



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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Genies: we've continued to look at our family photos that you have shared thank you so much. It's been lovely listening to the children tell us who they can see. We really took an interest in cars last week so we incorporated them into provision this week and they've proven very popular! Some of our Genies helped Mrs.White harvest the carrots in our garden on Tuesday and we had a look at all the shapes, sizes and colours.

Pixies This week we have read Kindness Makes Us Strong and we have been talking about all the ways we can be kind to each other and how we can look after our resources too. In Phonics we have played Bertha the Bus, Bertha goes to the farm and everything she sees begins with the same sound. Check Dojo for details of a meeting to explain how I teach Phonics in nursery. In Maths we looked at more colours and enjoyed a colour hunt outside. We have also looked at the map to see our school and know that our school is in Whitby.

Sprites: Sprites have been sharing their 'All about me' bags this week. We've loved listening to children talking about things that are important to them and what interests them. We've learnt more sounds and read our first words! 🌸
In RE we've talked about special people in our lives.

Elves This week we are starting our new science topic about materials. We are also linking this topic with the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs' in literacy. In maths we have been looking at 1 less, counting backwards and whether groups of cubes have more, fewer or the same amount. In phonics we are still re-visiting phase 4 from Reception but will move onto Phase 5 very soon! Great sports session with Mr Green too! 😊

Phoenixes: This week the children have been incredibly impressive in their PE lesson with Mr Green and have really shown us how settled they are. They have continued to think about their rights in line with "Children who Change the world!" and have thought about a class charter based on the UNCRC.

Unicorns This week Year 3 have started to look at "What legacy the Vikings Left in Whitby" they have been focusing on who the Vikings were, where they came from and why they settled. We have started to look at our new book Arthur and the golden rope and have continued to work on our place value in Maths. Another amazing week Year 3 we are all super proud of you!

Centaurs: This week we have continued with place value in Maths with numbers up to 10,000. In our project we have looked at the Battle of Bosworth and have started to plan a newspaper report on it. The children enjoyed learning about the Tudor family tree. Please can we remind all children to be practising spellings and times tables at home

Griffins Year 5 have had a brilliant week learning all about the Blitz in WWII. We've looked at Anderson shelters, Morrison shelters and even listened to the air raid siren. In maths we have continued our work on place value and finished our biographies in English too. Thanks for sharing all the stories about family members in WWII with your children, its been lovely to hear them being told to the class!

Gnomes

We have had a lovely settled week in Gnomes this week with lots of amazing sensory activities taking place. We have really worked on our group work skills, welcoming lots of new friends into our classroom this week. Well done Gnomes, you've made a great start to the year!

Dragons Its been a week of amazing biking in year 6 this week with the children taking part in bike ability. Well done to all who took part. The children have hit the grown running in their maths work and are working quickly through their place value work to start the year off. A great start by all in Y6! Keep it up.

Pegasus This week in Pegasus Class we have started our annual portrait drawings; the children draw portraits of each other. Our Literacy group have started to plan their writing retelling the first part of 'Coming to England.' They have also continued to develop their understanding of capital letters. Our Emotional Regulation group have considered the scale of feeling sad and have shared their own experiences of this emotion.

Welcome to the first weekly newsletter of the term! It's been a busy few weeks here and the term is already zipping by. This week, we proudly welcomed the first groups into the field study centre, 2 groups of children from another academy joined us to experience all Whitby has to offer and our children welcomed them with open arms! Mrs Suggitt and Miss Rollins will be planning in some dates for the children here to use the centre too. We are thrilled to once again, be the school with the biggest uptake of the summer reading challenge in town. A massive well done to everyone who took part, we are really proud of you all. The year 6 children have been busy this week, we had the team from Bikeability in working with us, lots of children took part and it was great to see them whizzing off on their bikes knowing they were super safe to do so. The children have all been working on their aspirations for the coming year and beyond, please have a look at the display boards around school, your children have some incredible life goals 😊 Club letters will be out this week, as a school we are really proud of the offer in place and want to give the year 5 and 6 children a shout out for coming to me with so many amazing ideas for clubs they want to run! To allow the children time to settle into new routines and classes, and to allow external providers chance to get us into their busy diaries, we will start up the clubs after half term again this year.

Please note: If your child is taking part in the cross country on the 26th September and you are planning to go and watch, there is no onsite parking. Thank you

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Roman
Sprites	Corey
Elves	Raheem
Phoenixes	To follow
Unicorns	To follow
Centaurs	Kit
Griffins	Scarlet
Dragons	To Follow
Pegasus	Micky
Gnomes	To follow

We are really looking forward to welcoming Father Paul into school next week, he will be introducing himself to the children and doing an assembly for us all too! Over the year we will be meeting him and lots of others from the church too 😊 We will also be welcoming Bec from Hope Whitby along with Father Paul, we know lots of you already know her and will join us in making them both feel really welcome. 😊

Dates

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East Side Community Centre!

As a community we are really lucky to have the incredible East Side community centre on our doorstep! Don't forget to check out what's on, on their Facebook page. There are often courses leading to qualifications, support groups, community café, events for children and so much more on. We will be drawing attention to events on here as often as possible too.

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