



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 31.1.25

Genies: We have read the book "10 Little Dinosaurs" and really enjoyed how it rhymed throughout the story. We have focused on colours and colour matching this week, and the Genies have given this a really good go! We loved painting our feet and stomping over the paper to make footprints just like the dinosaurs did. Peeling the tinfoil was another favourite and really helped our fine motor skills. Up at the woods we have made bird feeders for the big bird watch and got very muddy down the mudslide we made.

Pixies This week we read Dear Dinosaur and enjoyed asking questions about dinosaurs. We have discovered how big a Tyrannosaurus Rex tooth was and compared this to our teeth. We also measured the length of a Diplodocus on the field. It was very long! Spotty Pixies have continued looking at number 3 and their new sound was m. Stripy Pixies have been using positional language and remembering two named items.

Sprites: Sprites have been finding out about Mary Anning this week and why people know about her. We know that she discovered fossils and that finding fossils has taught us about dinosaurs. In Maths, we've been comparing the mass of our dinosaur models using mathematical vocabulary (heavy/er/est, light/er/est, equal/same). We've made bird feeders to attract different varieties ready for the Big Garden Birdwatch. In PSHE, we've been thinking about our goals and what we would like to get better at. We've really enjoyed our session with the Karate teacher today.

Elves This week we have made a fantastic start on our South Africa brochures/leaflets. Once completed, this is the end product of our topic before we move onto our first Year 1 art project. In maths we have used $\lt;=\gt;$ symbols to compare numbers, we have ordered numbers, used our knowledge of tens and ones and found out that some maths questions can have more than one possible answer. In phonics we have looked at some graphemes that come mostly at the end of words; ve, se, al, le. To finish the week we enjoyed our class slot with the Karate people. :-)

Phoenixes Year 2 have been learning about the relationship between repeated addition and multiplication. They are working hard to recall their two times tables. In Literacy the children have been writing setting descriptions. In geography the children have been generating geographical questions about local human and physical features. You could help your child find the answers to some of their questions.

Unicorns What a week year 3! This week the children wrote some phenomenal paragraphs based on the Iron man and brought all the grammatical and text features we have been learning about into their work. They are incredible! In maths we have tackled bus stop division for the first time and have done a great job! We continued looking at Microbits in ICT and this week got our LED hearts to flash and beep. In art, we have been looking at the latest works of David Hockney and have produced some great emulation pieces.

Centaurs: Lovely week in year 4. All children are working extremely hard and are enjoying our project on the Amazon. We have looked more closely at the water cycle this week and the weather in the rainforest. We are halfway through writing our debate on deforestation. In maths we have been working on the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and are moving onto fractions next week. All children had a great time in our Karate session today!

Griffins This week in Year 5, we have continued our geography work and have started to look at Mount Everest in more detail such as, its location and the dangers of climbing it. In Maths, we have learnt how to multiply fractions by whole numbers and mixed numbers and in English we have written up our fact-files on animals that live in the area around Mount Everest. We are really enjoying both our class novels.

Gnomes This week in Gnomes we have continued to look at 'Handas surprise' and have created our own Handas surprise scene by cutting and sticking. We have enjoyed listening to African music too! In maths we have been sequencing, the children sequenced the steps to make a jam sandwich and then had a go at following the sequence to make their own jam sandwich. The children have done some amazing mark making this week and have enjoyed exploring gloop in the sensory tray.

Dragons This week, year 6 have been busy getting to grips with ratio and how it links to fractions in maths. In literacy sessions we have been working on our letter writing skills and wrote a letter from Michael, a character in our book Skellig. In project we were fascinated by all things healthy eating and as well as looking at what was good for us, we also looked at what was bad for us, finding out about issues such as substance abuse. As always, Y6 were phenomenally sensible. Well done team!

Pegasus This week in Pegasus Literacy we have sequenced the mistakes that Gina Kaminski identified in Jack and the Beanstalk and her solutions. We have also been looking for rhyming words as we read The Grotlin. Our Hands, Eyes and Brains Working Together group are very excited that they have turned their drawings of fish into block prints and are ready for rollers and paint on Monday. Our older Maths group are tackling four digit subtraction with exchange and looking for patterns in mental subtraction. Our youngest two children have had a lot of fun exploring Chinese New Year.

Another week, and another month, over! This week ended with a really bang, with all the children completing an activity day with Ichi Taikan Shotokan Karate. The children had a great time, but it was also fantastic to have been pulled to one side by the instructors and told how incredible the children here are! The children were praised for their respect, tolerance, confidence, politeness and enthusiasm...we are so proud! Keep an eye on class Facebook pages and Dojo for pictures and video's of the fun we had...especially the classes who got to zoom through the camouflage netting! We are committed to developing more sessions like this as they are vital for children's personal development and open the door to interests and hobbies outside of school too, so if you are linked to a club, music group, sporting group let us know, we can arrange sessions for the children to experience. 😊

We also welcomed visiting Principals and teachers from other schools in the Enquire Learning Trust into school this week. They spent the day visiting classes and talking to children and their socks were well and truly knocked off by the work going on here and by how confident the children were. Well done to everyone in the East Whitby Family.

A plea.... Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home and if they are given spellings, to work on these each day too. These are key skills that often get missed in the hectic lives we all lead but are so very important to work on, just 5 minutes a day can make all the difference.

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Evie Jane
Sprites	Jaxson
Elves	Darcy
Phoenixes	Judith
Unicorns	Harper
Centaurs	Freddie
Griffins	Kira
Dragons	Lenny.
Pegasus	Freddie D
Gnomes	Elliot

Attendance this week	
Whole school 94.1% (please support us to get it up over 95% each week)	
Sprites	93%
Elves	93%
Phoenixes	93%
Unicorns	96%
Centaurs	91%
Griffins	94%
Dragons	94%
Pegasus	97%

Dates

See over page

- **6th February EYFS Family Learning 8.45-10 am**

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



Ichi Taikan

Shotokan Karate

Do you have a little person with lots of energy to burn?

The Ichi Taikan Shotokan Karate school runs every Tuesday night at East Whitby Academy and welcomes all to the sessions.

Sessions are available from 5:45pm for children aged 5 and over for the amazing price of £2 per session.

For more information please call Sensi Chris Watmough on 07947593781

The children have all had a great morning working with Chris and Ian today, they all seem really keen! A massive thank you to Chris and Ian for their work today, it was fab!

Diary Dates

Thursday 6 th February	Years 1 and 2 Gymnastics (team of 10)
Thursday 6 th February	Year 6 Speak Out competition (4.30pm) by invitation
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term (normal time)
Tuesday 25 th /Wed 26 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th February	Years 3 and 4 Gymnastics (team of 10)
Monday 3 rd March	Friends of East Whitby Quiz night
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 4 Hockey Coaching
Thursday 6 th March	Years 3,4,5,6 Cross Country
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up – more details to follow)
Friday 14 th March	Year 4 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament (team of 8)
Tuesday 18 th March	Straws cup first round
Wednesday 26 th March	Easter Bingo
Thursday 27 th March	Year 3,4,5,6 Cross Country
Tuesday 1 st April	Years 5 and 6 Netball (team of 9)
Friday 4 th April	School breaks up for Easter at 2.15pm