

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Date: Friday 16th July '21



The Emmaville Olympics Enrichment Week

Wow; what a week! The Olympics came to Emmaville; big style! In homage to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games that start on July 23rd, Emmaville held an Enrichment Week to celebrate and educate. What did we do? Well, it should be, 'What didn't we do?' Across the school, the children discovered the history of the Olympics, researched a specific games from history, learnt about a designated Olympic sporting hero, designed their own Emmaville Olympics mascot, created Olympic themed art and explored the geography of the Olympic games. Getting physical, everyone tried to beat their best in individual sporting challenges, competed in sporting house competitions and got practical by making healthy food for Olympic athletes (the food was delicious).

Not only this but, we also had a wonderful garden party where the girls and boys created their own fair games and then also ran the games and stalls themselves (the Ryton Fair had better watch out as they have some serious competition!). As part of the garden party, the children wore their favourite clothes or dressed as a sporting hero, as well as making and flying kites. Even better, they were treated to ice cream! Phew!

On the final day, all the classes were lucky enough to have a real Olympic Torch from the 2012 London Olympics come to their class. They loved it. To cap off an amazing week, the whole school took part in a closing ceremony in the style of the Olympics where we raised our flags and torches, celebrated our achievements and sporting stars, and danced to the beat of our own drum (well Meghan Trainors 'Better When We're Dancing'); thanks to the Year 6 dance troupe for creating the routine and then leading it on the day.

It was a wonderful week, wonderful ceremony and a wonderful way to get the children enthused for the real Olympics. Everyone is so looking forward to it starting and experiencing possibly their first Olympic Games.

The PE Team







Hello Everyone,

I hope that you are all looking forward to a sun-filled weekend; well, that is what the weather forecasters have promised us.

It has been another enjoyable week in school, lots of busy children and excited Year 6 pupils who are looking forward to their surfing/beach day at Tynemouth Longsands. Ooh, I feel a Beach Boys tune coming on...

Arrangements for the last week of term

We have some further treats planned for next week for the children, a reminder that children in KS1 & KS2 come to school on Monday in their PE kits.

The Year 6 children are off to Flamingo Land on Tuesday, leaving school promptly at 8am. The children in North and South America will travel in two buses that will leave from the front entrance of school.

On Wednesday 21st July, it is the Year 5 children's turn to go surfing and we have also booked two buses to transport them to Tynemouth.

We know that restrictions are due to lift from Monday 19th July, but we are still moving cautiously forward; hence the reason for booking two buses to avoid mixing bubbles for any of the planned outings. Until the end of the summer term, we ask that parents/carers continue to support us with the existing rules that we have in place.

We are planning on being cautious for the first three weeks of the autumn term too, and you will have received my letter regarding arrangements that was sent out on the 6th July.

The Year 6 children will be having a pizza/popcorn (with a few more luncheon treats) on the 23rd July, so there will be no need to send them to school with a packed lunch on the last day. I have also ordered a balloon display that will be placed on the grassed area outside of the side gate that leads into Crawcrook Park.

On the 23rd July, the Year 6 children will not leave school until 3.35pm. The reason for this, we want to give them a good send off from the side gate leading into Crawcrook Park. Parents will then have the opportunity to take photographs of the children beside the balloon display.

Summer Holiday Vouchers

Gateshead Council will be providing money to support the voucher scheme for families who are eligible for means tested free school meals. The vouchers will be ordered through Edenred and families can expect to receive the 6 week vouchers any time after the 23rd July.

Payment of meals when children move into KS2

The free school meal entitlement ends when children move into Year 3. Parents should then use the Parentmail App to pay for school lunches. The daily cost of a school lunch is £2.50

Eligibility for Means Tested Free School Meals

It is really important that if your child is eligible that you inform the Benefits Service at Gateshead Council when your child enters reception class. For every child that is eligible, school receives additional funding. Please look at the Pupil Premium information on the school website as that explains the money that the school receives for pupil premium children and there is information about how the money is spent. We have attached a Means Tested Free School Meals Application form to the bulletin, just in case you think you might be entitled to them.

Transition into Year 1

We are very excited for the Reception children to move into the Year 1 classes in September.

When children move from reception to year 1, we use the MarvellousMe App to communicate with parents. At the beginning of the autumn term, Mrs Lawrence and Miss McArdle will send out a letter with a joining code and instructions on how to download the App for MarvellousMe. Once the App is downloaded, you will receive all the messages from school.

Get the sun tan cream, floppy hats and sunglasses ready for what promises to be a glorious weekend.

Avril Armstrong

School Attendance Week Ending 09.07.21

Year 6: North America	91.0%	South America	93.7%
Year 5: Antarctica	98.4%	Oceania	97.6%
Year 4: Africa	99.4%	Asia	95.6%
Year 3: Northern Europe	99.3%	Southern Europe	99.6%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	93.8%	Wales	96.7%
Year 1: England	98.6%	Scotland	98.0%
EYFS: Gateshead	96.2%	Newcastle	96.1%
Crawcrook	89.5%		

Whole school
attendance
96.4%

Well done to Southern Europe for the best attendance last week.

"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
Nathan (Wales) on the birth of his baby sister Harriet Evelyn Margaret

After School Club

Could we remind parents/carers there is no after school provision on the last day of every term.
Therefore, this will apply to Friday 23rd July.

Take the kids for free – Metro offer

Tyne and Wear Metro are excited to be running their Kids Go Free offer over the school summer holidays this year.

From 19 July, up to three children aged 11 and under can travel anywhere on the Metro or Shields ferry for free, if they are with a fare-paying adult.

We hope this offer will encourage families to explore new places and spend more quality time together.

For more information please visit:

[Take the kids for free | nexus.org.uk](https://www.nexus.org.uk)

Nexus House, 33 St James Boulevard,
Newcastle NE1 4AX

The latest information about travel is at
www.nexus.org.uk/covid-secure



Congratulations to Jack (North America) on being selected to play for the County Cricket team.

What an achievement Jack.

Lunch, Breakfast and After School Fees

With the end of term fast approaching, we ask that all unpaid lunch, breakfast and after school fees are paid by Friday 23rd July.

Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - To all of our lovely Y6 children
For being an absolutely delightful group of children.

North America - Ethan
For being an excellent Dad in the play.

South America - Athena
For being the politest and well-mannered person.

Antarctica - Whole Class
For amazing teamwork creating and running their garden party stall.

Oceania - Liam
For good teamwork, great ideas and being a great dancer during the Olympic closing ceremony.

Africa - George
For being voted the most sporty person in the class.

Asia - Stephen
For showing a quiet determination to succeed. A brilliant sports person too.

Northern Europe - Lacey
For being such a lovely and helpful member of Northern Europe class.

Southern Europe - Zac
For his super manners.

Northern Ireland - Sophie
For her fantastic work on the London 2012 Olympics and her Olympic mascot design.

Wales - Molly and Lily Mae
For showing such perseverance and team work during Enrichment Week.

England - Leo and Finley
For their fantastic attitude and effort during Enrichment Week.

Scotland - Joshua
For taking part well in the sports activities this week.

Gateshead - Molly
For her amazing dancing in the Olympic closing ceremony.

Newcastle - Molly
For creating some fabulous Olympic art this week.

Crawcrook Nursery - Elias
For cheering his team on during Sports Day.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - All of Y6
For being so polite throughout this year. We will miss you all.