

## EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN











#### **Ryton Music Festival**

I was extremely proud of all of the children who performed at last Friday's Festival. Both Choirs were well polished and can be delighted with their performances. Mrs Jarvis had prepared you well, and it was wonderful that one of the Choirs was awarded 2nd prize in the Hymn class of the Festival. Not only did you sing beautifully, but your behaviour was exemplary too. I haven't forgotten my promise of a treat, as it is so richly deserved.

Miss Armstrong.

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

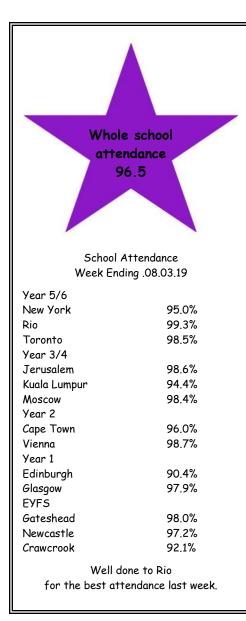
I was recently contacted by a member of the Board of Trustees of the charity, 'Our Villages', which is the local environmental group. This group of volunteers work tirelessly to maintain the flower beds in Crawcrook Park.

In the past, pupils from Emmaville have worked alongside volunteers to plant bulbs around the village, and as a school we encourage the children to take pride in their locality. I was therefore disheartened to learn that children from Emmaville had been observed climbing up onto the raised beds that run alongside the bowling green, trampling on plants and bulbs in the process. I was also shocked to discover that they were doing this when accompanied by their parents/carers!

As a mark of respect to the volunteers who give up their free time to make the village look welcoming and appealing, I feel that we should all lead by example and ensure that the children are prevented from behaving in this way in the future.

#### Many thanks,

Avril Armstrong on behalf of all of the staff at Emmaville.



This week's House Points 1st TEAM TYNE 1668 2nd TEAM ANGEL 1578 3rd TEAM SAGE 1497 4th TEAM BALTIC 1408

#### Forthcoming dates for your diary...

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 6.60pm KS1 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1pm – 3.30pm 2 teams of Y3/4 children and 2 teams of Y5/6 children will be participating in the Gateshead Primary Cross Country event

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Y5 Residential visit to London

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm KS1 Parents' Evening

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9.45am - 11.45am Y3 children will be taking part in an Orienteering session at Thorp Academy

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 6.30pm EVFS Parents' Evening

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am - 11am Last Toddler Group session for the term

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6.30pm EYFS Parents' Evening

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am Y5/6 parents are invited to join us for Celebration Assembly

> Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1.45pm V3/4 Performance

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3.30pm - 6.30pm KS2 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Children should bring to school a boiled egg which they will decorate in class

> Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1.45pm V3/4 Performance

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3.30pm – 6.30pm KS2 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Family Easter Egg Competition Get your thinking caps on and creative skills ready for the 2019 competition.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 6pm Pupils from Y5/6 will be performing at the Sage in the 2019 Gateshead School's Dance Festival

> Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9am Y3/4 Parents are invited to join us for Celebration Assembly

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April Non-Uniform Day for the Medical Detection Dogs

> Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am Glasgow's Class Assembly

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April School closes for the Easter Holiday

School reopens on Tuesday 23rd April

Once again, I have some wonderful writing to share with you all. Thank you to the teachers for selecting the children's work to be displayed on the Writing Creatively Board, and thank you for presenting me with the difficult task of selecting the four pieces of work to be included in this week's bulletin. I hope you enjoy reading the work below, I am sure you will be impressed.

Writers of the Month 2



Bea (Newcastle)

#### Animal Adoption Girl

If I were a superhero my name would be Animal Adoption girl. If animals lived on the streets I would help them and take them to my zoo. No matter how big or small I would always help! If they are very small I would shrink my legs to make me go their size so they aren't scared. If they are too big, I would use my springy shoes to bounce on the animals back and guide them to the zoo. Don't worry animals of the world I will protect you!

Evangeline (Vienna)

#### Screens should not be used by children before bedtime. Discuss.

Screen time before bedtime may leave people feeling dozzy. So work at school may not be done. Children and adolescents are using more electronic devices. In this essay you will find out what can affect your child and how it is good for your child too. There will be two points of view the first two will be supporting and the second two not supporting this statement. The last will be the concluding paragraph. Firstly, statistics have been done, we knew that the blue light that screens emit is bad for you and a child's sleep pattern. It can also affect your bodys internal clock. This clock tells you when to sleep and when to get up. If it is affected you could stop this pattern. Your child can stop learning, if every night you let them on a screen inside the two hours before bed.

On a personel level, a child with access to the internet or social media can be watching and listening to inapporiate videos, music and more. I suggest that if your child goes on social media you should be there watching them. (Just in case.) It can also make your child less active.

On the other hand, there are many educational apps. If you pick the correct one they could learn. It could also lead to family time. Another point can be lowering the screens brightness two hours before bed. (Which can be relaxing.) You could set up a English or maths game on your child's tablet. There are many ways to do this. You could let your children on message only if there older than thirteen, there are where you get to talk to people.

In addition, This can be good because parents can get some "Me" time. Also parents may be able to change baby. It could help put your child to sleep. Screens are very helpful in ways like all these suggestions. Family and friends can play to (One thing.)... Have fun! You could tell your child to go on word to write down their homework. (Many people do this.)

In conclusion, there is no one saying that you can't follow what you think. You should let your child on a screen for two hour. There are many reasons that both support and disagree with the use of screens before bedtime. Also I suggest monitoring your child even if they are adolescents! I recommend lowering the screen brightness two hours before bed as this would reduce the impact of blue light.

Neve (Jerusalem)

Dear Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,

I am writing to you to address my concerns about the litter in the oceans and how it is having an impact on the animals. When you throw rubbish in the bin most ends up in the ocean. We need to stop this!

Did you know, that microplastic particles in the ocean outnumber the amount of plankton which is extremely worrying. As Prime Minister it is your duty to take action and stop this before it is too late. One million sea birds and one hundred thousand marine mammals digest plastic every year. In 2050 the combined weight will be heavier than the weight of all the fish.

Microplastics are digested by plankton which is passed up the food chain and then all the fish end up with it in their systems. Do you realise the average human who eats sea food will consume 11,000 particles of microplastic every year. Stop this or all these innocent animals will end up dying because we can't be bothered to put our rubbish in the bin. The microplastics are so small that in the water system they just slip through the filter into the ocean.

In conclusion, something must be done about Plastic Pollution or many species of sea animals may become rare or even extinct. You could act in 2042 but it will be too late. All of the points I have made show how critical it is that you stop this now before the world ends up like a dumping ground. As Prime Minister it is your responsibility to find alternative materials that can be used instead of plastics.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Olivia (Rio)

Many Congratulations to the following children whose work is proudly displayed outside of my office, jolly well done.

EYFS: Gateshead - Thomas and Lexi Newcastle - Mila and Bea KS1: Edinburgh - Sarah and Jake Glasgow - Orla and Oscar Cape Town - Edward and Roo Vienna - Scott and Evangeline LKS2: Jerusalem - Neve and Lois Kuala Lumpur - Nina and Amber Moscow - Alex and Selene UKS2: New York - Isla and Martha Rio - Baran and Olivia Toronto - Darcey and Cole











#### Year One Visit Warkworth Castle

Last Thursday, on a very wet and windy day, Year One visited Warkworth Castle. All the staff were really impressed with how the children participated in all the activities, smiling throughout.

Since returning to school we have been writing recounts of our visit...

First we got on the bus. Cara Then we explored the outside of the castle. Holly After that we walked around the castle's moat. Jasmine Next we had lunch in the keep. Logan Then we explored the inside of the castle's keep. Sarah Finally, we got on the bus to go back to school. Finley

Children had an amazing time exploring the castle taking on the roles of the people who would have lived in the castle. They all looked amazing in their castle dress ups.







# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher Two super stars for me this week, Cole and Finlay (New York) For being amazing at overcoming a fear. I am tremendously proud of you both.

> New York - Erin For excellent effort with revision in Maths and English.

Rio - Imogen and Bobby For their beautiful solos at the Ryton Music Festival, you both blew me away!

> Toronto - Max For continued effort and concentration in all your lessons.

Jerusalem - Maisey For a brilliant audition and beautiful singing. Congratulations.

Kuala Lumpur - Frank For consistently fantastic behaviour and always working so hard.

Moscow - Jack For fantastic attitude all year. Always giving 100% and is a great role model for everyone in class.

Cape Town - Mason For not giving up and having a fantastic growth mindset when the task was very tricky.

> Vienna - Gracie For showing such a positive attitude in school. Well done Gracie!

> > Edinburgh - Sam For settling in so well to Edinburgh dream team.

Glasgow - Alissa For working so hard with her Maths this week.

Gateshead - George For fab name writing and super listening ears.

Newcastle - Willow For fantastic 3 Little Pig story telling.

Crawcrook - Jack For amazing enthusiasm in everything he tries.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - Darius (New York) For beautiful manners at lunchtime.