

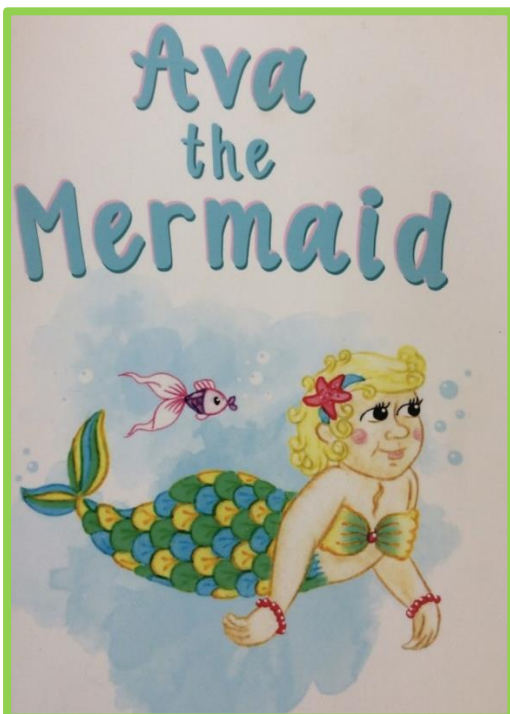
EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



MARCH 21 WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



Odd Socks Day

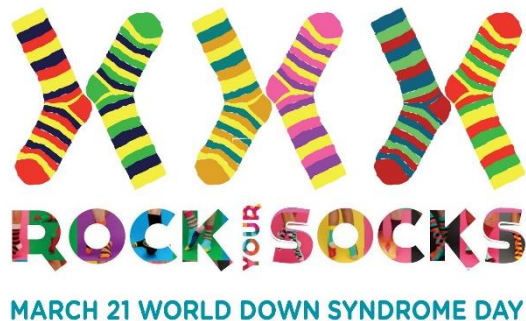
Thank you to everyone who supported Odd Socks Day. As you can see from the photographs and the children's responses to the activities, they were very engaged and keen to learn and understand more about Down Syndrome.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed the story about Ava the mermaid which helped them to appreciate how important it is to recognise there is strength in diversity and why we should celebrate our differences.

Hazel Stoddart and Deborah Mackay

Date: Friday 1st April '22





Odd Sock Day was a wonderful day which enabled Asia Class to focus, and learn about Down Syndrome. After watching a PowerPoint which told the children about the additional 21st chromosome babies with Down Syndrome are born with. We read a lovely story about a young girl called Ella; she was helpful, loving, hard-working and she loved to dance. Ella found some things difficult, such as drawing and talking.

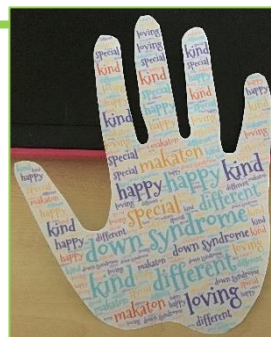
In class, we then did numerous activities to highlight some of the difficulties that children with Down Syndrome might face. The children put a sock on the hand which they don't write with and tried to copy a picture. There was lots of concentration and the children found this activity particularly difficult. This highlighted the issues with fine motor skills that people with Down Syndrome might face.

We also looked at the Makaton alphabet and the children learned to say their names using Makaton. This is a form of sign language which can help with communication.

The final activity that we completed was a 'word art' activity on the computer. The children came up with words that they had learned associated with Down Syndrome. The children used these words to create some art work. Two can be seen in the photographs below.

Asia Class thoroughly enjoyed these activities and have a better understanding of Down Syndrome.

Miss Brewster





Hello everyone,

We are officially into British summer time and are hoping that we will be able to provide the children with lots of exciting things to look forward to in the months ahead.

We had been hoping that now that the clocks had returned to daylight saving time and with the recent improvements in the weather last weekend, that we could look forward to the children attending visits out of school. Unfortunately, this week with a downward turn in the weather, the outdoor multi-skills festival at Thorp, that was planned for the Year 1 pupils, was cancelled! An immense disappointment for our children, but something beyond our control.

Another activity to be cancelled, was the football league final that was due to take place on Thursday at Ryton Federation. The final has been rescheduled for Thursday 7th April and we wish the team the very best of luck.

After the Easter holiday, we hope the weather will not impact upon any of our future planned events.

Dates for in school activities and visits will be sent out at the beginning of the summer term, but here are just a sample of things that we have so far planned:



Nursery and Reception children will visit Hall Hill Farm

Friday 27th May

We have organised a Garden Party for the children to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Tuesday 21st June - Friday 24th June

The Year 6 pupils will be heading off to London for the first residential visit since 2019, and have we got some exciting plans for that visit!

Gateshead School's Dance Festival

A group of pupils will perform at the Sage on either Tuesday 14th June or Wednesday 15th June, the date has yet to be confirmed



Pupils from Year 3 - Year 6

Pupils will participate in the Gateshead School's Athletics Festival on Friday 8th July

Author Adam Bushnell will be returning to Emvaville on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May to work with the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. The children love it when Adam visits school as he is very inspirational.

Enrichment Week



The week will begin on Monday 11th July and the theme will be 'Famous Battles and Historic Landmarks'



Statutory Assessments

In the summer term, the Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will need to complete the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 statutory tests. We already have a nice treat arranged for the **Year 6 pupils on Friday 13th May** that will give them the opportunity to blow off some steam at the end of the week when their tests are completed. We are keeping the planned event a secret at the moment, we like for the children to have an element of surprise!

I am sure Miss Woolard and Miss Kenyon will be planning something exciting for the Year 2 pupils too as we do not want anyone to miss out on a well-deserved treat.

Tuesday 7th June, from this date the Year 1 teachers will be administering the Phonics Screen Check.

Parking

Today we had a visit from the Police. They came to let us know that they had been made aware that local residents are unhappy about the inconsiderate way that cars are parked when parents are dropping off and collecting children from Emmaville. We informed the officers that we regularly include information in the news bulletin about complaints that we receive about parking to the front and rear of the school. The police officers assured us that it is not the school's responsibility about parking issues. However, they did let us know that during the course of this week spot checks would be made by themselves. Please remember, it is in fact illegal to park outside of the main school gates, the offence attracting a penalty of three points and a fine.

Enrichment week

A big thank you to the Humanities and PE faculty for the organisation of the **Diversity and Equality** activities planned for the week. I am sure the children will be delighted to share with you the events of the week. I have heard many renditions of 'Let Love Shine Through', Mr Elliott's class were particularly impressive.

I have also been impressed with some of the performance poems that the children have shared with me and I wanted to especially mention Lilyann who is in Northern Europe class. The words that Lilyann had written in her poem were particularly moving, what a little Emmaville super star she is!

Many thanks also to Sheila from the Gorman School of Irish Dancing for visiting school this week (free of charge) where she gave the children an introduction to Irish Dancing. Sheila was lovely with the children and they thoroughly enjoyed the time that they spent with her. Many thanks Sheila.

If your child would be interested in attending the Gorman School then please find details on the flyer attached to this week's bulletin, the first lesson would be free!

Here is wishing you all a restful weekend with fingers crossed for some sunshine, well we can all live in hope.

Avril Armstrong

Gateshead Schools holiday dates for 2022-2023
are attached to this week's bulletin.



"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 Ethan (Northern Europe) and Laylan (Purple Poppies) on the birth of their baby brother Aran.



We are delighted to announce the arrival of Miss Foster's baby. Edie Grace was born on Tuesday evening, weighing 6lb 12ozs. Both Edie and her mummy are doing very well. We wish Charli, Chris and Arthur massive congratulations.



Outdoor Sports Festival - Thorp Academy

On Wednesday 23rd March, the Year 3 children went to Thorp Academy for an Outdoor Sports Festival. We were joined by other schools in the cluster and it was so nice to be back at a sporting event. When you look at the photos you can see what amazing weather we had; unbelievable after Thursday's snow!

The event was run by the wonderful Sports Leaders, many of whom were ex- Emmaville pupils. It was lovely to see them all. The children had a fantastic afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed the carousel of sporting activities. We are sure they slept well that night!

Well done to all of Year 3 for your effort, behaviour and enthusiasm!

Mrs Hamilton and Miss Rochester





Blaydon and District West League Winners

Well done to the Emmaville football team on retaining the title of Blaydon and District West League Champions. After two years without a name on the trophy due to Covid, Emmaville's was added for the second time in a row. The first two weeks of games had left Emmaville top of the league with 17 points and in a strong position to retain the title, but it was by no means a forgone conclusion with Crookhill a close second on 12 points. First match was against our closest competitors and a win would put the team in a commanding position. With a very good performance, the players ran out 3-0 winners. The second game was against Ryton, but after a closely fought match, Emmaville ended up as the losing team 1-0. Third up was St Agnes. Again, a very close game, but this time Emmaville were the 1-0 victors. The final match was against St Mary and St Thomas. For the third game in a row, one goal decided the game - this time it was St Mary and St Thomas who were the deserved winners. Well done to all the teams and players from all five schools who participated.

After three weeks of competition, Emmaville sat at the top of the league with 23 points, and retained the title. Congratulations Team Emmaville. We now progress onto the Blaydon and District finals in a week's time.

Mr Elliott

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of the illness.

Water bottles are finally back in stock! New bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.20, spare lids can also be purchased for 25p.

School Attendance		Week Ending 25.03.22	
Year 6: North America	92.1%	South America	100%
Year 5: Antarctica	91.8%	Oceania	99.4%
Year 4: Africa	97.7%	Asia	95.5%
Year 3: Northern Europe	93.5%	Southern Europe	92.5%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	92.9%	Wales	92.7%
Year 1: England	93.8%	Scotland	98.5%
EYFS: Gateshead	92.8%	Newcastle	94.0%
Crawcrook	81.5%		

**Whole school
attendance
95.7%**

Congratulations to South America for 100% 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.



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - D'Arcy (England)

For making such excellent progress in phonics. Thank you D'Arcy for working so hard.

North America - Justin

For excellent effort and improvement in maths.

South America - Bobby

For the best attitude to his writing and producing some work to be very proud of.

Antarctica - George

For great confidence and progress in swimming.

Oceania - Joseph

For great improvement with independent work.

Africa - Ruby

For her fantastic work in English - well done!

Asia - Dexter

For super improvement in his reading and writing. Well done Dexter.

Northern Europe - Owen

For being brilliant in this week's Oracy lesson and having fantastic listening skills.

Southern Europe - Owen

For his super growth mindset! Well done!

Northern Ireland - Emily

For always trying her best and really engaged in all lessons.

Wales - Molly

For working "her socks off" in all subjects this week!

England - Charlie

For his fantastic sportsmanship in PE.

Scotland - Isabella

For working really hard with capacity this week. Well done Bella!

Gateshead - Maisie

For her wonderful story map!

Newcastle - Everly

For her fantastic creativity; especially her wonderful poem.

Crawcrook Nursery - Callan

For being brilliant at looking and naming the shapes we found on our master shape hunt.

School Cook - Gabriel (Africa)

For wonderful manners at lunchtime.