



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 21st January 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

January is flying by and I have to be honest I'm looking forward to our dark mornings and dark evenings beginning to lighten as Spring approaches....surely it can't be far away?

It has been a little tricky this week, managing the growing number of COVID cases, but as usual the amazing staff team at WJS has stepped up and the children have taken the changes in their stride.

There is more of an update further in the newsletter. We also wish anyone currently having to isolate lots of virtual hugs and we know we will have them back soon with us.



So, a little bit about what the children have been up to. This week Year 3 have enjoyed exploring their new Science topic; 'May the Force be With You!' To discover more about their topic, they played the French game 'boules' to test the friction of different surfaces in the school. They discovered the smoother the surface, the faster the ball moved.



Year 5 have completed some fabulous multiplication and division, experimented with Gravity and realised that flying too close to the sun is a bad idea (from Daedalus and Icarus). They also made some marvellous marble runs in their science lessons, exploring gravity and in music played the Glockenspiel.



Year 6 showed some fantastic art skills in their drawing lessons, I really was very impressed with them. They also explored the ways people can be grouped based on different categories.

This week Year 4 have been practising how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers. They showed great resilience and used a variety of resources to help them understand when you have to regroup. They have continued reading the Thieves of Ostia and have written a character diary entry. In history, they have re-enacted the Celtic battle with the Romans with the children taking the roles of Roman Soldiers or Boudicca.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Annie Knoupe

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](#)

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Goodbye to Mrs Amos...



You may have heard that our wonderful Mrs Amos, who most of you will have spoken to at some point, will be moving on to pastures new this term. Her last day at WJS is Friday 4th February. She has been at WJS for 7 years and will be greatly missed. She is a ray of sunshine to work with and I know from the steady arrival of chocolates into the school office that she is very much appreciated by all of our parents and carers. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift you are able to do this by paying into the following account: WJS Voluntary Fund account number 40953156 sort code 20-17-92

Headteacher Award...



Headteacher Award- Rosa in 4W

The Headteacher Award goes to Rosa in 4W for working like a warrior in all subjects. She is always adventurous in her tasks and stretches herself in her learning. Much like the warrior Queen Boudicca (who she played in a Drama activity last week), she is fearless and independent. Well done Rosa.

COVID Update...

You may have seen a few letters arrive in your inbox this week regarding positive cases in your child's class. We also have some members of staff off. We don't have cases in every class but we do have them in a fair few. We are going to continue with our current management of the situation where we are limiting the number of people who are mixing by having Zoom assemblies, bubble playtimes and limiting numbers in the hall. We are also going to continue to request that masks are worn unless you are exempt. We feel this is all helping to control the spread of the infection in school. I anticipate we will continue in this way until half term, but I will keep an eye on how things go.

At the moment things remain that if your child tests positive, their self-isolation period begins on the day their symptoms started or the day they had the test (we call this day 0) and the **next 10 full days unless** they test negative on LFDs on day 5 and 6. If they continue to test positive, they can only leave self-isolation after they have completed the full 10 days. If LFDs continue to be positive after day 10 but they are well enough they can still return to school.

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.

	James – 30 Independence
	Kai – 5M Curiosity
	Mila – 4W Challenge
	Phoebe – 6H Resilience

House Point Driver Certificates

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 31st Jan National Story telling week

Friday 4th Feb NSPCC Number Day

~~PTFA School Discos - Lower School 5 - 6 pm Upper School 6.30 - 7.30pm - more info to follow~~
cancelled

Monday 7th Feb STEM week

Tuesday 8th Feb Safer Internet Day

Term 3 ends 11th February

Term 4 Starts 21st Feb