



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 19.04.24

Genies: We've continued to explore lots of wild animals that live in Africa and sometimes at the zoo. We used them for printing, then given them a bath the next day. We have been practising actions to our jungle song and up at the woods we made HUGE birds nest to sit and have our hot chocolates and biscuits in.

Pixies This week we have started our project on Amazing Africa. We have read the book Handa's Surprise and talked about the fruits she eats and where they grow. We know Africa is a continent with lots of countries. In Phonics our new sound was f and in Maths we have learned about capacity, saying when something is full or empty, nearly full or nearly empty and which has more or less. In RE we have read stories about The Hare and the Tortoise and The Crocodile and the Priest. These stories teach us to keep trying and be kind to everyone.

Sprites: We've read a book set in Africa this week, 'Bringing the rain the Kapiti Plain'. We compared the environment to Whitby and found out that a drought is when there is no rain for a long time and people, animals and plants have little water. In Maths, we've been solving problems by sharing or grouping. We're really enjoying Maypole dancing with Mrs Matthewson.

Elves The children have loved the East Whitby may pole dancing during music time. Fantastic to be going under and over each others ribbons to create a pattern! We have finished off our work on The Battle of Hastings by answering the question 'How did life change after the Battle?'. Our next topic is going to be literacy based about the author and illustrator Bethan Woollvin. We had an online zoom with her earlier in the school year and now we get to delve more into her books. Our new focus question is 'Does the text always tell the full story?'. In maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and in phonics the revision continues. Please keep reading at home as it is so valuable

Phoenixes: This week the children have written a story about Claude's adventure in the city. They have continued to develop their understanding of division. In art the children have been drawing parts of the school building in the style of Stephen Wiltshire.

Unicorns The Y3s this week have smashed Quad kids, blended watercolours and painted a picture of an apple and a landscape with them, researched Diwali and written a report, began our guided reading novel (Planet Omar) and answered some difficult questions about it, as well as enjoying our class reader (VI Spy). On top of all this, we have identified and ordered fractions and seen their relationship to scales. What a busy week!

Centaurs: Year 4 have been really sensible this week and have discussed alcohol in PHSE with real maturity. They have been working on their times table practice and are becoming experts in this too! In our class text, we are looking at the natural world. The children really enjoyed a session in the woods this week and wrote some great, metaphors, similes, onomatopoeia and expanded noun phrases. They also showed off their photography skills photographing things that interested them. 😊

Griffins Jam packed week again for Year 5. We have looked closely at the Blitz and have started the plan our evacuation letters in project. In Maths we are coming to the end of statistics and have been reading and interpreting tables and graphs. In ICT we have looked at online reputation and been mindful that not everything we read on the internet will be true. Some great cricket played in PE.

Gnomes This week in Gnomes we have continued to look at the book 'The 3 Little Pigs'. We have acted out the story using the characters in the book and have built houses out for straw, sticks and bricks. We have enjoyed water play this week inside and outside. We have used language like full and empty and used different size containers for scooping and pouring water.

Dragons Year 6 have had another great week. We are enjoying learning about Monet and are looking forward to trying out some of his painting techniques. Our rounders skills are improving in our PE lessons. We are still continuing consolidation all our learning ready for a SATs tests.

Pegasus This week in Pegasus our Literacy group has written about water lilies and researched bull rushes; we now know they're actually called reed mace. Our Friendship skills group practised playing What time is it Mr Wolf, sorted scenarios into 'Friend,' 'Family' and 'Other' categories and began to think about shared interests that may be the basis for conversations. Forest Skills group had a lot of fun making faces that showed different emotions out of things they found in the woods.

Well, Friday again! This week has seen some pretty challenging weather, its so lovely to see a bit of sunshine! Clubs got up and running this week, its great to see the children getting stuck in and what is really lovely is to see the older children taking responsibility and running clubs for the younger ones! I sat in on the drama club for year 1 and 2 and can hand on heart say the Y5 girls running it did a fab job! 😊 most of our clubs are over subscribed so please let us know if your child is unable to attend any more.

Our year 3 children headed out to a Quad Kids event this week, they were great ambassadors for the school but more importantly they had a great time trying lots of different sporting activities out!

Last week we handed out the first set of Silver Pride of East Whitby badges! (we handed some out this week too to catch up on those who weren't here) It is amazing to see how much community spirit the children have here and how hard they are working on ticking off their Pride logs too! Keep up all the amazing work everyone!



Star of the week!



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| Pixies | Suraya |
| Sprites | Nancy Bee |
| Elves | Jack |
| Phoenixes | Jakub |
| Unicorns | Aoife and Eva |
| Centaurs | Charlie |
| Griffins | Alexia |
| Dragons | Mr Smiths Maths group and Shayan |
| Pegasus | Freddie D |
| Gnomes | Harry |

Shout out! To Maggie May and Sofia for being awarded Star of the Term in Nursery 😊 they weren't here for the big assembly so were missed off the list last week.

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

Attendance this week

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| Sprites | 95% |
| Elves | 98% |
| Phoenixes | 94% |
| Unicorns | 96% |
| Centaurs | 99% |
| Griffins | 91% |
| Dragons | 97% |
| Pegasus | 86% |

Overall attendance: 95.6% lets go for 98% next week

Dates

- 1-3 May Year 4 Peat Rigg residential.
- A list of dates will follow soon.



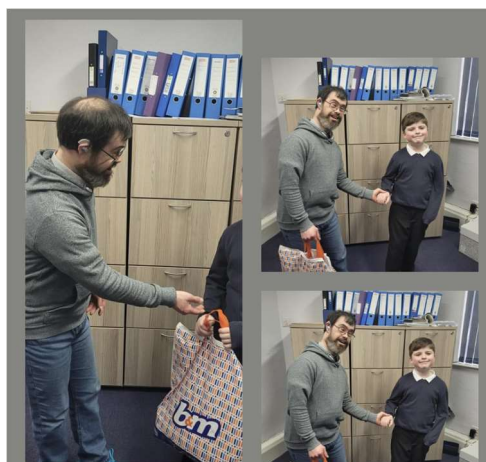
Shout out!

Meet the pretty amazing Flora!

Flora had her hair cut and donated it to the Little Princess Trust! She has been raising money to split between the LPT and Friends of East Whitby 😊
Flora we think you look fab, but more importantly we see how special you really are 😊

Shout out!

Freddie popped along to the Dalewood Trust this week to collect milt bottle lids for Yorkshire Cancer research. A charity our entire Trust are supporting this year. A huge thank you to all at Dalwood and to Freddie for representing school along with his sister Maisie 😊



EARLY YEARS FUNDING CHANGES

A PLACE IN ONE OF OUR TRUST'S NURSERIES COULD SECURE YOUR CHILD A PLACE IN OUR RECEPTION CLASS

the **enquire** learning trust

15/30 HOURS FUNDING AVAILABLE

Speak to the school office for more information

Funding changes from April 2024

Increased eligibility for working parents for 2 year olds

SCAN BELOW FOR FURTHER DETAILS



SCAN ME



GIRLS ONLY

EVERY TUESDAY

Girls only session
Come along and join in the fun.

#GIRLSQUAD

@WHITBY LEISURE CENTRE
TUESDAY 4pm - 5pm
£5