



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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**Genies:** What a lovely week Genies! Our new starters have settled well and we have started our topic Dinosaurs, and have been reading 'Dinosaur Roar!' Which the children have really enjoyed so far. We've explored the woods and you all did so well for our first time this term. Well done Genies!

**Pixies** This week we have begun our Dinosaur topic by reading Dinosaur Roar. After reading this we came up with lots of questions about the different dinosaurs which we will answer in the coming weeks. In Phonics the Spotty Pixies have learned the new sound i and the Stripy Pixies have been matching the sounds of musical instruments. In Maths Spotty Pixies practiced subitising 3 objects and the Stripy Pixies sorted and matched colours.

**Sprites:** After discovering a huge egg in our garden, Sprites used their imaginations to think what could possibly be inside. We introduced our new topic and realised that there couldn't be a dinosaur in the egg because they are extinct. We're looking forward to finding out more about dinosaurs next week. In Jigsaw, we talked about not giving up and we all thought of something we can do now that we didn't used to be able to do. In PE we enjoyed moving in different ways in our first Dance session. We've introduced our first Phase 3 sounds in Phonics and learnt that a 'trigraph' is 3 letters to make 1 sound.

**Elves** Wow what a wonderful start back to the school year. All children have been trying their hardest as we delve into our new geography topic. Our topic question is 'What makes South Africa special?'. The seven continents song is still fully locked in all our heads. Pe this half term is dance and this links to our topic, as we are using the music from 'The Lion King'. Please can we make sure all children have a PE kit next week. In maths we are looking specifically at teen numbers and place value. eg 15= 1 ten and 5 ones. In literacy we have been using nouns to name animals and verbs to say what the animals are doing. We are now working on our lion fact file. What a great week well done! 😊 xx

**Phoenixes** Year 2 have been busy writing instructions and recounting how they made their glove puppets. They have been investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in maths. The children have enjoyed dancing in PE.

**Unicorns** We have had a great week this week, we've been working on our new forces and magnets work in science, getting to grips with pushes, pulls and friction as well as magnetic poles and have linked this to our literacy with an exciting story writing project based on a book called the Iron Man. In maths we are showing how mature we are and have started to tackle column multiplication! Woo! We are having a real focus on reading and spelling too, so please continue to work on this at home 😊 it really does help!

**Centaurs:** A lovely week in Yer 4, we have continued to explore South America and the world in our project time. We have looked at countries, time zones and climate. In maths we have continued with division and started perimeter at the end of the week too. In writing we are using the book "The Great Kapok tree" and are exploring deforestation in order to prompt a debate. Finally we have been looking at our future dreams and goals in Jigsaw! So busy!

**Griffins** We have a great first full week back in year 5! Our project this half term is: Should we climb Mount Everest? We have started by recapping our knowledge of key Geography knowledge and then moved on to identifying the major mountain regions, learning about the structure of the Earth and then what features Mountains have. In English, we finished writing up our stories from last half term and have been looking at how to write a good book review. In Maths, we have learnt a new method - long multiplication, where we have been multiplying 2 - digit by 2-digit numbers. PE is now on a Tuesday for your information.

## Gnomes

This term our topic is 'Amazing Africa,' we have been looking at maps to see what the continent looks like. Our focus book is 'Handa's Surprise', the children have really enjoyed this book and have made their own fruits using paint to put in Handa's basket. In maths we have been looking at number 6, 7, 8 and how to represent them. The children have settled happily back into their routines, we are so impressed with them all!

**Dragons:** Year 6 have had a fab start back after Christmas, they have taken part in their first Booster class and were all really sensible and hard working. There has been a real push on maths this week and the children have been working hard on finding fractions of amounts. The class are really getting stuck into their new books, Pax and Skellig and are enjoying reading something a bit different! Well done Year 6!

**Pegasus** This week in Pegasus Class our older Maths group have been completing addition sums that included exchanges. The younger Maths group have started to work on numbers to 30. In Literacy we have started a topic about traditional tales and how they are told in different ways; this week we thought about the way Jack and the Beanstalk is usually told. This also helped us practise our sequencing skills. We ave started three different Lego Therapy groups and the children are really keen to get building. In Hands, Eyes and Brains our project is to collaboratively make a fish tank using printing; this week we practised drawing fish. We will perfect this next week.

What a fantastic first full week back we have had! We have had lots of wonderful things going on and as you can see from the class information, the children have really hit the ground running in terms of their learning.

Thank you all for your support with the odd start to term we had, it wasn't ideal but as always you were fabulously understanding and we are incredibly grateful.

As we are at the start of a new term, we would like to remind you about our uniform policy, please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform at all times. Mr Smith has asked that all staff have a push on PE kits in class, PE is a statutory part of the curriculum, but more importantly keeping fit and healthy is really important.

You will have seen on Facebook that we are encouraging people to register and see if they qualify for free school meals, please follow the link to see if you are eligible as this will benefit you and your child but will also bring funding into school that will again benefit your child further. 😊 Online Free School Meals <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk>

In assembly today we chatted about the importance of reading, please encourage your child to read as often as possible, that could be a book, a comic, a magazine, a graphic novel, a script or anything in between! It really is the best thing you can do to support further learning.

Your children will have brought home their clubs letters today, please remind children that committing to their choices is really important...its also fun!



## Star of the week!

Pixies	Annie
Sprites	Sofia
Elves	Kingsley
Phoenixes	Tyler
Unicorns	Reggie
Centaurs	Eva
Griffins	The whole class 😊
Dragons	Max
Pegasus	Leo
Gnomes	All Gnomes Class 😊

Attendance this week 97.2%

Sprites	92.9%
Elves	97%
Phoenixes	98.3%
Unicorns	96.5%
Centaurs	97.6%
Griffins	97%
Dragons	96.9%
Pegasus	98%

### Dates

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Congratulations to all the East Whitby Children who were given awards at the Colebrooke Awards! We are really proud of you all!

Don't forget to tell us about the things your children get up to out of school as these all count towards their Pride of East Whitby Awards! Bronze awards will be handed out very soon!

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

### Dates for your Diary

Year 4 will be swimming every Friday.

Year 6 Booster classes every Tuesday evening until 4.30pm.

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 4 Multiskills
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 1 and 2 Gymnastics (team of 10)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Speak Out competition (4.30pm) by invitation
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> /Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3 and 4 Gymnastics (team of 10)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Friends of East Whitby Quiz night
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Hockey Coaching
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3,4,5,6 Cross Country
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (dressing up – more details to follow)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament (team of 8)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Straws cup first round
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bingo
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3,4,5,6 Cross Country
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Years 5 and 6 Netball (team of 9)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School breaks up for Easter at 2.15pm