



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 17th December 2021



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team at WJS. This has felt a little like "ground-hog day" for our entire community but yet again the magic of the WJS family spirit has shone through and the children have had a lovely last week of term 2.



In Year 5, the children have been applying their knowledge of electrical circuits and how axels work by making their very own Space Rovers, with working wheels, fans and lights. The children have loved using saws, glue guns, batteries and wires. To complement their Space theme, they have been creating Space Rap's and consolidating their knowledge of area and perimeter.

In Year 6, the children have completed their Mayan unit of work by making rather stunning and eye-catching Mayan masks from Modroc. They have also developed their understanding of evolution and inheritance, based on Darwin's observations, by pretending they are finches; carrying out an experiment to

test the most effective beaks for eating.

Year 3 spent some of their week making some wonderful gifts for



residents in care homes who may find Christmas time a little lonely. In their Design Technology lesson they made stockings to leave out for the elves. Year 4

have finished writing their non-chronological reports and had some great fun with exploding volcanoes. Alongside their normal learning opportunities, the children have also been getting into the festive spirit. This week the children have had the opportunity to watch the pantomime Cinderella via PantoOnline. I know they have really enjoyed it and the few scenes I saw were so much fun to watch.



This term we say goodbye to 3 members of staff

who have been with us over a period of 4-6 years. We would like to wish Mr Seppala, Mrs Webb and Mrs Martin all the very best in their new adventures.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe



Headteacher Award...(for all those children who were nominated)

Feel Proud of Yourself Certificates



Each week the teachers send me a nomination for the weekly Headteacher award. I can only choose one child each week which is the hardest job in the world. However, I wanted the children to know that during the term their name was put forward to me so therefore they should be very proud of themselves.

I thought it was important for the children to know how much all their hard work, kindness and commitment to our school values means to me and the rest of the adults at Whitstable Junior School. Every child who was nominated has received a Feel Proud of Yourself certificate. Well done everyone.

COVID Update...

The latest guidance states that school staff and pupils who are identified as a Covid contact should take a daily lateral flow test and only attend if they test negative.

Sporting News...



SPORTSPERSON AWARD



Logan - Football

Maggie - Football

Raff - Basket ball

Aurelia - Basketball

This term our SPORTSPERSON AWARD badges have been awarded to children in Year 6 who have represented the school in sports fixtures. These children have caught the eye of both our staff and staff from other schools for their skill, commitment and sportsmanship. Well done everyone.

Time Tables T Rex Competition...



Well done to Amelia in 3O who won the "massive" TTRockstar T-Rex.



Vocabulary Ninja Prizes...



Congratulations to:
Eliza 6H
Henley 5H
Sonny 4W
Padme 3O
For amazing vocabulary.

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.

	Sylv – 6M Adventure
	William – 5M Curiosity
	Martha – 3O Challenge
	Tallulah – 4T Community

House Point Driver Certificates

Congratulations!

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You have demonstrated great Adventure this week on behalf of Ash House

Signed: Amber Matthews, Oliver Glenn, Adressa Fellows © Zayyan Minhas
School Leadership Team

WJS PTFA...

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA and all the additional helpers on Friday 10th December after school, when it was really biting cold, who organised and ran our Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to be able to get our community together (albeit in a staggered way) and to give the children the opportunity to win loads of chocolate!

WJS Playground Project...

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So far we have raised £23433!!!

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](#).

Charity...



Save the
Children

**Festive Clothes Day raised £152.32 for
Save the Children. Thank you everyone.**

Attendance...

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94%

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...

January 2022

Term 3 Starts Tuesday 4th January 2022

Clubs start week beginning 10th January

Monday 17th Jan World Religion Day

Monday 31st Jan National Story telling week

Friday 4th Feb NSCPCC Number Day

Monday 7th Feb STEM week

Tuesday 8th Feb Safer Internet Day

Term 3 ends 11th February

Term 4 Starts 21st Feb