



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 2nd July 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcomed back 5M today which was lovely. They have been accessing learning via live lessons on Google Classrooms but it's just not the same as having them back where they belong here with us. We are hoping very much that we don't have to close any more bubbles but if we do I want you to know that contrary to some media suggestions this is always on the advice of Public Health England and not because we want to or are being over zealous. We are simply following the close contact guidance being given to us. We have maintained class bubbles and a very robust set of systems are in place to minimise risks as much as possible. These do appear to be working as any positive cases have come from outside of school contacts and not within.



Moving on to the interesting stuff! What have the children been up to? I'll start with the end of last week that saw Year 6 travel to Watford to visit Warner Brothers - Harry Potter World. It was truly fabulous and the children had such a great time, and so too did the adults. There



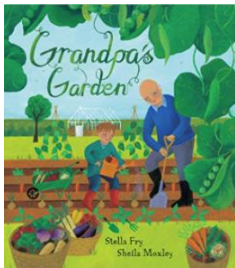
might have been a bit of a detour with mine and Mr Guilders mini bus but at least the children can say they saw the entire M25, and we did get home in the end. The children were an absolute credit to you and I was proud to be with them as we walked around The Studio Tour.



The Year 5 visits to Rye, as part of their geography learning, started with 5L this week. They visited Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. They bird spotted, animal hunted, plant stopped and organised, made maps on the beach and compared the difference between Rye and Whitstable. It was a very



fun, exciting and tiring day. This week Year 4 have been reading 'Grandpa's Garden' (written by our own Mrs Fry). They were inspired to write instructions on how to plant a broad bean and then they put these instructions to the test and planted their own broad bean seeds, editing their instructions as they went! The children have also been getting things prepared for their enterprise project. I know year 3 have



some exciting ideas in the pipeline. Unfortunately COVID restrictions means the sale of the products will be slightly different to planned. More info to follow. I was also able to see 3H's fantastic House Point and Driver Tree- Growing Great learners. This is the tree that the children add to throughout the year. They are awarded leaves for demonstrating our school curriculum drivers. Take a look at the transformation(at the start and a now photo). The children are so proud of their hard work, and so they should be.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe



WJS Playground Project...

WJS Playground Project- raised so far £7740



Charlie's sponsored silence!



£245
SO
far!!



Charlie in year 3 is doing a sponsored 24 hours silence today. This is not an easy thing to do when you are 8 years old. We are all sending silent vibes! Keep going Charlie!

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](https://www.justgiving.com/WJS-Playground-Project).

PTFA....

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 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!

Ewan – 3H - Ash House – Adventure

Rory– 6H- Maple - Challenge

Ruby-May – 4W - Oak - Challenge

Talulah – 3MC- Willow -Independence

House Point Driver Certificates



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 **95.3%**

Headteacher Award...



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This week the Headteacher Award has been awarded to **Rosa in 6RM**. Your teacher has told me how determined, hard-working and happy you are in school. You have been able to show all the adults, your class mates and yourself exactly what you are capable of. You are a great example of what can be achieved once you begin to believe in yourself. Well done.

Letters

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

Term Dates...

- 5th **July** Re-scheduled Transition (visiting new teachers)
- 7th Sports Day- no spectators unfortunately
- 8th New Year 3 Transition and New Year 3 Parents Zoom Information Evening
- 9th Last academic year's books coming home (bring in a bag to carry them)
- 9th Year 6 Leavers Disco PTFA- (class bubble discos)
- 12th 5M Trip to Rye
- 14th 5T Trip to Rye and End of School Year Reports go home
- 16th Re-scheduled Year 6 Leaver Celebration and Year 6 shirt-signing (bring in a clean white shirt)
- 16th Books go home (please provide a bag for this, thank you)
- 20th Water Fight Year 6 **End of Term 6**