

Date: Friday 16th September '22

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



God Rest The Queen

She spoke volumes quietly
Is everywhere and will remain so
Our shared interest, our common currency
The nation cannot let her go

Stars untwinkle one by one
The moon, in shock, averts its gaze
No words express the grief we feel
How we loved thee, let us count the ways

The future, fearful, has gone awol
Life goes on but not the one we know
Though wreaths and words may wither
The nation will not let her go

Guns fall silent, the flag lowered
She who kept us close has gone
Winter is composing a sad anthem
It will play on and on and on

Roger McGough

Hello everyone, I hope you have all had a good week. Our week in school has been very busy but extremely enjoyable. In every class, we have extremely enthusiastic learners; children who are eager to celebrate their achievements.

Queen Elizabeth II

Since the sad announcement of the Queen's death, we have spoken to the children about the remarkable 70-year reign of her Majesty. We have focused upon her amazing dedication to duty, her great faith and how she fulfilled the promise that she made when she became Queen. The children have reflected upon the work completed in the lead up to her Platinum Jubilee and have written their own personal messages that have been displayed in classrooms and in corridors.

On Friday afternoon we will be holding a special assembly to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

Enrichment Clubs

We are in the process of drawing up a timetable for clubs that will take place either during the lunch period or after school. Currently, training has started for our enthusiastic girls and boys who enjoy the game of football. In addition to the coaching offered by Mr Elliott, Mr Harrison and Mr Lightfoot, this week we welcomed to the school a new football coach, Mo Hmida. Mo's first session went really well and although we have booked him for an initial 6-week slot, this may be extended.

We are always considering ways in which we can enhance the children's participation in sport and would welcome any recommendations of coaches for basketball, cricket, tennis and athletics. If any of our families know of anyone who would be interested in paid coaching sessions, then please let me know. All coaches would need a DBS and a coaching certificate.

Meet the teacher

We would like to invite parents and carers to meet their child's class teacher. This will be an informal meeting where parents will be able to look around their child's classroom and to learn about priorities for the year. The dates for the meetings are included in this half-term's diary dates. Class teachers will send you a Seesaw message about the arrangements for the 'meet the teacher' sessions. Please note that children can be collected from school once the session has ended.

Parent Consultation Meetings

This term it will be telephone appointments to discuss pupil progress and personal targets. The online appointment system will be set up the week beginning 10th October. Meetings that take place this half-term are included in the diary dates.

Parking around the school

I would like to politely remind parents that they should not be parking on the grass verges at the rear of the school building. I have received several complaints from residents and I do ask that you show consideration. One resident has informed me that she has had her wing mirror damaged by a parent collecting a child from Emmaville. Understandably, residents will be frustrated and will complain to me, especially if their cars are damaged and if they feel an accident is waiting to happen because of inconsiderate parking.

Here we go, as promised diary dates up until October half-term

Tuesday 20th September

Year 6 visit Newcastle and the Victoria Tunnel



Tuesday 20th September

School Governors to visit the school to speak with the children and the staff

Tuesday 20th September

Y4 Yoga Festival at Thorp Academy



Monday 26th September

European Language Day



Monday 26th September 2.30pm - 3pm

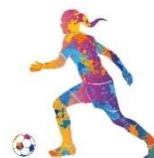
Reception parents are invited to meet their children's teachers

Tuesday 27th September 2.30pm - 3pm

Year 1 and Year 2 parents are invited to meet their children's teachers

Wednesday 28th September - Y2 Inclusive Sport Festival at Thorp Academy

Wednesday 28th September - Y6 Girls 5-a-side Football Tournament



Thursday 29th September 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Year 3 and Year 4 parents are invited to meet their children's teachers

Monday 3rd October 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Year 5 and Year 6 parents are invited to meet their children's teachers

Wednesday 5th October 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Open Evening for prospective parents



Thursday 6th October

National Poetry Day

Thursday 6th October

Children from Year 3 to Year 6 will represent the school at GSSP Cross Country event at Watergate Park

Monday 17th October 1pm - 6pm

Miss Woolard's Parent Consultation Meeting

Tuesday 18th October 1pm - 6pm

Miss Kenyon's Parent Consultation Meeting

Tuesday 18th October

Y6 Tag Rugby competition at Ryton Rugby Club



Wednesday 19th October - Prayer Space Stations

Thursday 20th October - Prayer Space Stations

Wednesday 19th October 1pm - 6pm

Mrs Lawrence's Parent Consultation Meeting

Thursday 20th October 1pm - 6pm

Miss McArdle's Parent Consultation Meeting

Friday 21st October - School closes for half-term

Avril Armstrong

HALF TERM



Reception, Gateshead



Reception, Newcastle



Nursery, Crawcrook

Welcome!

A special welcome to all of the children who have joined Emmaville since the beginning of term; you are a welcome addition to our school.



Y1, England



Y1, Scotland



Y2, Northern Ireland



Y2, Wales



Y3, Northern Europe



Y3, Southern Europe



Y4, Africa



Y4, Asia



Y5, Antarctica



Y5, Oceania



Y6, North America



Y6, South America



Sharing the love and enjoyment of books

It goes without saying that we are passionate about reading at Emmaville. From the very start, we like to encourage our children to be eager to learn to read so that they are transported into other magical worlds.

Our friend, Detective Lizzie, chose a superb book that we gifted to the children who have just started in the reception classes. The children were thrilled to receive their Detective boxes, not only was there a recently published picture book within the box, but there were also some special missions for them to complete.

Avril Armstrong





School Uniform

We would like to remind parents/carers of Emmaville's school uniform:

The uniform consists of a purple sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with the school logo, light grey polo shirt with the school logo, grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirts or a grey pinafore. Please note skirts should be regular school skirts and not fashion skirts. In the summer purple and white gingham checked dresses may be worn.

Information and order forms for uniform are available on the school website.

In keeping with uniform and the colours of the school, plain white or grey socks (ankle or knee high only) should be worn. Please ensure that no fashion socks are worn by the children. Plain grey tights may also be worn.

Black shoes are worn in school; sandshoes are worn for indoor P.E. and trainers may be worn for outdoor P.E. but not for school.

The wearing of nail varnish is not allowed. Nor is the wearing of earrings or other items of jewellery. For health and safety reasons no earrings should be worn for school, nor should children wear earrings with plasters covering them or with plastic retainers in their ears. No responsibility can be accepted by the school for jewellery or watches lost on the premises.

Hairstyle colour and accessories should be suitable for primary school children. Please note that no extreme or fashion hairstyles (shaved or tram lines) or braids are permitted.

It is now school policy, that on PE days pupils should come to school in their PE kit. The school PE kit consists of: black shorts, white T-shirt (summer), socks and sandshoes (indoor) or trainers (outdoor) black tracksuits or leggings, jogging bottoms and black sweatshirts (outdoor).

Please note, no fashion-branded PE kit should be worn.

Year 5, and a small group of Y6 pupils will go swimming in 2022/23. These pupils will need swimwear and a towel and should come to school dressed in their purple uniform. A letter will be sent home informing parents when their child will be going swimming.

The uniform policy can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your continuing support.



Throughout the year we will be talking about using the internet safely with all of our children in school from the very youngest in Nursery to the oldest in Year Six. It is essential that all of our children know about the benefits and potential pitfalls of using the internet.

With that in mind, we will be informing you of some activities that that you can do with your family to help keep your children safe when using the internet at home.

The first activity for the coming year is to create a family agreement to decide as a family what your internet rules will be. Please click on: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement/> to find some information from 'Childnet' about what this agreement might look like. Hopefully it will form the basis for some good discussions in your house.

For children in EYFS and Key Stage One, there is a read along book that will help to start discussions about what the internet is and how it might be used.

Please click on: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/> to share this book with your children.

Mrs Lawrence

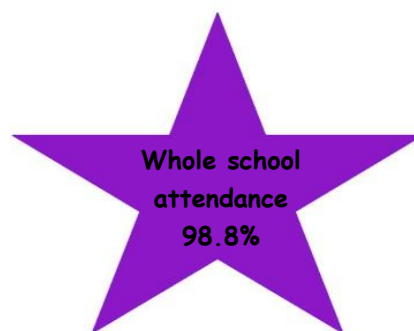


Please note, for health and safety reasons dogs are not allowed on any of the school yards. We politely ask that all parents/carers respect this rule.

Thank you

School Attendance Week Ending 09.09.22

Year 6: North America	99.4%	South America	98.8%
Year 5: Antarctica	98.0%	Oceania	98.7%
Year 4: Africa	98.7%	Asia	99.0%
Year 3: Northern Europe	92.0%	Southern Europe	98.1%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	97.5%	Wales	96.6%
Year 1: England	100%	Scotland	99.3%
EYFS: Gateshead	97.5%	Newcastle	95.0%



Congratulations to England for 100% attendance last week.



Well done to the following people for passing a reading quiz with 100% since the start of this term!

Year 3	Finley K, Joshua K, Alayah M, Ella P, Evan T, Lennon W, Molly W, Maaz C, Grace E, Leo G, Ayla H, Freddie H, Rosie J, Lydia M, Oliver M, Poppy P, Evie S, Charlotte T
Year 4	Mila F, Emily J, Eva K, Grace M, Molly R, Caspian S, Maisy S, James W, Owen W, Oscar Y, Riley C, Drew L, Holly M, Georgia R
Year 5	Phoebe B, Jack C, Sienna C, Ellie M, Finley S, Sam W
Year 6	Isaiah A, James B, Frankie M, Scott C, Bradley D, Tyler D, George Jo, Poppy J, Dylan T



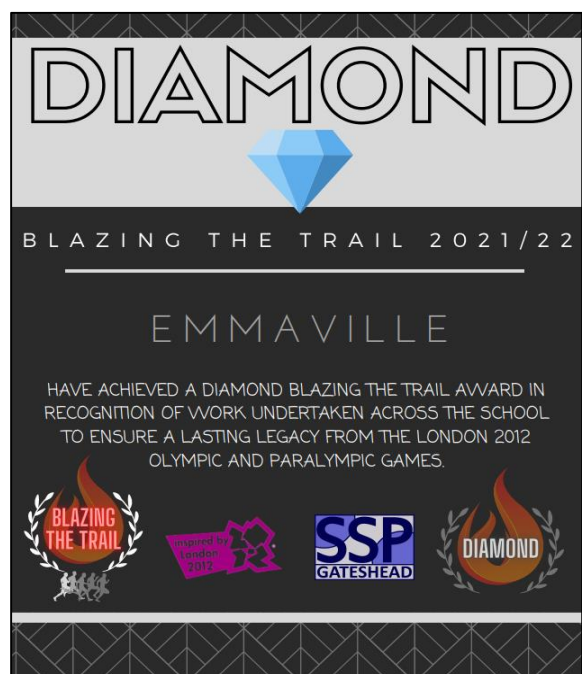
FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS



We are thrilled that the children's sporting achievements during 2021/22 were recognised by the Gateshead School Partnership. The certificates are now framed and are proudly displayed in school; they stand side by side with trophies that were also awarded for skill, performance, attitude and inspiration. What fantastic children we have and we very much look forward to celebrating their achievements in 2022/23.

One child recently commented to me, 'Miss Armstrong, Team Emmaville Rocks'. I must say, I have to agree, but then I am a little biased!

Avril Armstrong





Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Billy Joe (North America)
For his incredible piece of art work.

North America - Reilly
For his excellent thirst for knowledge.

South America - Josie
For making such a positive and conscientious start to Year 6.

Antarctica - Lydia
For being an amazing talk partner.

Oceania - Archie
For super listening skills and great ideas in discussions.

Africa - The whole class!
For being fantastic in your first year.

Asia - Leo
For a fantastic, mature attitude to Year 4 work.

Northern Europe - Isla
For being a joy to be around!

Southern Europe - Olivia
For wonderful listening, following instructions and working so hard.

Northern Ireland - Ben
For being a delight to have in class and having such lovely manners.

Wales - Daisy
For incredible effort all week - what a fantastic first week!

England - George
For his fantastic effort and attitude towards Year 1.

Scotland - Kaitlyn
For her amazing manners and super hard work.

School Cook - Ellie (Wales)
For beautiful manners at lunchtime.