Newsletter



East Whitby Weekly News

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<u>Genies:</u> Well done to all our Genies for a great start back! We enjoyed our music with Mrs Matthewson today and have really impressed all the adults in school with our fabulous table manners too.

<u>Pixies</u> It has been lovely to welcome our Pixies back after the Easter holidays and our new Pixies have settled in well. Our book of the week was Would You Rather? We have had lots of fabulous conversations about why we would rather do one thing or the other! In Phonics our new sound was b and in Maths we have been looking at tall and short. We would like to say thank you very much to Esk Valley Joinery for the £75 donation to the outdoor clothing fund. And also to Aldi for donating 6 bags of compost

Sprites: Sprites have settled back into school brilliantly this week and have been so ready to learn. We've had a fantastic week of Drawing Club using the traditional story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we've planted a bean, ready to grow in our garden. In Phonics, we've started our final phase, Phase 4 and we've done so well! In Maths, we've been problem solving, working out how to share things so they are fair and equal. Next week, we'll start our new project for this half term.

<u>Elves:</u> The children have settled back into school really well and have been ready to learn. This week we have been looking at newspaper reports and what they are used for a what they include. We have then been thinking about how we can create a newspaper report about the Battle of Hastings. In maths we have been looking at capacity and volume and comparing different amount of liquids and ordering them. In our music sessions we have started Maypole dancing which was super fun! Great first week back! Well done everyone

<u>Phoenixes:</u> Year 2 have had a lovely start to the term.. In maths they explored division. The children have really enjoyed discussing which facilities a city needs for its population. They have used the ideas from their discussion to design a city.

<u>Unicorns</u> What a busy week in Year 3! We have begun looking at Hinduism by researching Diwali and then retelling a Hindu story with puppets we made. We have also experimented with blending watercolour paints to make certain shades in the style of David Hockney. On top of this, the class are learning about the parts of fractions and also the parts of a plant and why flowers are important to the whole of life on planet Earth! Great start back, Y3s!

<u>Centaurs:</u> We've had a non stop week in Year 4 this week! We got to grips with decimals in maths and started working on our online times tables in preparation for the multiplication check in the summer.... We will smash it! We also started looking at our new book which is linked to our topic on rivers. In project work we have been looking at 4 figure grid references and started thinking about Whitby and how important the River Esk really is!

<u>Griffins</u> Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the new project which is: what was it like to be a child in World War 2. They are all really interested and enthusiastic. We have looked at perimeter and area in maths. In PE we did cricket, everyone was brilliant and got involved. It was also our first swimming session this week, year 5s behaviour was exceptional in and around the pool. Homework was sent home on Thursday night, please make sure this is completed for next Thursday. We have had a lot of questions about children walking home. This is only allowed in the last half term in year 5. It will also only be children who Mr Smith thinks are sensible enough to walk home. We will be doing some road safety teaching this half term so that children are prepared.

Gnomes Its been a lovely first week back in Gnomes. Our focus book for this term is the 3 little pigs, we enjoyed sensory play linked to the book. In maths we have focus on counting number 4 and looking at squares and rectangles. Our rhyme this week was Humpty Dumpty, we enjoyed building walls out of bricks for him to sit on. We have also been painting flowers which look lovely on our Spring board!

<u>Dragons</u> This week Year 6 have been working on recapping converting measurements in maths. They have been completing non chronological reports in their written work and started practicing their rounders skills in PE! They continue to impress us with their amazing attitude towards all they do. Keep it up Y6!

<u>Pegasus</u> Pegasus class did some great work on dragonflies this week, they talked about rivers and thought about the river mouth and source. We also did some lovely work about water lilies too. Well done Pegasus class you've all been stars.

Welcome back to the final term of school! After the super quick spring term, we now have quite an epic 14 weeks at school until the summer holidays. The children have all had a great start back, they have settled well into the school routines and are all hard at work with their new projects, please ask them lots of questions about their learning!

Earlier in the week we handed out the "Stars of the Term" certificates and prizes, a massive well done to Suraya, Noel, Violet, Tommy, Adley, Amelia, Harper, Finley, Noah, Rosie, Layla, Amelia, Freddie, Riley, Betsy, Flo, Kio, Charlie S, Faye, Evie, Megan Y, Leo W, Dempsey, Charlie H and Zach! You truly deserve your awards!

Then today, we handed out a massive amount of Pride of East Whitby Awards too! Some children got their Bronze awards, some got Silver! We are super proud of them and can't wait to hand out lots of gold and platinum awards next as well as that incredibly special Endeavour award too! Keep up the hard work in school and the community everyone!

As we are now heading towards nicer weather, please ensure your child dresses appropriately still for school. They all need a coat with them, even if this is just a rain coat and even if they don't think they look cool....

Have a great weekend!

Star of the week!	
Pixies	Bobby
Sprites	Ernie
Elves	Alfie-Jay
Phoenixes	The whole class
Unicorns	Spencer
Centaurs	Jay
Griffins	Jack
Dragons	
Pegasus	Lily
Gnomes	Jack and Harry

Attendance this week	
Sprites	91%
Elves	100%
Phoenixes	86%
Unicorns	90%
Centaurs	95%
Griffins	98%
Dragons	92%
Pegasus	88%

Attendance in some classes has been a bit wobbly this week, while we appreciate that there are lots of bugs and germs doing the rounds at the moment, children should be in school wherever possible. Children with sickness or diarrhoea must stay away from school for 48 hours after their last episode.

Don't forget to book school dinners. Can we also remind you to book and pay for Breakfast and Afterschool Club in advance.

Dates

A full list of dates will be coming out in the next week or so.



Its time for another goodbye!

Ms Found, our amazing after school and lunch time super star is leaving!

We would like to thank Dayna for everything she has done and her willingness to help wherever needed over the last few years! The children and staff will really miss her smiley face and enthusiasm...we will also miss her incredible loom band skills and record breaking attempts too!

Good Look in all you do Dayna! 😊

