



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 19.1.24

**Genies:** Our book of the week is "whatever next" and we have been talking about night time and the moon, we have even been blasting off in our very own rocket too! We've really made the most of outside this week with this lovely fresh weather, which has given us chance to explore ice as well.

**Pixies:** Our book of the week was 'All through the night'. We discovered that lots of people work though the night when we are asleep. Thank you to John the Paramedic for coming to visit us and talk about his job. In Phonics our new sound was d and in Maths we have investigated the number 4. We know we can make 4 in different ways and that a square has 4 sides. Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Tuesday morning, we hope you were as impressed with our new outdoor space as we are! We spent most of Thursday outside enjoying the snow day, your Pixies certainly enjoy being outside! We had an amazing day.

**Sprites:** Sprites have loved showing their grown ups around our fantastic new outdoor learning space this week. We got the chance to explore water freezing and defrosting and to enjoy the snow! Our focus book was 'The darkest dark' by Chris Hadfield. We talked about what astronauts might experience in space. We were lucky to have a visit from a paramedic who explained why he needs to work during the night - Thank you to John for popping in to see us.

**Elves:** This week year 1 have had a big focus on teen numbers. We have been recognising them, matching numeral to quantity, ordering numbers and much more. This will be continued next week applying our skills to greater than and less than within teen numbers and beyond. With the set of numbers that have gone out this week, please enjoy playing number games together, ordering numbers and hiding numbers too. In literacy, we have been gathering some lion facts and developing these ideas into a fact file. Our first dance lesson went well and we are dancing to 'I just can't wait to be king' from The Lion King.

**Phoenixes:** Year 2 have been investigating how to use the Fiction and Non Fiction libraries. They have also been investigating the features of non fiction texts. We have started our new history project about 'The Great Fire of London'. We have started to sew our snowman glove puppet's.

**Unicorns** The Y3s have had a fantastic week, rehearsing a dance, measuring in centimetres and millimetres, working on our 6- and 8-times tables and researching for our Viking narrative. The pupils have developed a young Viking character who would be an unlikely hero, thrown into a situation where they must become a hero. Can't wait for their stories!

**Centaurs:** This week the children have been getting really into their new class texts, Podkin 1 ear and the Great Kopak tree, the latter of which has sparked some great debates about deforestation in the Rain Forests. The children have started writing discussion texts on deforestation and are really confident in sharing their views on it! In PE they are working on a dance to "The club Can't handle me" which is looking good! We also looked at the layers of the rain forest in project, it would be great to see what they can find out about the Amazon Rain forest at home too!

**Griffins** We started researching animals that live in the Himalayan mountain range to write a non-chronological report. In project we have looked at Biomes in Asia and looked at other mountains in the Himalayas. In Maths we have continued with multiplication and have been multiplying a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number. Next week we have a chance to talk to Ms Kidd's sister who has trekked to the Everest base camp. Year 5 homework this week is to think of some good questions to ask her.

## Gnomes

In Gnomes we are continuing to look at space and have been putting the planets in order starting with the planet closest to the sun. In maths we have been sorting shape, colour and size. We have also been working super hard at turn taking together too 😊

## Dragons

This week in year 6, we made blood smoothies to help us understand and remember the different parts of the blood. Then we learnt about the circulatory system and how that works to transport oxygen and other things around the body. In PE, we are continuing learning the dance to Sax.

**Pegasus** In literacy our story of 'Where the Wild Things Are' continues. We have done some drama and practised our copying skills. In maths, we have looked at odds and evens and are moving onto looking at measures and using a ruler. Our performance group are really performing poems and being very expressive. Lastly, in DT the children are working hard to sew and make a bag. Well done Pegasus

Another week done and dusted! What a funny week it has been weather wise too! We know wearing a hat, coat and gloves stops being cool once you get into KS2 but please can you encourage your children to put them on, it was -2 out there one day this week and we had to remind children to wear them!

This week there has been lots of brilliant music coming from the hall as every class works on their dance unit in PE, we will be performing these in assembly before half term so we will all get to see each other's, we can't wait and wherever possible we will pop some pictures onto class pages of either Dojo or Facebook.

This year we are having a real focus on oracy, the process of sharing and articulating ideas with each other and a wider audience, we have been blown away by the confidence some of our children have shown this week when talking about their opinions of deforestation...it was brilliant to see that they had then taken the debate home and discussed it further with their parent's too! Don't forget researching and sharing a topic of their choice will earn the children a tick towards their Gold level Pride of East Whitby award.

It was really wonderful to see so many grown ups joining our EYFS for their family learning session in our new outdoor space! We hope you loved it as much as the children and can't wait to share all the further learning that takes place out there with you all too.

Clubs got off to a good start this week (sorry that a couple had to be cancelled due to the weather). Its always lovely to hear feedback on clubs and to hear what the children would like, we know football is a popular request and are working on this in the background so watch this space! It was also fantastic to have some of the older children coming to me with suggestions for clubs they can run! If your child would like to run a lunch time club for some younger children please tell them to come and find Mrs Suggitt and we will start the process of arranging it 😊

Star of the week!	
Pixies	Joel
Sprites	Noel
Elves	Louie
Phoenixes	Eden
Unicorns	Eva
Centaurs	Kobe
Griffins	Flora
Dragons	Kittie
Pegasus	Shayan
Gnomes	Jack

#### Building works:

The building works taking place in school continue and we would like to thank you all for your patients and support as they do. We appreciate that it isn't ideal but want to reassure you that every precaution has been taken to ensure the safety of the children, we are assured that the tarmac will be completed as soon as the weather

#### Attendance this week

Sprites	97%
Elves	95%
Phoenixes	92%
Unicorns	91%
Centaurs	95%
Griffins	89%
Dragons	96%
Pegasus	90%

#### Dates

- 9.2.24 school closes for half term, normal finish time
- For all other dates see additional letter coming out soon.

#### MILK BOTTLE TOPS.

As a Trust we are collecting plastic milk bottle tops for Yorkshire Cancer Research. Please send us all your milk bottle tops from now on, hopefully with our support the charity will be able to raise much needed funds to support them in fighting a disease which has touched so many of our lives.

# EARLY YEARS FUNDING CHANGES

A PLACE IN ONE OF OUR TRUST'S NURSERIES COULD SECURE YOUR CHILD A PLACE IN OUR RECEPTION CLASS

Speak to the school office for more information

Funding changes from April 2024

Increased eligibility for working parents for 2 year olds

15/30 HOURS FUNDING AVAILABLE

SCAN BELOW FOR FURTHER DETAILS



SCAN ME



**WE'RE BACK FOR 2024!**

*Join us every Tuesday for weekly training*

## Tuesday Training

Starting 9th January @ Whitby Leisure Centre  
Places available at all three sessions

**GIRLS ONLY**

Year 3 to Year 13  
3:45 - 4:45pm

**BOYS - U12S**

Year 3 to Year 6  
4:30 - 5:30pm

**BOYS - U18S**

Year 7 to Year 13  
5:30-6:45pm

**Want to give Basketball a try?**

Please contact us via messenger or email at  
£5 whitbyjetsbasketball@gmail.com

**Join us online!**  
Whitby Jets Basketball Club



## Whitby Music Centre Open Morning

Whitby Music Centre Bands will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 20th January at Caedmon College (6th Form). There will be rehearsals with brass, woodwind and string ensembles, playing a wide variety of music - ranging from pop and rock to jazz, folk and classics. The bands are open to players of any age, with all abilities catered for by the expert team of County Music Service professionals. Everyone welcome to join in the bands - or just come and listen!

9.30 - 10.45am: Whitby Training Band (beginner Brass & Woodwind)

9.30 - 10.45am: Esk Valley Concert Band (advanced Brass & Wind)

9.30 - 10am: Starter Strings (for beginner violinists)

10.00 - 10.30am: Improver Strings ( all ages welcome)

10.45 - 12pm: String Ensemble (all ages and abilities welcome)

11.00 - 12.15pm: Whitby Area Band (more experienced players )

11.00 - 12.15pm: Jazz Collective (playing jazz and big band music)

For more information contact:  
Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk or just turn up!

# Communication and Interaction sessions for Parents / Carers

***'Come and talk to us for advice and support around all aspects of your child's communication skills'.***

## Where & When

- 7<sup>th</sup> February 9:00-12:00 & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 1:00-3:00 at Whitby & District Children's centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY
- 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 09:00-12:00 at Friarage Children & Family Hub Friargate, Scarborough North Yorkshire YO11 1HS
- 31st January & 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 09:00-12:00 at Norton Children & Family Hub, Grove Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9BG

## **Who will be there?**

Helen Hunter - Speech, Language & Communication Needs Specialist

Amancay Topping – Speech & Language Therapist

Charlotte McIntyre – Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Zoe Green - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

***Please contact us to book a slot, or any queries please ring***

***07977 710109 or email [Helen.Hunter@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Hunter@northyorks.gov.uk)***

***or [Amancay.Topping@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Amancay.Topping@northyorks.gov.uk)***

# Family Learning, biscuit baking and chatting to a Paramedic in EYFS!

What a busy few days our youngest children have had! It makes us so happy to be able to share the learning taking place with the adults in our lives 😊

