



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 24.5.24

**Genies:** What a lovely way to end the term! Our book of the week is Rumble in the Jungle and all about wild animals, I'm so impressed at all the animal names the genies have picked up on throughout this topic it's incredible! We've continued to enjoy both inside and outside resources, exploring shapes in the creative area, mark making using various media and our usual continuous provision. Enjoy half term Genie class!

**Pixies** Our final book of the half term was We're going on a Bear Hunt, we've really enjoyed reading this and comparing the environment to We're going on a Lion Hunt. In Phonics our new sound was y and in Maths we have been looking at 2D shapes. Have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Sprites:** We've read 'The mixed up chameleon' this week. We used the story for our Drawing Club sessions and learnt new vocabulary such as 'transform' and 'camouflage'. In Maths, we've been looking at problems involving subtraction and we've learnt to recognise the maths sign -. In Jigsaw, we've thought of reasons why each and every one of us is a good friend. Have a lovely half term break and we'll look forward to our trip in the first week back!

**Elves:** In Year 1 this week we have imitated Pail Klee's picture 'Castle and Sun' and then we innovated this into our own 'Abbey and Sun' in the style of Paul Klee. The children worked well using a wash first and then more intricate painting. In maths, we have been looking at turning a half and a quarter, forwards, backwards, above and below and also ordinal numbers. The children loved the cha cha slide to help us with our listening to instructions and moving in the correct direction.

**Phoenixes:** This week year 2 have had fun reading ,recording and comparing the outdoor temperature each day at 12 o'clock. They have been evaluating a range of cityscape paintings. They have produced some amazing detailed art work. The children have been working hard to recall multiplication and division facts.

**Unicorns** This week, Team unicorn have been working on their art project and are busy creating metal wire sculptures of flowers, they are twisting, shaping and joining the metal together to make individual petals and they look beautiful. In Literacy the children have continued their work on their class book "The tin Forest".

**Centaurs:** This week we continued and completed our work on Pointillism, we created some stunning pointillistic canvases of Whitby Abbey which we are incredibly proud of. **In fact I've just been told....they are going on display at the Abbey!!!!!!!** Year 4 have also been looking at time and converting between 12 and 24 hour clock times. We are working really hard on our times tables, don't forget to practice these over the holidays! I will post the link to Facebook. Have a great break next week and we'll see back here soon for our final half term together!

**Griffins** Lovely week for year 5. Well done to all that ran the cross country on Monday! Children have been continuing with their artwork and used the skills they learnt last week to imitate one of Lowry's pieces of art. In science we have investigated air resistance by making different sized parachutes. We hope you all have a lovely week off!

**Gnomes** It's been a really settled week in Gnomes, we have completed some lovely activities together. We have used the 'naughty bus' to mark make using red paint, which links into our focus story. In maths we have been sorting different objects into 'tall' and 'short'. We hope everyone has a lovely week with their families 😊

**Dragons** This week the Y6 children have made a start on rehearsing for their end of Year performance. They all really impressed us with their auditions and organisation skills, casting was really hard! In science we are looking at electricity and have been looking carefully at circuit diagrams. In art this week the children have done some beautiful work in the style of Monet too.

**Pegasus** This week in Pegasus Class our Literacy have completed our books about Rivers by adding a contents page; they are all really proud of their work and really should be. They have also completed a piece of descriptive work based on illustrations from a book about the Hudson river. During Forest Skills the children collected natural resources to create collages of mini beasts. Our Times Tables group has been working really hard and are ready to move on from the two times table after the holidays.

As I am sitting writing this, I can hear Year 6 in the hall rehearsing their performance (sounds great!), that means we are speeding towards the summer! It's hard to believe another half term is over and that we now only have one half term left! Proof that as they say, time flies when you're having fun!

This week we have seen several classes working on their Art projects, we've had Klee, Lowry, Monet and Seurat imitated and innovated and some incredible paintings of Whitby Abbey completed across school. Some of these will be going on display at the Abbey! We can't wait to share these with you all, keep an eye on the "Learning Showcase" sections of each subject on the school website, on class social media and the school X (it will always be twitter to me...) page as we have been posting photos of the work.

This week lots of our Key Stage 2 children attended the Whitby Schools cross country event, its always a really well attended event and it was especially great to see our children conducting themselves so well. Lots of the children had set themselves goals to move up positions in the run and it was really lovely to see them smash these targets 😊 Well done to everyone who went along.

You will have also noticed some lovely pots of plants appearing around school. Thank you to the Gardening club for creating these and looking after them, although with all the rain we had this week, I don't think you'll need to water them for a while!

Have a really lovely half term break, we all hope the sun shines! We will see everyone back here for the final half term of this academic year, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 😊

Attendance this week overall was 93.9% let's have a push to get it to over 95% next week.

Sprites	99%
Elves	96%
Phoenixes	95%
Unicorns	95%
Centaurs	87%
Griffins	95%
Dragons	86%
Pegasus	98%



## Star of the week!



Pixies	Nancy
Sprites	Violet
Elves	Jacob and Victor
Phoenixes	Harper L
Unicorns	Ezmai-Rose
Centaurs	Betsy
Griffins	Sonny
Dragons	Hattie
Pegasus	Zach
Gnomes	Harry

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

### Dates

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 School reopens.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June Y4 Multiplication check window. Check will be conducted at some point in these 2 weeks
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Y1 Phonics screening Check window. Check will be conducted at some point in the following weeks.
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Y4 to Whitby Big sing details to follow
- 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Residential
- 18<sup>th</sup> June Y3 trip? Details to follow
- 1<sup>st</sup> July Y4 and Y5 working with the RAF on a robotics workshop
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July sports day details to follow**
- **5<sup>th</sup> July FOEW summer Fayre**

**RSE/PHSE** I am sure you are all aware of the DFE's consultation on the content taught in PHSE lessons in school. As a school, the program we deliver is fully compliant with current statutory guidance. You are able to view the overview for this on the school website and if you would like to view any more information, we can give you a parent access code to the materials we use. The program we use is updated regularly and continues to be fully compliant at all times. We will be running a parent session early next half term, any questions feel free to email me on [m.suggitt@eastwhitby.org.uk](mailto:m.suggitt@eastwhitby.org.uk)

As a school, we have a uniform policy. At times we need to remind the children as to what the expectation around uniform is. We will be sending reminder slips home with children when we need to do so. We have got lots of spare uniform in school, if anyone needs to come and collect some please do, we also have shoes and PE items which have been donated too so please let us know if you need help with any of the items on the uniform list.

Can we ask that when collecting children from the main entrance that you are mindful of the office staff working and the other children trying to leave school at the same time. In the interest of safety, unless you have arranged previously to wait in the main entrance, please collect your children and then leave the school building.

Please do not sit in the two chairs at the office as these are used as part of home time routines for some of our children and them not being available can cause disruption to these routines.

## Shout Out!

Meet Noah and Kira! Two of our fabulous East Whitby children who this week ran the Race for Life, raising money to help kick cancer's butt.

Both children had deeply personal reasons for doing the race for life and we are so incredibly proud of them. Well done to both the children and their mums who ran with them...oddly enough both children have said they want to do the longer run next time!

