

Date 29.9.23

**Newsletter**

East Whitby Weekly News

**Genies:** Genies have been learning about their bodies this week. We used the songs "heads, shoulders, knees, and toes" and "I've got a body, a very busy body". I wonder if they can sing them at home?

**Pixies** Our book of the week was 'Amazing' and your Pixies certainly are! We have been reading all the comments from the Wonderful Me bags and their faces lit up when hearing all the lovely things said about them. In Phonics we have been playing Name Play, thinking of animals beginning with the same sound as their name.  In Maths we have been matching two items that are the same. **Our Family Learning Stay and Play session is on Wednesday 25th October at 8.45-10am. 😊**

**Sprites:** Sprites have enjoyed talking about their families this week - our relatives and also how being in Sprites is like a big family at school. In Jigsaw, we've made a Class Charter of things we’ll all try to do so we can be happy and learn each day. We've learnt more sounds in Phonics and we've blended them together to read words for the first time...we're readers now! In Maths we've been matching and sorting.

**Elves** This week in Year 1 we have started to look at our first phase 5 sounds in phonics. The children have been very excited about this. :-) ‘ay ou oy and ea’. This week is our last week looking at Judaism. Next week we move into our topic about materials and the “Three Little Pigs”. Please continue reading at home.

**Phoenixes:** In maths we have been learning about place value.  In literacy, we have been learning about adverbs.  We have also created persuasive posters about cleaning up the environment.  In science, we have been learning about life processes.

**Unicorns** This week , the Unicorns have observed how their eye pupils change with the amount of light going into them! We have also begun writing a letter to Lazlo from The Dark (by Lemony Snicket), to encourage him not to be afraid of the dark. Many of the pupils have weaved in some wonderful connective language to help with this, too. The mathematicians have worked on their place value as well, with column addition when they're feeling secure.

**Centaurs:** This week Year 4 finally conquered Bosworth, they have produced some phenomenal newspaper reports but what was more impressive was the level of perseverance! We wrote a brilliant rap about Henry VIII and have been practicing it, I’m sure everyone is familiar with it by now! We’ve worked really hard on our place value knowledge and are starting to look at applying it within the 4 operations. Swimming was fab, I’m so impressed with how everyone is doing in the water!

**Griffins** Year 5 have had a great week learning about the Industrial revolution. The children have been really interested in learning about the use of child labour in factories. In the weeks to come we will be learning about how it has impacted Whitby and the local area. We were really proud of all the children who took part in the cross country. It was a long run and took a lot of children out of their comfort zone.

**Dragons** this week we have continued our work on Ancient Greece, we have almost completed our amazing siren stories and have really gotten into the Odyssey. We spent time looking at the Olympics and how it all began and looked to see if we recognised any of the sports the Ancient Greeks competed in, in the modern Olympics too. Lots of the class competed in the cross country event this week and were great ambassadors for school.

Dates for your Diary:

* 3rd and 4th October Parents evening
* 25.10. 8:45-10 am Nursery family learning session.
* 13.11.23 Y4 trip (details to follow

**Pegasus** In Pegasus class this week we have done lots of amazing things, some of us have completed some really tricky maths which was incredible to see. ☺ We had some great discussions in reading comprehension and worked on activities to help calm our minds and our bodies in yoga time too.

This week has been another busy one for us! Firstly we need to say a huge well done to all the children who took part in the cross country at Caedmon earlier in the week, it was great to see so many incredibly talented runners and their enthusiasm to take part was a real joy to see too. There are a few football games coming up and we can’t wait to take part.

Walking around school, there is a real buzz about the learning taking place, in classrooms the children are on it and producing some incredible work. We are sure you will be really impressed when you come in for parents evening. The process behind the work is great too and the conversations you can have with the children about their learning will really amaze you.

During parent’s evening, we will have the ICT suite open for anyone who would like to apply for free school meals, just pop in and we’ll be on hand to help.

We will also have the school library, along with the new books for parents section open too, come in and have a look, there is nothing better than putting the kids to bed, grabbing a brew and a book and losing an hour or so….the ironing and pack ups will have to wait ☺

We will be issuing the parking permits this week, we are unable to allow everyone who applied to have one, the car park and drive are not big enough to accommodate everyone safely. Please do not use the school drive at the start or end of the day if you do not have a permit.

Finally, the clubs letters will be winging their way to you all next week…. Please take time to chat to your children about committing to a club. ☺ We will also be sending home this years’ criteria for a “Pride of East Whitby” award as they have altered slightly.

**Sporting Events.**

As a school, we endeavour to attend as many town sporting events as possible, last year we attended 90% of all sports events. We tend not to put them all on the main calendar to avoid confusion. When allocating places in team, we do so fairly, for example, Y5 and Y6 boys were all invited to try out for the football team and a team was chosen based on this. Across the year, we make it as fair as possible so that anyone who wants to be part of a sports event gets the chance. It is also worth noting that often the transport and staffing for these events can be difficult to organise. We ask that you understand that your child may not be able to attend every event we go to and that sometimes we are unable to attend specific events.

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| Attendance this week | |
| Pixies |  |
| Sprites |  |
| Elves |  |
| Phoenixes |  |
| Unicorns |  |
| Centaurs |  |
| Griffins |  |
| Dragons |  |
| Pegasus |  |

Those winter germs are kicking in, please make sure that your child is at school as much as possible, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must stay at home for 48hours after their last episode.

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| Star of the week! | |
| Pixies | Sofia |
| Sprites | Ernie |
| Elves | Charlotte |
| Phoenixes | Jakub, Ivor, Jack and Finley |
| Unicorns | Alya |
| Centaurs | Thomas |
| Griffins | Shay |
| Dragons | Owen |
| Pegasus | Sofia |
| Gnomes | Jack and Harry |

A huge thank you to you all for the amazing and supportive start we have had to this academic year, we really appreciate it. ☺

**Please note that our school site and grounds are no smoking and no vaping. If you are seen doing either of these things, you will be asked to stop or leave.**

**Rudeness to staff will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave. We need to consider the example set for younger children.**

**Check out these event’s happening in the community!**

