

# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



We had a brilliant parent Christmas crafting session on Monday for the parents in England class. It was a fantastic start to the Christmas season and the start of December. During the session, the children and adults got involved with making paper Santa Clauses, paper snowflakes, a paper plate bauble and they designed their very own Christmas jumper. They used lots of different materials including cotton wool, paper tissue and lots of glitter!

The creations were amazing at the end of the session and they should be all so proud of their hard work.

Mrs Thompson



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December '23

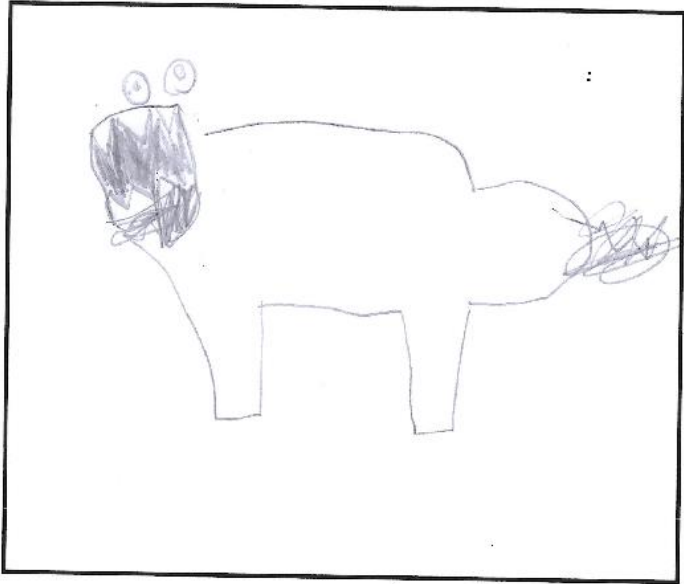


WC Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

L.O. I can draw a dinosaur.

I can think of words to describe my dinosaur.

I can write a word to describe my dinosaur



I am big.  
Mack



Elizabeth and Theo - Reception Gateshead



Mack and Willow  
Reception Newcastle

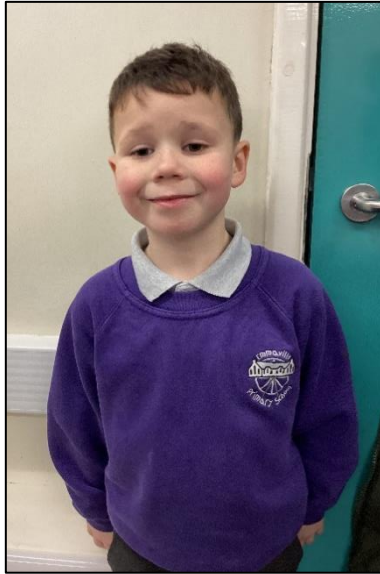
Once again, such lovely writing displayed on my board. Writing that shows amazing progression from reception aged children to Year 6. In reception the children were asked to draw a dinosaur and then think of a word to describe the dinosaur, as you will see, Mack wrote the word big which was beautifully written.

Ophelia has produced a lovely piece of writing inspired by the traditional tale of 'The 3 Little Pigs.' The 3 Little Pigs is used in one of the Y6 Talk for Writing units of work. The familiar story is used for writing a flashback. When you read Ophelia's writing, you will see that she has innovated the story to produce her own piece of work.

Avril Armstrong

NOVEMBER

# Writers of the Month



Harry and Hollie - Y1, England



Summer and Zac  
Y1, Scotland

Rosie got near the  
mean child and took the  
hen. The child woke up.

She ran after Rosie.  
Down down down the sunflower.  
But Rosie went to her home.

She shouted to her mum  
Get the sharpest axe.  
Rosie chopped and chopped  
until the sunflower came  
crashing down.

summer







Edgar's eyes are  
as brown as a  
coconut. He has green  
skin like grass.  
Edgar is a kind and  
caring dragon.

George



Josie and Maria - Y2, Wales



Erin and George  
Y2, Northern Ireland

Alfie and Pen - Y3, Northern Europe



Justin and Rowan  
Y3, Southern Europe

One morning when the sun was high a little boy called Hector was hiking in the mountains. Suddenly, a burst of flames shot up from the dip in the mountains, and a huge monster rose up from the abyss.

Immediately, Hector rushed back to his family. "I saw something amazing! It has long sharp claws, a black pointy tail and fiery red eyes."

At midnight, Hector tip-toed out the house not daring to make a sound and ran off to the mountain to find the dragon.

By Rowan





## Max and the skinny boy

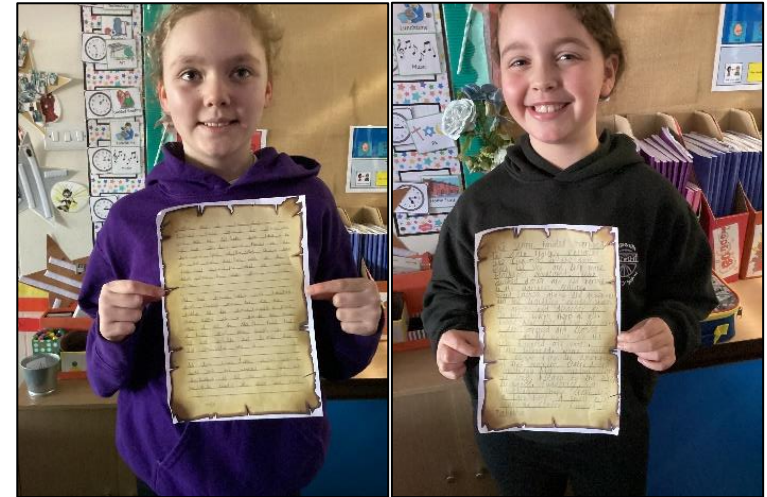
One ominous night, the moon brightened overhead. Max ducked in the gloomy rain, watching. Rain shattered on the cave floor and the lanterns went out casting darkness across the pavement. Leaves crunched, shade fell down in the long chapping rain. Max quivered. Could he get frostbitten?

Exactly then, Max heard something scattering rocks on the cave walls hidden by his darkness. Silently a vague peculiar shape fell into a hole. A red eye glistened magically. Max's hair stood up as he watched eagerly. What and who was it?

In ten seconds, Max shot back into a massive hole as big as the BFG. Quickly, the goot as a miniscule, skinny boy ran through the rocks as fast as ever. Max shivered in panic.

As slow as a snail, the skinny boy got closer and closer. Max could hear the laughter and see its red eyes twinkling.

by max



Emily and Tabitha - Y4, Africa



Florence and Max  
Y4, Asia





Ailsa and Ewan - Y5, Oceania



Sophie and Success  
Y5, Antarctica



Later on, it was pitch black and the sound of crickets roamed the area, "Thank God, I bring a one of my Mam's turkey sandwiches" Danielle's Mam made the best turkey sandwiches (according to Danielle). She took a big bite out of the sandwich, then something snatched the sandwich right out of her bear hands. Danielle slowly took out her torch from her bag, turned it on, and looked around for whatever was stalking her. In the distance, a growl came along, Danielle's heart started to palpitate, shivering she knew something was behind her. Silence. Nothing. Danielle sat down, breathing heavily, she tried to calm down.

A pair slowly came out from behind a tall pile of leaves. Suddenly, Danielle's torch batteries ran out but she was fast enough to see that the 'something' was a... PANTHER! The moonlight had come out and the Panther had razor sharp claws with blood dripping of the tips. Black fur like the night sky on a winter evening. The Panther pounced on top of her and scratched her arm, blood slowly started to drip down her arm. She carefully sat down, then fainted. A couple hours later, she woke up and the panther was gone, or was it?.

Images whirled in her mind of blood drooling down her arm. Danielle looked at her arm and it was all bandaged up. Then someone came up to her... "HI!" then Danielle screamed "AHHH, WHO ARE YOU!", "I'm Emily, silly. I cutted your arm up!" Danielle was speechless. What's that noise? "Said Emily "I...I don't-AHHH!"...



Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

November 2023

LO - Use descriptive  
introduction.



Language in my...

My whole body is trembling with fear; the wolf's teeth are dagger-like, dripping with blood and showing what's left of his last meal. I'm wondering whether his next meal will be me or any of my siblings!

He is muttering, "little pigs, little pigs I'm... watching you!" he rasps with a sinister tone. "There is nowhere left to run!"

Penny and Lewis (my siblings) cower behind me, trembling. "Alfie, Alfie what will we do?" Penny stutters uncontrollably.

Lewis (the too big for his boots one) asks me, "Yeah what will we do now Alfie? I thought you had a plan?" mocked Lewis cheekily.

The pressure Lewis... puts me under is actually mind-blowing; however, everyone underestimates how strong I actually am - well can be.

Let me explain... exactly how we came here.

By Ophelia Lancashire



Jake and Sarah - Y6, South America



Charlotte and Ophelia  
Y6, North America



# Key Stage Two Christmas Card Competition



merry  
christmas

Thank you to all of the Key Stage 2 pupils who entered a Christmas card design for  
Liz Twist MP's annual Christmas card competition.

The standard was incredibly high and you made it extremely difficult to select just one design!

However, we were blown away by Theo (North America class) stunning winter scene.

Congratulations Theo, your design will be submitted as Emmaville's entry into the competition!

Miss Kenyon

Hello everyone,

This week has been full of Christmas loveliness. Thank you to the Year 1 families for joining us for the festive craft sessions, it was nice to see so many of you in school. It has also been delightful to have nursery and reception parents joining their children for the seasonal Stay and Play sessions. The edible Christmas tree cones were certainly a big hit with the reception children, they looked extremely yummy. We do appreciate you taking the time out of your busy days to join us, and we know how much the children love having mummies, daddies, grannies and grandpas working alongside them. There are more workshops to come, so we shall look forward to seeing families at those sessions too.

### **Year 3 Choir**

A great big shout out to the Emmaville Year 3 and St. Agnes School choirs. You really did light up the streets of Crawcrook with your beautiful singing. It was also lovely that so many of the children's families were at the event, and we look forward to having you join us when the Year 3 choir will once again serenade us with their wonderful carols on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **The Marvellous Mr. Bushnell returns to Emmaville**

The Year 4, 5 and 6 children have been treated this week to some festive writing sessions inspired by the author Adam Bushnell. We always enjoy having Adam in school and I was completely blown away by the work produced by the Year 4 children. Each of the writing sessions that Adam planned for the children had a festive theme; however, they were delivered in a very clever way.

The Year 4 children were introduced to Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet and to rhyming couplets taken from the play: "Good night! Good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow. That I say goodnight till it be morrow". The children were then tasked with producing their own festive rhyming couplets, this is when I joined the session and I was thrilled by the children's work. Please ask them to share their festive rhyming couplets with you.

The Year 5 children were tasked with writing Victorian Christmas ghost stories; yep, that was a little scary, especially when the children, and some other people, were wearing the skull that Adam brought with him. Of course, Charles Dickens' 'Scrooge' was a source of inspiration for the session too. The children were engrossed throughout and produced some wonderful writing.

For the Year 6 sessions, the children worked on the theme of the 'Knight before Christmas!' Once again, some wonderful work came out of the workshops, and we thank Adam for inspiring our children to become great writers.

### **Prayer Space**

Not only did we have Adam in school this week, we also had the Prayer Space team from two of our local churches join us for Christmas themed activities. We do appreciate how the team and Sam Cree give up their precious time to come into school to work with the children. It is always a pleasure to welcome them and we very much value the contribution they make to our RE curriculum.

### **Liz Twist**

Every year, the local Member of Parliament, Liz Twist, organises a competition for Gateshead Primary Schools. Children are invited from each school to produce a Christmas card. Schools are then asked to select one card that they will enter into the competition. Miss Kenyon then has the difficult task of choosing Emmaville's entry. However, after much contemplation, this year, Theo's (North America) card was chosen.

I am sure that Liz receives a number of entries, and it must be a very difficult task for her to select a winning design, a design that she will then use as her personal Christmas card. However, she always manages to choose a creative piece of art work produced by a Gateshead primary child.

We are delighted to announce (drum roll please) that Liz Twist has selected Theo's (North America) card as the winning design. Theo's card will be popped through the letterbox of many households; such an honour for our lovely Theo. Congratulations Theo, and a huge thank you to Miss Kenyon and the School Council for encouraging our pupils to participate in the competition.

The weekend is fast approaching, no doubt there will be visits to see Santa Claus, as well as many other seasonal traditions that you have planned for the children. Whatever your plans might be, have a wonderful weekend.

Avril Armstrong



# Dates for your diary

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Enrichment week (Focus of the week, Oracy, Reading and Performance)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Choir to sing at Ryton Towers Residential Home in the morning

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 9.15am - 10.30am - Reception Parents Christmas Stay and Play session (Group 3)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Open the Book Assembly for children in KS1 & Y3

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Toddler Christmas Party



Toddler Party

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am - 10.30am - Nursery Parents Christmas Stay and Play session (Group 2)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.40pm - The year 3 pupils invite their parents and friends to join them for hot drinks and treats whilst they entertain them with Carols. Please meet in the front yard



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am - 11.30am - Choir to sing at the Centenary Church

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day (or T shirt) as the children will be having their School Christmas lunch



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - The Year 2 children would like to invite their parents to their Christmas Assembly

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - The Children in Y4, 5 & 6 to visit the Tyneside Cinema to watch a Christmas movie

TYNESIDE  
CINEMA

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - The children in KS1 and Y3 to visit the Tyneside Cinema to watch a Christmas movie

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10am - The reception children would like to invite their parents to join them for their Christmas Nativity

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December pm - Nursery - Y6 Christmas Parties

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Non Uniform day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - School closes for the Christmas holiday

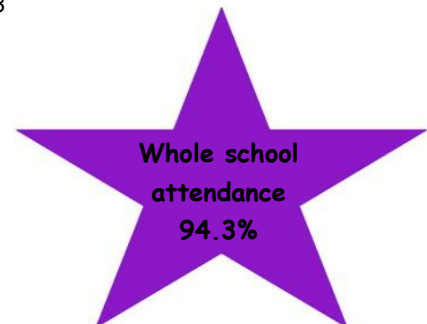
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens



## School Attendance Week Ending 01.12.23

Year 6: North America	89.7%	South America	93.3%
Year 5: Antarctica	85.0%	Oceania	91.9%
Year 4: Africa	98.7%	Asia	99.4%
Year 3: Northern Europe	93.8%	Southern Europe	97.9%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	95.7%	Wales	95.5%
Year 1: England	96.3%	Scotland	94.5%
EYFS: Gateshead	89.0%	Newcastle	93.0%
Crawcrook	90.7%		

Well done to Asia for the best attendance last week.



## Emmaville Primary School

### Christmas Raffle

1st - Food Hamper worth £70

2nd - Festive Drinks Hamper worth £50

3rd - Children's Gift Box to the value of £40

4th - Beauty Gift Box

5th - M&S Christmas Cake

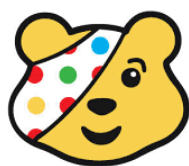
6th - Christmas Crackers

Raffle tickets £5 per family, prizes to be drawn on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Please return all sold raffle stubs complete with name and telephone number on each strip, and any unsold tickets to school by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

"If I am thinking correctly," said Pooh,  
"a new baby is probably undoubtedly the grandest gift that could ever be."  
"A grand gift indeed."

Congratulations to  
Sam (South America) and Lilli (Northern Ireland) on the birth of their baby sister Alora (Ali) Louise  
and  
Thomas (Nursery) on the birth of his baby sister Elsie.



We raised an amazing £718.00  
for Children in Need.

Please remember if your child is absent from school that you contact the school office before 9.30am (0191 4132460) and leave a message on the absence line.

Alternately, you can email school:  
[emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)

Thank you



# Stars of the Week

## Head Teacher

24.11.23 - Arthur (England) for being able to quickly recognise when he should use a full stop. Well done Arthur!

01.12.23 - Layton (Northern Europe) for trying so hard with his handwriting. So proud of you Layton.

## North America

24.11.23 - Sam for giving maximum effort in everything he does.

01.12.23 - Samuel for being incredible and showing us more of your personality.

## South America

24.11.23 - Lilah for being such a helpful and supportive member of the class.

01.12.23 - Lola for being an amazing friend and having such amazing determination.

## Antarctica

24.11.23 - Noah for trying incredibly hard and always having a lovely attitude.

01.12.23 - Eva for being a beautiful partner on our visit to Durham.

## Oceania

24.11.23 - Ailsa for trying really hard in all lessons.

01.12.23 - Harrison for super thinking skills in lessons.

## Africa

24.11.23 - Reggie for settling in so well.

01.12.23 - Poppy for her fantastic effort in her times tables.

## Asia

24.11.23 - Cub for being the first to reach 10 points on Accelerated Reader.

01.12.23 - Liam for being a great 'spy' in dance!

## Northern Europe

24.11.23 - Lana for fantastic answers in class and being so good at looking after her friends.

01.12.23 - Wilf for great enthusiasm, concentration and hard work all week.

## Southern Europe

24.11.23 - Molly L for her fantastic work in maths this week and her improvement in confidence.

01.12.23 - Mia-Star for her increasing confidence in maths and working so hard!

## Northern Ireland

24.11.23 - Alfie for his fabulous contributions during maths this week!

01.12.23 - Ella for always giving 100% in everything she does. Amazing!

## Wales

24.11.23 - Amelia for committing so much time to learn her lines.

01.12.23 - Ava for her contributions in all lessons and engagement.

## England

24.11.23 - Charlotte for her brilliant attitude to learning.

01.12.23 - Daniel for being so kind and caring.

## Scotland

24.11.23 - Summer for her amazing story writing skills.

01.12.23 - Amber for being such a superstar in class all week! Great work Amber!

## Gateshead

24.11.23 - Freya for being a kind and caring friend.

01.12.23 - Luke for being such a kind and friendly member of the class.

## Newcastle

24.11.23 - Jake for always trying his best.

01.12.23 - Penny for fabulous shape work in maths.

## Crawcrook Nursery

24.11.23 - George for his knowledge of dinosaur facts during our dinosaur week.

01.12.23 - Poppy for always listening and always setting a good example.

