



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 2.2.24

Genies: Our book of the week was Owl Babies. We love retelling this story and know that owls stay up all night! We have also been comparing the size of the owls and can say which is big and which is little. We had lots of fun making owl sounds and wearing our owl masks.

Pixies This week we have read Night Monkey, Day Monkey and learned about animals that are nocturnal. We know the word means they stay up all night and also that animals that stay up all day are diurnal. In Phonics our new sound was o and in Maths we have recapped numbers 2 and 3. We have had lots of fun going on number hunts.

Sprites: This week we've been finding out more about some of our parents who work night shifts. We've looked at which animals are active at night and learnt that they are called 'nocturnal' animals. In Maths we've been getting more confident with the parts that make up 6,7 and 8 and in Phonics we've learnt how to 'chunk up' longer words to make them easier to sound out.

Elves Our Lion King dance is progressing really well and we are looking forward to sharing this with others in our school. During our topic time this week we have looked at carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in Africa and some classification of animals e.g. mammals, birds etc. We are finishing off our topic by creating a leaflet to tell people all about South Africa and what makes it special.

Phoenixes: The children have enjoyed writing diary entries about their typical day, The children have been learning their 2 times tables. They have enjoyed learning a dance routine in PE. They are looking forward to decorating their glove puppets next week.

Unicorns This week the Y3s have written a report on the Viking Gods and have developed and improved their Viking narratives further, too! We have been learning the differences between millimetres, centimetres and metres and how to convert from one to another, while using different tools to measure as well. We are greatly enjoying the fabulous story of The One and Only Ivan - it's very different to anything we've read before, being a story told by a silverback gorilla in a cage! A great week, Year 3!

Centaurs: The Y4 children have been pulling all their learning together this week with some pretty incredible information texts and Power Point presentations. They have been looking at the water cycle and thinking about how this would be impacted if the rainforest disappeared. The children have also done some awesome fact files about animals from the Amazon and drawn some great pictures to go with them! We can't wait to share all our work at the Rain Forest Café next week!

Griffins

Year 5 have had a busy week continuing on researching Everest. We looked at the challenges faced when trying to reach the summit and about what life living in the mountains is like. We began to look at Sikhism and Guru Nanak Dev Ji. In Maths we are multiplying fractions.

Gnomes This week we have been preparing to have a picnic, like the bear and owl do in the story 'Whatever Next'. The children did an amazing job at spreading butter and jam onto their bread to make sandwiches. In maths we have been subitising the number 2, we tried to recognise two objects without counting them.

Dragons this week, we have looked at working out percentages amounts in maths and everyone has done really well. We continued looking at the impact of exercise and diet on our bodies and have done a fantastic job of writing up our blood smoothie instructions...now we all remembered to include washing your hands!

Pegasus The stitching continues in our DT group and the poetry the children are retaining and enjoying in the performance group is astounding. We have been working on using expression and actions to really perform the poems. Cooking crew have been cooking items related to stories and narrative. So far we have decorated gingerbread men, made a fruit salad for the book Handa's Surprise, we made marmalade sandwich for Paddington Bear and this week we have made pizzas. The literacy group are now coming to the end of the 'Where the wild things are' and in maths we have been working on converting cm to mm and cm to m.

The penultimate week of half term already! This week, we welcomed visitors from other schools in the Trust, they loved looking around and were especially impressed with the learning behaviours and attitudes the children have towards maths at East Whitby. It was also a great opportunity for Mr Smith and Mrs Suggitt to visit the different classes too and to see the amazing work going on first hand. Well done to all the children and staff 😊.

Lots of our children took part in a live online Yorkshire Water safety assembly, they were great at identifying hazards by the water and all know how to keep themselves safe too. Please talk to your children about their learning and how important it is to remember what they found out, living where they do!

You will have seen that the tarmac work on the drive and footpath is pretty much done (woohoo). However, once the carpark is back up and running, we will be reverting to the permits issued earlier in the year. If you would like to talk to us about getting a permit to use the car park, pop into the office. Please note at the moment the children are still leaving school via the road so nobody should be using the drive at the start and end of the day.

We are heading into the final week of the half term next week and there will be lots of wonderful work to show you all, I'm sure. The children continue to make us all really proud, and we look forward to sharing their amazing effort with parents at parent's evening next half term. Remember, if you know of any children and families looking to apply for school places, needing nursery provision or wanting to change schools, our door is always open. Please share the amazing things we do here and tell them to pop in and see for themselves 😊

Thank you for your continued support, have a great weekend!



Star of the week!



Pixies	Esmie Rose
Sprites	Ellie
Elves	Ivy
Phoenixes	Harley T
Unicorns	Zach
Centaur	Riley
Griffins	Fern
Dragons	Leo W
Pegasus	Jude
Gnomes	George

Attendance this week

Sprites	96%
Elves	85%
Phoenixes	87%
Unicorns	96%
Centaur	95%
Griffins	93%
Dragons	96%
Pegasus	96%

World Book Day. 7th March

A bedtime book!

This year we are inviting children to come to school on World Book Day in their PJ's! They are to bring a favourite bedtime book to share and will be taking part in story sessions and book sharing across the day at school



Children can wear PJ's or Onesies!

Dates

- 6.2.24 visiting orchestra and dancer working with EYFS.
- 6.2.24 fire brigade assembly (unless they get a shout) for KS2.
- 7.2.24 NSPCC assembly
- 9.2.24 Y3 sports event for children who brought letters home.
- 9.2.24 Y4 Rain Forest Café event.
- **9.2.24 school closes for half term**
- **19.2.24 School reopens**
- 7.3.24 World Book Day

PARENTS EVENING 27th and 28th February

Parent's evening appointments will be open for booking from 10 am on Monday 5th February. Please book a time that works for you. Please ensure you leave at least 10 minutes between appointments for your children to allow for delays and getting to the next appointment.

NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe

Next week we will be running the NSPCC speak out stay safe assemblies for the children. These are really important assemblies which support the children in knowing how to keep themselves safe. We sent home a letter with some information on where to seek support and guidance. Please let us know if you need any further information.

EARLY YEARS FUNDING CHANGES

A PLACE IN EAST WHITBY NURSERY **COULD** SECURE YOUR CHILD A PLACE IN OUR RECEPTION CLASS

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



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Can you help?

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We're fundraising for **Yorkshire Cancer Research** by collecting plastic milk bottle tops - any colour.

The bottle tops will then be sold to plastic recycling companies to raise funds for the charity, then made into plastic playground equipment, garden furniture and children's toys.

It's an easy way to help the charity, the environment, education and children across the country!



Your collection point is...
The school office or send them in with your child to their classroom. 😊



FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB



MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

**MULTI
SPORT**

**Arts &
Crafts**

9:00am - 3:30pm
Ages 5 - 11

£15
28 spaces

VENUE:
EGTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
WHITBY, YO21 1UT

TO BOOK, PLEASE VISIT:
SIMONCARSONSPORTSSCHOOL.CO.UK
OR



**BOOKINGS CLOSE ON
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

