



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

**Week ending 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



## A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A chillier feel to the days this week so remember to pack the hats, gloves and coats for our outside learning and playtimes.

We have had an increase in positive COVID cases in school over the last week. With 4 children receiving positive PCR results and 1 member of staff. We also have a few children waiting for results. Many thanks to those parents and carers using the LFD tests regularly before sending their children to school. Once again it could really help slow the transmission if parents ensure their children take a COVID-19 lateral flow test (Antigen) before they return to school after the weekend. This is of course not compulsory.

Thank you for all your donations to the PTFA for the Christmas Fair today. Hopefully you will have seen the letter about the timings for the fair. We are opening a little earlier (2:30pm) for children in Years 3 and 4, just to ease congestion should the weather be inclement and we have to hold the fair inside. If you have children in both lower school and upper school then we have asked you stick to the normal time of 3:15 to pick both children up together and then visit the fair.

Let's have a look at the learning that has been happening this week; Year 4 have continued their work in literacy looking at the book 'Coming Home'. The children have produced beautiful story maps of the robin's journey that include quotes from the book. They have also been working hard in maths, learning about perimeter and even how to measure rectilinear shapes. In science, they have been learning about how volcanoes are formed and the children created their own incredible mini eruptions!



Year 6 have finished their bikeability training and are currently awaiting their qualifications, I have been told how polite and sensible they have all been, which is lovely to hear. The children have also been exploring the use of masks from different countries and cultures, before designing their own. In maths, they have been amazing their teachers with their fraction understanding. They explored the way DNA is personal to us but inheritance occurs and cascades through a family tree.

Year 3 were lucky enough to visit our local library this week. They were shown around and loved exploring through the wonderful books they have to offer. We can't wait to hear all about the adventures their books take them on.



Year 5 has had a very busy week exploring place value by multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000. In science they investigated why we have day and night. They have also been exploring influential people in the well-documented, and current, 'Space Race'. They have had a fantastic day today as they immersed themselves into life in space as they enjoyed 'Space Day'.

Finally, we have some really lovely news. Mrs Tucker gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. He weighed 8lb 7oz and his name is Julian.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.  
Warm regards,  
Annie Knoupe

## Headteacher Award...



### HEADTEACHER AWARD

A huge well done lyla in 3O. Your teacher has told me that you are a “ball of sunshine”. You have the biggest, most infectious smile and spread not only that but also kind words wherever you go. She has told me that you are also incredibly resilient; even when learning gets hard, you keep on going and reap the rewards of your success in the end. How awesome. Well done lyla. From Mrs Knoupe

## Parent and Carer Survey...



A huge thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. We welcome and value the feedback, views, and thoughts of all our stakeholders. We feel that this is a crucial part of the process of celebrating successes and identifying improvements to be made. You can find the full survey results on the school website, link here.

[Parent and Carer Survey Nov 2021](#)

## Charity...



Children In Need. We raised **£200.95** with our spotty fun.

## Sporting News...

### Football Matches

The boys and girls football teams have had a number of matches this week. Both teams travelled to Herne Juniors on Tuesday. The boys came up against a very strong team but showed great resilience. Unfortunately, the result didn't go their way.

The girls were amazing from start to finish and showed unbelievable passion, desire and determination. They were dominant throughout the game and Maggie managed to score 2 goals in the last 5 minutes to give Whitstable the win they thoroughly deserved.

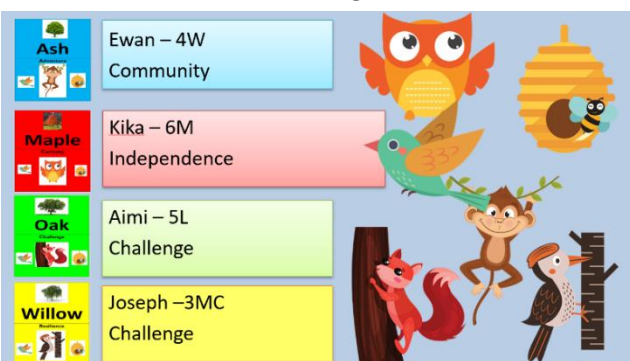
On Thursday after school the boys team played at home against Reculver and although the score was 4:2 to Reculver the boys had an amazing game showing fabulous team work, setting up great goal opportunities and amazing passing. There were 2 awesome goals by both Rogan and Logan, they played brilliantly. Man of the match was our wonderful goalie, Michael, for some truly amazing saves.

Well done to our football teams.



## 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.



### House Point Driver Certificates



## WJS PTFA...

### WJS PTFA Christmas Shop 2021

Fantastic news the new PTFA will be running a Christmas shop this year. The children will be given an opportunity to purchase gifts from our Christmas Shop, the gifts will be £2 each. They can buy presents for anyone from Mum, Dad, Granny, Grandad, Auntie, Uncle, brother, sister, cousin, friend etc. Each gift your child will choose themselves and it will be wrapped ready for Christmas. Please send the order form into school in an envelope with your child's name on it – payments can be made online or sent into school. All orders must be in school with money/online payments made by Monday 29th November 2021. **We are planning to hold the event on Friday 3rd December 2021.** Should you have any questions or queries then please let us know and we will advise accordingly.



## 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

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

29<sup>th</sup> – Arts Week

### December

3<sup>rd</sup> – PTFA Christmas Shop to be held in school

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

8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas dinner – more details to follow

10<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**10<sup>th</sup> Festive Clothes Friday for Save the Children-** (wear a Christmas jumper or anything festive you like for a donation at the gate)

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

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

15<sup>th</sup> – Attainment and Progress Report out to parents.

**17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Term 2**

**Term 3 starts Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**