



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 12th November 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with Meat Free Monday. It was fabulous to feel we were doing something to help combat the worries of climate change and we are looking forward to having that feeling every week. There was also a proud moment for some of our Year 6 children this week as they were presented with a book voucher and award for their entry into last year's competition based on 'improving our local environment'. They were presented the award by local councillors: Cllr. Kenny and Cllr. Cornel and their entries will be on display in the Horsebridge. Well done to you all.



Year 5 have been busy this week getting very active. For Math's Week England, they took part in the Mathematics World Cup competing against other classes and taking a deep dive into the ocean to solve some wonderful maths equations. They have also been outside measuring the tree trunks to calculate the age of the trees.



Year 6 has also thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor learning session; they

discovered that one of our trees was probably planted the same year as the first man on the moon! The children have also begun their science topic about evolution and inheritance, imagining what it might have been like to have been on earth as it

was created! They have also loved being curious about the animals in the rainforest and have thoroughly enjoyed writing non-chronological reports about these wonderful creatures.



This term Year 4 are continuing with the theme of natural disasters. In literacy they have been reading the fantastic story, Hurricane, and exploring how it would feel to be in a weather plane flying into the eye of the storm! In maths the children have been working hard to understand the inverse operation to check their calculations and have shown great resilience. They have also looked at the different layers of the earth's core so that they can better understand what causes

natural disasters. Year 3 have been setting sail for France this week as they explored their new topic further through the creation of a non-chronological report in literacy. They did some excellent research in our ICT suite before creating some seriously impressive reports. They have been total stars; particularly during Year 2 workshops when they helped Year 2 children with their activities and answered any questions they had.



On Remembrance Day Year 6 took the wreath they had made out to the cenotaph for the 2 minutes silence. They listened so respectfully to the readings and the last post. Then every child at WJS took part in a remembrance ceremony. The children learnt about the connection between the herb rosemary and the flower pansy and Remembrance Day. They planted them in the timber trail area using the wonderful planters created by Year 6 last year and read the poem out loud. It was a very special day.

Warm regards,
Annie Knoupe

Headteacher Award...



HEADTEACHER AWARD

A huge well done to Ewan in 3MC who has displayed areas of excellence among all drivers. He has shown curiosity and adventure when attending his first trumpet lesson. He has shown resilience and independence in his commitment to subtracting with exchanging. He also offers to help regularly and displays exemplary behaviour showing a great sense of community. He has met the challenge to extend his writing by producing a page long plan for his non fiction writing! Well done Ewan this is awesome!

Community...

Thinking of volunteering?

Would you like to help your local community this winter? Do you have a few spare hours each week?

Canterbury Food Bank are recruiting seasonal volunteers to deliver food parcels across the district over the winter period.

“We have had a wonderful response to our request for seasonal volunteers but we still need couples or pairs of friends to deliver our parcels to individuals and families in the area. So, if you and a friend or partner would like to help, please get in touch.

We would love you to be part of our amazing volunteer team who will

ensure no one goes hungry this winter. To find out about the roles and apply get in touch on 01227 936450 (option 4) or email volunteers@canterburyfoodbank.org

Thank you for your interest.”



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Charity...



COMMUNITY CLOTHES BANK

This Saturday 13th November, local organisation Community Clothes Bank are hosting a fundraising sale at the Umbrella Centre.

There will be preloved and vintage clothing for sale at bargain prices, with all money raised going to help Community Clothes bank continue their work, helping those experiencing clothing poverty, while saving clothes from landfill.

Sporting News...






The girls football team played against The Endowed on Thursday. They were amazing and played with such passion, determination and pride. The support from parents and children was also brilliant.

Well done girls.



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.

	Logan – 3MC Community – for working hard in English
Betsy – 6RM Challenge – for joining in with handball	
	Harry – 5M Curiosity – for great ideas in topic
Pearl – 4T Community – for being really kind	

House Point Driver Certificates



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.**

WJS Playground Project...

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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
95.1%

Regular attendance is so important for your child to make progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have a better chance in life.

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...

November

13th - November (Saturday Open Morning for new prospective parents) 10-12

15th - Year 6 bikeability week 1

15th – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week.

15th NSPCC assemblies (letter with more info to follow)

19th – Children In Need (info to follow)

22nd - Year 6 bikeability week 2

26th – PTFA Non-uniform for Christmas shop, donations of chocs/bottles

29th – Arts Week

December

3rd – PTFA Christmas Shop to be held in school

8th December – Christmas dinner – more details to follow

10th –PTFA 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.

13th December – Year 3 Nativity Performances – Timings TBC

14th – Nasal Flu Spray for all children who opt in

17th Last Day of Term 2

Term 3 starts Tuesday 4th January 2022