



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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Genies: Our story of the week is Goldilocks and the three bears. We have enjoyed retelling the story and playing with porridge oats. We even made our own bear masks. It was good fun telling the bears where to sit, on the chair, under the chair, behind the chair, practising our positional language!

Pixies In Pixie Class we have read Goldilocks and the three bears. We can now join in with phrases to retell the story. In Phonics our new sound was a. We named objects beginning with a and blended together the sounds a n t to say ant. In Maths we have continued subitising and recognising when we can see 2 objects without counting them. Even when they are not together or the same size.

Sprites: Sprites have had a great time creating artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy this week. We copied his idea and covered our windows with mud and then drew on it using our fingers. In Maths we've been looking at ways to represent 4 and 5. In our Jigsaw time we have thought about what we are good at.

Elves This week we have continued looking at James Cooks early life and what he did in Staithes and in Whitby around the age of 17 and 18. We have also started to create a timeline of his early life. In maths we have been working on number bonds to 10 and addition. All the children have loved dressing up today and enjoyed the Rock Star event. :-)

Phoenixes: In year 2 we have started their local history and geography project. They have been learning the songs for the Key Stage One Nativity. In Maths, they have continued to develop their understanding of place value. They have also continued to explore and master a range of addition and subtraction strategies. They have enjoyed participating in the Rock Kids workshops and concert.

Unicorns Year 3 this week have developed their understanding of world biomes and how Antarctica would be very difficult to live in. We are also in the process of mastering column subtraction with exchanges. The pupils look absolutely wonderful today in their rock or children in need outfits, many thanks for all the effort put in at home!

Centaur: This week has been brilliant! The children did school proud on their trip to Newcastle, they had an amazing time at the Life centre and enjoyed all sorts of tasks there, ranging from making poo to setting me on fire! At school the children were great at paired counter balance work in gymnastics and have been finishing their work on the teeth too. Today's Rock Kidz day has been fab and the children have loved it!

Griffins Year 5 have had a busy week researching about Space in preparation for their non-chronological report. In DT we constructed a truss bridge out of spaghetti. All children worked extremely well together in their teams. In Maths we have been recognising equivalent fractions.

Gnomes 😊 This week in Gnomes we have been looking at size in maths, we had different sized vehicles and tried to find the 'big' and 'small' ones. We have enjoyed the nursery rhyme 'down at the station'. We have been reading the book 'car, car, book, jeep', and have been using a traffic light system to play stop and go.

Dragons Year 6 did a brilliant job in assembly on Tuesday, where they presented their arguments on which is the most important Greek legacy. They then held a vote and medicine came out as the overall winner. We have also started looking at Whitby's landscapes and how they might have inspired authors

Pegasus This week in Pegasus we have continued our work on our book Beegu in literacy. We made a variety of sentences using colourful semantics about how characters were feeling. We have continued our DT project and loved learning new dances in our performance group. We finished off the week with our Rock Stars day!! Well done Pegasus xxx

What an explosive end to the week! Rock Kids was AMAZING! The hall was jumping from the minute the children walked in and the children were incredible little rockstars! There are a few pictures posted below for you and if you ask us very nicely, we'll post the videos of the staff dance off later! The day ended with a very exciting whole school battle! What a fab way to learn about anti bullying and a great way to draw in some of the children's past learning on children's rights too.

As well as the brilliant end to the week we've also had some great things going on in classes too! We've had a brilliant trip to the Life centre in Newcastle for year 4 with lots of incredible science going on, some phenomenal engineering going on in Y5 bridge building sessions, gymnastics in PE across school and some really brilliant written work taking place too. Keep an eye on the school twitter and the learning showcases pages on the school website to see more of the incredible work your children are doing.

As if all the excitement of Rock Kidz wasn't enough, we also squeezed in a visit from Paddy to record sleeps to Santa today! We are singing 23 sleeps to Santa. We will post a reminder closer to the date. Once again thank you for all your support and understanding as the building work continues, the next few weeks will see some big changes beginning to happen at the front of school and we can't wait for you to see it!

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Ashton
Sprites	Arthur and a special mention to Tommy who was missed off when it was his turn
Elves	Robyn
Phoenixes	Luna
Unicorns	Esmae
Centaurs	The whole class
Griffins	Anya
Dragons	Evie and Leo B
Pegasus	Sofia
Gnomes	Jack and Harry

Attendance this week	
Sprites	92%
Elves	94%
Phoenixes	96%
Unicorns	97%
Centaurs	98%
Griffins	92%
Dragons	96%
Pegasus	83%



Thank you for all your donations today, we have raised £202 for this amazing charity.

Dates
29.11.23 Christmas Bingo
20.12.23 Church carol service, details to follow
21.12.23 Hope assembly and Christmas party day. More details to follow
22.12.23 end of term

Parking: A plea.

We still have adults using the top part of the drive at collection times. **This is not ok Unless already agreed with school. Turning in, turning round, parking on the zebra crossing and parking in the bus stop are all not acceptable**, we bring all children out that way, so over 200 children leave through that piece of drive each day. We know its inconvenient and not ideal, staff are also having to park off site. **BUT** it only takes one child to step out on the crossing and not be seen to have a horrible accident especially considering our youngest children are so small. **Please consider the safety of the children in school when you drive in and around the site.**

You will have all received an email with some online information from Safe and Smart by Alan Mackenzie, this is a great resource and we encourage you to take time to look at it and share it with your children. As a team we worked with Alan recently, he really knows his stuff.



East Whitby Rocks!

The costumes, The energy and the enthusiasm were amazing today!
Well done to everyone involved you were fab!

Rock Kidz have a great you tube channel with motivational videos
and videos about being yourself. Check it out

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCky2iMp1kt6pCqJlxUjH3Dw>

or search Rock Kidz on you tube



Eyes down and looking! It's time for Christmas
Bingo! Join us on Wednesday 29th November, doors
open at 5.00pm with a 5.30pm start. Great prizes
and refreshments available, come and support us
raising funds for our amazing school. More info to
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