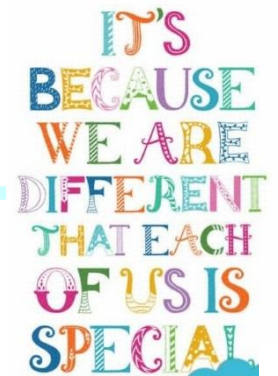


EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Dear families,

Look what's happening in the weeks leading up to the Easter break.

Next week is the spring term's enrichment week and the theme being Diversity and Equality - 'We are different, we are the same.'

Throughout the week, we will be raising awareness that everyone should be treated equally and fairly. Through the teaching of diversity, we want to highlight individual characteristics and traits that make people unique rather than different. The goal is to create an inclusive school environment - a safe place without prejudice.

During the week there will be some 'must do tasks' that all the children need to participate in, which includes a Performance Poetry competition, the creation of a Class Diversity Tree that will be displayed on the children's classroom doors, and all of the children will learn the song, 'Let Love Shine Through'. Those are only a few examples of some of the week's activities, the teachers have many more things planned for the week, activities that will involve the children using their history, geography, MFL and design technology skills.

In addition to the above, the Year 3/4 children will be creating designs that will be used in a local art project. Chris Beer, a past Emmaville pupil and Father of 3 current Emmaville pupils, contacted the school to ask if we would like to be involved in a local community project. Chris is a trustee for the charity 'Our Villages Crawcrook and Greenside'. The charity is planning to have a mural painted on the building in Crawcrook park to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We are very pleased that the Year 3/4 children will be contributing to the project and hope that some of their designs will be included in the mural.

I am delighted that the children are now able to attend activities outside of school.

On **Wednesday 30th March** the Year 1 children will be going to Thorp Academy to participate in an outdoor Multi Skills Festival.

On **Tuesday 5th April** a group of Year 5 girls and one Year 4 girl will be participating in the first of 3 football matches at Whickham Fellside school.

On **Thursday 7th April** ten children from the reception cohort will be going to Gateshead Leisure Centre to take part in a Multi Skills Festival.

Crawcrook Library

The staff at Crawcrook library deserve a huge shout out as they have been brilliant with the children who have visited the library this term. The staff have not only read stories to the children but they have organised games and activities for them to enjoy.

The reception children have yet another visit to the library before the end of term; that visit will take place on Thursday 7th April.

We are so lucky to have a library on our doorstep, and I would encourage all parents to make good use of this service as it is an ideal way of encouraging the children to have a love of books.

Date: Friday 25th March '22

Egg Decorating

All of the children are invited to bring a boiled egg into school on Monday 4th April. They will then have the opportunity to decorate their egg in school. They are also welcome to bring to school any craft items that they would like to use for their egg design. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded to the children in each class - oh yes it will be an eggtravaganza!



Easter hats or caps

On Friday 8th April, the children are invited to come into school in non-uniform. They are also invited to wear to school either a decorated hat or cap. The tradition of wearing an Easter bonnet is something that was always quite popular in years gone by and we would like the children to participate in an Emmaville Easter hat/cap parade. There will be a prize per class for the most outstanding hat/cap. The children do not need to bring any money into school on the 8th April.

Supporting the people of the Ukraine

We want to show our support to the Ukrainian people, but do not want to go into great detail with the children about the war between Russia and Ukraine, as we feel that our children have already had a very difficult couple of years. We cannot ignore what is happening, but we feel that we must protect the children from too much media coverage. We have therefore decided to keep our fund-raising efforts simple and have set up a just giving page. Anyone who would wish to donate can simply click on the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emmavilleprimary1>

[Ukraine Red Cross Appeal - Emmaville Primary School](#)

Help Beth McPherson raise money to support The British Red Cross Society www.justgiving.com



Easter Vouchers

Once again, Gateshead Council has decided to provide vouchers to children eligible for means tested free school meals over the forthcoming Easter Holiday.

The voucher value will be £15 per child per week, covering the school holiday period Monday 11th April to Sunday 24th April.



Team Emmaville

Do you recognise the following lyrics:

It's coming home

It's coming home

It's coming

Football's coming home (to Emmaville)

Well those are the lyrics that Mr Elliott, Mr Harrison and the boys' football team should be singing as they once again had great success at the English Schools' FA U11 7-a-side, semi-final match in which they represented the county. Included in this week's news bulletin is Mr Elliott's account of the semi-final and the boys' performance.

However, I just want to compliment the boys on their recent achievements, and I want to let them know that I was extremely impressed with their behaviour and attitude throughout the semi-final.

I also want to praise Mr Elliott for his coaching skills, he has helped to develop a very skilful team and I appreciate the time and effort that he has dedicated to the children. Many thanks also to Mr Harrison for offering his support during training sessions and whilst the boys were playing. I am so surprised that Mr Elliott and Mr Harrison could speak by the time the semi-final finished as they constantly coached the boys from the side lines.



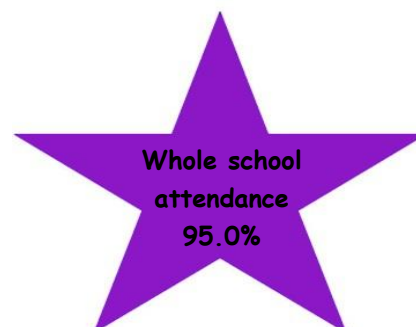
A great effort - jolly well done!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Avril Armstrong

School Attendance Week Ending 18.03.22

Year 6: North America	95.7%	South America	96.3%
Year 5: Antarctica	96.4%	Oceania	97.0%
Year 4: Africa	99.3%	Asia	97.0%
Year 3: Northern Europe	95.5%	Southern Europe	98.0%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	96.5%	Wales	91.6%
Year 1: England	95.5%	Scotland	94.8%
EYFS: Gateshead	95.2%	Newcastle	95.0%
Crawcrook	85.2%		



Well done to Africa for the best attendance last week.

Our attendance is above the national average. We would like to say a big thank you to parents/carers for helping us achieve it.



The ESFA's North of England Finals

After four months of anticipation, the ESFA's North of England Finals finally arrived. Nine teams, nine county champions, all together at Washington Hub to compete for the title of North of England Champions, with the top two teams going through to represent the region in the National Finals. The nine teams were from Cheshire, Merseyside, Cumbria, South Yorkshire, Cleveland, Northumberland, Lancashire and Greater Manchester, and of course Durham; represented by Emmaville Primary School.

****Spoiler alert - because it's a long write - but Emmaville are progressing onto the National Finals!****

The tournament was organised into two leagues, with the winners of each league playing the runners up of the other league in the semi-finals. The two winners of the final would compete for the North of England title but would be going on to represent the region in the National Finals.

Emmaville were in League A with the county champions of Cheshire, Merseyside, Cumbria and South Yorkshire. First match was against St Michaels of Cumbria. It was a tough opener and after taking a deserved lead through Sam, Emmaville were pegged back by a late equaliser for a 1-1 draw. 1 point on the board. The second game was against St Margaret Mary of Merseyside. The team put in an improved performance to win 1-0, again with a super solo goal from Sam. 4 points on the board. Up next was Upton Heath from Cheshire who had won all three of their games so far. Emmaville very much upped their game, putting on their best performance and playing some beautiful football as well as showing 100% commitment. The team outplayed Upton Heath but were unable to find the finishing touch, and came away with 0-0 draw which could easily have been a big win for us. 5 points on the board. As so often has been the case in this campaign, the final match was the decider. If we drew or won, we were through to the semi-finals. If we lost, we were out. In a difficult match against Bradway from South Yorkshire the boys put in a hard fought 12 minutes to defend against an impressive team. Chances were few for Emmaville but the commitment to not lose was there for all to see and we came out with a 0-0 draw. This saw us through to the semi-finals against League B winners, Russell Scott from Greater Manchester.

Emmaville team were completely up for this match, knowing it was a must win game, and they put on their best performance of the competition. Every player worked hard for the team, played their positions well and moved the ball confidently. Chance after chance was created with Emmaville putting Russell Scott under relentless pressure for the whole match but were just unable to score. At the end of 12 minutes it was 0-0 and it went to penalties. Five players were to take penalties and our keeper, Jake, was there to try and save against the opposition. A special mention should go to Mark who was the first person to step forward as the first penalty taker which took a lot of bravery. Up he stepped and coolly covered for Emmaville. Russell Scott were next and scored their first too. 1-1. Harvey was up second and confidently scored. 2-1. Next, Russell Scott for their second, but an excellent save from Jake stopped it. 2-1. George stepped up for our third and made it 3-1 with a well taken penalty. Russell Scott with their third; but again, a save from Jake to tip in on the bar. 3-1 to Emmaville. Lewis stepped up knowing that if he scored, Emmaville were through to the final. And that he did. A super final penalty followed by jubilation and celebrations from players and fans alike. Emmaville were through to the final, but also through to the National finals.

After the euphoria of the semi-final win it was the final against an excellent Holland Moor from Lancashire who showed their quality and clinical finishing with an impressive 4-0 win against Emmaville. The boys gave their all in the final but against a very good side and with tiredness, injuries and illness playing a part, the team just came up short of being champions. Whilst the defeat was disappointing and the team in particular felt it, it should not take away from the amazing achievement to get to this stage and go on to the National Finals. We have also shown in the past that we can come up against a team that has beaten us before and change that result the next time.

So, champions of Blaydon and District, champions of Durham County, and now runners up of the North of England, and progressing on to the National finals in May where we will compete in an 8-team tournament against the 7 other best U11 school teams in England. Whatever happens in the national finals, and we will go there to win, this team, and the school can be immensely proud of their achievements - setting new milestones with every tournament. Come on Emmaville!

Mr Elliott

Thorp Sports Festival

The Year 5 children had a great time at Thorp for the Sports Festival. Schools from the cluster gathered together to take part in a variety of events based on targets, shooting, running, obstacles, hurdles and much more. The class, supported by the excellent Sports' Leaders, enjoyed the range of activities and were exemplary in their behaviour.





Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Lexi (Southern Europe) and Theo (Southern Europe)
For excellent oracy skills - Wow did they blow me away with their debating skills!

North America - Leo
For being such a kind friend and the phenomenal improvement in your maths.

South America - Sam
For trying hard with his writing in English lessons.

Antarctica - Libby
For great progress in swimming.

Oceania - Roxi
For fantastic effort with swimming.

Africa - Max
For his fantastic effort with his phonics! Well done.

Asia
Rowan for incredible writing and reading.
Scarlett for huge effort in x tables.

Northern Europe - Florence
For her fantastic Kandinsky inspired artwork. Well done!

Southern Europe - Nathan
For sharing many interesting facts and ideas with us all.

Northern Ireland - Alfie
For trying really hard with his reading this week. Keep up the great effort Alfie!

Wales - The whole of Wales class
For their enthusiasm when learning about the Titanic.

England - Molly
For her positive attitude to learning.

Scotland - Eden
For always being so happy and friendly to everyone.

Gateshead - Charlie
For his amazing maths work. Well done!

Newcastle - Ezra
For fantastic effort all week.

Crawcrook Nursery - Penny
For fantastic signing during our BSL signing week.

School Cook - Libby (Africa)
For beautiful manners at lunchtime.