



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 4.10.24

**Genies:** Messy play and the water area outside has been very busy, the children are really enjoying exploring the areas and getting stuck into it which is fantastic to see. We have been using mirrors to look at our faces, and practice naming body parts. We have used the songs "Head shoulders knees & toes" and "Busy body" to help us remember them. We've used the compare bears and the weighing scales to explore colours, shapes, sizes and weight and encouraging the use of mathematical language to support this. E.g. big, small, heavy.

**Pixies** This week our book was The Family Book and we have continued talking about our families. In Phonics we have played Name Play, making up sentences with words beginning with the same sound as their name. In Maths we have been matching shapes and other items and are working on knowing when something is the same or not the same. Forest School was very exciting this week as we made apple and bramble crumble using the foraged brambles from last week!

**Sprites:** This week we've been talking about our senses and how they help us explore the world around us. We've had feely bags to use our sense of touch and smelling pots to decide which smells we like. In the woods, we used the brambles we'd collected and frozen last week to make a delicious apple and blackberry crumble on the firepit, using our sense of taste. We've also been looking at baby photos to notice how we have changed since we were born.

**Elves Newsletter-** This week Year 1 have been using the words and symbols for 'less than, greater than and equal to' in maths when comparing two quantities. In literacy, we have been working on finger spaces and sitting our letters on the line when we write. In topic we performed our first experiment looking at waterproof materials and also looking at magnets. We finished the week off by going to multi-skills. The children had a great time and were amazing at representing the school.

**Phoenixes** The children have been working really hard on their art techniques this week and are looking forward to applying them when they emulate the artist Stephen Wiltshire. The children have enjoyed writing a poem about a moth as part of their science project.

**Unicorns** This week Team Unicorn have been impressing us with their first attempt at column addition, they were absolute stars! We have continued writing our persuasive letters to Professor Brownstone in Literacy and should be incredibly proud of how they have turned out. In project we have been looking at Viking beliefs and have found some really interesting facts out about Gods and Goddesses.

**Centaurs:** We have completed our newspaper article on the Battle of Bosworth and have started to look at the 6 wives of Henry VIII. Children are loving the class reading book Edward Tulane, expect lots of in depth discussions this half term! We are starting to move onto addition and subtraction in maths and would like to encourage you all to support the children in their times tables work as we move towards the Y4 Multiplication check 😊

**Griffins** In year 5 this week, we used our imagination and went on an evacuation. We imagined what it would have been like on the train, in the school hall (waiting for someone to take us) and what our new home might have been like. From this, we are planning letters to send back to our families in the city to tell them of our experiences. In Maths, we have been recapping our knowledge of addition and subtraction methods and in PE we are enjoying practising our Netball skills.

## Gnomes

This week in Gnomes our focus book is "The Family Book" we have been talking about our families who live at home with us. The Grapheme of the week in Phonics has been "t". In maths we have been looking at size and mass, using the vocabulary big, small, heavier and lighter. It has been a great week in Gnomes class, the children have all shown amazing listening skills. 😊

**Dragons** This week, year 6 have been brilliant. They have found out all about Alexander the Great and demonstrated an incredible knowledge of the Odyssey too! In maths they have navigated prime, square and cubed numbers well and have continued to secure their knowledge in the 4 operations too. Y6 also had a great time exploring our new orienteering course this week too. Well done Y6

**Pegasus** This week in Pegasus our Literacy group have started to write their own retelling of Floella Benjamin's journey to England on the Windrush. In Maths children have practised flexible partitioning and adding and subtracting 1, 10, 100 and 1000 to four digit numbers. Hands, Eyes and Brains Working Together Group have started to make a beautiful birthdays display.

Another busy week in school this week! It was great to see so many of you at our parents evenings this week, if you were unable to attend please let us know and we will try to arrange an alternative time to chat with your child's teacher.

We also welcomed visiting Head teachers from across the Trust into school this week to have a look at the way we work here, it was incredibly impressive to chat to the children and see how much they have achieved in such a short space of time.

Children are working really hard, their level of understanding and their enthusiasm about their learning is incredible! I have heard from lots of families that children are teaching them all about things like WWII, The Vikings, Moths and the ancient Greeks! When we asked children to talk to the visiting head teachers, it was great to see them bubble over with enthusiasm about their projects too!

A gentle reminder, PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum, just like Maths or Literacy, as such all children are expected to take part in sessions, unless there is a valid medical reason as to why they can't. Children should remove all jewellery including earrings on PE days and should have correct kit with them.

We are also seeing an increase in children wearing trainers and sports leggings as uniform, these are not part of the school uniform. Children should be wearing correct uniform at all times.

Thanks you for your continued support and if you have anything we can help you with, just get in touch.

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Summer
Sprites	Maggie-May
Elves	Nancy-Wren
Phoenixes	Jacob
Unicorns	Lily-Rose
Centaurs	Harriet Layla Last week 😊
Griffins	Albie
Dragons	Sonny
Pegasus	The Pegasus Literacy team
Gnomes	Harry

Attendance this week: 92.6%	
Sprites	99%
Elves	97%
Phoenixes	82%
Unicorns	93%
Centaurs	90%
Griffins	93%
Dragons	91%
Pegasus	100%

Only Y 5 and Y6 children are allowed to bring phones to school, this is for their safety when walking home, and they are kept locked away during the day. No other children should have phones or electronic devices in school at any time.

Thank you.

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

- Dates**
- EYFS family learning Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8.40am-10am
  - 17<sup>th</sup> October Harvest festival in school. Let me know if you can think of anyone who would benefit from a Harvest hamper 😊 [m.suggitt@eastwhitby.org.uk](mailto:m.suggitt@eastwhitby.org.uk)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> October rearranged date for Cross country. No new children can be added to this event now sorry



East Whitby Academy enquire

## Early Years

Open Evening

The perfect opportunity to look around our fantastic 2-year old provision, Nursery and Reception classrooms, for parents or carers of children under 5, with plenty of time to explore the setups and guided tours of the whole school at 3:45pm and 4:30pm.



For any further information please contact our office on **01947 602202** or email at [admin@eastwhitby.org.uk](mailto:admin@eastwhitby.org.uk)



Tuesday 22nd  
October 2024

3:30pm - 5pm

## A fun-filled, action-packed half term

If you're looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, we've got an exciting and inspiring range of activities planned to get young people and their families active and in touch with nature this half term.



Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre  
Pateley Bridge

East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre  
Whitby

28 October to 1 November

From our Adventure Club to Family Activity Days, there's something for everyone! Go to [outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays](http://outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays)



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OCTOBER  
4.30PM - 6PM

£2 per ticket.  
Details on how to buy  
coming soon

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