



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 6.10.23

Genies: We have read stories about The Large Family and talked about our own families. We like to look at the pictures of our families and name them. During singing time we have sung Three Little Ducks, counting up until Mother Duck has 3 ducks. In Squiggly we have enjoyed making marks in the tuff spot with shaving foam and paint.

Pixies This week we have started Rhyme Time and our rhyme of the week is Miss Molly had a Dolly. We are learning to retell the rhyme, recognise rhyming words, identify words beginning with same sound and listen to sounds associated with the rhyme. We are also being very good Doctors, making sure all our dollies are well! In Phonics we have continued matching words beginning with the same sound as our name. In Maths we have been matching Numicon and different size handprints

Sprites: This week we've been talking about where we live and how maps show people where things are. In the woods we worked together to build mini dens. In Maths we've been comparing length and mass using words like 'lighter/heavier', 'longest/shortest'. We've learnt another 4 sounds in Phonics and we've done so well reading words on our own. It was lovely to let parents know how brilliantly everyone's settled into full time school!

Elves The children have really enjoyed the start of our new topic 'materials'. We have explored the difference between the objects name and what it is made from and we have also been able to sort objects too. It has been super practical and hands on. We have used our chunking up method in phonics to help us to read longer words and have looked at finding 1 more and 1 less in maths. Brilliant work this week well done Year 1

Phoenixes: In writing we have been investigating words in a text. We have composed a group and individual poem. We have been working hard to improve our reading. In maths we have been learning about addition fact families. In science we have been learning about respiration.

Unicorns This week, Year 3 have been investigating if certain materials are transparent, translucent or opaque and the resulting shadows which may or may not form. We have also been learning our 3 and 4 times tables, while looking closely at adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 from given numbers.

Centaur: This week we continued our journey through Tudor times by looking at the 6 wives of Henry VIII and have been putting together fact files using Chatter Pics to bring the Queens back to life! We have been honing our skills in column addition with carrying and exchanging and continue to amaze at the swimming pool too! We have also thought about tolerance and respect both online and in person. Thank you to everyone who came to parent's evening, I'll catch up with those who couldn't make it in the coming weeks.

Griffins We have continued with the Industrial Revolution. In music we listened to Stomp and created our own rhythmic compositions using found objects to reflect the sounds of the industrial revolution. In writing we are writing a persuasive letter to the Government to put a new law in place to stop the child labour in the factories. All children have done a great first draft!

Dates for your Diary:

- 13.10.23 Harvest festival (In school event)
- 16.10.23 individual school photos more info to follow
- Other key dates can be found on the school website and letter sent out

Dragons This week in year 6 we have recapped our knowledge and understanding of long multiplication including solving some difficult word problems. We have finished our Siren stories and written up our best copy. We have also learnt about the Ancient Greek Olympics and were very surprised at some of the things we found out (one being that they competed naked!) Some of us attended the girls football tournament last Friday and won!

Pegasus This week Pegasus children have been continuing to impress us all with their work. We've had some really tricky maths, lots of talk and some amazing Yoga going on too. Well done team!

It was so lovely to see so many of you at Parent's evening this week. The staff always enjoy talking to parents about their children, 10 minutes is never quite long enough to tell you all the amazing things your children are doing! We were thrilled to see so many East Whitby children at this year's October Fest. We were asked to choose the charity that the money raised went to and as part of our work on children's rights, we chose "Save the Children". So, a huge thank you to everyone who took part, special mention to Kobe and Riley, Kobe for taking part in the older children's race and Riley for stepping in to support his friend when things got tough for him! Well done boys! Huge shout out also to Edie who came in first for the year 3 and 4 girls! 😊



Star of the week!



Pixies	Ava
Sprites	Kingsley
Elves	Freddie
Phoenixes	Riley
Unicorns	Ezma
Centaur	Tiger-Lily
Griffins	Charlie M
Dragons	Ellie
Pegasus	
Gnomes	Harry and Jack

Attendance this week

Sprites	95%
Elves	96%
Phoenixes	92%
Unicorns	96%
Centaur	96%
Griffins	92%
Dragons	95%
Pegasus	94%



Harvest festival

Our Harvest Festival is on 13.10.23, we would welcome any donations of food to be brought in to school. We will be making up Harvest hampers, which the children will deliver to members of the community so if you have anyone in mind who would like a hamper please let us know. 😊 Unfortunately, this is not an event parents can attend due to limited space in the hall but we will post lots of pictures to social media and the school website. Thank you

Fantastic Football!

Massive congratulations to our girl's football team! They absolutely smashed their competition on Friday, winning every game they played! We are so proud of the ladies and hope to see them taking to the pitch as Lionesses in the future! 😊



A reminder on Home time!

Please see the chart below to see the end of the day times for your child/children's classes. Can we ask that parent's do not crowd the west side path area, as it's hard for the children and staff to see adults collecting when people are all crowded round. We also ask that if it is anyone other than you collecting children that you let us know. We are here to keep the children safe, we will not let them go with people we do not already know about.

Class	Time	Place to collect.
Reception (sprites)	3.15	Infant yard
Year 1 and 2 (Elves and Phoenixes)	3.20	Infant yard
Year 3 and 4 (Unicorns and Centaurs)	3:20	Top of the west side path. Please stand back to allow safe handover
Year 5 and 6 (Griffins and Dragons)	3:25	Top of the west side path. Please stand back to allow safe handover
Pegasus	See individual children's plans	

A small plea!

Please can you work on getting dressed and tying shoe laces with your children, we are finding that we have to help more and more children get changed after PE and swimming and that we are all now having to help tie a lot of shoe laces in the older classes too. Please spend some time supporting your child to be a little more independent 😊

Rules around Covid and attendance.

If a child tests positive for COVID 19 they must stay off for 3 days. After the three days if they are well enough they can return to school, there is no requirement to test again.

Please encourage good hand hygiene, blowing noses into tissues and covering the mouth and nose if they cough. Encourage regular hand washing, especially after coughing, sneezing or wiping eyes or noses.