie has shown this week that persevering through tricky moments can lead to great success. She has shown enormous resilience and taken on challenges which she has then overcome. Amazing to hear this Maggie. Well done.

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 events 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.

Transition Day

Information regarding the following 2 events will follow shortly:

Year 6 Production

Year 6 Leavers Service

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 (see separate letter)

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