



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 17th September 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,



It was lovely to see the children bringing in their donations today for such a worthy cause- **Jeans for Genes**. Thank you for your generosity. We will let you know next week how much we have managed to raise.

The children have had a week to be proud of and I told them this in assembly today. I have been shown so many wonderful pieces of work,



wonderful writing (we definitely have authors-to-be in our midst), monumental maths and a whole host of outdoor learning opportunities. Children were inspired by The Explorers book and visited our local Amazon (the timber trail/pond/forest school) and created rafts to



voyage across the pond. Forest School sessions were enjoyed by many classes and Mrs Grier, our resident fire pit leader found some highly skilled bush crafters amongst our children. Aurelia and Jacob managed to start the fire



(supervised) with the first flint strike. She was very impressed.



Children have also had a wonderful time experimenting in science and have been looking at how things dissolve, this involved Candy Floss (but not in their mouth!!). They then created their own solutions using a mixture of solutes with the solvent water to see if they dissolve.

Fabulous learning everyone.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

COVID 19...

I'm a little reluctant to write this next message, simply because I don't want to tempt fate. Currently, this term, we have not had any identified cases of COVID amongst WJS staff or children. I know this is not the case in many schools. I wanted to reassure you that if we did, I would be informing the parents and carers of the class that was affected. This would then enable you to keep a closer eye out for symptoms but also make decisions yourself about who you socialise with. You may have a vulnerable family member. The current guidelines are that children and double vaccinated adults do not need to isolate if they are a close contact and therefore children without symptoms can come to school. However, the advice is that you get a PCR test just to be safe.

Headteacher Award...



Headteacher Award

The HT Award goes to Betsy in 6M. Her teacher has told me about her positive attitude and resilience since returning to school. Year 6 so far has thrown some challenges her way and she has risen to the challenge with flying colours. Her positivity radiates around the classroom! Everyone is super proud of her!

Well done, Betsy. Mrs Knoupe

Congratulations...Meet the new Pupil leadership Team (PLT)

Year 6 children were asked to write a letter outlining why they would like to be part of the WJS Pupil Leadership Team. The letters were truly amazing and we have some very talented writers who were highly skilled at explaining their strengths and what they saw the roles involving. The certificates above show who were given the 4 prestigious positions. Mrs Knoupe has met with the PLT today to discuss their role and share biscuits- a very important inauguration meeting. Well done all of you!

CONGRATULATIONS

Pupil Leadership Team 2021 2022



Head Girl - Olivia

Head Boy - Kip

Deputy Head Girl- Mabel

Deputy Head Boy - Kyllian

Signed Mrs A Knoupe

Date 17/9/2021

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!

Hollie 5H - Ash House - Curiosity

Lilly 5M- Maple - Community

Flossie 6H - Oak - Challenge

Rafe 3O- Willow -Community

House Point Driver Certificates



WJS Playground Project...

WJS Playground Project

Please remember 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](#).

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
97%

Letters



Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. [Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

Term Dates...

Term 1

September

20th Recycling Week (Plus Great British Beach Clean Week)

22nd National Fitness Day

October

1st National Poetry Day

7th Music for Schools-Parent Presentation

4th Black History Week and National Space Week
Individual and Sibling Photos

8th Hello Yellow Day- Info to follow

11th Celebrating World Mental Health Day

14th Parent Consultations 5:30-8pm (info to follow)

18th World Food Day

20th Parent Consultations 3:30-6pm (info to follow)

Friday 22nd October 2021 - Term 1 Ends

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 25th October 2021 to Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Term 2 starts Wed 3rd Nov