

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENT



Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school. There has been a very clam atmosphere around the building with children who are so happy to be reunited with their friends and teachers. Within classrooms, the children are eager to learn; the climate for learning is excellent in all classes. I am incredibly proud of the children, and of course of our hard-working dedicated teaching team. It is so good to all be back together again, and as our school motto shows, 'Together we grow'.

Attendance

Since reopening on the 8th March, the children's attendance has been very good. However, in case any of our children have to isolate at home, we are still continuing to provide on the website remote learning timetables and activities.

School Council

The School Council are enthusiastic to continue their role within Emmaville and we do not want to dampen their enthusiasm. Miss Kenyon has been considering projects for them to complete and she will be holding virtual meetings with them; the first will take place on Monday 22nd March.

Community Projects

A local artist, Simon Turner, recently contacted Emmaville about a community art project that he has planned. Miss Kenyon has been working with Simon on the development of the project that will involve the pupils of Emmaville.

The project is known as 'The Butterfly Effect' and is supported using public funding provided by Arts Council England.

The children at Emmaville need to make 1,000 origami butterflies. Simon will then put the butterflies together into a sculpture, which will be displayed in school for a week. Once displayed in school, Simon will collect the sculpture and it will be added to sculptures created by 16 other schools and care homes. In September, when all of the individual sculptures have been brought together to create one large sculpture, the sculpture will be showcased. After the sculpture has been on public display, Simon will then dismantle the model into the original 17 sculptures, and each individual sculpture will be placed into local care homes.

Throughout the process, Simon will be making a video documenting the project. It is hoped that in November the video will be shared with the children to view.

We feel that this is a lovely community project for our children to be involved in. We hope that 'The Butterfly Effect' will bring much joy to the residents of local care homes.

Simon will also be helping Miss Kenyon and the pupils to create their own 'Butterfly Effect' sculpture that will be displayed in the school library.

Crawcrook Park

One of our parents, Jen Hewitt, has asked us to share the following information.

Our Villages is one of the Coops' local charities for the year. Money raised will go towards developing Crawcrook Park, including some accessible equipment. Donations to the charity can be made in the following way. Log into your Coop account, select 'Choose a local Cause' from the menu and My Villages Crawcrook is one of the options available.

In addition to the above, the pupils of Emmaville will be involved in a fund-raising activity later in the year so that they can support the development of their village park.

Date: Friday 19th March '21

Easter Fun

On Monday 29th March, the children can bring a boiled egg to school that they will be able to decorate and enter in their class Easter egg competition. Class teachers will award prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

We still want to host our annual Family Easter Egg competition. We ask that families who wish to enter the competition make and photograph their entries, which should then be posted on Seesaw by Tuesday 30th March. Winners will be announced in the school's virtual assembly that will take place on the morning of Thursday 1st April.

Easter Party/Disco

The children at Emmaville like to 'Boogie on Down', so we thought let's have a virtual disco. This will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 1st April. On the morning of the 1st, the children should come dressed in party/disco clothes, they may even fancy dressing in an Easter theme, it is entirely up to them. As well as dancing the afternoon away, we will throw in a few party games and treats.

Easter Bunny Hunt

Miss Kenyon and the School Council will also be organising an egg hunt for each class, more information to follow about this.

We are looking forward to sharing the Easter plans that we have for our children.

Just to remind parents, school closes for the Easter break on Thursday 1st April and we reopen on Tuesday 20th April.

Have a lovely weekend and I hope that the sun shines so that we can all enjoy some time outside.

Best wishes,

Avril Armstrong



School Attendance
Week Ending 12.03.21

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| Year 6 | |
| North America | 99.0% |
| South America | 100% |
| Year 5 | |
| Antarctica | 100% |
| Oceania | 100% |
| Year 4 | |
| Africa | 99.0% |
| Asia | 99.7% |
| Year 3 | |
| Northern Europe | 100% |
| Southern Europe | 97.7% |
| Year 2 | |
| Northern Ireland | 97.9% |
| Wales | 99.0% |
| Year 1 | |
| England | 98.7% |
| Scotland | 99.3% |
| EYFS | |
| Gateshead | 100% |
| Newcastle | 100% |
| Crawcrook | 97.8% |

Congratulations to South America, Antarctica, Oceania, Northern Europe, Gateshead and Newcastle for 100% attendance last week.



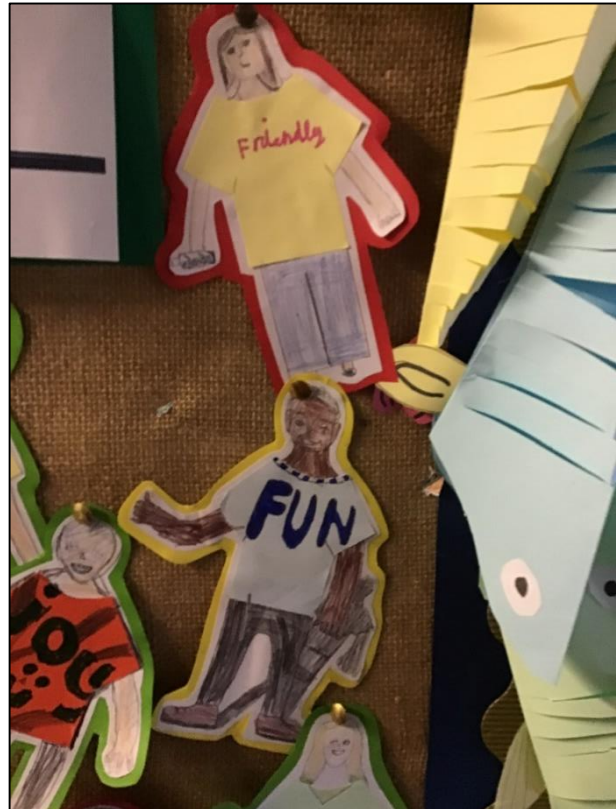
We have become aware of a campaign which has been launched called "Turn on the Subtitles". Due to the circumstances we continue to find ourselves in, chances are our children are watching more television than ever. Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **double the chances of a child becoming good at reading**. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy so much that we want to shout it from the rooftops! Why not give it a go at home and see the difference it can make to your child's reading!

Miss McPherson



Asia Class have had a wonderful time settling back into school life. Much time has been spent on well-being and PSHE lessons. Last week, the children thought about our class; how they are all unique and offer different things to the class. One task that the children carried out, was to draw a self portrait and add a word to the t-shirt to show what they thought they brought to the class. As a class, we realised that differences should be celebrated as it is our uniqueness that makes our class so amazing. There is now a beautiful display in the classroom showing all of our qualities.

Miss Brewster and Asia Class.





Stars of the Week

Head Teacher

Lucy (Oceania) - For excellent descriptive writing.

Emily (Antarctica) For working so hard at home to improve her maths skills. Fantastic dedication Emily.

North America - Enija

For a beautiful maths story.

South America - Natalie

For showing great kindness to her classmates.

Antarctica

Emily - for a great first week at Emmaville.

Emily - for amazing improvement with times tables.

Oceania - Dexter

For determination in maths.

Africa - Josie

For amazing listening in class and for being a lovely, kind friend to everyone.

Asia - Billy Joe

For his enthusiasm to his work and his self belief. Wonderful to see.

Northern Europe - Logan

For returning to school with a fantastic attitude towards his learning. I am so impressed!

Southern Europe - The whole class

For being so wonderful and kind to each other during their first week back.

Northern Ireland - The whole class

For a brilliant first week back.

Wales - Emily

For being such a smiley ray of sunshine.

England - Poppy

For settling into her new class so well.

Scotland - Logan

For his amazing work attitude. Well done.

Gateshead - The whole class

For having such an amazing first week back!

Newcastle - The whole class

For being super stars in their first week back.

Crawcrook Nursery - All of Nursery

For a brilliant first week back.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - The whole school

For having an excellent first week back at school.