



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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Genies: We made our own play dough this week on Monday, and it has been a very popular choice at busy time too. Genie class have really enjoyed exploring our new reading area too and our comfy sofas. We've been reading the book 'Dinosaurs Galore' and starting to pick up some dinosaur names although they are tricky to say!

Pixies This week we have read Never Follow a Dinosaur and found it very interesting talking about carnivores and herbivores. In Maths both groups have talked about size using the language big, small, long, short and tall. In Phonics the new sound was d. We have also talked about trying hard in Jigsaw Jenie time and what we can do if we find something difficult. Thank you to the parents who attended our Stay and Play session. It was lovely to have you all.

Sprites: Sprites have been learning about what dinosaurs ate. We found out some liked to eat meat, some preferred plants and some ate both. In Phonics, we've 'chunked up' longer words for the first time, to make them easier to read. In Maths, we've been looking at ways to represent 6, 7 and 8 and we've read 'Six dinner Sid' about a cat who lived in 6 different houses. On Thursday, it was great to have some of our parents/carers in for our Family Learning Session. We were able to show them how we use the big parachute to do big movements to strengthen our bodies, helping us to develop the motor skills we need to write.

Elves We hope you liked the video on our class Facebook page of our Lion King dance. It is almost completed and the children have had so much fun learning this routine. This week in maths we have been exploring adding ones to a number and also number bonds to 20. In literacy we have been writing some questions about our artist Pablo Picasso and writing down the facts that we have learnt. In art we have been practising the skills we need to be able to create our art pieces next week. This includes using shapes to create pictures, tone and experimenting with different lines.

Phoenixes This week the children have been writing poetry about the harbour. They have been working on developing recall for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They have started their local history project about Whitby's whaling past. The children who attended the gymnastics event had a great time and learnt some new skills. As always the children did a great job at representing our school. We are very proud.

Unicorns What a fab week we've had this week! We have continued looking at the work of David Hockney and used iPads to create our own art work in his style. In literacy we have written some incredible monologues in the voice of the Iron Man from our class text, they really are fantastic. In maths we have been working on our bus stop division and then in ICT we have programmed the microbits to show our names scrolling across the screen! We've also squished in some Panto song practice too! It's non stop....and we love it!

Centaurs: This week in year 4, we have completed our balanced argument on deforestation. We have worked so hard on this piece of writing and are really proud of ourselves. We have also enjoyed researching South America and have created a double page piece on what we found out. In maths, we have started our fraction topic and are continuing to embed our times tables.

Griffins

This week in year 5, we have started to look at writing a balanced argument to help us structure our debate on whether people should climb Mount Everest. We have looked more into the arguments for and against together. In Maths, we have completed work on fractions of amounts. We are so very close to finishing our Interdimensional Exploders book, which has kept us all entertained for past few weeks.

Gnomes In Gnomes this week we have been looking at the book 'Rumble in the jungle', we have explored different animals in the jungle tuff spot with natural resources. In maths we have focused on the numbers 9 and 10, comparing, representing and subitising. For phonics our sound this week is 'h'. For our topic work we have worked on making animal masks with oil pastels and started to create a zebra using different materials.

Dragons This week in Maths, the Year 6s have been investigating ratios and proportions and applying their knowledge to real-life problems. We have begun planning our final longer piece of writing for the term, a report on the functions of our heart and blood! We have now begun delving into our revision for the SAT test and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the parents who are helping their children at home with their Home Study Books, you really are making a difference!

Pegasus This week in Pegasus the children were really excited to use rollers to paint and print their block print fish. In Literacy we have finished thinking about Jack and the Beanstalk and the Gina Kaminski Rescues the Giant by comparing Jack and Gina's actions. Our Self-esteem group has started to compile lists of things they like and things that make them feel a range of emotions as part of our work on getting to know ourselves. In Collaboration Club junk modelling our robots that the children have carefully planned was well under way. In Maths we have continued developing our subtraction with exchange skills.

Friday again! Where does the time go? This week has been a really lovely week here at school with 2 groups of children heading out to represent us in the community and a fab stargazing event using the field study centre too....on that note, there are some incredibly exciting plans in place for our children and an incredible opportunity in the coming months so watch this space for some more info soon!

We have seen a big increase in the number of children reading at home over the last few weeks, it really does make a huge difference to all learning so a big thank you for your support on this. School work closely with the National Literacy Trust and other organisations around reading as we know how important fostering a love of books is.

Something we have noticed as the term continues is that there are a few children wearing trainers instead of school shoes. Please can we remind you that children should be wearing black school shoes and not trainers for the school day.

We also have several, really lovely coats left in the cloakrooms at the moment...please let us know if you're missing one, it might just be here!

Please log on to BromCom to book your parents evening appointments if you've not already done so.

Attendance this week 94% (lets push for 95%!)

Sprites	93%
Elves	96%
Phoenixes	91%
Unicorns	91%
Centaurs	93%
Griffins	98%
Dragons	95%
Pegasus	99%



Star of the week!



Pixies	Florence.
Sprites	Jet
Elves	Arthur
Phoenixes	The Gymnastics team
Unicorns	Dulcie and Dempsey.
Centaurs	Edey
Griffins	Harper
Dragons	Frankie
Pegasus	Lily
Gnomes	George

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

FRIENDS OF EAST WHITBY

**FAMILY
QUIZ NIGHT**

PRIZES GAMES

TOMBOLA

MONDAY
3RD
MARCH

DOORS: 5PM
START: 5.30PM

REFRESHMENTS

COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES.
£1 PER PERSON, MAX OF 5 PER TEAM



A huge well done to Anya, Zayne, Warren, Flora, Fern and Faye who took part in the Rotary club “speak out” event this week. They spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, Warren even spoke without any notes. They represented school and themselves so well and we are so incredibly proud of them all.



Y5 finally got their stargazing session at the Field Study Centre last night. They enjoyed making smores on the fire pit and were treated to hot chocolate too before using the big telescopes to find the moon and constellations....in between the cloud breaks! We hope you enjoyed it Year 5 and we'll definitely do it again!



A letter is coming out tonight written by Alexia in year 5. She recently asked us if we could join in the fundraising day for the children's heart surgery fund as it's a charity that is very close to her family's heart.

On the 28th February we will be wearing red. See the additional info in the letter coming home. Well done to Alexia for taking the initiative to get in touch with us about it all 😊