



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 8th October 2021

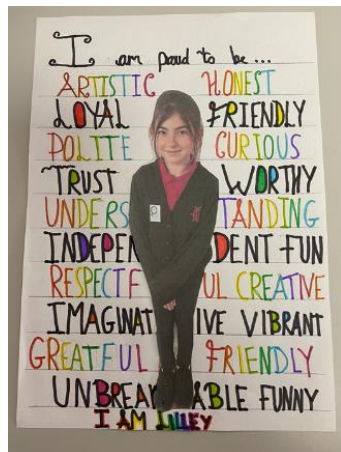


A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been Black History Week here at WJS (October is Black History Month). One of our key priorities is to develop DIVERSITY and a sense of COMMUNITY within our curriculum. We believe it is so important that we widen our children's perception and understanding of all the different cultures, religions

and races around the world and the journey that people have experienced along the way. Year 5 have been enjoying being proud of who they are! Inspired by the weeks quote: 'You are your best thing' by Toni Morrison, the children created rosettes of their best qualities and learnt about the inspirational figure: Barack Obama- from his early years to the changes that he has made to our world today. Year 6 have immersed



themselves in the life and challenges faced by the brave 'Harriet Tubman' a slave, alive in the 19th Century, who put the freedom of



over 700 American slaves before her own. The children have also been incredibly inspired by Marcus Rashford's book 'You are a Champion' : a self-help book for children to help them be the best they can be.



Year 3 have really shone during Black History Week and have wowed their teachers with their curiosity, compassion and general brilliance. They have learnt about Jessica Huie and Rosa Parks. These inspirational women led to Year 3 creating their own greeting cards with dreams for the future on the inside and producing

a piece of art to reflect the moment Rosa Parks helped change history!

Year 4 have been looking at the fascinating life and works of Malorie Blackman and Dr Martin Luther King Jr. They have been inspired by Malorie's resilience and determination to make a difference. They were astonished by the courage shown by Dr King and the way he inspired so many people with his brave words and actions. They wrote their own speeches about their own dreams for the world and shared them in the class. Of course Black History Week is not the only time we build this into our curriculum but we love that we can celebrate the huge contributions made by Black people during Black History Month.



Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

YoungMinds...



Today WJS joined thousands of schools, offices and communities by taking part in #HelloYellow and wearing something yellow. This was a way for us to help raise funds to support the work of the charity YoungMinds. Thank you so much for all your donations and also for the fabulous ray of sunshine that wearing yellow brought to the school day!



Headteacher Award...



This Headteacher Award goes to Autumn in 5M. She always completes any task set for her, helping others when they need it just because she knows it is a nice thing to do. She is a wonderful friend and is always thinking of ways to be kind and show her friends, classmates and adults in school that they are valued. Well done Autumn.

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.



Molly – 6RM
Curiosity – for their work in Black History Week

Rosa – 4W

Challenge – for an amazing speech



Freddie – 3MC
Resilience – For always trying his best

Gabriel 5L

Curiosity – For asking and sharing facts and books for BH Week



House Point Driver Certificates



WJS PTFA...

Thank you to everyone who kindly attended the PTFA meeting this morning. So many lovely ideas in the pipe-line to help make the school some funds and also provide the children with some great experiences. If you are still interested in becoming involved just email Sarah Amos and she will help you make contact with the PTFA. samos@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk



WJS Playground Project...

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Photos to follow next week of our new playground markings!

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](#).

Punctuality...



THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY FOR YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

Getting to school on time is so important. The school day starts at 8:50am. If your child is late please bring them to the front of the school, ring the bell and bring them in to the office to let us know why they are late but most importantly it lets us know they are in school and we can mark the register accordingly. If children are late after the register closes, then it is marked as an unauthorized absence.

Attendance...



Attendance
this week was
95.5%

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

11th Celebrating World Mental Health Day

14th Parent Consultations via Netmedia Parent Consultations 5-8pm (info to follow)

18th World Food Day

Parent Consultations via Netmedia Parent Consultations 3:30-6.30pm (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