



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 19th October 2018



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see you all at parent consultations this week. Thank you for completing the parent/carer questionnaire, we had an enormous uptake and I'll let you know what you all think as soon as we compile the results. Thank you to all those parents who came to see me to give your positive comments about how well your children have settled in to their new classes. I'm super proud of our Whitstable Junior School team. Our support staff and teachers are second to none and work tirelessly to make our school what it is.

This week saw the children take part in The Big Draw.

The Big Draw is a national festival – held every year in schools, galleries, museums etc. across the UK - to celebrate and promote drawing. The theme this year was 'Play'. Each class made 5 large 'building blocks' using cardboard boxes. They were decorated and covered with children's drawings. On Thursday the children brought them into the school studio and the children played with them and built a numbers of structures. It was great fun. See the photos below.



We have more wonderful art experiences next term with our continued link with The Turner Contemporary. Thank you for organising this Mrs Fry.

I'm hoping each and everyone one of our school community have a great half term holiday.

Next term we have so many lovely things to look forward to.

Warm wishes,

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Annie Knoupe

This week's Headteacher Award goes to...



Celebrating great behaviour....

We use a programme called Carrot Rewards as part of our positive behaviour policy. This involves children earning points for a virtual avatar which they are able to control, accessorise and play games with online in a secure environment.

carrot
rewards

This year we will be awarding prizes to classes weekly and teachers can give extra points in the following areas: effort, presentation, achievement and kindness. You child's log in details will be on a sticker inside their contact book.

Parents

We encourage you to sign up to my stickers and create a parent account, this will allow you to monitor your child's behaviour and see all the amazing awards they are getting:

<https://www.mystickers.co.uk/parents/register>

"The parent portal allows parents to be notified by text or email whenever their child has been rewarded. With the ability to leave notes and words of encouragement it is a great way to start a conversation at home."



Attendance and punctuality...

Whole School Attendance 96.6%



Highest % Attendance Winners Tarik Tiger



Class 5P

100% Punctuality Winners Polly and Petur Penguin



**Classes
3A, 3H, 3G,
4O,5P, 5W,
6CR, 6T**

Year 6...

Don't forget to apply for a Secondary School place, please go to <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places> Registration closes on **31st October**. If you need any advice, please come and see us, we will happily help you with the process.

Show Racism the Red Card...

Today, Friday 19th October Whitstable Junior School gave Racism the Red Card! We all wore something red to support this important message. Every penny raised during Wear Red Day, enables the campaign to work with more young people and adults across the UK to challenge racism in society.



Thank you so much for joining us in supporting this.

Internet Safety

Digital life skills

What is digital resilience?

Parent Zone CEO, Vicki Shotbolt, explains how you can make sure your child has the tools they need to navigate the online world safely and successfully.

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

Road safety



We will be placing these in the no parking zones. Please remember, your choices could kill a child!

Clubs

If your child attends an afterschool club don't forget these continue straight after half term and finish the week beginning 7th December. New clubs will start after the Christmas holidays.

School Letters...

Don't forget you can find all the letters sent out this week on the school website.

Look out for....

Term 1 Sports Newsletter.
All year group curriculum information letters for term 2.

Important dates coming up...

- Monday 29th October**- Start of term 2. Bikeability week for Year 6-starts Tuesday 30th.
- Thursday 8th November**- World War I Day-celebrating 100 years since the end of WWI.
- Friday 9th November**- Year 6 children go to The Horsebridge to see the film The Eagle.
- Monday 12th November**-Start of Anti-Bullying Week.
- Friday 16th November** -30 Year 3 children go to Thanet to see the film-Early Man.
- Saturday 17th November** – Whitstable Junior School Open Day 10:30am-1pm.
- Tuesday 27th November**- Christmas Jumper Day- Pantomime at school.
- Thursday 6th December**-Whitstable Junior School PTFA Christmas Fair-3:15-5pm
- Monday 10th December**- Year 3 Nativity to parents 2:15pm and 6pm.
- Wednesday 12th December**- Children's Christmas Lunch.
- Friday 14th December**- Last Day of Term 2.