



We are all created unique and special.

He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness.

1 Peter 4:10-11 “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted this week to receive a letter from the Deputy Director of Education, Clive Haines who said ‘I want to extend my warmest congratulations to you and your entire team on your excellent academic year results for 2023/24. It is truly inspiring to see your School achieve above the national average. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of your staff, the commitment of your Governing Body, and the supportive learning environment you have fostered.’ Part of the supportive learning partnership is the relationship that parents have with school in ensuring their child attends regularly, encouraging good behaviour for learning and assisting children with home learning. We really appreciate your ongoing commitment and dedication to helping your child achieve to the best of their ability.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have enjoyed starting ‘Claude in the City’ in English this week. The children have learnt more about the character of Claude and are looking forward to learning what he gets up to in the city next week! In Maths the children have finished place value to 20 and will begin adding and subtracting these numbers next week. They have also enjoyed circuit training in PE.

Ask me: Who is Claude?



Year 2 have compared Whitby in the past and present. We also learnt about jobs people in Whitby used to do. In English, we wrote a diary entry as Noi and considered how his emotions change throughout the story. In maths, we have started our multiplication topic and have learnt how to make equal groups. In P.E we have been doing circuit training!

Ask me: What was Whitby like in the past?



Year 3 continued their PE basketball lessons, they worked on their dribble skills and then learnt different ways to pass the ball. This week the children also learnt the features of a volcano, how they are formed and where they are located in the world. They also visited Eton College to learn more about rocks and their properties in their geology department.

Ask me: How is a volcano formed?



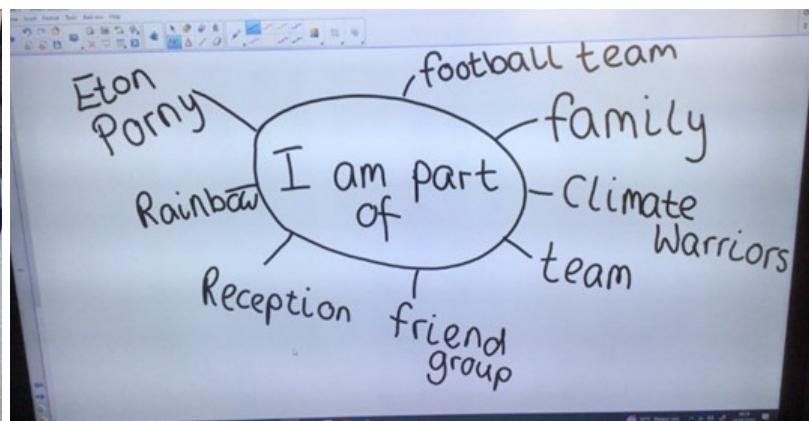
Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this week, with lots of praise for their focus and behaviour from other members of staff. They should be very proud of the letters they wrote in English, I enjoyed reading them. The children are looking forward to writing about their dragons and then becoming yeti experts. In science the melting experiment was a highlight! Changing states of matter proved a very successful lesson, helped by the addition of chocolate buttons. In music the children played the glockenspiel to Mamma Mia. Finally, in geography Year 4 drew the water cycle whilst singing along to the water cycle song.

Ask me: Can you name the four different processes involved in changing state?



Reception have been learning about the composition of numbers this week in maths. We spoke about the things the children are a part of, some answers were our families, Reception and football teams. The children had time to investigate toys and their bodies and understanding that whole things are made up of smaller parts. The children then applied this learning to thinking about the numbers 2 and 3 and now know that each number has different parts. One of the challenges this week was to put the parts of a puzzle together to make the whole picture.

Ask me: What parts make the number 3?



FORTHCOMING DATES

6th February	Express Event at 2:50– All Years
11th February	PTA Valentines Disco 4:45- 6:30pm (Tickets available via School Money)
13th February	Children break up for half term– Normal finish time
14th February	SEBMAT Inset Day
24th February	Children Return to School
18th March	Parents Evening– All Years
20th March	Parents Evening– All Years



SPARKLY GREEN



CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Robyn and George
 Year 1: Maya and Eesa
 Year 2: Arhum and Musa
 Year 3: Sienna and Ameera
 Year 4: Akira and Pranaya

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Aaresh
 Year 1: Conor
 Year 2: Jordan
 Year 3: Jacob
 Year 4: Melissa

**A huge well done to all of these children.
 We are really proud of you.**



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

We are delighted to announce we have released a one-off workshop called Navigating School Avoidance

Navigating School Avoidance

Hosted by the Autism Group:

To understand what EBSA/ERSA is. Recognising potential early signs in our children. Exploring strategies to support our children. Encouraging questions and sharing experiences.

AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online: Wednesday 26th February 2025 - 10am - 12pm

Booking link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/navigating-school-avoidance-tickets-1203190096969?aff=oddtcreator>

We have also just released a new date for our Managing Anxiety workshop.

Managing Anxiety

Hosted by The Autism Group:

What to do when worries take over. Looking at what causes anxiety & some tried & tested strategies to tackle it.

AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online: Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - 10am - 12pm

Booking link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-anxiety-tickets-1036680107107?aff=oddtcreator>

We have many other available workshops if the above do not suit your needs. Please take a look at our website.

<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

CYBER PROTECT WEBINARS



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

January 23rd, 28th, 30th
February 3rd, 6th, 10th, 12th, 13th



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