

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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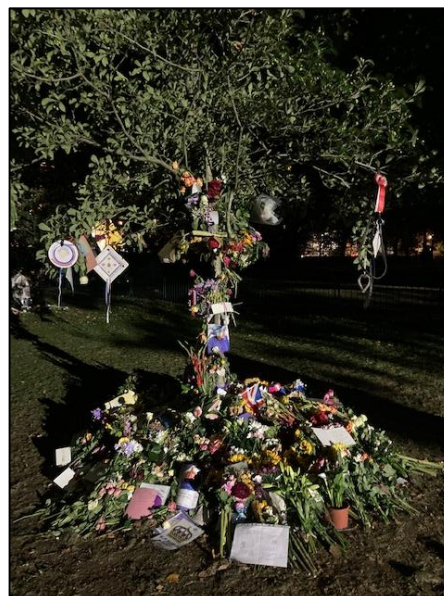
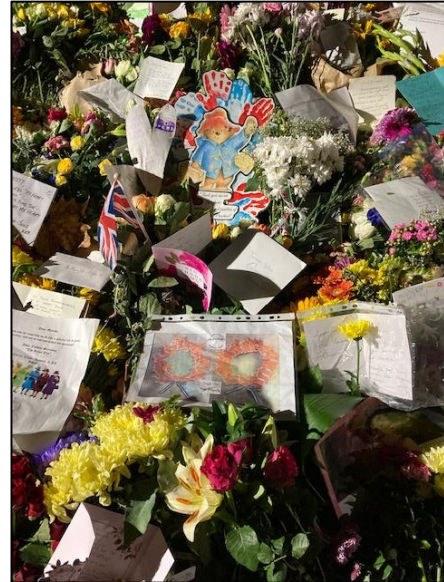
GOD SAVE THE KING

Date: Friday 23rd September '22

Thank You Your Majesty

We spent some time this week talking about the Queen and discussing how important she was to many people. We created a wreath and each wrote our own message of thanks on a corgi. On Friday night, Mrs Hamilton took a photograph of our wreaths and a personal message from Emmaville, all the way to Green Park in London. Mrs Hamilton said that it was so lovely to see everyone laying their flowers and messages and paying their respects to the Queen. She also said that she could smell the fragrance of the flowers, long before she could see them.

On behalf of all at Emmaville, Thank You Your Majesty.



Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a good week so far.

Changes to the school day for Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils

The Department for Education have issued guidance stating that all primary school children should spend a minimum of 32.5 hours a week in school. All primary schools in England are expected to have this in place by September 2023.

Currently, at Emmaville, pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – Year 6) do spend 32.5 hours in school. However, pupils in the Reception class and in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) do not. It is therefore the school's intention to increase the school day for the Reception and Key Stage 1 children. The new start and finish times for these children, highlighted below, will begin when we return to school after the October half-term holiday (Monday 31st October 2022).

Pupil start and finish times are staggered. This is to help with traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day.

Reception pupils – 9am – 3.30pm

Year 1 pupils – 8.45am – 3.15pm

Year 2 pupils – 8.55am – 3.25pm

Year 3 pupils – 8.45am – 3.15pm (32.5 hours)

Year 4 pupils – 8.55am – 3.25pm (32.5 hours)

Year 5 pupils – 8.45am – 3.15pm (32.5 hours)

Year 6 pupils – 8.55am – 3.25pm (32.5 hours)

Please note that pupils in Key Stage 2 may walk around to the front yard at the end of the school day if it makes it easier for parents/carers who may be collecting children from Key Stage 1.

What have you been doing at school today?

We all pose this question to our children and I bet the majority of responses are – 'Nothing'. Well, let me tell you, your children have been working very hard in school.

This week we had our school governors visit us; they were incredibly impressed with the learning that was taking place. The governors spent time in classrooms observing lessons, they were able to chat to the children about what they were learning, and the feedback from the visit was extremely positive. Well done to our amazing teachers and our amazing children!

If you are eager to find out what your child has been learning each week, then the class pages on the school website are a great source of information.

However, this week...

If your child is in reception class, ask them to tell you a few facts about sharks.

In Year 1, the children have been learning all about the city of London.

Ask the Year 2 children about the artist Brian Pollard.

In geography, the Year 3 children have been finding out about rivers. Mr Purvis was impressed with the way they have been taught to remember the processes of erosion and deposition.

The Year 4 children are really knowledgeable about aspects of electricity, particularly closed and open circuits. Biomes have been introduced in Year 5.

Finally, the Year 6 children should be able to discuss at great length the things they learned from their recent visit to the Victoria Tunnel.

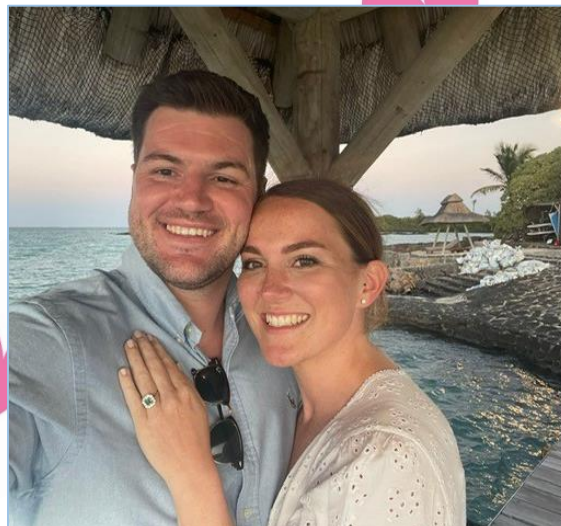
The children have been learning many other things too, but those are just some starting points for discussions with your children. Happy chatting!

More lovely news to share.

During the summer holiday Miss Kenyon and her family spent time on the beautiful Island of Mauritius. Whilst there, her boyfriend (now fiancé) Ben proposed.

We were all delighted when they announced their engagement and we are very much looking forward to celebrating with them this weekend.

Many congratulations to the lovely couple.



Gateshead Schools Health and Wellbeing

We are thrilled to have been awarded the Bronze Award for the school's work in promoting health and wellbeing. Thank you, Mrs Johnson, for preparing the application for this award, and jolly well done to the children and staff for having such a positive attitude to being healthy and looking after their wellbeing.

The weekend is approaching, and I hope that you all have a relaxing time with family and friends.

Avril Armstrong

Piano lessons with Annie
Wednesday after school

£8 per lesson for a 30min lesson in a group of three

Sibling discount is 10%

Per term it is approximately £88

'Learning piano is fun through apps, games, solo and group playing and performances throughout the year. I've loved teaching piano for over two decades and I am a master pianist with a busy performing and gigging schedule.'

Annie Bell

Our external musicians offer lessons in piano, Rock and Pop drums, violin, viola, ukulele and guitar. Please see our school website for more information and contact the music teachers directly to find out if spaces are available.

<https://www.emmavilleprimary.org.uk/external/musicians/611949>

Mrs Jarvis



School Attendance - Week Ending 16.09.22

Year 6: North America	98.2%	South America	95.8%
Year 5: Antarctica	98.7%	Oceania	95.5%
Year 4: Africa	96.0%	Asia	96.1%
Year 3: Northern Europe	94.7%	Southern Europe	96.5%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	98.2%	Wales	95.9%
Year 1: England	100%	Scotland	97.2%
EYFS: Gateshead	99.3%	Newcastle	95.4%

Congratulations to England for 100% attendance last week.

Whole school
attendance
98.6%



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Evangeline (South America)
For a beautiful reading of a poem in Celebration Assembly.

North America - Isaiah
For excellent art and English.

South America - Myles
For representing our class so well, all of the time.

Antarctica - Ophelia
For super attitude to learning and high standards of work!

Oceania - Ellie
For fantastic listening skills.

Africa - Millie
For always being ready to learn and always giving your all. Well done.

Asia - Noah
For being amazing.

Northern Europe - Ella P
For trying so hard with her reading. What a superstar!

Southern Europe - Charlotte C
For being such a delight every day.

Northern Ireland - Niamh
For her superb attitude towards her work and learning.

Wales - Finlay
For being such an incredibly kind member of Wales class.

England - Josie
For her fantastic writing about the gingerbread man in English

Scotland - Macy
For trying really hard in all of her Maths lessons.

Gateshead - Cullum
For being kind, caring and an overall superstar!

Newcastle - Amelia
For being so brave, positive and smiley; despite her broken arm.

Crawcrook Nursery - Ivy
For being so caring and helpful to our new nursery friends.

School Cook - Taylor (Wales)
For his wonderful manners at lunchtime.