Date: Friday 9th February '18

# MMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOO

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS







Last Friday, three teams from Years 5 & 6 represented the school at the first round of the Thorp Academy Cluster Basketball Competition.

There were nine teams altogether, so there was plenty of opportunity for everyone to get a part of the action. And action there was; passing, dribbling, shooting and amazing teamwork were all part of every game that was played, with a total of 20 baskets scored and 8 games drawn or won.

All three of our teams battled heroically through two rounds of group matches, with a silver and two gold places being achieved by the end of the afternoon. Without losing a single game, Emmaville A were declared overall winners, which means that the squad of nine will be taking part in the Gateshead finals on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3:30 pm.

It was a real pleasure to watch our children, but special mention to Louis D, who fell heavily onto one knee during a match, but refused to be beaten by the pain. He got to his feet, received a pass, dribbled the length of the court and sailed the ball straight into the net - what a star!

Mr Saddington & Miss Croxford.







We hope you have a relaxing half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Please make sure your child is in their designated yard at 8.45am, ready for the bell going at 8.50am.

#### Forthcoming dates for your diary....

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February School reopens

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day Dress Up

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9am

Y5/6 parents are invited to join us for

Celebration Assembly
followed by coffee and cake for parents

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March Enrichment Week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm KS2 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm KS2 Parents' Evening

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Y3/4 parents are invited to join us for

Celebration Assembly

followed by coffee and cake for parents

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm EYFS Parents' Evening

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Residential Visit to London

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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March School closed to pupils as staff are attending a Primary Writing Training Day at Larkspur School With the building work taking place in school, the School Council thought that it would be a good idea to develop links with Crawcrook Library to ensure that everyone still had access to the widest range of books as possible.

The School Council have now met on two occasions with some of the librarians to organise a timetable of sessions for all year groups in school. Every class will have the opportunity to visit the library once a half term from now until the end of this academic year.

The staff at the library have been fantastic and have even ordered an extra 500 junior fiction titles with the increased number of visitors they will have from our school! We look forward to developing these links with the library and hope that it will encourage the children to make the most of this great facility.

Miss McPherson.

#### Residential Visits 2018

Just a little reminder of the following payments for our residential trips:

#### Y5's visit to London

A final payment of £100 for our visit to London is due by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

On payment, this will bring your total payment to £310.00.

#### Y6's visit to France

A payment of £70.00 for our visit to France is due by the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This will bring your total payment so far to at least £280.00.

School Attendance - Week Ending 02.02.18



Year 5/6 New York - 98.3% Rio - 92.3% Toronto - 98.0% Year 3/4

Jerusalem - 98.6% Kuala Lumpur - 95.4% Moscow - 98.6% Year 2

> Cape Town - 88.6% Vienna - 91.4% Year 1

Edinburgh - 98.7% Glasgow - 93.4% EYFS

Gateshead - 99.3% Newcastle - 94.2% Crawcrook - 85.6%

Well done to Gateshead for the best attendance last week.



To mark Safer Internet Day in Year 5 and 6 this week, we have been looking at the safe and responsible use of technology for young people. The UK Safer Internet Centre has tips and resources to help children make a positive change online, stay safe and help their friends. Its website is definitely worth a visit; however, here are some tips that we have discussed with the children this week:

- 1. Social media services like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and Snapchat require account holders to be at least **13 years-old**. Allowing children to join these sites before this age exposes them to content and conversations which may not be age appropriate.
- 2. Keep your personal information safe and check with an adult before you share anything online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and passwords. Never agree to meet up with someone you only know online. No matter how friendly they seem or how well you think you know them, they are still a stranger. Always tell a trusted adult if someone online asks to meet up.
- 3. Remember that behind every screen is a real person. Being kind and positive online is just as important as being kind and positive face-to-face.
- 4. Even when we are trying really hard to be a good friend online, things can still go wrong. If you ever upset someone online, even if it wasn't on purpose, then saying sorry is a really powerful and positive action to take.
- 5. Being online is great there are so many fun and exciting things to do! But being connected all the time can get a little stressful. If being online is making you feel worried, upset or confused, it's always worth taking a step back and having a break from your online activities.
- 6. It's OK to feel worried or upset by something you see online just make sure you speak to someone about it! Always tell an adult you trust if you see anything that worries you online.

The address for the UK Safer Internet Centre is: <a href="https://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s">https://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s</a>
Please feel free to discuss any issues you may have with your child's teacher.

