



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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Genies: This week we have continued reading our Dinosaur Roar story and we love it. We have been talking about size using the words 'big' and 'small' to talk about our toy dinosaurs, we've done some dinosaur printing one wallpaper with their feet and continued practicing dough disco and squiggle. We've done some bark rubbings using crayons up at the woods too on Wednesday. Enjoy your weekend Genies!

Pixies This week we have continued with Dinosaur Roar and learned that dinosaurs are extinct. We then wondered how we know what dinosaurs looked like. In Phonics Spotty Pixies learned the new sound n and Stripy Pixies used their voices to make different animal sounds. In maths Spotty Pixies learned all about number 3 and Stripy Pixies matched coloured dinosaurs and eggs.

Sprites: Sprites have found out more about dinosaurs this week. We found out that we only know about dinosaurs because fossils have been discovered and that people were not around when dinosaurs were. In Maths, we've been solving addition and subtraction problems with dinosaurs. We've been reading a lovely book called 'Jabari tries' about a boy who didn't give up trying to get his model to fly. This supported our PSHE work on working towards our goals.

Elves This week in year 1 maths has taken a practical focus on using and making numbers with equipment. We have been using the language of how many tens and ones are in a given number. Next week we are moving onto addition and subtraction with numbers up to 20. In literacy we have been using adjectives to describe African animals in sentences. We have been remembering to use capital letters and punctuation at the end of our sentences. The children are working very hard in phonics and have started looking at how to blend alien words. Well done Year 1 xxx

Phoenixes This week year 2 have used their amazing imaginations to draw a picture based on the sentence 'Noi lived with his dad and six cats by the sea'. They compared their illustration to the illustration in our class book 'The Storm Whale.' They have written a short paragraph to describe their illustration. In maths the children have been learning about the UK money system. In geography he children have been looking at the UK map and labelling the countries, cities and surrounding seas.

Unicorns Another super busy week in year 3 this week, we've continued looking at forces and magnets and investigated friction too. In literacy, we planned an opening chapter to a story based on *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and wrote some really impactful paragraphs. I must say I'm very impressed with them all! In maths we continued working on column multiplication, the children have really started to get to grips with this! In jigsaw this week we looked at challenges and set ourselves goals for the year to help us improve ourselves. Then in ICT we used Microbits to explore coding, it was incredible! 😊 Well done Year 3!

Centaurs: A settled week in Y4, they represented the school beautifully at the Multiskills festival. In maths we have continued with perimeter and the 12 x table. In project we have compared British and tropical weather. We also started to research layers of the rainforest. In writing we have started writing a debate on deforestation.

Griffins Another great week in Year 5! We have worked amazingly on our new multiplication method and most of us are feeling confident with 4 digit x 2 digits. In English, we have written up our book reviews and have started work on a fact-file about an animal that lives on Mount Everest or in the surrounding areas. In Project, we have look at the different types of mountains and have conducted some research on Asia, which has made many of us want to go and visit. In PE, we have started our new unit of work on dance.

Gnomes This week in Gnomes class we have continued to look at the book 'Handa's Surprise', the children were able to sequence the story. We have looked at African patterns and tried to recreate the patterns in the sand. The children have made their own necklaces by painting pasta different colours and threading it onto string. In maths we have explored and compared length, using the vocabulary 'long' and 'short'. Our sound of the week in phonics is 'u'.

Dragons The Y6s have begun investigating metric measurements and how to convert between them, using place value and multiplying by 10, 100, and 1000 and they are continuing with their consolidation of fractions by tackling SATs questions - the discussion around this really shows not only their increasing knowledge, but their enthusiasm as well! With our writing, we have been experimenting with formal styles of language for a letter to the Police. This is based on our intriguing class novel *Skellig*, which we are hugely enjoying. We are also enjoying *Pax* by Sarah Pennypacker as our story to share. Great week, Y6, you are working hard, well done!

Pegasus This week in Pegasus our Literacy group has continued to write their accounts of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have had a first read through of Gina Kaminski Saves the Giant as an alternative view point to Jack and the Giant. In Maths our older group have completed their column addition work; there were some really tricky problems to solve this week! In Hands, Eyes and Brains Working Together the children continued to practise drawing fish and have chosen the one they would like to develop into a block print. Our Theory of Mind group worked in pairs to write thought bubbles showing what they thought people in a photograph might be thinking and feeling.

Well, what a crazy windy end to the week it has been! The children have been incredibly sensible today given the weather and have, as always, just got on with things!

This week we had a visit from Darren Holmes the Enquire Learning Trust CEO, we looked at learning in school and at the children's work, he was incredibly impressed with the children (and staff 😊) and praised everyone for the quality of the work being produced as well as the children's learning behaviours. Well done to everyone, keep shining!

We also welcomed Mrs Jackson to our team this week, some of you may have met her in her former role at Havelock dental, we are really pleased to have her join the East Whitby family, she will be working in the office, please join us in making her feel welcome.

Clubs got off to a good start this week, the rest will begin next week. There are some spaces left in some clubs (not Colebrooke or Film clubs) so if you are still looking for any activities for children please let us know.

On that note, I am in the process of putting together a list of clubs/activities/music teachers/drama groups etc to share with parents. If your child attends any sort of club/group/ activity please drop me an email with a name and contact number so I can add them to the list. Please email me on m.suggitt@eastwhitby.org.uk

Have a great weekend and stay safe in the funny weather!

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Lydia
Sprites	Isabella
Elves	Noel
Phoenixes	Spencer
Unicorns	Ivor
Centaur	Levi
Griffins	Jack
Dragons	Essie
Pegasus	Laura-Jane
Gnomes	Jack

Attendance this week	
Sprites	90%
Elves	93%
Phoenixes	94%
Unicorns	97%
Centaur	95%
Griffins	98%
Dragons	98%
Pegasus	96%

Dates

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- See additional list

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



A huge thank you to Friends of school for our amazing new football kit! Thank you to Rob's school of motoring for sponsoring it! We think it looks really professional, and we can't wait to start playing in competitions wearing it.



Dates for your Diary

Year 4 will be swimming every Friday.

Year 6 Booster classes every Tuesday evening until 4.30pm.

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