



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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Genies: We have been learning all about animals that live in the cold, in particular Penguins. We've really enjoyed playing with ice and water in the classroom and the shaving foam outside! We have painted snowflake pictures and added lots of glitter to make them sparkle. Another lovely week Genie class.

Pixies This week we have read Lost and Found about a penguin who comes from the South Pole. We have looked at the South and North Pole on the globe and world map and talked about how our environments are different. We may have also mentioned a certain someone who lives at the North Pole! We have also read The Christmas Nativity Tale and we were all very excited to spot our nativity parts in the story. We are all looking forward to you joining us to watch on Wednesday at 9.30am. In

Sprites: We've been reading 'Lost and Found' this week. The little boy travels to the South Pole so we've looked where that is on the globe. We looked at some pictures of Antarctica and talked about how you couldn't live there because it was much colder than Whitby. We spotted icebergs in the sea and said you wouldn't see them in the sea here. Next week we'll find out a bit more about the animals that live there.

Elves December has brought with it so much excitement in Elves Class! The children are working hard on our nativity performance, their singing, dancing and enthusiasm is just brilliant. In maths, we have started naming and sorting 3D shapes, if you can ask them to spot real life examples of cubes, spheres, cuboids, pyramids and cones at home it will help consolidate their learning. Next week we are moving on to look at 2D shapes. In our RE project we have explored the Christmas Story by sequencing pictures and writing sentences to retell the story. A fantastic week Elves class - we have a busy but exciting couple of weeks coming up! 😊

Phoenixes Year 2 have started their design and technology project. They will be making a glove puppet of a character from a traditional tale. In Literacy, they have enjoyed listening to and discussing traditional tales. They have noticed the number 3 and number 7 are used in many traditional tales and that similes enrich a text. In maths the children have been working on addition and subtraction facts. They have worked hard rehearsing for the Nativity and it is looking good.

Unicorns What a brilliant week in year 3! We became Antarctica experts this week and have produced some phenomenal work all about the frozen continent! In maths we have continued our work looking at grouping and sharing and moved onto learning our 4 times tables with the help of Harry Styles! In ICT we have been using the internet to search for information and images and have used word art to create titles too! Next week we will continue our Polar exploration and look at the Arctic!

Centaurs: Great week for us in Year 4 ! In maths we have worked hard at dividing numbers by 10 and 100. We started our story in literacy about a journey through the digestive system. In reading we have started our new book called Varjak Paw. In PHSE we have continued with the theme of celebrating difference and looked closer at bullying.

Griffins Busy week in year 5! On Monday, we went to Pannett Park for a wonderful story telling session using magic lanterns. On Tuesday, some of us went to Basketball and represented school well. Then we've finished our Space project, begun our RE topic and started writing our science fiction stories in English.

Dragons Our week began brilliantly with an amazing experience at Pannett Park Museum on Monday! The Y6s used magic lanterns and huge paintings of local scenes to create and narrate their own stories, a wonderful springboard for our final piece of writing this term, our own ghost stories! The pupils have been dared to spoil my rest over Christmas - judging from their plans and ideas, I think they're actually going to! On top of this, we have investigated how fractions and mixed numbers can be added and subtracted and have solved real-life problems involving these procedures. We are also getting ready for the Christmas Fayre and are very excited to see you there!

Gnomes We have continued to read 'The Gingerbread Man' and have acted out the story using small world resources. We have made ginger bread men with our feet using paint. In maths we have looked at what makes 5 and have completed a 0-5 number hunt. In PE we have built on our balancing and coordination skills using the sensory circuits. The children have been working really hard on their letter formation this week, we are so impressed with them!

Pegasus This week in Pegasus Class our Literacy group have continued to work really hard editing their Marco Polo writing. Our Maths groups have continued to develop their addition and subtraction skills. Emotional Regulation group sorted some worries into those that might be theirs. those that belong to other people and those that we all might worry about. Our Cooking Crew made peppermint creams. Our story times have focussed on the nativity story.

What a phenomenal end to the week! The Christmas Fair was a huge success, thank you to everyone who came for a visit today, I'm sure you'll agree it was a really lovely afternoon and so well organised! A massive thank you to the incredible Friends of School and to our brilliant Y6 children for all their hard work! Also huge thanks to Santa and Mrs C, they took time out of their busy schedules to visit us today too! How lucky are we!

As well as a really lovely end to the week, the start of the week was fab too! Year 5 and 6 got to go out to Pannett Park and take part in some magic lantern story telling which looked and sounded brilliant! Year 5 also got to take part in a basketball session at Whitby School.

Year 1 have been busy this week too, they took part in some work for a time capsule that Barrett Homes will be burring! In 50 years', time, the capsule will be dug up...I wonder what Whitby will be like by then!?

Next week is set to be a busy one, nativity dress rehearsals, visits out, sports events, carol service practice and our usual business of learning too! Phew! Next week will be the final week for clubs, a new club letter will be winging it's way to you soon.



Star of the week!



The star of the week assembly will take place early next week as there was no assembly today. We will keep it secret until then.....

Attendance this week 95.4%

Sprites 96%

Elves 96%

Phoenixes 99%

Unicorns 93%

Centaurs 95%

Griffins 95%

Dragons 95%

Pegasus 86%

Well done, we hit our 95% target this week....lets aim higher next week!

Christmas Fair



Thank you!

The grand total raised today was
£1081

Amazing effort by all involved



Dates

- 11.12.24 Early Years nativity 9:30
- 10.12.24 Y5 stargazing
- 11.12.24 Y5 book drop
- 16.12.24 KS1 Nativity 2:15
- 18.12.24 Carol service at Saint Mary's
- 19.12.24 Hope assembly, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties.
- 20.12.24: **School closes for Christmas 1 hour earlier than your usual collection time.**

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.

Parking:

Parking continues to be problematic at the start and end of the school day. Once again can we remind you that only people with permits should be parking along the side of the drive or in the car park. Cars parking there without permits are causing problems with the safe collection and drop off of some of our children. Please do not come down the school drive in a vehicle without a permit.

Thank you.



Year 5 took part in a basketball session this week. It was lots of fun and as you can see the children had a great time!