



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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**Genies:** This week in Genie class we have been focusing on Emergency vehicles. We've been recognising them by looking at photos and then painting our own pictures of them. We have also been practicing colour matching and sorting too. Our story of the week has been The train ride which the children have really enjoyed alongside our "down at the station" nursery rhyme of the week.

**Pixies** This week we read Naughty Bus and retold the story during play. Don't forget to send me your Naughty Bus photos. In Phonics our new sound was p and in Maths we have continued practising repeating patterns. We had a very exciting visit from the Coastguard and enjoyed pretending to rescue each other. We have a busy few weeks coming up so please check Dojo for full details.

**Sprites:** We've had a fantastic visit from 3 members of the Coastguard this week. They brought their vehicle and showed us how they rescue people. We got to have a go at using the very long rope to pull people back to safety. They gave us some really important advice on staying safe around the coast. In our Jigsaw session, we talked about our families and how they are all different from each other's. We talked about how good it was that we were all different and unique. In Maths, we've looked at splitting whole numbers (to 5) into their parts.

**Elves** What another busy week! We finished off the week with our non-uniform day. Thank you for all the donations for our Christmas fair. Within school this week we took part in an illustration workshop. The children were very good listeners to our visitors and were so creative in the work they were doing. This week we have started to assess the children's phonic knowledge this term. As always, we will be sharing these results with you as soon as we can, so we can both help the children on their learning journey. Phonics in school up until Christmas, will be plugging those gaps we have, to make us super readers. In maths we worked on subtraction on a number line, and we are moving onto looking at shape next week. 😊 xx

**Phoenixes** Year 2 have had a busy week. They have had fun constructing a story about a potato with the help of our visitor. They also had fun creating pictures with their bodies. They have been working hard rehearsing for the Key Stage 1 Nativity. In maths the children have worked on developing mental recall of maths facts.

**Unicorns** This week, we have taken a journey to the Antarctic and have been planning some incredible information texts about the frozen desert! In maths we have continued investigating multiples as well as grouping and sharing and have shown huge levels of determination and perseverance when things got tricky! In swimming this week some of us got to practice helping others if they got into trouble in the water...a great skill to have! Please remember to read and practice spellings as often as possible, it really helps! 😊

**Centaurs:** An excellent week for the whole class. We were blown away by Year 4's maturity and behaviour when we visited Newcastle on Tuesday. We had such a good day and the workshop we did has been so beneficial for our project on digestion. All children have written a wonderful recount of our trip. We are continuing to multiply and divide in Maths. In Gymnastics we worked on rolling this week.

**Griffins** This week in Year 5, we have looked at our moon in detail. We have learnt how it orbits the Earth and why it looks different on different evenings. We have also looked at the phases of the moon and their names. In maths, we have done some brilliant work on improper fractions and mixed numbers and in English, we have started work on our science-fiction stories.

**Dragons** The Year 6s have cracked on with fractions this week, investigating the numerator and denominator and finding rules we can learn and follow. We have also been finishing our persuasive writing with multiclaue sentences and, once again, there are many excellent examples, which I will pop onto X and our school website. On top of this, we have also been investigating the local area, taking a close look at the topography of Whitby and the River Esk. The Y6s came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 teams in Sports hall Athletics last week, a great result - I thought - although the class wanted first place!

## Pegasus

We have been continuing to look at Explorers and have just started finding out about Sir David Attenborough and how he supports the Wild Places in the world.

**Gnomes** Our focus book this week has been the Gingerbread Man. The children enjoyed laying on paper to be drawn around, then painting or sticking and gluing on them to make life sized ginger bread man. The children have been building on their fine motor skills by using tweezers to put buttons on the gingerbread man. In maths we have been identifying and exploring squares and rectangles, we even searched for objects in the classroom that are in the shape of squares and rectangles. Our phonics sound of the week has been 'o'.

Another week, another non uniform day! Thank you for your incredible generosity today...the tombola table will be groaning under the weight of donations!

This week saw some great activities taking place in and around school, Year 1 and 2 were treated to an illustration workshop with the team from Pannett park art gallery. They did some amazing drama to bring illustrations to life. The children were also treated to a workshop with the team from CHATTA, this is a new resource base we will be looking at to support the oracy work we do as well as support all areas of the curriculum.

Year 4 headed off incredibly early on Tuesday morning for their day at the Life Science Centre in Newcastle. It's always an incredible day out and we always leave feeling exhausted but buzzing! If you ever find yourself in Newcastle we would really encourage you to visit, it is fab!

Our incredible Friends of school kicked off the Christmas festivities in school this week too with a brilliant Christmas Bingo session. This raised a whopping £549! All of which will come back into school and help us give the children the additional experiences above and beyond the curriculum. A massive thank you to the team who run the events and the staff who help out behind the scenes..... now, bring on the Christmas Fair!

On the topic of Christmas....we love it here, genuinely, but we also have a curriculum to teach and lots to still get through. Please help us keep the children focused and on task. **East Whitby is an Elf free zone**, please do not allow children to bring them in, please don't hide them in school bags....they cause all sorts of chaos here so we catch them and send them back to the North Pole if we find them.

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Harley
Sprites	Bobby
Elves	Kane
Phoenixes	William
Unicorns	Mia
Centaur	The whole Class 😊
Griffins	Jacob
Dragons	Zayn
Pegasus	
Gnomes	Harry

Attendance this week 95.2%	
Sprites	98%
Elves	94%
Phoenixes	98%
Unicorns	96%
Centaur	95%
Griffins	96%
Dragons	94%
Pegasus	76%

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

**Dates** See additional letter sent earlier in the week.

Sadly, it has become evident this term that there is a real drop in children taking part in PE. PE is a statutory part of the national curriculum, like maths and English. Children will only be able to miss PE if they have a valid exceptional circumstance. We will require a letter from parents to excuse them from the lesson and alternative work relating to the subject will be carried out. **All children need to have a white top, black shorts and PE shoes in school all half term. Earrings should be removed prior to the lesson. Consider waiting until the beginning of the summer holidays to have ears pierced and healing to take place as having "new piercings" is not a valid reason to miss part of the National curriculum.** Health and safety regulations do not allow us to put tape over earrings.

A Huge well done to all who took part in the Sports Hall athletics a couple of weeks ago....The scores have been added together and the results look great! well done team East Whitby!

School	Place
Airy Hill	1st
Fylingdales	2nd
East Whitby Academy	3rd
West Cliff	4th
Sleights	4th
Stakesby	5th
Hawsker	6th
Seton	7th
Oakridge	8th
Lealholm	9th
Danby	10th
Lythe	11th



EYFS were lucky enough to be visited this week by 3 members of the Coast Guard Team! They found out about the equipment they use and the jobs they do! We are really pleased EYFS have met so many of the emergency services this term, they are definitely the class to go to if we ever need to know who to call!



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30. Come along and support us in raising funds to help make our school even more fabulous than it is! 😊



### Faye in Year 5!

We have heard Faye has been collecting up toys in great condition to give to a toy collection for charity this Christmas! Well done Faye, this is a tick towards your Gold Pride award! We see you and we think you're pretty fantastic 😊