



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

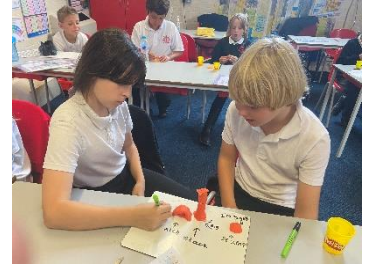


### A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are with only one week of term 1 to go. Last night was the first of our 2 parents evenings. If yours was last night, I hope you were able to get a good idea of how your child has settled in to school. It has certainly been a really turbulent 18+ months for your children and they have done a marvellous job of finding their feet as school returned to normal in September.

This week Year 5 have been getting very passionate about reducing the plastic pollution in our seas. They have been drafting letters to various organisations and representatives asking them for help as well as solving some tricky two-step addition and subtraction problems. In Science, they have been having fun observing the evaporation of Candyfloss as well as looking at coastal erosion features in Geography.



In Year 6, the children have definitely demonstrated resilience this week as they have risen to the challenge of mastering long division. They have also taken themselves on a trip to the Amazon Rainforest as they became one of the characters from the book (The Explorer) and they have written amazing diary entries. I was lucky enough to be in the year 6 classrooms as they were writing these diary entries and it was a true pleasure to watch the children in action and read their work. Lastly, they have taken their learning outside as they visited Thornden Woods to learn more about classification and trees.

Year 3 have been incredibly busy this week. In Literacy they developed their understanding of onomatopoeia by creating their own 'Whizz Pop' potions inspired by the BFG!

The children had to work as a team and their curiosity and sense of wonder shone through their learning. In RE the children have been looking at how Christians and the church help the community. They were also able to talk about how we as a school help the community too. In Science, the children investigated the composition of soil. Again I was lucky enough to be with a class when they were doing this. It was wonderful watching them examine the soil with magnifying glasses and be true scientific detectives.



In literacy this week Year 4 have been writing their own river creation stories including mythical creatures such as dragons, ogres and mermaids! In maths, the children have been impressing us with their skills in adding and subtracting 3- and 4-digit numbers. They have also been on a virtual trip of the River Thames in Geography and created vibrant backgrounds in Art for their self-portraits in the style of Chris Ofili.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## Internet Safety...

Going online and watching TV are an everyday part of children's lives. Children often have their own media devices and TVs, and new websites and gadgets are appearing all the time. It's a tough job keeping up with it all and there's a fine line between both encouraging and protecting at the same time. There may be unsuitable content on the internet and the television that you don't want your child to see, but you can take steps to protect your children from the potential dangers such as;

- Set up PINS on your TV
- Check the suggested appropriate ages for TV programmes – they have parental guidance just like films do, just google them!
- Check out the social media your children are using on their phones and tablets
- Install content filters to protect the devices in your homes and use the 'in device' settings of the devices your children use.
- Talk to your child about staying safe on line

Here are some websites to have a look at for more guidance and information:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/.../protecting-your-children-in...>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/.../parents-guide...>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents.../what-do-i-need-to-know>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/.../share-aware-teaching>

<https://fullfact.org/toolkit/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to us 😊



## Headteacher Award...



**Headteacher Award.** Molly brims over with enthusiasm in all her lessons. The class have loved sharing her beautiful use of Show not Tell in writing tasks this week which made her classmates gasp! Molly showed such sensitivity and maturity in discussing mental health issues as part of Mental Health Week that she had everyone seeing the world with more accepting eyes and greater understanding. We are so proud of you Molly! Well done.

## Sporting News...





Last Week both the year 6/5 girls and boys football team attended the annual football competition on Wednesday at the Herne Bay Hub. The boys played with a great spirit, determination and resilience, but unfortunately, they were up against some very strong teams. They eventually played 4 games winning one of them. Special mention to William Atkinson for some amazing goalkeeping in all the matches. The girls team achieved great success, coming third in the competition. The highest place the school has ever achieved. They beat a strong Swalecliffe team in the 3rd /4th playoff on penalties. An incredibly exciting and nerve-wracking experience but special mention to Aurelia Lapka for saving three penalties and Maggie Farrell for her 4 goals throughout the tournament. All the girls played with determination, intelligence and cohesiveness throughout the competition.

**We asked some of the children to give us their own views on the competition.**

**Aurelia**

Representing the WJS girls football team is really fun and exciting. I was really happy and proud when I saved all three penalties in the playoff final helping our team win. The tournament will now be a great memory from WJS. Thanks to all the football team, Mr Kidd and Mrs Reed as I don't think without their help, I would have been able to save most of the shots.

**Maggie**

I really enjoyed representing WJS. It was brilliant because I scored 4 goals and we came 3rd out of 13 teams. Our team work was amazing, I felt so happy and I can't wait for the next match. Hopefully we will be successful this season.

**George**





It was really fun and the teamwork was amazing. I was really proud and excited when I scored my first goal for WJS. The wonderful thing was that playing for WJS was the excitement and pride of representing the school.

**William**

The first game went really well and we won 3-0. I made some amazing saves. The teamwork was fantastic and I think we played well. I believe we can do well this season. I can't wait for the next game.

## 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. Well done everyone.

	Isla – 4T Curiosity – for solving hard problems in maths	
Tommy – 3O Community – for showing good listening		
	Flossie– 6H Challenge – 100% in maths Flashback task	
Jacob – 5M Resilience – for editing their work in Literacy		

## House Point Driver Certificates



The certificate is for Ash House, signed by the School Leadership Team, congratulating a student for demonstrating great Adventure this week on behalf of Ash House. It features logos for Maple, Oak, Willow, and Ash houses.

## WJS PTFA...

**Our newly formed PTFA have some events lined up.**

Pop these on your calendar;

- 26th November – Non-uniform for Christmas shop, donations of chocs/bottles
- 3rd December – Christmas Shop to be held in school
- 10th December – Mini Christmas Fair, to be held after school 3.15 – 4.30pm, we will be holding a raffle so any donations of prizes would be hugely appreciated.

## Charity news...



WJS were involved in raising funds for Water Aid through a Walk for Water event last year. If you click on the link you will see how the money raised is helping Gimomoi Primary School in Kenya build a rainwater tank. Well done WJS.

<https://tracking.cirrusinsight.com/03bf1fec-244c-4c3a-bd81-fd2544b365d8/youtube-com-watch>

Raising Money for YoungMinds- we raised £190.10 on our wear yellow day. Thank you everyone.

## WJS Playground Project...

### WJS Playground Project – our new playground markings!!!



When Ridley was in year 4 he decided to raise money for the Playground Project. He cycled from Bognor to Whitstable – which is over 140 miles and he did this in 4 days. He raised a whopping £1730!! Thank you so much Ridley.



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...

Attendance this week was  
**95%**

We seem to have had lots of colds and coughs over this last week. Luckily not the “thing that shall not be named” because last time I did we had a case.

Also, whilst I do appreciate that times have been tough for everyone I cannot authorise re-scheduled holidays (due to COVID) in school term time. 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.

## 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

#### October

18<sup>th</sup> World Food Day

20<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations via Netmedia Parent Consultations 3:30-6.30pm (info to follow)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Term 1 Ends 3:15pm normal time**

#### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

**Term 2 starts Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

#### November

15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>- Year 6 bikeability

26<sup>th</sup>- PTFA Non-uniform for Christmas shop, donations of chocs/bottles

#### December

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