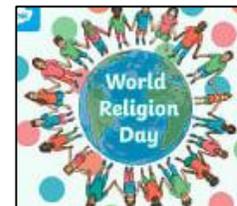
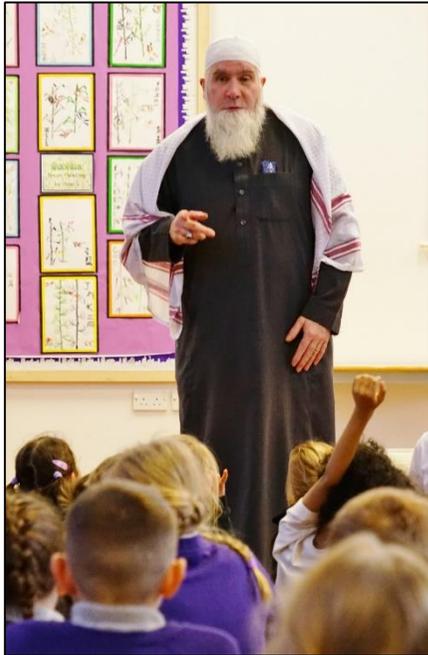


# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



On Monday, we celebrated World Religion Day throughout school. World Religion Day is celebrated across the world every January on the third Sunday of the month. The aim of the celebration is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. As part of us learning about other faiths, we were very fortunate on Monday to have Brother Khadim, from the Newcastle Central Mosque, visit our school to talk all about his life as a Muslim and follower of Islam. During the assembly, Brother Khadim spoke to the children about some of the key aspects of Islam such as the 5 pillars of Islam and showed the children a range of things he uses in his everyday as part of his faith such as a prayer mat when he goes to the mosque. All of the children were so intrigued during the session and asked lots of questions to Brother Khadim to help with their understanding about Islam. In addition to the visit, the children have also explored this week in their classes a range of religions that people follow from across the world. They have found out that one of the key messages in all of the six major religions is 'Treat others as you would wish to be treated and love people with respect.' This is something our children in Emmaville strive to do every day.

Mrs Thompson, RE Co-ordinator.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January '24

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Open the Book Assembly for children in KS1 and Y3

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Adam Bushnell will be working with the children in Early Years

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Adam Bushnell will be working with the children in Year 1

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Year 4 - Year 6 Assembly with Sam Cree

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to visit Thorp Academy for a performance of Matilda

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - School closes for half term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - School reopens

Matilda

"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  
Eloise (Crawcrook Nursery) on the birth of her baby brother Isaac  
and  
Ethan (Oceania) on the birth of his baby sister Penelope



### Headlice

Could we ask that you check your child's hair for headlice on a regular basis. If you do find headlice, please treat your whole family straight away.

Thank you

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.

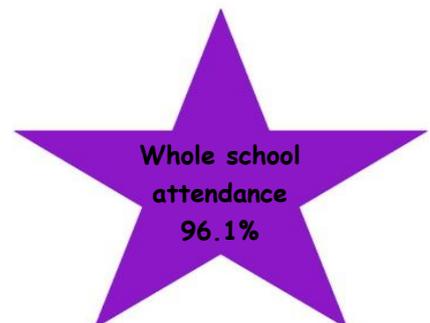
Alternately, you can email school:  
[emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)

Thank you

### School Attendance - Week Ending 19.01.24

Year 6: North America	96.6%	South America	91.3%
Year 5: Antarctica	93.1%	Oceania	93.8%
Year 4: Africa	94.8%	Asia	96.1%
Year 3: Northern Europe	97.2%	Southern Europe	96.4%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	98.0%	Wales	98.1%
Year 1: England	98.1%	Scotland	99.3%
EYFS: Gateshead	96.0%	Newcastle	97.7%
Crawcrook	93.3%		

Well done to Scotland for the best attendance last week.



Mrs Hamilton has organised Emmaville's Annual Performance Poetry competition. The following has been presented to all classes. We look forward to seeing the children's performances and announcing the winners in a future bulletin.

## Performance Poetry Competition 2024

This year's theme is

### A POEM I LOVE

Choose a poem that you really love! You might have lots of favourites to choose from or maybe you know straight away which one you love the best. Say it out loud again and again. Learn it off by heart if you can. Maybe you love it so much that you already know it off by heart. Practise saying it to someone else or in front of a mirror. Are there parts of the poem that you need to emphasise? Do you need to vary the speed, tone or volume of your voice? Can you use facial expression? What about moving your body or hands to enhance the poem? Could you add a small prop? Most of all, we want you to enjoy sharing your poem with everyone. Use your enthusiasm about it to encourage others to enjoy it too! Before you recite your poem to the class, can you say why you love it?

#### TOP TIPS! These are the things the judges are going to be looking for:

- Think about VOICE: pace, varying your tone, pronouncing words clearly and projecting your voice.
- Think about BODY LANGUAGE: gesture and posture, facial expression and eye contact.

Each teacher will choose a winner from their class. Those winners will then go into the final, and a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be chosen from the whole school.

Good Luck!

Deadline: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

We would like to share with you this information with regards to the recent measles outbreak.

**Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.**

### **Check if you or your child has measles**

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth.

### **Cold-like symptoms**

The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes

### **Spots in the mouth**

Small white spots may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips a few days later. These spots usually last a few days.

### **The measles rash**

A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. The spots of the measles rash are sometimes raised and join together to form blotchy patches. They're not usually itchy.



**If you think your child has measles, please ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help from NHS 111.**

### **How to avoid spreading or catching measles**

Measles is spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes. There are things you can do to reduce the risk of spreading or catching it.

#### **Do:**

- wash your hands often with soap and warm water
- use tissues when you cough or sneeze
- throw used tissues in the bin

#### **Don't:**

- do not share cutlery, cups, towels, clothes, or bedding

**Importantly, stay off nursery, school or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.**



# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Ivy and Olivia R (Gateshead)

For keeping me thoroughly entertained during a lunchtime yard duty.

North America - Sam C

For being so hardworking and kind.

South America - Lydia

For amazing hard work and progress across school.

Antarctica - Sofia

For brilliant manners and a great attitude.

Oceania - George M

For fantastic effort in Reading.

Africa - Leo

For always making excellent contributions to class discussions and excellent scientific knowledge.

Asia - Alayah

For always trying her best and giving brilliant explanations!

Northern Europe - Thomas

For fantastic listening and focus in class.

Southern Europe - Niamh

For her consistent effort in English lessons and beautiful handwriting.

Northern Ireland - Matty

For his super Science work - well done!

Wales - Charlotte

For always taking such care and pride in her work.

England - Eleanor

For being such a fantastic team player.

Scotland - Harry

For making such good progress with your Read, Write, Inc sounds.

Gateshead - Sienna

For her amazing retelling of 'The Three Little Pigs.'

Newcastle - Rose

For her hard work at school and at home.

Crawcrook Nursery - Cameron

For fabulous number knowledge.

School Cook - Josie (Wales)

For beautiful manners at lunchtime.