



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 26.1.24

Genies: Our book of the week has been "Wow! Said the Owl!" and that has really allowed us to explore night, day and colours too. We've started creating our daytime class picture and next week will work on night time. We've talked about and practised bedtime routines together and even practiced them on our dolls helping them get ready for bed.

Pixies This week we have read The Darkest Dark which is written by a real life astronaut! We have really enjoyed learning some facts about space and watching how astronauts live in the space station. We have also looked at the Starry Night picture by the artist Vincent Van Gogh and imitated his work. In Phonics our new sound was g and in maths we have discovered we can split 4 items into different parts and there is still 4 altogether.

Sprites: Sprites have read 'Can't you sleep little bear?' and been finding out why lanterns were used in the dark a long time ago. In RE, we've been learning how Chinese or Lunar New Year is celebrated. We are working so hard in our Phonics, and Drawing Club is giving us reasons to write each day. In Maths, we've been recognising representations of 6, 7 and 8.

Elves: Amazing work on Africa's big 5 this week. The children had been really interested in the animals and how people live in Africa. We have talked about people living near the coast, rural and urban areas. We also looked at how some people walk to get water for their family and how some live with no electricity at all. Our music sessions with Mrs Matthewson have been amazing listening and playing African drums. Great work this week Year 1 xx

Phoenixes: Year 2 are continuing to enjoy our Great Fire of London history project. They had the opportunity to experience a fire drill fire drill this week. They children are continuing to enjoy sewing their glove puppets and are looking forward to decorating them.

Unicorns Year 3 this week have been looking more closely at Viking Gods and dispelling any myths around the Vikings, too. We have also been working hard at developing our Viking narratives and are now ready to write. On top of this, the pupils have been practising measuring in millimetres and centimetres, and learning the difference between the two. A fabulous week, Year 3 - well done!

Centaurs: This week the children have been finishing off their work on deforestation, they have produced some great discussion pieces and I know they have been keen to work further on this at home too! In project we have started pulling together facts on the river Amazon and have looked at the different layers of the rain forest too. The children are really enjoying our new text, Podkin One Ear so be sure to ask them all about it 😊

Griffins Year 5 have had a super week. In maths we have been dividing and solving problems. In project we have looked at the geography of a mountain and how they are made. We researched animals that live in the Himalayas. We also had a very informative call with Daniella who climbed to Mt Everest base camp in 2016.

Gnomes This week in Gnomes we have been looking at subitising, counting and the numeral of the number 1. We have also enjoyed exploring mark making with paint. We have continued to look at the story whatever next and have been making actions to go with the verbs in the story!

Dragons This week in year 6, we have continued our work on the circulatory system and started to look at how exercise impacts our body. In Maths, we have recapped our knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimal and percentages equivalence. We have finished drafting our instructions for blood smoothies - ready to write next week.

Pegasus In our maths group we have moved onto measuring using cm, mm and m. We have also looked at the equivalent measurements to each other. In literacy, we have been working hard to think of our own sentences when reading "where the wild things are". During our performance group we have worked on our expression and how to really perform the poems we have been learning. Our team work together during partner dances has really improved too!

Wow another Friday already! This week has seen more amazing work and huge amounts of fun being had. Something we are incredibly proud of here is how broad the curriculum is and how varied the learning opportunities are. Learning behaviours here are excellent and the children really are an absolute pleasure to work with! What's more, we love that so many children go home and continue learning about their projects independently too! Today, we had a fire drill and were incredibly impressed that the entire school, children, and adults, were out on the key stage 2 yard, lined up sensibly in 2 minutes and 33 seconds! The children were so sensible and got the job done safely and correctly. What was even more impressive was that by the time the last class got back into school (which only took 5 minutes), other classes were already back in their rooms and deep into their learning! So sensible!

Next week we will be showing our school off to teachers and leaders from across the Enquire Learning Trust, we can't wait as we are very proud of how hard your children are working.

Don't forget, please try to make sure your child reads to you or to themselves every day, reading is the key to success. There is nothing better than sharing a book together and we will soon be opening the library in school up for you to be able to do this here too.

In the coming weeks we will be taking part in the NSPCC "Speak out to stay safe" virtual assemblies. These are incredibly important as they support children in understanding how to keep themselves safe and that they have a right to be safe. We would urge all parents to look at the online resources available to parents on the NSPCC website to support us in helping the children keep themselves safe. The Pantasaurus song is particularly catchy!

Thank you for all your continued support, have a great weekend and we'll see you on Monday for another great week!

PS.....If you know of anyone who might be looking at a school for their child, or for Nursery provision or for a change of school....send them our way! We think we are pretty fab and want to share this!



Star of the week!



Pixies	Corey
Sprites	Evanie
Elves	Jacob
Phoenixes	Ivor
Unicorns	Amelia
Centaurs	Savana
Griffins	The whole class 😊
Dragons	Sofia
Pegasus	Dempsey
Gnomes	Jack and Harry

Parking

Another reminder: There should be no vehicles using the top of the drive or the bus stops at the start and end of the school day. We have spoken to taxi companies to explain that the children and parents all use the top of the drive to exit school at the moment and under no circumstances should they be parking/ pulling in/waiting there. However, it also falls to parents and carers to ask Taxis not to drop them or wait for them there too. I cannot stress how dangerous this is for all the people, especially children, at the top of the drive.

Attendance this week

Sprites	96%
Elves	97%
Phoenixes	93%
Unicorns	94%
Centaurs	95%
Griffins	95%
Dragons	91%
Pegasus	83%

Dates

- See additional letter coming out soon.

Coming soon!

This week we were joined by Vicky Harrison who will be offering piano lessons in school. There was a lot of interest from the children and a letter will be coming



A special shout out!

To Lottie G in Y6! This week Lottie proved herself to be an incredibly caring friend when taking care of another child in her class, we wanted to say a huge well done to her! We think you're pretty awesome Lottie 😊

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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. 😊



EARLY YEARS FUNDING CHANGES

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

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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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