



### EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair... It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all kinds of discrimination."

Nelson Mandela, May 25, 2000

This was the quote that was used at the beginning of our Enrichment Week. Watch out for all of the photos in next week's bulletin.

A few days ago, some of the Year 6 children took part in an on-line workshop with Dance City's Centre for Advanced Training. It was an intense dance session; the skills came thick and fast, as they were put through their paces, but there were a lot of smiles and some pretty slick moves. Not bad for a zoom session with a virtual teacher!









#### Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at Emmaville. Fortunately, the awful weather has not dampened the children's spirits and they have still been able to enjoy the activities of enrichment week. There will be lots of photographs for you to view in next week's bulletin.

Nursery parents will no doubt be aware that there have been five very special arrivals at Emmaville's EYFS. Yes, the nursery children have taken delight in their five little ducklings. At the weekend, Miss Foster took the ducklings home to look after and she sent me the photograph below of her son, Arthur, and Buddy the family dog watching the five furry friends swimming in the bath. It is so lovely to see the joy that these adorable ducklings have given to our little people.

#### Emmaville Speech Challenge 2021

I have been very impressed by the children's efforts preparing for the speech challenge, I even managed to stand at some classroom doorways to listen to their presentations. There have been some lovely ideas of how they would spend an hour of their time and Mrs Hamilton and I are looking forward to judging the winning entries from each class.

#### Writer of the Month

The range of writing on the board is exceedingly good. We have writing that has been inspired by learning that has taken place in Geography, there are examples of work on the importance of exercise for physical health; included were speech presentations, and the reception children's writing has been based upon the wonderful story, The Rainbow Fish, which explores feelings and emotions. As always, I had the pleasure of reading our wonderful children's writing, but the difficult task of selecting the writing to be included in this bulletin.

Thank you, children, for your amazing efforts, reading the wonderful things that you have written fills me with delight, and Grace, how dare that Fairy Godmother fly off with an evil laugh!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Avril Armstrong









Dear Nursery,

My name is Farmer Jones and I have heard all about your brilliant work when learning about farms. I have lots of ahimals on my farm like the ones you were learning about pigs, cous, sheep and even ducks!

I have a lot of animals to take care of and I was wondering if you could help me?

Today, you will be receiving a very special delivery. I have sent you some eggs from my farm. Can anyone guess what might be inside of the eggs? That's right, some ducklings! They should hatch in 2 or 3 days.

Please take very good care of the ducklings for me and I will send someone to collect them from you next week.

Thank you,

Farmer Jones









"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

Louie (Crawcrook) on the birth of his baby sister Frankie Frankie (Gateshead) on the birth of his baby brother Jack Oliver (Newcastle) on the birth of his baby sister Annabelle Julia



#### LO. To write a speech

If I had an hour I would play with my guinea pigs. I will play with my guinea pigs because it is fun to chase them and it is great fun to make them run and they are so soft. It is very important to have a cage because they are very messy animals and you need hay for them. They are really hard to look after. To carry them you need to support your guinea pigs bum and belly and you really need to keep them really close to you. You can't put them down from a high height.

Oliver (Y2 Northern Ireland)

## Writer of the month

#### Farmer Leaf

Once upon a time there was a farmer called Farmer Leaf. She had a few pigs, a cow, some ducks, and a horse. One day she was grooming her horse when an evil fairy godmother appeared! Farmer Leaf just thought it was her imagination but the fairy godmother was real! The fairy godmother cast a spell on the animals so they could talk. Farmer Leaf was still grooming the horse when the horse said Ow! Ow!. Farmer Leaf was so surprised. A year went by and the farmer got cross she was fed up! She had been woken up so many times because of the talking animals. She saw the fairy godmother again and told her that was enough! "You change my animals back now!" said Farmer Leaf. The fairy godmother said "No" and she flew off with an evil laugh.

#### Grace (Y1 England)

Zac evil king of the beach wanted Lola's pet but wanted nothing to do with her. Hoping to get rid of Lola Zac ruthlessly tricked her into undertaking a mission to bring him the head monster the tigersaurus.

The tigersaurus was the deadliest monster of all time. He has a tiger's head, a camel's hump and cat's feet. It lived in an orange river in the mountains.

Ruby (Y3 Southern Europe)

#### <u>A Volcano</u>

A volcanic eruption is a type of natural disaster. Would you know a volcanic eruption if you saw one? A volcano is a mountain formed by the eruption of molten rock from underground. Most volcanoes are found near a plate boundary, where one plate ends and another starts. The most severe eruption can trigger tsunamis, floods, earthquakes, mud flows and rock falls. When a volcano erupts, lava comes spurting out of the crater. If the lava is still inside the volcano it is called magma.

#### <u>Location</u>

The Ring of Fire is where most volcanoes are located. The Ring of Fire is a chain of volcanoes in a wonky horse shoe shape around the Pacific Ocean. However, volcanoes can be found in many other places, even under ice-caps in Iceland.

#### <u>Fun Facts</u>

Did you know that the biggest volcano is actually on Mars and is called Olympus Mons? Additionally, tectonic plates move about as fast as your fingernails grow! Also, Mount Vesuvius erupted the day after the festival to Vulcan, who is the Roman god of fire and the word volcano comes from his name. The loudest sound in recorded history was made by a volcano called Krakatoa. Finally, there are around 1,510 active volcanoes in the world. Do you think you could out run one?

Rachel (Y4 Asia)

#### Should children cycle to school

Ever since bikes were introduced in 1817, they have been fun for the family or more. They are used as a past-time, hobby, a transport mechanism and even a sport. Cycling is now a major event in the Olympics and the Tour de France. Some of the people who take part in these events are Bradley Wiggins, Chris Hoy and Laura Trott. The Government is greatly encouraging cycling, especially for children; which leads onto our discussion. Should children cycle to school?

Many phycologists believe that children should cycle to school. This is good for their mental health. Getting out in nature can cheer you up and make you happy. Also getting exercise releases endorphins in to your body which are hormones that make you happy. As well as this, many people who have to drive agree with them. If less people drive then the people who have to drive will be able to get to school faster because of less road congestion. Moreover, it builds physical activity into the day; so instead of doing it later in the day, why not do it on the way to school.

Even though many people have a bike and like to ride it, only 3% of people ever cycle. One reason for this is safety. Safety is probably the main reason for children not riding to school. The child may not have a suitable bike or they might fall off. In addition to this, if a child rides on the road, they may get hit by a car. Also, the child might not go to school, because they may use their bike to play truant. Furthermore, the weather could be bad, so it could be too cold and icy making the roads slippy and dangerous to ride on.

Having considered all arguments for and against the idea of cycling to school, they have been greatly opposing and encouraging. The impact of the child's safety can easily out way the mental health benefits, but I think that it should be the parents who make the decision.

Reuben (Y5 Antarctica)

#### How The Red-eyed Frog is adapted to its biome

Have you ever questioned the threats of a Red-eyed Frog and how it has survived through numerous predator encounters? This spectacular creature may be up to 4cm in length, but it knows how to protect itself. They are known for their red bulging eyes, beautiful blue streaks and large orange toes. The Red-eyed Frog is found in the Rainforest's canopy where precipitation is heavy and the air is humid. The climate is consistent all year around, meaning that there are no seasons. Many of the animals that eat Red-eyed Frogs are nocturnal hunters that use keen eyesight to find prey. The shocking colours of the frog may over-stimulate a predator's eyes, creating a confusing image that remains behind as the frog jumps away.

#### The Red-eyed Frog's Diet

Like many other frogs, the Red-eyed Frog is carnivorous, meaning they eat a wide of insects that they catch using their long tongues. Sometimes they also eat other small vertebrates, including other frogs.

#### How it hides

The Red-eyed Frog has a very unique way of hiding from predators. It will spend most of it's days camouflaged on the underside of a leaf, furthermore, when it is sleeping, the frog will hide it's bright colours by closing it's eyes and tucking it's feet beneath it's body.

#### How they climb

The Red-eyed Frog has suction cups on their feet that ooze a wet, sticky substance - this helps them cling to surfaces or climb trees.

#### Where they live and their children

The Red-eyed Frog make their home near ponds, streams and rivers. Their young children, called tadpoles, need water to survive, but are sadly a popular feeding source for predators. Adult frogs depend on water to keep their skins moist.

If you are lucky to see this amazing species, don't let its appearance deceive you. This animal has found an efficient way to ward off prey by having toxins in it's skin that predators don't like. They can also hatch early if in danger when young. They are endangered, but loss of habitat from deforestation is beginning to threaten them.

Saffah (Y6 North America)

## Wríter of the month

Congratulation and well done to the following children who have had their work displayed on the Writer of the Month board:

#### Reception

Gateshead: Alice and George Newcastle: Peter and Niamh

#### Year 1

England: Billy and Grace Scotland: Amber and Max

#### Year 2

Northern Ireland: Oliver and Owen Wales: Caspian and Millie

#### Year 3 Northern Europe: Orla and Lenny Southern Europe: Ruby and Ella

Year 4 Africa: Matthew and Evie Asia: Amelia and Rachel

Year 5 Antarctica: Chloe and Rueben Oceania: Tilda and Alex

#### Year 6

North America: Jessica and Saffah South America: Jessica and Hollie

# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Maisie (Southern Europe) For being so enthusiastic about her swimming lessons and for preparing her Oracy speech upon the subject of swimming.

North America - Enija, Erin, Ethan, Jessica, Kaiden, Selene and Will For creating and performing such a super Olympic dance.

> South America - Freddie For improved listening skills and great work.

Antarctica - Sophie For her constant enthusiasm and love of school.

> Oceania - Elijah For his effort and stamina in writing.

Africa - Amelia For creating a very detailed Canopic jar in art.

Asia – Reilly For being so interested in our humanities work and always following up class lessons at home. Well done.

> Southern Europe – Gabriel For super co-operative work in PE.

Northern Ireland - Spencer For conquering his nerves and delivering a wonderful speech.

Wales – Mila For showing a growth mindset to all she does, from Maths problems to handstands!

> England Henry for fantastic effort in Maths. Jamie for his confidence and reading in our Oracy competition.

Scotland - Isla For working so hard with her English story this week.

Gateshead - Darcy, Harriet, Molly and Daisy For their amazing teamwork!

> Newcastle - Sophie For being so creative.

Crawcrook Nursery – Jessica For settling into our Nursery so well and getting involved in group times.

> School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - Ayla (England) For being so polite every lunchtime.