



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 8.12.23

**Genies:** We are reading the story "The first Christmas" which is all about the day Jesus was born. The Genies have enjoyed looking after baby Jesus, doing some nativity crafts and playing with the small world figures. We've had a busy time inside mostly, but we have loved watching the builders get to work on our playground, we can't wait to see it finished!

**Pixies** We have been reading the story of the first Christmas. This has helped us understand the story we are telling on stage in our Nativity. In Phonics our new sound was i and we have played 'Can you touch your...' The Pixies had to blend sounds to know which body part I was saying, for example, h-ea-d, f-oo-t, b-a-ck. In Maths we have made repeating patterns using 3 items.

**Sprites:** Sprites have been busy rehearsing their Nativity play this week and learning that Christmas is when Christians celebrate Jesus being born. We can't wait to perform our play on the stage for our grown ups on Wednesday 13th at 9.30!

**Elves** Year 1 have been working on adding an 'and' to their sentences and in maths 3D shapes. We have finished off our James Cook topic this week and are ready for our next RE topic. We will look at Christianity and the festival of Christmas. We also looked at the 4 seasons and painted lovely trees to show the four seasons. An amazing end to the week with our Christmas Fair!

**Phoenixes:** In history, the children have been learning about Whitby's Whaling Industry. In maths the children have enjoyed learning new addition strategies. The children have also been looking back at all the work they have done since September and have enjoyed creating quizzes to test their knowledge.

**Unicorns** The Year 3s this week have extended their knowledge of the Poles by taking a closer look at the North Pole and comparing this to the South. We have also researched and designed a survival guide for expeditions to the Poles! In Maths, we have established what constitutes odd and even numbers and then applied this to the 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

**Centaurs:** we have made it to the end of the teeth and digestion project and finished it all off with an incredibly story! The children wrote brilliantly and took their readers on an exciting adventure through the digestive system! We will be sending these to the Centre for Life! The children have been working hard in music, rehearsing the use of instruments for the carol service and have also been looking at what bullying is and understanding what tolerance and respect are in PHSE.

**Griffins** In project year 5 have started planning a Sci-Fi story and everyone's been really enthusiastic and had really imaginative ideas. We have also been comparing planet Mars to Earth and thinking of the challenges of living on Mars. We completed about DT project on bridges. Team Dark Blue's bridge held a huge 14kg! We continued with Gymnastics in PE and fractions in Maths.

**Gnomes** 😊 This week in maths we have looked at colour sorting with different objects around the classroom. In phonics we have looked at the sound 'c'. We have now got our class Christmas tree up and gnomes have done a fantastic job at being creative with their decorating skills!

**Dragons** This week, lots of year 6 represented the school at the Sports Hall athletic event, they were a real credit to school and took on every challenge they faced. In school we have begun looking at the work of Paul Cezanne as part of our art project and will be producing work in his style in the coming weeks.

**Pegasus** This week in Pegasus we have been exploring the story of Stickman and joining in with the repeated refrains. We have thought of our own sentences and remembered to use full stops to finish them. In maths our group have been concentrating on multiplication and division by 3. Our dance class have learnt some super dances and are now able to pick their favourites. The agadoo is a clear favourite at the minute.

Friday again! What a fabulous end to the week, the Christmas fair was a brilliant success and we will be updating you all with how much the incredible Friends of East Whitby have raised soon, this year alone, the team have supported us in bringing the children some incredible opportunities. From Robin Windsor's dancing to Rock Kids, to buses and trips to Pantomimes in school the Friends of East Whitby have supported us every step of the way and we really are hugely grateful to them all for their dedication and hard work. So, THANK YOU! 😊

There has been some really wonderful work going on in school and lots of beautiful singing filling the building as children prepare for Nativities and the Carol service. If you're joining us up at Saint Mary's on the 20<sup>th</sup>, please wrap up warm! **Don't forget we would love any names of babies born this year who might like to be the East Whitby Christmas baby** 😊 We have a really busy fortnight ahead of us all and despite all the added Christmas extras going on, we still need to ensure that the children come to school focused and ready work each day. We are asking that you support us in maintaining the focus as much as possible over the next 2 weeks. We also ask that unless your child is really ill, please make sure they are in school, there is still a lot of learning going on and we don't "Wind down" for Christmas until the very last days!

A big shout out to year 5 and 6 who represented school really well at the Sports Hall Athletic session yesterday, they were amazing and a special shout out to Oliwia who faced her fears and smashed it in one event.

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Isabella
Sprites	Raheem
Elves	Auryn
Phoenixes	Finley
Unicorns	George
Centaur	Jimmy
Griffins	Ewan
Dragons	Oliwia
Pegasus	Harriet and the whole of Pegasus Class
Gnomes	Jack

**A polite reminder.** As a school we have set hours dictated by the government. Children are required to be in school during those hours. We have an increasing number of children being collected early with no prior warning and in some cases on a regular basis. Children work right up to the last minute at school and for some being collected repeatedly early is impacting on their learning. 20 minutes a day may not seem much but that's 1 hour 40 minutes of missed learning a week. We appreciate that some medical or dental appointments will mean you need to collect early, but we do require as much notice of this as possible so class teachers can be informed and ensure the children are finished their tasks for the day in time and to ensure office staff don't have to rush round collecting children at busy points in the day.

Attendance this week	
Sprites	96%
Elves	91%
Phoenixes	95%
Unicorns	92%
Centaur	93%
Griffins	98%
Dragons	93%
Pegasus	86%

- Dates**
- 11.12.23 Flu vaccine catch ups
  - 13.12.23 EY Nativity
  - 13.12.23 Pantomime at school for all children
  - 15.12.23 Pride of East Whitby awards
  - 18.12.23 Year 1 and 2 Nativity
  - 19.12.23 Year 4 last Swimming session
  - 20.12.23 Carol Service at Saint Mary's Church
  - 21.12.23 Hope assembly (tickets to follow)
  - 21.12.23 Party and Christmas dinner day
  - 22.12.23 Last day of term Finish at 2:15
  - 9.1.24 School opens for children 😊

## Pride of East Whitby!

The first round of Pride awards will be given out next week and we are thrilled to have written so many bronze certificates! We are also seeing some children almost at Silver award too! Don't forget to let us know if your child does something for charity or for the local community as this will help them get their gold awards! The real aim of the awards is to get the children thinking about being part of a community and we really love hearing how this is impacting on our fab town! 😊

Well done to everyone who took part in the East Side community hub choir concert! You represented school really well and we hear you were all amazing!



## What's on locally!

### WHITBY YOUNG FARMERS CHRISTMAS TRACTOR LIGHT PARADE SPONSORED BY BEACON FARM

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Here is the planned route for Saturday 16th December. Please remember that whilst the tractors will do their best to stick to these times, the route and times could vary slightly but we will keep you updated on the night 😊

5.00 Leave Beacon Farm  
5.10 Sneatonthorpe  
5.20 Raw  
5.27 Fylingthorpe  
5.30 Robin Hoods Bay  
5.40 High Hawsker  
5.46 Stainsacre  
6.00 Barrett Estate  
6.07 Ruswarp  
6.15 Birch Avenue Sleights  
6.20 Passing Esk Hall Sleights  
6.30 Aislaby (coming in from top)  
6.40 Newholme  
6.50 Uppgang Lane  
7pm Sea Front, Pier Road (15min stop)  
7.20 Love lane  
7.25 Mayfield Road  
7.30 Helradale  
7.45 Hare and Hounds Hawsker



## Junior Winter Cricket Coaching @Whitby leisure centre

Age 10-16 Hardball sessions  
Starting Friday 12th January 2024  
5:30pm- 7pm for 4 weeks  
Then 6 Weeks 4:30pm-5:30pm

£7.50 per child for 1.5 hour session then £5 per child for the hour sessions or pre book a block of 10 sessions for £55

Email whitbyccjuniors@gmail.com

## Junior Winter Cricket Coaching

Age 6-10 Softball sessions  
Starting Wednesday 10th January 2024  
4:30pm- 5:30pm for 10 weeks  
@whitby leisure centre

£5 per child per session or pre book a block of 10 sessions for £45

Contact Ricky Hall or Kai Morris for enquiries or email

whitbyccjuniors@gmail.com



## Unlocking Autism for Parents

Assisting parental understanding of autism, communication and sensory needs.

### Who is it for?

- Unlocking Autism is a free course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs. You must live in North Yorkshire or your child attend a North Yorkshire school or setting to be eligible. Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend.

### What will I learn?

- The programme includes sessions on behaviour, emotional regulation, Communication, sensory differences and autism providing practical tools and strategies to support children and young people.

### When does the course take place?

- This is an online course which consists of five sessions which either run over two full days or as five, 2 hour webinars. It is recommended that parents/carers complete all five sessions in order to derive maximum benefit from the programme.

### How do I book?

- To book a place please use the following link: Global Search | North Yorkshire Education Services (myestraining.co.uk)
- You will need to register on the website first, and make sure you put **parent** in the job title/organisation boxes and 'attend training course' in reason section. Please follow the instructions in this leaflet. Then you're all set up to go and book on to whichever course suits you best.

### Unlocking Autism for Parents – 2023-2024

Course Title	Date	Venue	Time
Unlocking Autism 2 day course	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	Galtres Centre, Easingwold	09:45am - 3:45pm
Unlocking Autism Plus: Girls and Autism 2024	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	Online	09:30-11:00am
Unlocking Autism Plus: Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	Online	1:00 – 2:30pm
Unlocking Autism Plus: Identity	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Online	09:30-11:00am
Unlocking Autism Plus: Selective Mutism	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Online	1:00 – 2:30pm
Unlocking Autism 5 sessions	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Online course – to benefit fully from the course it is recommended that you attend all 5 sessions	09:30am – 12:00pm (all sessions)
Unlocking Autism Plus: Girls and Autism	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Online	09:30-11:00am
Unlocking Autism Plus: Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Online	09:30-11:00am
Unlocking Autism Plus: Identity	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Online	09:30-11:00am
Unlocking Autism Plus: Selective Mutism	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Online	09:30-11:00am

We are working on a downloadable version of the Unlocking Autism course for parents to access themselves and this will be available soon.

There are also 2 further courses running in the Spring term which may be of interest:

Course Title	Date	Venue	Time
Unlocking SEMH for Parents	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Online	10:30am - 12:00
Unlocking ADHD for Parents	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Online	10:30am - 12:00

If you have any further questions about these courses, please contact [elise.logan@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:elise.logan@northyorks.gov.uk).

Please note that I am unable to book places on courses for you. If you are having difficulties with booking on or accessing the site, please contact the NYES team on 01609 533222.