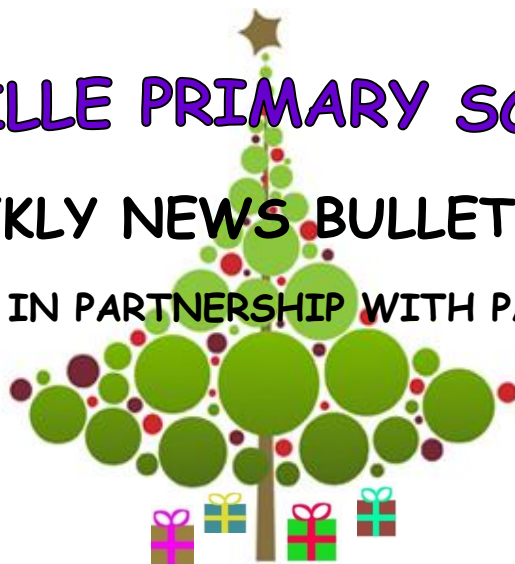




EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Reception's Amazing Nativity Performance



Friday 22nd December '23

Merry Christmas



Year 2's Wonderful Performance of Born in a Barn



Born in a Barn

Dear families,

As I write this note, we are fast approaching the end of the autumn term, and what a term it has been. There have been many things to celebrate on both an individual, and group level.

Christmas Celebrations

It has been lovely to see how quickly our reception children have settled into school life, adapting to all the routines and busyness of Emmaville. Their first term at big school, as many refer to it, ended on a finale as they entertained us in their Nativity performance. I am sure there were many parents, grandparents and extended family members in the audience who felt extremely proud of their offspring. It was a great opportunity for everyone to come together to share in the joy.

The Year 2 children also wowed us as they took to the stage to perform 'Born in a Barn'. What a barn it was, full of delightful animals as they gathered around Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. There were many visitors to the barn too; shepherds hastily made their journey to see the baby, Kings delivered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and a host of beautiful angels delighted everyone with their presence. The twinkling stars guided the visitors to the stable, and throughout the course of the performance the children sang a number of wonderful, toe-tapping songs.

An immensely entertaining show - Jolly Well-Done children!

Carols in the playground, performed by the Year 3 choir, was another lovely opportunity for the community to gather together. Many thanks to the children for braving the cold; thankfully the rain held off so the children were able to perform their medley of Christmas songs.



Christmas lunch was also a great success, many thanks to our cook, Paula, and to all of the kitchen staff who worked hard to produce a tasty Christmas feast for the children to enjoy.

A big thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Crawcrook Co-op for their very generous donation of £80.00. This money will be used to buy books for our library.

Also, a big thank you for all the People's Kitchen donations, we have raised over £300.00.

Such an honour Theo

In last week's bulletin, we announced the winner of Liz Twist's Christmas card competition. We were delighted when we were contacted by Liz's personal assistant to ask if Liz could visit Emmaville to present Theo with his prize, which was a rather swish art set and a box of chocolate treats. When in school, Liz informed Theo that his card would be sent to many people. This week, Theo received a framed photograph of Liz and the Rt Hon Sir Lyndsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons. As you can see from the photograph below, both Liz and Sir Hoyle are holding Theo's card; what a wonderful honour for our lovely boy.



Sorry you are leaving us...

We are sad to see one of our lunchtime supervisors leave us at the end of term. Angela Hall has been a good friend to the children of Emmaville and I am sure that she will be very much missed. However, we do hope that she will come back to visit us. Thank you, Angela, for the love and support you have shown the children, enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Mrs Cornforth will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of January, so she will not be returning to school after Christmas. We cannot wait to meet her new baby once he/she arrives, so good luck Mrs Cornforth.

I hope that everyone has a lovely holiday, and on behalf of Team Emmaville -

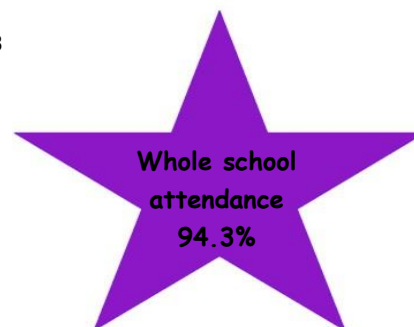
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Avril Armstrong

School Attendance - Week Ending 15.12.23

Year 6: North America	98.1%	South America	91.3%
Year 5: Antarctica	91.6%	Oceania	90.3%
Year 4: Africa	95.7%	Asia	91.0%
Year 3: Northern Europe	96.6%	Southern Europe	97.9%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	94.7%	Wales	97.4%
Year 1: England	95.6%	Scotland	92.1%
EYFS: Gateshead	89.3%	Newcastle	97.0%
Crawcrook	93.9%		

Well done to North America for the best attendance last week.





Emmaville Primary School Christmas Raffle Ticket Winners

**1st - Food Hamper worth £70
Name: Rosa - Northern Ireland**

**2nd - Festive Drinks Hamper worth £50
Name: Robert Martin**

**3rd - Children's Gift Box to the value of £40
Name: Laura Clark**

**4th - Beauty Gift Box
Name: Imogen - Southern Europe**

**5th - M&S Christmas Cake
Name: Mr & Mrs Poulter**

**6th - Christmas Crackers
Name: Anna Eyres**

**7th - Gin Gift Set
Name: Eva - Africa**

**We would like to thank everyone who has bought raffle tickets,
your support is very much appreciated.**

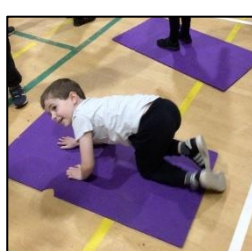


Year 2 really enjoyed a trip to Thorp Academy to take part in a sports festival. We had a brilliant afternoon working our way around many different activity stations, some of our favourites included the football dribble, basketball throw, hurdle jump and the skipping challenge.

The children were amazing at listening to the sports leaders, following the instructions and working as a team. They were superb representatives of Emmaville.

Well done Year 2!

Mrs Johnson and Miss Freeman



Stars of the Week



Head Teacher - To all the Reception cohort
For a fabulous first term at Emmaville.

North America - Phoebe
For being so positive and her super role in 'A Cover is not a Book.'

South America - Max
For such an amazing artwork in his 24 hour read.

Antarctica - Joseph
For stepping into Antarctica's video production and doing a fabulous job.

Oceania - Amelia
For super concentration and hard work.

Africa - Freddie
For amazing maths work, well done Freddie!

Asia - James
For writing a fantastic set of instructions in English.

Northern Europe - Layton
For trying really hard this week and following instructions well. Well done!

Southern Europe - Sienna
For her wonderful effort across all subjects.

Northern Ireland - The whole class
For an amazing Nativity performance - fantastic!

Wales - All of Wales class
For an incredible performance - you blew my socks off!

England - Joshua
For his brilliant effort in everything he does.

Scotland - Lucie
For being so kind, caring and polite.

Gateshead - Luna
For working and trying so hard in phonics.

Newcastle - Maya
For being such an excellent friend to everyone in our class.

Crawcrook Nursery - Arianna
For dancing her socks off to 'A Cover is not the Book.'