

# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the Angel of the North turned 25. To celebrate this great birthday for our icon, representative symbol of the North East, the Gateshead Library Service, have donated a knitted silver angel to all Gateshead schools. We have been invited to take our angel, aptly named Emmaville Angel, on many adventures around Gateshead.

Emmaville Angel went on her first adventure on Tuesday, where she accompanied the Netball team to a tournament that they were participating in. You can see from the photographs that she had a lovely time, and like all members of the team, her behaviour was extremely angelic!

As the Netball team were the first to take our angel on a visit, it seemed only right that they should choose a name, hence Emmaville Angel. Watch out for more future photographs of the places she visits with our children. I think she is going to love being at Emmaville.

Avril Armstrong



On Tuesday, our Year 6 netball team competed in the Gateshead Schools netball finals at Gateshead Leisure Centre. They played against 7 other schools and competition was extremely high.

Our team played exceptionally well and put up a very good fight in an attempt to make it into the top three, to secure a place at the counties.

After playing our first 3 matches we secured a place in the next round, but unfortunately our netball journey came to an end when we finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

The children's sporting attitudes and their resilience and determination throughout was exceptional. They were an absolute pleasure to take with us to represent our school and we hope that they're as proud of themselves as we are of them!

Well done team Emmaville!

Mrs Priestley and Mr Harrison

Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February '23

Hello Everyone,

We are at the end of the first half-term and what a lovely half-term it has been. The children will be more than ready for some 'down time' and some enjoyable fun with friends and family.

### Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

A little reminder about the spring term meetings, which will take place face to face. We ask those parents of children from Year 1 - Year 6 to enter school through the main door at the front of school. If you could make your way to your child's classroom the children's books will be displayed on a table in either the corridor (Y3, 4, and Antarctica class), the library (Oceania and South America) or the break out space (Y1 and 2). We ask that parents arrive no sooner than 10 minutes before their allocated appointment.

Parents/Carers will be able to book an appointment online from the afternoon of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Date and Time	Year Group
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	3 and 4
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	3 and 4
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	5 and 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	5 and 6
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	1 and 2
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	1 and 2
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 3.40pm - 6.30pm	Newcastle Class with Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Wallace
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 3.40pm - 6.30pm	Gateshead Class with Mrs Johnson
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 3.40pm - 6.30pm	Gateshead Class with Mrs Johnson
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	Crawcrook Class with Mrs Wallace
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	Crawcrook Class with Mrs Morren

The parents of nursery aged children that started with us in the spring term 2023, will be invited into school for a Parents Evening with Mrs Wallace and Mrs Morren on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. This will give your child time to settle into the nursery.

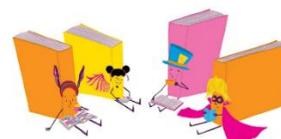
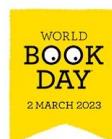
We look forward to welcoming you all into school.

### More dates for your diary

The following have been added to the diary since I sent out dates on the 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - Strider will be visiting the children in EYFS and will be at the front gates as the children from KS1 and reception leave for the day.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Y6 Girls Football Team have a 7-a side fixture at Blaydon Leisure Centre

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm - 3.15pm** - Newcastle Class Mastering Number at Home workshop for parents (Please come to the school hall for this session)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1 children will visit the Centre for Life



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm - 3.15pm** - Gateshead Class Mastering Number at Home workshop for parents (Please come to the school hall for this session)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm - 3.15pm** - England Class Mastering Number at Home workshop for parents and children (Please come to the school hall for this session)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2.15pm - 3.15pm** - Scotland Class Mastering Number at Home workshop for parents and children (Please come to the school hall for this session)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - The children are invited to bring into school a boiled egg and any resources that they wish to use to decorate their egg. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded in each class



**Due care and diligence**

Once again, I appeal to all of our families who drive their children to school to park with consideration to our neighbours. In addition, please take care when driving to school as some parents are concerned that drivers need to be more mindful of children who may cross a road between two parked cars. I am led to believe, that there have been two near misses recently, where two children thankfully were not bumped by cars. I have asked all class teachers to remind the children about road safety, but I also appeal to all drivers to drive with the utmost care. Our children are very precious to us and their safety is paramount.

**Writer of the Month**

In this week's bulletin, there is some great writing to read. It is always tricky to select which writing to include in the bulletin; however, I think all of the children who were chosen by their class teacher to have their writing displayed on my board should be extremely proud of themselves.

Have a lovely half-term holiday everyone,

Avril Armstrong

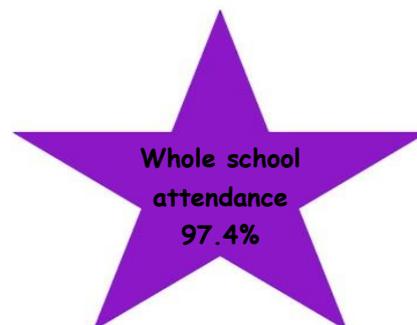


Could we please remind parents/carers if your child is absent from school that you contact the school office before 9.30am (0191 4132460) and leave a message on the absence line. Alternately, you can email school: [emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)

Thank you

School Attendance Week Ending 10.02.23

Year 6: North America	97.1%	South America	96.8%
Year 5: Antarctica	93.9%	Oceania	98.7%
Year 4: Africa	98.7 %	Asia	96.8%
Year 3: Northern Europe	98.4%	Southern Europe	96.8%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	95.0%	Wales	96.2%
Year 1: England	100%	Scotland	100%
EYFS: Gateshead	98.9%	Newcastle	93.4%
Crawcrook	93.1%		



Congratulations to England and Scotland for 100% attendance last week.



The dragon is called Ben. He lives in macdons. He has magic powers and he can make lava. He is small and has shiny ears. He likes to eat chicken yogerts. He likes drinking ckow cacaowlla.

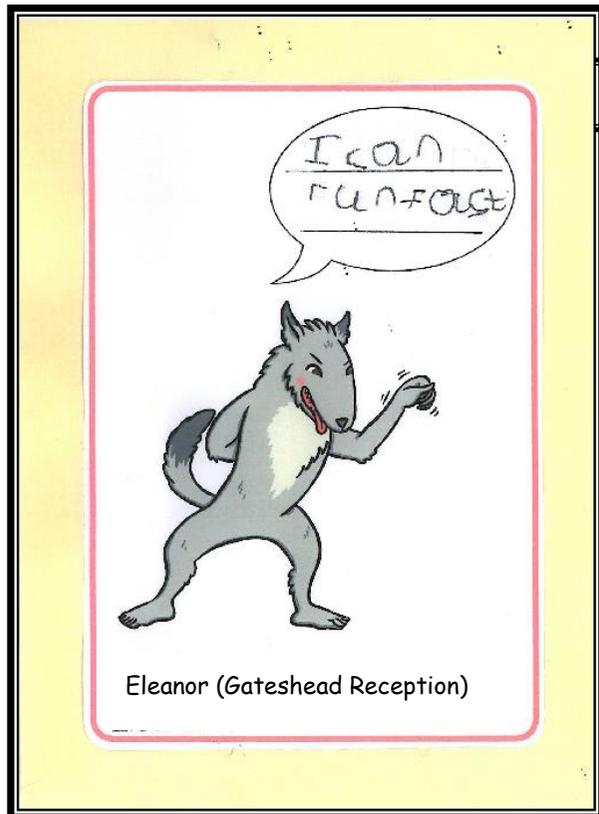
Jaden (Y1, England)



Did you know that the half fire and half lightning dragon has a fireball attack and lightning strike but he's very cute as well?

Amazingly, he has a tale shaped like a knife to attack it's prey. My dragon has red eyes because he is a demon dragon.

Fraser (Y2, Northern Ireland)



Eleanor (Gateshead Reception)

Adventure at Wicked Wild Forest

"Hurry up!," screeched Sophy as she scrambled over branches. Slowly, Lucy followed. The tow girls stopped at a patch of light grass and started searching for concers. "Hey, whats this? Shouted Lucy to Sophy. In the grass was a little blue soft fabric bag wrapped in bubble wrap. The girls tugged it loose. What was inside? Lucy unraveled the gold ribbon and the bag popped open. It had 2 rings and 2 neclasses inside.

At that moment, a wicked old lady screeched at the 2 girls. Her witch-like cat purred menacingly. Lucy pulled the top shut, she picked up The bag and the 2 girls began to crawl over the branches. They slipped and struggled towards the hills.

Evie (Y3, Southern Europe)



### The Thief and The Beach

"Hurry up!" yelled Jack as he ran to the Nile. Chuckling loudly, Alex followed. The boys silenced to not scare the ducks. "Ow what is that?" shouted Alex, signalling to a thing in the Nile. It was a box in yellow wrapper. What was it? It was better than their biggest dream... It was full of diamonds shining goblets!

Next, a young man snuck behind on the rock solid path, close to the life boat. When he found the boys, he shouted for a lizard. Then the lizard appeared and tried to climb up Jack (it was furious). The man's face was dark peach, dirty and he was queasy. The boys were threatened. "Get away!" he shouted. At that second, the two boys rapidly ran fast past the rocks and towards the big rock to hide.

"Let's hide here," whispered Jack dashing past the palm trees to his house, took Alex in it to and both went soundless. The bright sun created an eerie day outside in every corner. The next minute, they heard a lizard it was coming really close. They stood still stopped breathing and closed their mouth. Hearts palpitating. Could it spot them? Closing their eyes, Alex looked around and saw...

A while after, the two boys heard the young man and the lizard from the beach. "Here girl!" shouted to the lizard by the man. The two boys heard the young man, but eventually ran into the man. When it went, they rapidly went outside on the beach. They saw the man and lizard running all the way off the beach and started cheering.

Finally, the boys came home to see their mam. First their mam did not believe them. But Alex and Jack held the bag and the boys showed their mam and she opened her mouth in shock staring at the miracle looking shining goblets. The police arrived and said "wow," and handed the goblets and the shop owner (Mr John) said "I thought I would lose it for ages!" It turned out it was stolen the day before. When the boys were at school the shop owner came and gave the boys 3 of the goblets.

Ethan (Y4, Asia)



Your majesty, King William the Conqueror,

I would like to apply for the position of Prince Bishop. I'm the best bishop and I will defend with an army against the Scottish tribes. Durham is right next to Scotland, so if any invasion happens, the Durham soldiers are very tough.

I could help by being able to hold my own parliament, administer my own taxes and mint my own coins. All this money will go to you and the new army. It won't cost you an extra penny.

I can defend the North of England while you defend the South so all will be safe in England.

I hope I have persuaded you to make me Prince Bishop.

Loyally yours,

Aaron (Y5, Oceania)



### The Ridge

The last few days have been so exciting, but also terrifying. This stunt is something I've been building my courage for, and finally I've achieved it. My heart was racing but now I've done it, I'm elated. That feeling of pride was like nothing I have felt before.

Sunday morning was when it all happened. As I jumped onto my boat, I skimmed the crystal-clear water with my oar. The view was breathtaking. Then I looked at the highest peak. Was this the right time, or should I have waited longer? Trying to calm myself down, I looked at the jagged rocks and the rocky trail ahead. Hitting the shore, I felt my bravery coming back, ready to fight back at the cliffs swallowing me whole.

Then I stepped off the boat into a shallow body of water, getting my feet soaking wet, squealing with every step. I took a great big breath and got onto my bike. As I got higher and higher, I felt like I was on the edge of the world, barely hanging on. Although the ground was bumpy and uneven, I was in my happy place, doing the thing I love.

Amelia (Y6, South America)





Gateshead:  
Eleanor and Leo



Newcastle: Courtney and Zac



England: Jaden and Jorgie



Scotland: Charlie and Kaitlyn



Northern Ireland:  
Dylan and Fraser



Africa: Daniel and Lily-Mae



Northern Europe: Alayah and Oliver



Southern Europe: Evie and Harry



Wales:  
Faith and Niamh



Asia:  
Ethan and Zain



South America:  
Amelia and Sophia



Antarctica: Cain and Holly



Oceania: Aaron and Holly



North America: Dylan and Isaac



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





Some of our children in Key Stage 2 were invited to Silksworth Tennis Centre, Sunderland to take part in a Tennis Circuit on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. The event aimed to work on different sporting values such as, team work, self-belief and respect. There were a variety of activities for the children to take part in, and even though some of the children had never played tennis before, they all showed brilliant effort and stickability!

Miss Stevens and Miss Scanlon were very proud of all the children.





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**Parents' Evening updates for KS1 and KS2**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for parents' evening after the half term holidays. You will be able to make bookings for these appointments on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February; here is a reminder of the dates for each year group.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 & 6
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Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 & 2

As ever, this will be an opportunity to discuss your child's attainment and progress, as well as their wellbeing in school. At each appointment, you will receive an interim report about your child which shows an indicator of their attitude in key areas such as behaviour and effort, as well as their attainment and target areas in maths, reading and writing.

At Emmaville, we have been in the process of reviewing our assessment policy and making some changes to how we assess and report attainment throughout the year.

Previously, in the Autumn and Spring term, your child would have been assessed as WTS (working towards the standard), EXS (expected standard) or GDS (greater depth standard). However, this terminology will now only be used for the children's end of year reports, once the whole year's curriculum has been taught.

On your child's interim report, you will see that they have been assessed under the following headings.

My Maths Assessment			
Beginning to develop year group expectations	Embedding understanding of year group expectations	Securely demonstrates application of year group expectations	Deeper understanding of year group expectations

Each academic year, this will allow the children the opportunity to make progress through that year's programme of study, and also allow them time to fully embed the new content areas that come with a new year group.

If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to discuss this with your child's class teacher at your appointment.

Many thanks.

Avril Armstrong



# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Charlotte (Southern Europe)

For being such a wonderful helper to Mrs Liddle.

Charlotte always puts out the equipment ready for the Toddler Group.

Your help is very much appreciated Charlotte

North America - Jessie

For her effort and enthusiasm in Guided Reading.

South America - Thomas

For being such a positive member of our class.

Antarctica - Ellie

For your brilliant explanations in Guided Reading and Maths. Well done.

Oceania - Rebecca

For super concentration and great work this week.

Africa - Amber

For your great effort with Hockey.

Asia - Mille

For impeccable manners. An amazing pupil to have!

Northern Europe - Charlie

For always being so sensible and having a super tidy desk.

Southern Europe - Reggie

For working so hard in maths and for his lovely smile.

Northern Ireland - Imogen

For being such a kind friend to everyone and making everyone in class their own personal cards!

Wales - Thomas

For his amazing work ethic and enthusiasm for learning.

England - Jessie

For her amazing attitude to learning. What a star!

Scotland - Jack

For trying so hard with his reading. Amazing work!

Gateshead - James

For his amazing effort in PE!

Newcastle - Amber

For fabulous reading.

Crawcrook Nursery - Izzy

For helping her Nursery friends.

School Cook - Lewis (South America)

For his beautiful manners at lunchtime.