

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Congratulations to all of the Y6 children who received their Key Stage 2 test results on Tuesday 10th July. We think that you all did amazingly well and deserve to be extremely proud of your achievements. You have all worked incredibly hard, your progress and attainment is reflected in the results that you have received - what super, super, super stars!

Thank you everyone - children, parents and members of staff for another incredible year at Emmaville. There have been so many things to celebrate together, it has just been wonderful.

Incredible Achievements

Every year, Thorp Academy invite the local cluster of primary schools to nominate pupils from the Y5/6 Cohort to receive awards at the annual Primary Celebration Evening. The staff at Thorp organise and host the event, providing the prizes for the award winners too. The evening is extremely well organised, and it gives us the opportunity to celebrate the individual and group talents of our pupils. On the evening Y3/4 children performed a dance routine choreographed by a member of staff from Thorp and Miss Woolard helped to put together the finishing touches to the children's routine.

Also on the evening, the Y5/6 children again showcased the Mary Poppins dance routine. Both groups of children received rapturous applause at the end of each performance. Outstanding performances children - jolly well done!

On the next page there is a list of the children who were nominated for the individual categories, we believe that they were all such worthy recipients of the awards.



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Thorp Academy Awards

Resilience - Alex C (New York)

Throughout his time at Emmaville, Alex has always shown resilience and determination to overcome any obstacles in his path. This was particularly evident in the lead up to the KS2 SATS when Alex was hospitalised with rumbling appendix. Even though he was still unwell, he was determined not to miss any school and came back at the earliest opportunity. Alex also shows resilience in all areas, and especially when it comes to sport. He is a gifted sportsman and often achieves awards because of the positive attitude he displays.

Respect - Amy G (Toronto)

Amy is a delightful pupil and always shows respect to her teachers and peers. Whenever a teacher requires the class's attention, she is **always** the first to be ready and listening. Her manners are second to none and she can consistently be relied on to set a great example when visitors come to Emmaville. Amy is incredibly kind; she shows great respect and consideration to her peers in her class, as well as the younger children in school - who absolutely adore her!

Relationships - Rosie L (Toronto)

Rosie is a modest child who makes others happy and takes care of them, not only within school, but within our wider community; she regularly visits Addison Court to spend time with the elderly residents, chatting to them and entertaining them with her dance performances! She never draws attention to attention to herself but we would like to ensure that this unassuming girl is recognised and realises that these contributions are hugely valued and recognised by those around her.

Responsibility - Macey L (Toronto)

Macey can be relied on to do any job for any one and regularly volunteers her services for the teachers at Emmaville. She thrives when given responsibility and will always carry it out with enthusiasm. However, one of her biggest responsibilities in school is within her role as a buddy for the younger children. Macey, along with Amy and Rosie, has organised many events with the children including talent shows, drama performances and even individual birthday celebrations - what an absolute superstar!

Courage - Baran H (Rio)

Throughout Year 5, Baran has shown great courage, often during difficult circumstances. He has a strong sense of morality and social justice, having the confidence to stand up for what he believes in so that he can ensure that others are treated fairly. He is not afraid to put himself outside of his comfort zone and thrives on all opportunities given to him.

Numeracy Serena P (Rio)

Serena optimises a growth mindset approach to all her learning, but especially in maths where she has worked her little socks off and made phenomenal progress over her time in upper KS2. She is fluent in all areas of the KS2 maths curriculum and has become increasingly skilled in using her secure knowledge when reasoning and problem solving. Serena always takes on extra challenges and we have even seen a more competitive streak appearing when doing maths competitions!

Literacy - Thomas W (New York)

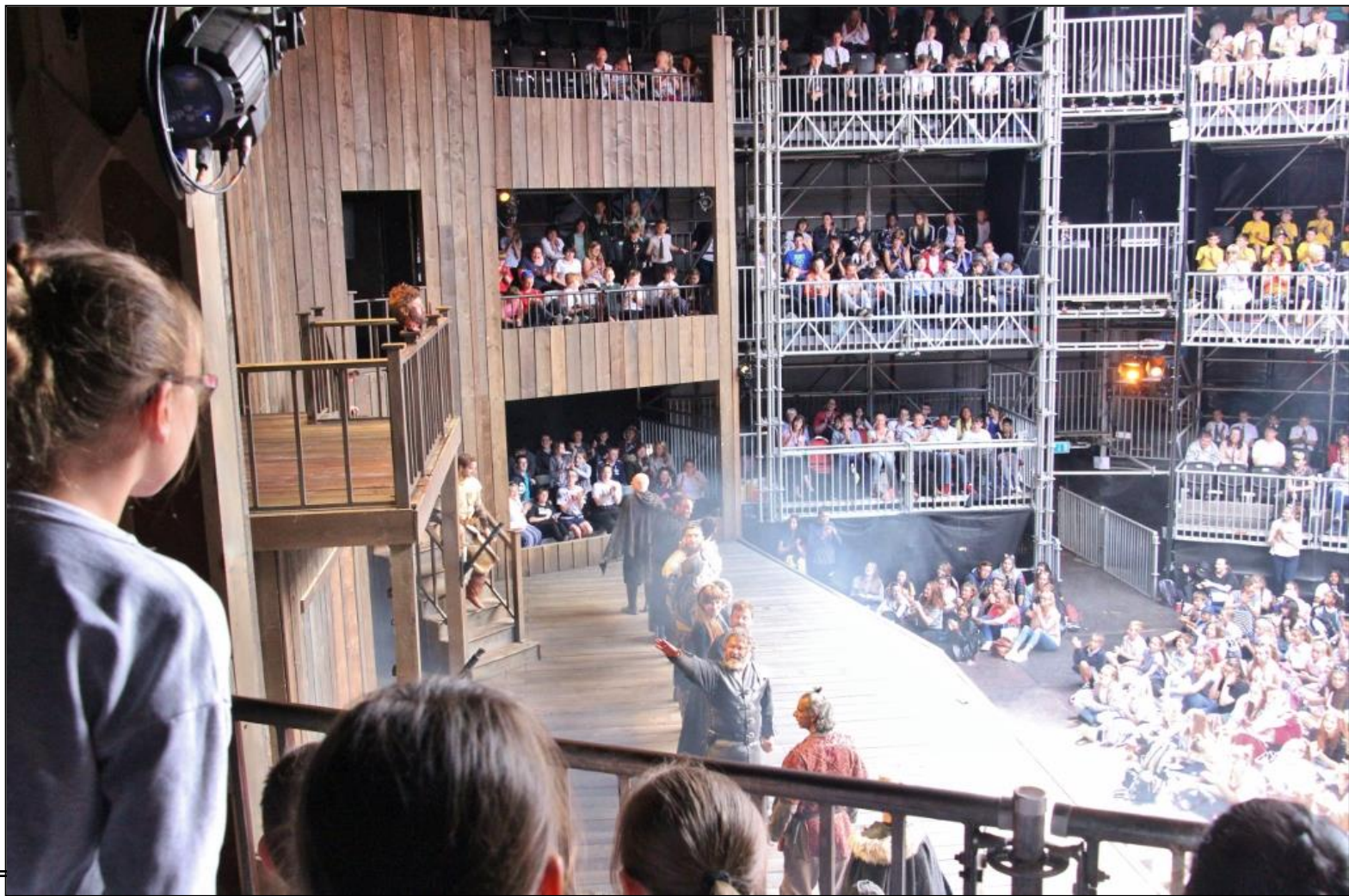
Thomas is a skilled wordsmith, who crafts all of his writing with thought and care, drawing on his extensive knowledge of the English language. His writing is a joy to read and every word he writes earns its place on paper. He understands his audience, and writes with a purpose to create emotion for the reader. His words often inspire his peers to improve their own work. His work was even tweeted by a literacy consultant who visited Emmaville who was so impressed with the quality.

Creativity Anna J (New York)

Creative homework is at the heart of the Emmaville curriculum and Anna embraces hers with a passion that surpasses all expectations. She has produced epic historical stories of family war heroes, intricately carved woodwork and beautiful paintings which have even won awards outside of school and are currently on display at Gateshead Library. This has amazed us and also inspired peers to improve the standard of their own homework.

Sportsperson - Codie L (New York)

Codie is a true sports superstar in every sense of the word. She shows talent, teamwork, coordination and most importantly always encourages her team mates to be the best they can be. This year, Codie has represented her school on many occasions where she has always performed brilliantly. She also competes regularly outside of school, where she shows a real talent for Judo, representing her team on numerous weekends up and down the country.



When shall we 3 meet again...

On Wednesday 11th July, the Y5 pupils travelled to York where they watched an amazing production of Macbeth. The play was performed on the stage that was recreated in the style of the original Shakespearean Rose Theatre. The children have been using the Macbeth play as a stimulus for drama and for their writing, so it was an ideal opportunity for them to see the play performed in such a fantastic venue.

Review of Macbeth

Shakespeare's Macbeth, expertly performed at the Rose Theatre at York, is a truly breathtaking production and will leave you shaking dramatically as true fear unfolds...

This tragedy of loss, gore and the throne begins with a gruesomely fought battle. After the battle, Macbeth and his loyal friend Banquo meet three withering hags who predict their future. On return, the King praises him and declares a banquet at Dunsinane Castle. The story continues before Macbeth unknowingly plunges to his end. Fill in the gaps by seeing the play with your own eyes. The actors showed capability and talent throughout the production; I could actually imagine myself in Shakespearean times. The lines the actors spoke were all in old English and it would have taken them months of practice to learn them. Overall, I definitely give their acting five stars. I was amazed by the props used to help tell the story. From the clashing of the swords to the blood pouring out from bodies - I just loved it! The backdrop itself was simple to make it seem authentic to Shakespeare plays. I would definitely recommend you seeing this performance for yourself, but it would be a good idea to have a basic understanding of the story before you watch it. Thank you Miss Armstrong for taking us to see Macbeth! Hugo P (Rio)

What a wonderful review Hugo - Thank you.

We want to announce the birth of Arthur John Morren who was born on the 12th July at 10.07am.

Miss Foster tells us that Arthur, "Is just perfect in every way!"



Unfortunately, some children are moving on from Emmaville to new homes out of the Crawcrook area. This then means that they have to move on to a new school. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Goodbye to Max M (Reception), Jayden B (Cape Town), Oscar D (Cape Town), Lewis E (Jerusalem), Olivia D (Moscow), Mathew F (Moscow) and Alfie S (Toronto).



We are also sad to see Keith Cowell and Julie McLeod leave our school team. Keith and Julie are retiring from their posts but we want to thank them both for all of the support that they have given to the children and staff of Emmaville during their employment at the school.

On Thursday, the Y6 children had the privilege of being the first to visit the new extension to the school, it was a big thumbs up from them! The Local Authority has certainly provided us with facilities to be proud of, and we thank them for this.



This year school has purchased additional resources to help our KS2 children with their reading. Some of our Year 6 children have been using Reading plus, an on-line reading programme that develops children's reading fluency, comprehension and vocabulary skills. We have been really thrilled by the children's approach to their sessions on Reading Plus, they are always keen to complete them and are confident that the sessions are helping them to improve their reading skills.

Ryan C (Year 6) said, 'When I was first assessed on the Reading Plus programme, I was reading 181 words per minute; however, that quickly improved and within weeks I was reading 206 words per minute. I also could tell that I was actually taking in everything I was reading as the programme trains you to do this. I was using less re-reads to answer the comprehension questions. I think the sessions really helped me in my SATs reading exam and I got a really good score.'

School have purchased additional Reading Plus licenses for next year and our current Year 5 children have joined the programme already.



To finish off the year, there was another incredible Y6 performance of Cinderella & Rockerfella; a great way to finish an amazing Emmaville journey. We have been blessed to have you all with us, some from the early days in nursery. However, now it is time for us all to hand you on, not an easy thing to do as we shall very much miss you all, but we want to thank you for leaving us with some fantastic memories to treasure. May you all be happy and successful in life, much love to each and every one of you. x

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we shall look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 3rd September.
Miss Armstrong.