



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 14.06.24

**Genies:** We have been reading the story "The train ride" Genie class have loved following along the story with our props and talking about the seaside and being in Whitby. We had a very successful Family Learning Morning on Monday too, thank you to all that joined us!

**Pixies** Our book of the week was Don't Worry Little Crab and we have loved reading it and seeing Little Crab become more confident. We have talked about crabs living in the sea and rockpools in Whitby and about high and low tides. In Phonics our new sound was qu and in Maths we have been revisiting the composition of 3 and 4. Thank you to everyone that joined us for Family Learning Day.

**Sprites:** Sprites enjoyed having our grown-ups join us for our Family Learning session on Monday (Thank you for coming - it was brilliant to see so many of you!). This week, we have been recognising landmarks in Whitby and finding out why Captain Cook has his own monument on the cliff top. We then used our Fine Motor and colour mixing skills to make cards of the sea with big waves and sea creatures. In RE we are starting to look at special places.

**Elves** Newsletter- Wow! An amazing week Year 1 completing your phonics screening checks. Everyone worked so hard and we couldn't have asked for anymore. All the staff are so proud of you!! We also enjoyed listening to instructions with the parachute and also made collages of plants with labels about what each part does. Well done!! 😊

**Phoenixes:** Year 2 have been learning to read the time using an analogue clock. They have planted seeds for our science investigation. They have really enjoyed working on their city scape paintings.

**Unicorns** This week, the Year 3s have examined the human skeleton and have conducted an investigation to see if people with longer femurs (thigh bones) can jump further. After our experiments, we concluded that they can. We have also been looking at 12 and 24 hour clocks and have discovered why am and pm have their names. In preparation for our trip to Flamingo Land zoo next Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup> June), the class have been

**Centaurs:** This week, Year 4 represented East Whitby at the "Big Sing" an event for schools in the area to get together and celebrate music. The children approached the whole thing with enthusiasm and energy and really showed what enjoying performance means! The children have also been working on their DT project, designing a light up sign and have been exploring circuits further in science. We even made a human circuit which was great fun!

**Griffins** Year 5 have had a busy week adding and subtracting decimals in Maths. In PE we are practising Sports Day activities in particular running and been able to pass a baton efficiently. In science we started researching properties of materials for example permeable or magnetic.

**Gnomes** This week we have continued to look at the book 'Errol's Garden', we enjoyed exploring herbs and lavender using our senses. We have also learnt a song with actions to help us know the different parts of a flower and how they grow. In maths we have been looking at capacity, we have used different containers during water play using the vocabulary 'full' and 'empty'.

**Dragons** It's been another busy week for year 6! We have finished our news reports on Mary Anning and have continued our work on evolution and adaption. Rehearsals for the production are in full swing and we have now made dance routines for all the songs. We also cannot wait to go on our residential next week.

**Pegasus** This week in Pegasus our Maths group have completed their work about money. In Literacy we have continued to think about our book Wild, the children have continued to investigate the main character, have compared the settings of the wild and the city and have considered the idea that people have rights and how this is shown through the book. In transition group we have thought about what we are looking forward to and concerned about when we think about secondary school. In Emotions Group we have continued to categorise emotions.

Happy Friday everyone! This week saw most clubs starting again, it's been lovely to see the children getting involved in it all again. Rugby will start again on Tuesday this week, please make sure you let us know if your child is no longer wanting to attend a school club as we need to update registers.

We had a fantastic time at the family learning morning in EYFS, thank you to everyone who came along the children love to share their environment and learning with you.

The Year 4 children had a great time at the Big Sing event at the Spa pavilion this week, what was really evident was the sheer joy performing brings the children. It was an absolute pleasure to see them having so much fun. Year 6 attended a rounders festival, although they didn't win, the children were amazing players and ambassadors for school. It was really lovely to hear about their encouragement and support of other teams too.

Next week, year 6 are heading off on their residential. This is a new adventure for them and for us as they will be spending their time in York, visiting a range of places and having a range of experiences too. Have a great time year 6!



### Star of the week!



Pixies	Louie
Sprites	Arthur
Elves	The Whole class.
Phoenixes	Harper
Unicorns	Eva
Centaurs	The whole class
Griffins	Imogen
Dragons	Leo B
Pegasus	Lilliana
Gnomes	Jack and Harry

Attendance this week: 92.2%, Remember we are aiming for at least 95% each week.

Sprites	92%
Elves	92%
Phoenixes	89%
Unicorns	92%
Centaurs	92%
Griffins	95%
Dragons	88%
Pegasus	89%

#### Dates

- See additional letter that has already been sent out.
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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.



Year 4 giving it gusto at The Big Sing. One of the things that sets Est Whitby apart from other schools is the work on oracy, performance and drama we do. The children were so confident and absolutely amazing all round.



### **Family Learning Fun in EYFS!**

Thank you to all the grown ups who joined us for our Family Learning day in EYFS. It was a lovely way to start the day and the children loved showing off their amazing learning environment. 😊 Look out for more days like this next year.



A huge thank you to the amazing Friends of East Whitby for the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies which were presented to year 6 in assembly on Friday! The children will be wearing them on their residential trip next week and we'll share some photos of them next week! 😊