



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 08.11.24

**Genies:** Welcome back Genies! I hope your half term was fantastic it's so lovely to see you all back and eager to get into our new topic Vehicles and Transport, started brilliantly by a visit from a real life Ambulance! This week we have focused on Bonfire Night and read the story "The night journey". We've had a firework sensory tray and firework painting in the classroom this week and up at the woods we made sparklers with Mrs, White.

**Pixies** This week we have read The Night Journey and talked about celebrating Bonfire Night. In Phonics we have begun learning our sounds starting with s. In Maths we have been identifying pictures with one or two items in them and recognising the numeral 2.

**Sprites:** Our week started with a visit from John the paramedic, who brought his ambulance to school. He showed us all the equipment he keeps inside and explained what it is used for. We were lucky enough to look inside too! Thank you so much to John for taking time out of his busy job to show us and explain what he does. In Maths, we've looked at shapes and used everyday language to describe them. We then looked at the art of Joan Miro and how he used shapes in his pictures.

**Elves** Fantastic start to our new term 😊 This week we have continued our work on number bonds to 10 and started looking at addition. In literacy, we have looked at capital letters at the start of sentences and also using question marks. We wrote down some questions about things we would like to know about Captain Cook. In topic, we have started our new history and geography topic. We are learning about Captain James Cook and Whitby. Specifically, we are looking at his early life and how and why he came to Whitby. Great work everyone xxx

**Phoenixes** This week the children have written an art evaluation about Steven Wiltshire's work and have drawn part of the school in the same style as Wiltshire. In maths we have been learning about the vocabulary of addition and have practiced using this too. We have also made a start on the music for our nativity, exciting times!

**Unicorns** Year 3 have been busy getting stuck into their new project on The Dark, this is a brilliant book by Lemony Snickett and has led to some great writing and ark work as well as linking really well into our science too. The children have written some incredibly descriptions of "The Dark" and have really thought about using the features they have been learning about such as expanded noun phrases and adverbs. In maths the children looked at rounding and worked on their 3 times table to the music of Megan Trainor!

**Centaurs:** Year 4 had a super week. We finished our project on Buddhism, we learnt about the Buddha's story and teachings. In Maths we are continuing with multiplication and division. Any times table practise you could do at home would always be appreciated! Next week we are starting on our Science project on digestion.

**Griffins** What a great first week back year 5! We have started our new class project: 'What lies above us?' and we are learning all about Space. I have been very impressed with some of the children's space knowledge so far. This week, we have focused on The Solar System and the order of the planets. We have also started our final innovate Art inspired by LS Lowry and we really enjoyed our first year 5 and year 1 reading buddy session in the library, where we all picked a book to share with younger children.

## Gnomes

This week we have started reading our new focus book 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' and have enjoyed looking at the characters in it. In maths we have been identifying and comparing circles and triangles, we even had a shape hunt in our classroom to see if we could find circles and triangles in the environment around us. Our sound for the week in phonics was 'm'. It has been a great first week back, well done everyone!

**Dragons** The Year 6s have begun looking at the geography of Whitby by placing it in its national context, using co-ordinates and map skills to help. We have inspected how far and near we are to the UK's capital and major cities and topographical features. We have begun looking at the world of fractions and how maths can be different between 0 and 1! On top of this, we are looking closely at what Whitby has to offer for tourist and writing and designing a leaflet to persuade visitors to come to Whitby. A great start to the new term.

**Pegasus** This week in Pegasus our Literacy group have started a new project about Marco Polo. They have learned lots of facts about him, thought about the language they will need to write about him, worked as a group to come up with questions about him and have edited sentences about him to include capital letters, full stops and descriptive language. Our Maths groups have started looking at addition. Hands, Eyes and Brains group have started to create a collaborative collage using pastels. Cooking Crew is also underway again for some of our younger pupils.

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic half term break, the children certainly seem very ready to get stuck in again. Each class has started their new projects, we are investigating the dark, exploring space, emulating artists and finding out about the food we eat and the process it takes through our body! Its going to be a busy but incredibly fun few weeks!

The weather is beginning to turn on us so please make sure your children have a coat with them, remember thanks to our amazing FOS we have some fab winter coats in school for families finding it tough to provide one. Please let us know if you need one for your child and we'll discreetly send one your way.

Clubs started this week and I have to say that I was blown away by the clubs lead by our older children for their younger peers. The level of planning that these young people have put in is incredible and they should all be very proud of themselves! Special shout out to Jimmy in Year 5, during dodgeball club it was like listening to an adult lead the session, he was that good!

Sadly, due to reasons beyond our control there will be no Colebrooke Drama this half term. All the children who had a space in the club will get their sessions in January instead, something to look forward to after Christmas 😊

There are lots of exciting things coming up this half term and as we head towards Christmas things do crop up so please keep an eye on Facebook and your inboxes for information.

A huge thank you to John the Paramedic, this week our EYFS were treated to a visit from a real ambulance! They got to look inside and see all the incredible kit on board too. We are really grateful the children go to experience this as it really helps bring learning to life.

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Denny
Sprites	Jet
Elves	Nancy-Bee
Phoenixes	Adley
Unicorns	Eva
Centaurs	Evie Jo
Griffins	Jacob
Dragons	Faye
Pegasus	Laura Jane
Gnomes	Harry

Attendance this week	
Sprites	71%
Elves	94%
Phoenixes	92%
Unicorns	90%
Centaurs	91%
Griffins	97%
Dragons	97%
Pegasus	90%

#### Dates

- **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> Non uniform day (sports or children in need clothing) You will be able to make a donation via brom com 😊**
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**Don't forget to book school dinners.** Can we also remind you to book and pay for Breakfast and Afterschool Club in advance.

Shout out!

Well done to Jay who delivered one of the school harvest hampers this week! We love being a positive force in our community 😊 Jay, and all the other children who delivered their harvest hampers will each get a tick towards their pride of East Whitby awards for this



Remember, if your child does something for the local community, let us know so we can tick their Pride logs! 😊



**The amazing friends of East Whitby will be hosting Christmas Bingo at school on 27<sup>th</sup> November! Check their Facebook page and next weeks newsletter for more details!**



How Lucky are our EYFS1 They got to spend time exploring a real ambulance with John this week! What a fantastic experience for them all! A huge thank you to him for this! 😊



Whitby Wardrobe presents

# Whitby Community Evening

Wednesday 13th November

5pm-8pm

Whitby Pavilion

Come and join us as we showcase local organisations and services available in the Whitby area. Lots of free clothing to give away too!



**FREE ENTRY  
ALL WELCOME**

## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES CRICKET SESSIONS

Starting Wednesday 13th November  
Sports Hall @Whitby School, Prospect Hill Site

6:25pm-7pm

Free of charge

Fun all inclusive cricket sessions in a relaxed and friendly environment for children with special educational needs run by ECB qualified coaches from

Whitby Cricket Club

Just turn up and play

For further details contact

Ricky or Kai-Whitbyccjuniors@gmail.com

or Mr Hopper at Whitby School



## UNDER 16 ALL GIRLS CRICKET SESSIONS

Starting Wednesday 13th November  
Sports Hall @Whitby School, Prospect Hill Site  
5:30pm-6:15pm

A free of charge

Girls only cricket session for under 16 girls of all abilities. Sessions run by ECB qualified coaches from

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