

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June '23

# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Last half term, we were contacted by a member of the team at the Church of the Holy Spirit asking if our School Council would be interested in doing some planting in Crawcrook's new community garden.

The School Council were delighted to accept the invitation and on Thursday afternoon, Miss Kenyon and Mrs Richter took the school council to the garden where the pupils planted a variety of seeds including; courgette, carrot, pea and radish seeds. As well as this, the children also planted a pumpkin plant and some potatoes. Finally, the School Council helped to water the seeds and plants and listened carefully as Mrs Richter gave them some useful tips on how to care for new seeds.

The children absolutely loved spending time in the community garden and it is a very welcome addition to Crawcrook, that will hopefully be enjoyed by our pupils and the wider community.

# School Council planting at Crawcrook's community garden

Hello everyone,

I hope that you are all enjoying the wonderful sunshine that we are currently experiencing. However, when the temperature soars, keeping the children safe in the sun is a priority to us all. We suggest that in extreme weather the children should have factor 50 sun screen applied before they come to school in a morning. We also suggest that children bring sun screen to school so that they can reapply it during the day. Please be aware that the children will need to apply the sun screen themselves and they must not share their lotion with any other child. It would also be a good idea if children wore a cap/hat and sunglasses during the summer months.

### **School Visits**

It is really important that we receive parent/carer consent forms for visits. If we do not receive consent forms then this may result in children not being able to attend a visit and we would hate that to happen. Unfortunately, a phone call to school is not acceptable, we must have consent in writing.

### **Diary Dates**

Another couple of dates to add to your diaries for the term.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Northern Europe to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 sessions on the Wonders of Wellness.  
(2<sup>nd</sup> session Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> session Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - A team of pupils from Y3 and Y5 will participate in a County Quadkids tournament. We are thrilled that the children have managed to progress to the County event and we wish them the very best of luck.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 pupils to Tynemouth for surfing and beach time

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 2 pupils will visit Seven Stories

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 4 pupils to visit Vindalanda and the Roman Army

### **Staff News**

As Miss Brewster is retiring from her post as Assistant Headteacher on the 31<sup>st</sup> August this left a vacancy for an Assistant Headteacher. I am pleased to announce that Miss McPherson will take up this post when she returns to school from maternity leave. Miss Woolard has now joined the Senior Leadership Team taking up a TLR post.

The future Senior Leadership will consist of the following members of staff:

Avril Armstrong - Headteacher

Maggie McKenna - Assistant Headteacher

Beth McPherson - Assistant Headteacher

Kit Saddington - TLR

Katherine Wallace - TLR

Jessica Woolard - TLR

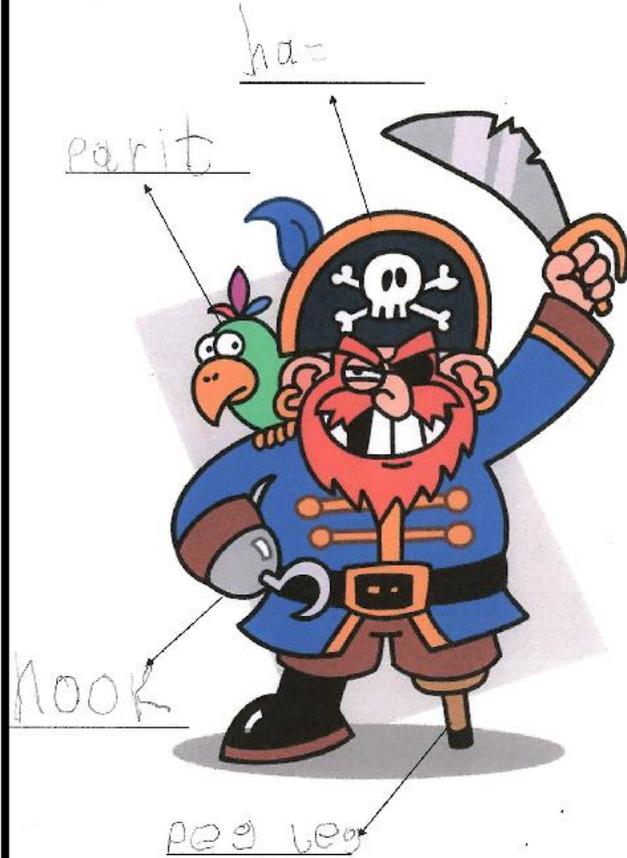
Curtis Lightfoot will be leaving us on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and we wish him the very best of luck in his future adventure. We are currently in the process of recruiting a Site Manager.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Avril Armstrong

**Label the pirate**

Matilda, Gateshead Reception



Dear Dad

You won't believe what happened today! I met a slimy Alien from Poison Planet. It started as a Poison egg. After that, it grew a tail. Then it grew some legs. Later on it grow's two arms and a couple of minutes later all the stuff that it grew went away and it grew wings. Finally it got all the stuff back with the wings.

Love from Oscar

Oscar, Y2 Wales



**The Holly bush**

One step at a time, Ondina crept away from her teacher. At the bottom she paused but all she could hear was her teeth chattering like a horse. She'd be back before they noticed she was gone.

Five minutes later, she entered Horror Woods. Her lantern found the path and frequently flicked to show her the bats eyes. Dark trees had covered the moon. Not long after, she came to the scraps of the Holly bush. On the bush the leaves were rotten and falling of. Overgrown rose bushes blocked the path with moldy leaves.

Holly, Y3 Northern Europe



The duck is extausted.  
The duck is weepy.  
The duck is sad and upset.  
The duck is hard working.  
The duck is helpful.

Eli, Y1 England



A month ago, me and my dad went all the way to London to go see Justin Bieber as this was the only time he was coming to England for his 'Justice' world tour.

At 9:45, me and my dad hopped onto the 10A bus to Newcastle. I could feel the rush of excitement throughout my body as the bus bobbed along the streets. The bus slowly came to a halt outside Central Station. We got off and made our way over to the platform. Our train was a azuma, due to leave at 11:00.

The train screeched up next to the platform and the doors slid open.

Nathan, Y4 Africa



#### How to brew a polyjuice potion

A polyjuice potion transforms the person for 1 hour or more at a time. Heres is how to brew one potion:

- Part of the thing that you want to into,
- 1 pint of acormantula venom,
- The stem of a hexed pumpkin,
- 1 ground basilisk fang,
- 1ml of felix felicius (Add more if you want extra time as the thing),
- And three phoenix feathers.

#### How to brew:

First, drop the ground basilisk fang slowly into the cauldron. It should taste quite bitter.

Next, heat the acromantula venom for 1 week, then pour it in. If you don't heat it, you'll drop dead shortly after transformation. After that, add the stem of the hexed pumpkin, preferably cut at midnight to max out the potion's effects. Then add 3 phoenix feathers from the same phoenix. If not, you will freeze and die. Next, add the felix felicius. Remember, the more you add, the longer you are transformed.

Finally, add the part of the person or thing you want to turn into to the mix. Hair is best, but you can use anything from a nail to blood. Leave to brew for 3 months. And there you have it, 1 polyjuice potion ready for tricking friends and family. Slip some secretly into someone's drink for loads of laughs. Good luck!

Oscar, Y5 Antarctica

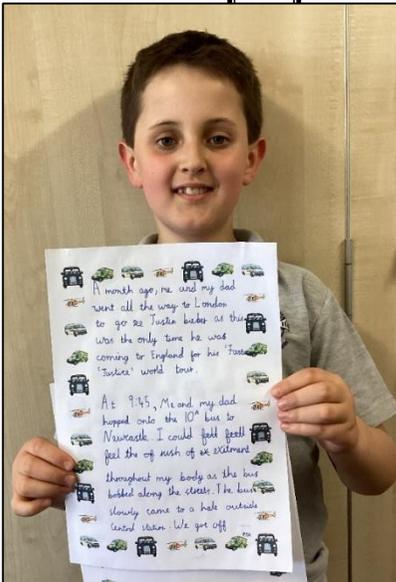
Dear diary,

I can't believe it! I've won the hot air balloon ride! A hot air balloon ride has been my dream for as long as I can remember; no words can describe how excited I am. I know this is a once-in-a-lifetime, so I'll take as many pictures as possible to show my friends.

My mother told me that I need to get as much rest as possible, but I'm just too hyper to sleep. When I had won the hot air balloon ride, I didn't believe it at first, then I became overwhelmed with joy.

It's quite scary when I think about it, the thought of a sudden weather change while in the air, creates a knot in my stomach. My parents reassured me that nothing would go wrong, so I should just enjoy the moment. I can't stop thinking of how beautiful the view will be, seeing the world from a completely new angle.

Molly, Y6 North America





Gateshead: Callum and Matilda



Newcastle: Ava and Harry



England: Demi and Eli



Scotland: Alfie and Lilli



Northern Europe: Holly and Liam



Southern Europe: Alfie and Emily



Northern Ireland: Oliver and Sophie



Wales: Ellie and Oscar



Asia: Oliver and Sophie



**Congratulations to the children who have had their writing displayed on this month's Writer of the Month board**



Antarctica: Adam and Oscar



Africa: Millie and Nathan



North America: Molly and Rachel



South America: Daisy and George



Oceania: Harry and Max



Dear Parents/Carers,

As well as After School club being unavailable on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, we are also unavailable to offer After School Club on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you for your continued support.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of the illness.

### Water Bottles

New bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.95. Unfortunately, we no longer sell lids only.

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Year 6 pupils' residential visit to London

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, 2.30pm - KS1 and Year 3 Open the Book assembly

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, 1.30pm - Year 1 children to go to the Tyneside Theatre to watch a performance of Zog

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Transition days to Thorp Academy

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Children in KS1 to participate in Godly Play sessions with Sam Cree and Reverend Janet

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Step up Morning

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - A group of pupils from Year 3 - Year 6 to represent Emmaville at the annual Gateshead Sport Partnership Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Year 3 pupils to work with representatives from Primary Enterprise World. The theme of the workshops, International Life

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - A group of 8 Year 3 & 4 pupils to attend a Football Festival at NUCASTLE (an NUF event)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - 9.15am - 12 noon - KS2 Sports Day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - 12.45pm - 3.15pm - KS1 Sports Day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - 10am Reception Class Sports Day - 1.30pm - Nursery Sports Day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - 1pm - 1.45pm - Sam Cree to work with the children in North America on preparing to move on to Secondary School

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - 2pm - 2.45pm - Sam Cree to work with the children in South America on preparing to move on to Secondary School

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - School closed for Occasional Day

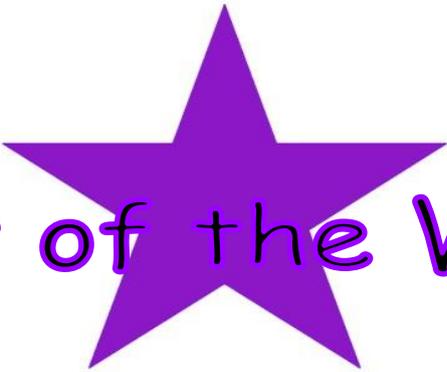


### School Attendance - Week Ending 09.06.23

Year 6: North America	98.5%	South America	95.6%
Year 5: Antarctica	99.2%	Oceania	99.2%
Year 4: Africa	96.1%	Asia	97.6%
Year 3: Northern Europe	99.6%	Southern Europe	91.9%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	94.2%	Wales	97.4%
Year 1: England	95.8%	Scotland	93.3%
EYFS: Gateshead	95.8%	Newcastle	85.3%
Crawcrook	89.9%		

Well done to Northern Europe for the best attendance last week.

Whole school  
attendance  
95.3%



# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Ella (Northern Europe)

For answering a very tricky question and giving a great explanation.

North America - Zoe

For communicating so well and being a lovely learning partner.

South America - Ava

For hard work and enthusiasm across school.

Antarctica - Kaysha

For being a great partner and teammate across all lessons.

Oceania - Jasmine

For excellent attitude in everything she does, from maths to football training.

Africa - Marnie

For her fab effort in PE! Well done. Great growth mindset!

Asia - Oliver

For exceptional work in PE and being a great friend to all.

Northern Europe - Hal

For his fantastic effort in maths and his dear explanations!

Southern Europe - Finley

For super listening this week.

Northern Ireland - Molly

For her superb work on fractions.

Wales - Wilf

For working his socks off all week!

England - Maria

For her super effort in class.

Scotland - Elias

For his fantastic phonics this week!

Gateshead - Owl group

For super story telling of our new story 'Pirate Tom'.

Newcastle - Amelia

For being really brave this week - what a super star!

Crawcrook Nursery - George J

For great actions and re-telling of Rosie's Walk.

School Cook - Faith (Wales)

For her wonderful manners at lunchtime.

# New Parent and Carer Support Line



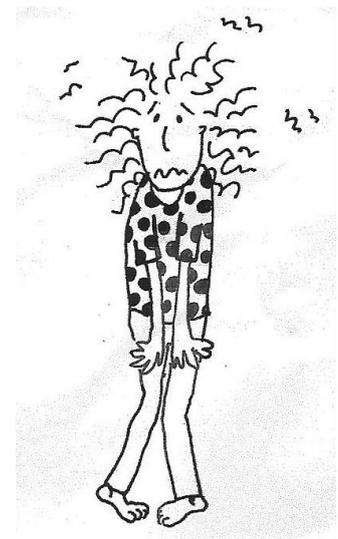
NECS knows that sometimes parents and carers may be concerned about the emotional wellbeing of their children. Since our launch in 2006, we've experienced a steady increase in children accessing, and benefiting from, counselling. This has been even more so over the last 2 years as we move through the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Research shows that 50% of all adult mental health problems start before the age of 14 and 75% start before the age of 21. Improving the emotional wellbeing of our children is a key part of supporting the wellbeing of our entire population.

It's hard for a parent or carer to see their child struggling. Sometimes, it's difficult to know what to say or do, or where to get support from if it's needed.

NECS works with children who experience a range of issues that impact their emotional wellbeing and their day-to-day lives. This means we have experience of knowing what this creates for parents and carers and how we can support them too.

Because of this we've developed a confidential parent and carer support line to provide a listening ear for those who feel they would like some help and guidance.



**If you feel you'd like to speak to one of our qualified counsellors, call us on 0333 358 3040 from 1st April 2022.**

**We're taking calls from Monday to Friday between 10am – 2pm.**

**You're also welcome to leave a message outside of these hours to request a call-back during our opening times.**

**It's important to note this service is not a crisis line. If you are in crisis, call 111 or 999.**