



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 19th November 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had. This week we have been spreading “One Kind Word” across Whitstable Junior School for Anti-Bullying Week which began with writing call-outs for the back gate: lovely messages of warmth to ourselves, our friends, teachers and parents. Other activities included looking at “Kindness in Sport”.



We've made some amazing posters to adorn our pitch and it was incredible to see and hear the positive words being used to encourage each other whilst playing on there. “Banter as Bullying” was also a point of focus; enabling the children to recognise when what might seem harmless jokes becomes repetitive and unkind.

Year 5 have really loved the chance to develop their use of kind words making posters and discussing the

importance of thinking about banter and how this can be hurtful. In Geography, they have also been discovering countries in North America and learning about their flags. Whilst in Literacy, they have been looking at some of the females that were involved in the 'Space Race', such as Helen Sharman and Mary Jackson. Year 6 have loved being kind-recording messages to put on our school gate and making eye-catching and motivational posters to help with being kind during sport. They have mastered properties of number and BIDMAS this week, which proves that they are truly fantastic mathematicians.



This week in year 4 the children have worked really hard in maths looking at equivalent measurements and learnt how to turn mm into cm and cm into m and km. They have also started a new book in literacy called 'Coming Home' by the wonderful author Michael Morpurgo and children have had a fantastic debate about whether the robin should continue its perilous journey!

Year 3 has been filled with excitement and Christmas songs this week as they begin preparation for their upcoming nativity 'The Little Matchstick Girl!' We can't wait for you to see them shine!

The teachers are busily planning for Arts Week which will be happening the Week beginning 29th November. This looks very exciting and we are sure the children will have a fabulous week. You will be able to see what they have produced on Tuesday 7th December when we will be opening the classroom doors at the end of the school day so parents/carers can come and have a look at their children's books and also see the wonderful art work. This will be from 3:15- 3:45pm.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe

Headteacher Award...

HEADTEACHER AWARD



A huge well done to Michael in 6H. Your teacher has told me that you have such a great sense of curiosity and you are full of amazing facts, especially in science. You absolutely love coming to school and learning new things. Your teacher has been particularly impressed with the improved presentation of your work. You also have a great sense of humour, which brightens up everyone's day. Well done Michael!

Community...

The Pupil Leadership Team and School Council Representatives were lucky to have a visit from the Canterbury Food Bank this week. They explained how their services began when a lady, who was privileged to have money to spare and wanted to help families in crisis, worked from her garage to supply food and before long the demand for support was needed so much that it grew and grew. It is now run out of a huge two-story warehouse. Canterbury Foodbank explained to the children what kind of food they collect and how it was sorted and shared out. They thanked the children for our kind donation earlier in the month and said that thanks to generous donations like ours they have been able to help 8000 plus families so far this year. They ended by asking that when we do our weekly shops could we please put a tin or similar in the donation bins at our local supermarket.



Charity...



Lots of Spotty Fun today for Children In Need. We will count the donations and let you know how much money has been raised.



Sporting News...



Yr5/6 Basketball Competition hosted by the School Games team at Herne Bay High School





WJS won the competition!


The children were amazing. They won 2 out of our 3 league games. In the semi-final they won on golden goal which made it really amazing and tense. After losing the game in the league situation the children listened to the coaching advice and looked at how they could improve, they responded and became stronger as the competition went on and then won the final game. Awesome sporting skills everyone! Well done.



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.

	Esme – 30 Community
	Florence – 5M Curiosity
	Mila – 4W Challenge
	Archie – 6H Independence



House Point Driver Certificates



WJS PTFA...



We are excited to announce that PTFA have an amazon smile account. Amazon smile is a great way to raise money for the school. For every purchase you make, amazon will donate 0.5% to your chosen charity, hopefully Whitstable Junior School.

All you need to do is;

1) Type <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> into your browser

2) Choose your charity 'Whitstable Junior School'

3) Login using your Amazon account.

Then for every purchase you make using your amazon or prime account, amazon will send a donation to Whitstable Junior School PTFA. You won't be charged any more for your item, it's not a donation from you, but from Amazon. So, to help us raise some easy funds this way, please choose amazon smile when buying your Christmas presents, you'll be amazed how much you raise for us without costing you a penny.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT SCHOOL Wednesday 8th December

The PTFA have offered to pay for a Christmas Dinner for EVERY child in school. We will ask you nearer the time if your child wants it.

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%**

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

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

7th – Parent Book Look and Arts Week Class Exhibition 3:15pm – 3:45pm

8th – 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 – Year 3 Nativity Performances to Parents – 2 performances in the school hall.
9:30am and 5:30pm. Letter and ticket information will follow.

14th – Nasal Flu Spray for all children. Parents and carers must opt in.

17th - Last Day of Term 2

Term 3 starts Tuesday 4th January 2022