

# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



### Thorp Cluster Y5/6 Basketball Tournament

A team of Year 5 children represented Emmaville at the Thorp Cluster Basketball Tournament. They came up against four other teams of Year 5 and 6 children from Chopwell, Ryton, Rowlands Gill and Crookhill.

During the tournament, the Emmaville team did themselves and the school proud; they performed as a team, worked hard, were tenacious in defence and creative in attack. They won one game, drew another and lost the final two, but throughout them all, their attitude was superb.

For all of them, it was their first experience of a basketball tournament. They improved every game, very much enjoyed the experience and put in some excellent performances.

Well done to the team!

Mr Elliott

Date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February '22

Dear Families,

We continue to face a number of disruptions to school life as a result of the virus. Can we please ask that parents/carers make sure they use a Lateral Flow test on their child/children if they display any of the symptoms of the virus.

We apologise that there has been no news bulletin for a couple of weeks, this has been due to staff absence. We are trying very hard not to allow staff absence to affect the children, but we are aware that the slightest change can be tricky for some of our little people. Please be assured that we will endeavour to try our very best to offer continuity for the children, but in the current climate this is proving rather difficult. However, I very much appreciate your patience and support.

### **School Meal Vouchers**

School will be issuing the vouchers to cover the holiday period, week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Gateshead Council has placed funds with Edenred, and all eligible families will receive £30 per child for this holiday period in order to continue to support them during this time of year with increased energy and food bills.

The Council is also intending to help with vouchers for the Easter holiday period 2022, although the normal value of £15 per child per week, will most likely be what families receive.

### **Online Safety**

Although we regularly remind children about the importance of keeping themselves safe whilst online, a number of activities were planned for Safer Internet Day which was on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please spend time discussing with your child/children things they have learnt in school this week. We have also sent out the February Online Safety newsletter. If you ever misplace the Online Safety newsletters you will find them on the school website; just click on to the Parents tab and scroll down to the Online Safety link. There is lots of useful information on that page that will be helpful and informative about how you can keep your children safe.

### **Wellbeing and Mental Health**

At Emmaville, we believe it is extremely important to take a positive, proactive approach to mental health and wellbeing. We have many strategies in place to support the children and their families, and we are always looking for new ways to improve upon our provision. We work in partnership with Kalmer Counselling Service, and they now provide us with a monthly newsletter that we share with our families. The January and February newsletters are attached to this week's bulletin. Again, if you ever misplace the wellbeing newsletters, you can find them on the school website under the Parents tab, just click on the wellbeing link.

Thank you for helping us to raise funds for the Place2Be charity. This charity does much good work to help children and young people get the emotional support that they require. In next week's bulletin we will let you know how much money you helped us to raise.

### **School website**

Please take time to look at the class pages on the website. The class pages give the teachers an opportunity to share with the community what the children have been doing throughout the course of the week. It is an opportunity to have an insight into the things the children accomplish in a week.

### **Writers of the Month**

It is the time in the month when we celebrate the writing achievements of our young people. It always fills me with great joy as I see the teachers putting on the board the writing that they have chosen from their classes. Congratulations to all our writers for the month of February, it is good to see that you have been working very hard and we are immensely proud of your efforts.

Instead of a word for the month of February, I would like to give a round of applause to my amazing staff and the incredible children of Emmaville School, who I am always so proud of. Well done to everyone.

Have a lovely weekend,

Avril Armstrong



## Internet Safety Day 2022

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February was Internet Safety Day. This year the theme was 'Fun and Games.' Exploring respect and relationships online. During the day the children completed different tasks focused on online safety. There was also a class competition to design some **SMART** rules that will be displayed on our class iPads. We will share some of these winning designs in future newsletters.

If possible, will you please have a conversation with your children about staying safe whilst online? What can they tell you about what they have learnt in school? Click the [link](#) to complete a family internet safety plan.

All of the children throughout school have regular lessons linked to online safety and are very knowledgeable.

Thinkuknow CEOP Education, have also developed a game called [Band Runner](#). This is aimed at children aged 8 - 10. In it the children get to complete different challenges to collect stars. During these challenges they also have to answer some questions linked to keeping themselves safe online. Click on the blue hyperlink to access it and play it. **Remember to ask permission first!**

The children will also be looking at our Acceptable Use Policy for using the internet. Parents/carers have had a copy sent home that needs to be signed and then returned to your child's class teacher.

Mrs Lawrence

Can we just remind parents/carers that during the school day, the children are only permitted to drink water.

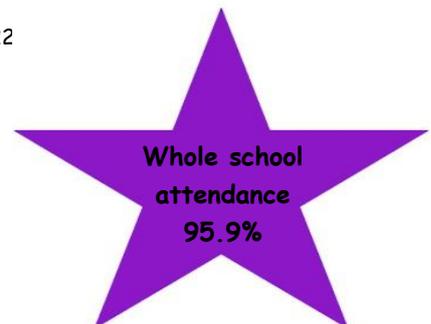
A carton of juice can be included in their packed lunch boxes, but in their water bottles they should only have water.

"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  
Harry and Heidi on the birth of their sister Nancy  
and  
Eden and Luke on the birth of their brother Theodore

### School Attendance Week Ending 04/02/2022

Year 6: North America	95.0%	South America	96.3%
Year 5: Antarctica	95.3%	Oceania	94.1%
Year 4: Africa	94.6%	Asia	97.0%
Year 3: Northern Europe	94.4%	Southern Europe	95.3%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	97.3%	Wales	96.2%
Year 1: England	99.3%	Scotland	92.8%
EYFS: Gateshead	100%	Newcastle	97.9%
Crawcrook	94.1%		



Congratulations to Gateshead for 100% attendance last week.

Wolf Character Description



He has sharp  
teeth and  
sharp claws.

**Rosie (Newcastle)**



Caterpillars

Habitat

Caterpillars live almost everywhere from sandy beaches to meadows and mountain forests.

There are even caterpillars in Arctic areas!

**Lana (England)**



Dear Diary,

Today I was really happy because I was going to turn on my robot. I ran to the work shop faster than I had ever ran before. I jumped straight in the robot, fixed a few screws and came out. I was so excited. I went to the lever and pulled it, but nothing happened. I did it again and again but it still didn't work, I was really confused. I felt determined to make it work. So I went inside, fixed a bit of the engine and then pulled the lever. I thought this is the big moment. But nothing happened. I felt deflated. I sat down and threw my blue prints in anger. Seeing red, I got up and forced the lever further than it could reach ... the robots eyes lit up! Suddenly, the gas dial went to red and exploded. Everything went black. When I opened my eyes, my robot had saved me. He sacrificed his life for mine.

**Noah (Northern Europe)**



Grandpa

Animal lover

Water splasher

Memory keeper

Wagon puller

Lawn cutter

Waterfall rider

Grandson chaser

**Oliver (Northern Ireland)**



Walk through the park

As they entered the gloomy park, all Charles could see was his mum's dark red hat.

His mother, with her back up straight, marched Charles along the grey concrete pavement, everyone talking to her saying:

"good day Molly," and

"Look after that child of yours; don't get him dirty,"

Charles sighed.

Molly zipped her coat down, undid the buttons and tightened her bracelet, keeping her eyes firmly on Charles. She crossed her arms and walked on.

She bent down making sure her dress wasn't in the mud and let Victoria off her lead. "ugh this place is as filthy as a horse field that hasn't been cleaned for hundreds of years," she exclaimed standing up and wiping her dress with her hands.

A few seconds later, she saw another dog joining Victoria out of the corner of her eye. "You filthy mongrel!" she exclaimed.

**Zoe (Oceania)**



My thoughts about the Film

One snowy day, a little girl was skipping down an ally way. She saw a steamed window with lots of names on so Alma wrote her name in the neatest handwriting she could. There was a creepy scratching noise. She turned to look at the old doll shop. She thought to herself that the shop has been shut down for ages. Alma went to the window and wiped all of the steam off and saw a big doll, a strange doll, it looked just like Alma. Alma tries to open the door but it was locked alma was sad. She walked off but as soon as she left the door opened. She stepped in with no fear.

**Lydia (Asia)**

Joseph was running. He could hear their shouts behind him. Joseph didn't know this area of London. He usually roamed around the south of London at this time of year or central London where there was more food left around for winter. He tried to knock over a tower of crates to slow his pursuers down but they just barged through them like they were cardboard boxes. He kept trying to lose them by suddenly turning corners but it never worked.

Suddenly, Joseph was swept away into the shadows. It was pitch black so he waited for his eyes to adjust to the darkness. When they did, he saw a tall and slender man straightening his top hat. He wore a black waist coat and tight purple gloves. His boots were so shiny he could see every single feature on his face in the reflection. In his left hand was a cane with a spiked sphere on the end. "Are you ok?" said the strange man. Joseph didn't know what to say. "Let's get you somewhere safe."

"My name is Mr Malcom." The man said as he led Joseph through the allies. A mysterious fog started to carpet the floor. Mr Malcolm kept walking. The further they went the deeper the fog got. Mr Malcolm kept walking. Soon the fog was covering his face. He could just see Mr Malcolm's silhouette and there was no sign of getting out of it soon. Joseph didn't know what to do, should he run away? As if he could read his mind, Mr Malcolm swung his cane and thrust him forward.

"Welcome, to your new home!" said Mr Malcolm. It was a huge building with five towering chimneys on the top. There was a tight steel fence covered in barbed wire surrounding four cabins off to his right. On his left, there were tunnels going down underground with a pulley system brining up cart after cart of coal. Mr Malcolm showed him round and left him to sleep.

The next morning he woke up and went for breakfast. "Mr Malcolm, what's for breakfast?" He asked.

"Shut up if you want any breakfast!" Mr Malcolm snapped, "it'll be a long day if you don't have any food working down the mines!" Joseph gasped.

**Rueben (South America)**



Gateshead: Erin and Findlay

Newcastle: Cameron and Rosie

Scotland: Dylan and Sophie

England: Lana and Oscar



Wales: Florence and James

Northern Ireland: Oliver and Jax

Northern Europe: Delilah and Noah

Southern Europe: Amelia and Grace



Africa: Ruby and Riley

Asia: Adam and Lydia

Antarctica: Amelia and Lydia

Oceania: Molly and Zoe

North America: Adam and Charlie

South America: Lois and Reuben

Congratulations to the following children who have had their writing displayed on the Writer of the Month board.



Head Teacher

- 21.01.22 - Mia Star (Scotland) for trying so hard in every lesson and for being such a kind girl.  
28.01.22 - Molly (Wales) for her beautiful 3D art work created with paint and collage. The artist Colleen Wilcox really inspired Molly.  
04.02.22 - Rose (Oceania) for the beautiful language used in her poem 'The Stage Waits'

North America

- 21.01.22 - Dexter for super 'Street Child' story and excellent effort in all he does.  
28.01.22 - George for super effort with online homework while absent from school.  
04.02.22 - Megan being an absolute ray of sunshine and being so kind to classmates.

South America

- 21.01.22 Lily for showing a commitment to learning her times table facts.  
28.01.22 - Callan for enriching our classroom and making it a nicer place to be.  
04.02.22 - Millie for showing such a positive attitude to all she does and such determination to succeed.

Antarctica

- 21.01.22 - Lydia for having a fantastic attitude to learning and being an all round star!  
28.01.22 - Lola for super improvement with swimming and all round fantastic attitude to school.  
04.02.22 - Sophie for being an absolute delight to teach every day of the year.

Oceania

- 21.01.22 - Georgia for being a thoughtful and supportive work partner.  
28.01.22 - Matthew for a fantastic attitude in class.  
04.02.22 - Roo for super effort and a great attitude.

Africa

- 21.01.22 - Riley for excellent improvement in his handwriting.  
28.01.22 - Ella and Sam for huge improvement in their maths!  
04.02.22 - Max for a brilliant start in his new class.

Asia

- 21.01.22 - Lydia being an incredible member of the class - my second in command.  
28.01.22 - Lacey for an incredible week. So much improvement in your writing and maths. Brilliant!  
04.02.22 - Sam for wonderful work in all subjects and being a polite and well mannered boy.

Northern Europe

- 21.01.22 - Delilah for her fantastic finding tale in English.  
28.01.22 - Noah for his fantastic diary entry.  
04.02.22 - Oliver for amazing listening skills and focus on his work.

Southern Europe

- 21.01.22 - Ewan for following instructions carefully. Well done.  
28.01.22 - Lexie for her gentleness and kindness to everyone!  
04.02.22 - Oscar for always making a huge effort with his homework.

Northern Ireland

- 21.01.22 - Leo for being an all round superstar! Always listening, being kind to his friends and trying his best.  
28.01.22 - Tabitha for having a superb attitude towards learning.  
04.02.22 - Henry for superb effort all week and participating in class discussions.

Wales

- 21.01.22 - Florence for her amazing attitude to learning.  
28.01.22 - Finley for his amazing concentration and enthusiasm in maths.  
04.02.22 - Isabelle for incredible effort this week.

England

- 21.01.22 - Brooke for her fantastic work in phonics!  
28.01.22 - Finlay for his super sentences in English.  
04.02.22 - Harry for settling so well into a brand new school and class.

Scotland

- 21.01.22 - Frankie for her amazing story writing sentences.  
28.01.22 - Coby for trying so hard with his writing this week.  
04.02.22 - Molly for her amazing phonics work this week.

Gateshead

- 21.01.22 - Teddy for his excellent listening ears and tidying all week.  
28.01.22 - Ella for an amazing week and creating a super wolf fact file.  
04.02.22 - Louie for working so hard on his phonics and his beaming smile.

Newcastle

- 21.01.22 - Charlie for being such a kind and hard-working member of the class.  
28.01.22 - Meredith for her brilliant attitude to learning.  
04.02.22 - Izaac for his amazing French and for being an amazing gardener.

Crawcrook

- 21.01.22 - Jake being so amazing in group time.  
28.01.22 - Amber for being a pleasure to have in the Giraffe group.  
04.02.22 - Izzy for being kind and caring also wonderful number work both at home and at Nursery.



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