

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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Emmavillions 'Outstanding' Performance of Mary Poppins

Gateshead School's Annual Dance Festival

Yet again another 'Outstanding' performance by pupils from Emmaville; I know that I am biased, but those of you who were in the audience at the Sage on Wednesday evening will no doubt agree with me.

Many congratulations to Emily Rochester who choreographed a stunning dance routine to songs from the musical Mary Poppins. The children took to the stage like true professionals, pulling off a spectacular performance that had members of the audience rewarding them with a standing ovation. Not only was the dance routine delivered to timely perfection, but it also included drama and gymnastic skills, pitch-perfect singing and true West End production flair from the Emmavillians!

A huge well done to the Year 5/6 pupils, and a very special mention to Ryan and Sophia from Year 1 who brought to the stage Emmaville's very own Jane and Michael Banks.

Thank you also to all members of staff who went along on the evening to support the children, your attendance at such events is important to the pupils and shows how much we value their efforts and achievements.

Peace Child

Mrs Wall, Miss Woolard and Miss Kenyon must be very proud of the children in the Year 3/4 cohort for their incredible performance in the Peace Child. The narrations, acting and singing were amazing. I think we have some extremely talented children in this school who perform with such confidence; they are true Emmaville stars shining brightly for all to behold.

A fabulous way to end the term children, jolly well done!



Writers of the Month



It is that time in the month when I have the tricky task of selecting four children's work to be included in this week's bulletin. Always a difficult job to do as the work displayed on the Writer of the Month board is of a high standard. However this month I have selected Sienna C from Gateshead, from Key Stage 1 William P (Vienna), from lower Key Stage 2 Olivia D (Moscow) and finally Olivia L (Rio) from upper Key Stage 2. So why not take a cosy seat, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy reading the children's amazing writing.

Sienna C



I saw a rabbit

hopping

in the sky

with a pen

and a

blue pen

the rabbit

William P

Rainbow Dragons

A Rainbow Dragon is similar to a huge lizard and never seen in the world.

Appearance

This type of dragon has sharp teeth to eat fish. It has pointy ears like normal dragons. It has long wings to fly.

Habitat

The Rainbow Dragon lives underground so he can dig for treasure. Also he can cover in mud at the time.

Diet

These dragons love cheese. In fact it is their favourite food. They also like creamy milk, butter and anything else it will make these dragons.

Do they like good food? This kind of dragon does not like bad food because he likes to be happy. Did you know a Rainbow Dragon can jump higher than the sky and sometimes tap on the atmosphere. By William P

Here is an extract from Olivia D's writing

Once upon a time there lived a clever, intelligent witch who had faded, crimped brown hair just like a flowing river. She wore a torn school uniform, a black, pointy hat and a ripe red and yellow tie. Her name was Hermionie. Unfortunately, when she was only four years old, she was cursed by an evil wizard who apparently was on the Dark Arts side. The wizard left a small, scary scar on her small, baby hand. She was brought up by her Mom and Dad but ran away to go to a School for witches and wizards on a narrow cliff by the surrounding woods.

(1)

Hermionie slept in a room with her friends but always lay awake by the unknown winds like spirits swirling around the gloomy castle.

From her bedroom window, Hermionie saw the corners of the bare trees reach out to the lonely sky hidden by the desolate clouds.

Early one bitterly cold morning, when the ground glistened against the morning light, Hermionie and her friends awoke suddenly to the worrying sound of their bedroom windows slamming wide open.

(2)

Olivia L

DON'T SMOKE



QUIT NOW

Cigarettes - highly addictive, expensive and potentially deadly. They are found to be packed full of harmful toxins and chemicals, over 4,000 of them, which can have a negative impact on your body. So why would you even start smoking?

Smoking has been part of our culture for more than 2,000 years despite people knowing the health risks. It's been around since the Mayan times. Doctors even prescribed cigarettes for curing sore throats and they were advertised. It was only in the 1960's that doctors discovered that smoking is bad for you. There are a number of reasons why smoking is harmful towards your health.

You may be thinking that even though you smoke, you are rich. However this is not the fact. The average smoker consumes 20 cigarettes a day for 10 years, you could've saved almost £60,000! This is the equivalent to a new car. In addition, when you smoke 30 cigarettes a day for 20 years,

The following children have been selected by their teachers to have their writing displayed on the 'Writing Creatively' board.

EYFS: Gateshead - Sienna C and Lydia S Newcastle - Lilah S and Charlie W
KS1: Edinburgh - Stephen L and George R Glasgow - Libby S and Alfie B
Cape Town - Kaedem M and Tilda H Vienna - William P and Elijah M
KS2: Jerusalem - Josh C and Martha T Kuala Lumpur - Maddie M and Matilda B
Moscow - Olivia D and Dylan D New York - Anna J and Ryan C
Rio - Olivia L and Frazer B Toronto - Rosie L and Hana T

Thank you children for working so hard to have your writing displayed on my board.

Well done to you all.

Miss Armstrong.

you could've saved £90,000 and been on many luxury family holidays and still have thousands of pounds left over! Furthermore, if you have had 40 cigarettes for 20 years, you could have saved a whopping £120,000! That's enough for a new house! What a terrible waste of a life! There are many more reasons to stop smoking.

If you smoke, there are an awful amount of health risks: heart attacks, which are caused by too much carbon monoxide and that causes the heart to pump too fast; blood clots, which are dangerous to the body and cancer. The link between smoking and cancer is perhaps the most established. There is a numerous amount of cancer types that are caused by smoking and including liver, throat and lung cancer. So if you do smoke, why don't you smoke?

Incentive Awards for the Spring Term

100% Attendance

We are delighted to include the names of those pupils who have received their 100% attendance certificates for the spring term.

Well done to you all!

Congratulations also to the children who received silver and bronze certificates.

Pupils with 100% attendance are:

EYFS

Purple Poppies: Jack B, Logan T

Crawcrook: Ewan D, Noah E, Amber L, Daniel R, Marnie S, Millie T, Harrison W, Oscar Y

Gateshead: Rowan B, Jake B, Sienna C, Dexter I, Ophelia L, Samuel L, Max M, Ellie M, Alissa T, Maddox T, Oscar W

Newcastle: Riley B, Aaron B, Isabelle E, Ruby L, Jake M, Jasmine P, Holly S, Zac S, Gabriel T, James U

Key Stage 1

Edinburgh: Mason Allen, Reilly B, Zoe B, James B, Rachel C, Lily D, Jonathon F, Ivy H, Jessie M-D, Rose N

Glasgow: Evie A, Alfie B, Gracie B, Hayden C, Bradley D, Evangeline G, Isaac L, Myles L, Sophia M, Ava Y

Cape Town: Jayden B, Adam D, Oscar D, Liam G, Lily H, Mark H, Leo I, Megan N, Reuben S, Noah W-G, George W, Abigail W

Vienna: Sam G, Molly N, William P, Clarke R, Christopher R, Millie S, Charlotte W

Lower Key Stage 2

Jerusalem: Saffah B, Jessica B, Matthew B, Isabelle C, Max C, Lewis E, Athena I, Niamh L, Jake R

Kuala Lumpur: Aliyah A, Joe B, Nina C, Cole H, Jamie L, Maddie M, Bobby M, Ryan R, Jack V

Moscow: Ethan B, Hannah C, Eleanor D, Dylan, Lillie G, Harris H, Ronin H, Darcey I, Isla P, Conan S, Sophie T, Aleisha W

Upper Key Stage 2

New York: Haaniyah B, Chloe B, Ryan C, Tayla H, Anna J, Jay J, Emily M, Luca P, Lewis R, Samantha R, Lauren S

Rio: Jake B, Frazer B, Rhys C, Louis D, Jack D, Harry F, Liam G, Matthew J, Olivia L, Alex M, Serena P,

Hugo P, Zack R, Isla T, Joseph T, Jack W

Toronto: Jonathan B, Caitlin C, Jasmine D, Aaron F, Caitie G, Liam H, Maddie K, Daniel N, Sean R, Thomas T

We pride ourselves on high standards at Emmaville, we accept nothing less. To celebrate the children's achievements this term the following children were selected by their teachers to be praised for their work.

Continuously Good Presentation

EYFS: Gateshead - Ellie M Newcastle - Ruby L

Key Stage 1: Edinburgh - Rose N Glasgow - Lydia S Cape Town - Liam G Vienna - Christopher R

Lower Key Stage 2: Jerusalem - Athena I Kuala Lumpur - Harvey D Moscow - Jack W

Upper Key Stage 2: New York - Haaniyah B Rio - Harry F Toronto - Kate L

Most Improved Presentation

EYFS: Gateshead - Alissa T Newcastle - Ella A

Key Stage 1: Edinburgh - Georgia S Glasgow - Finn H Cape Town - Tilda H Vienna - Layla F

Lower Key Stage 2: Jerusalem - Rhianne H Kuala Lumpur - Ruby B Moscow - Bobby B

Upper Key Stage 2: New York - Theo E Rio - Rhys C Toronto - Hana T

Enthusiastic Reading

EYFS: Gateshead - Orla C Newcastle - Cameron B-M

Key Stage 1: Edinburgh - Amelia G Glasgow - Max T Cape Town - Poppy W Vienna - Callan G

Lower Key Stage 2: Jerusalem - Jessica B Kuala Lumpur - Cole H Moscow - Darcey I

Upper Key Stage 2: New York - Luca P Rio - Hugo P Toronto - Jonathan B

Tries hard with spelling within all subjects

EYFS: Gateshead - Ophelia L Newcastle - Jake M

Key Stage 1: Edinburgh - Zoe B Glasgow - Isaac L Cape Town - Mark H Vienna - Frank K

Lower Key Stage 2: Jerusalem - Eva B Kuala Lumpur - Matilda P Moscow - Grace S

Upper Key Stage 2: New York - Alex C Rio - Zack R Toronto - Caitie G

Such lovely news...

I am delighted to announce that Miss Foster and her partner, Chris, will be welcoming an addition to their family at some point in the latter part of July. The Foster family Labrador, Buddy is looking forward to the arrival of the baby as he is most intrigued by the new toys that are arriving for the nursery! Obviously we have known for some time but we were asked to keep 'Mum' until the news could publicly be shared with you all. We are thrilled as we do so love babies at Emmaville!

"If I am thinking correctly," said Pooh,
"a new baby is probably undoubtedly the grandest gift that could ever be."
"A grand gift indeed."

Finally - on behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter, may the sun shine and the Easter Bunny deliver numerous chocolate eggs for you all to enjoy.

Avril Armstrong.



Mathmagicians of the month

March's Mathematicians are:

Reception
Kaysha M and Keavey W

Year 1
Billytom T and Scott C

Year 2
Dexter P and Sam G

Year 3/4
Max C, Cole H and Emily O

Year 5/6
Kate L, Carly MacL and Macauley G



Codie L (New York) won a silver medal in Judo back in January and qualified to fight in the British Schools Championships in Sheffield.

Although Codie did not win a medal she had a fantastic weekend at the Championships.



Reception visit Clara Vale

Reception had a fabulous visit to Clara Vale last week and the weather was definitely on our side...for the morning at least!

We visited the bird hide, did some cloud spotting, made giant group cloud pictures, enjoyed hot chocolate, went on a 'Signs of Spring' spotters walk, made clay creatures and faces to leave in the nature reserve, had our packed lunches, played football and parachute games on the field and had a little play in the park....what a busy, busy day!!

The children were an absolute credit and made the most of all the activities and experiences planned for them.

Thank you so much to all the adult helpers that also accompanied us on the day.



Year One went to Thorp Academy on Monday. We played lots of different games with the Sports Leaders in the big sports hall. There were lots of other children there. We learnt some of their names. We had fun playing the sports games.

This is what some of the children thought about their visit:

My favourite game was the basketball. Sophie P

I had fun playing the football game. George R

I had fun there. Daisy May H

We had fun doing every game. Thomas B

We also learnt some games. Dylan M

I enjoyed bouncing the basketball. Zoe B

I liked the skipping. Reilly B

I had fun hopping. Roxi F

I enjoyed kicking the ball without touching it. Jessie M-D

I liked throwing the beanbags into the hoops to score points. Noah I

I enjoyed balancing. Ivy H





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Tuesday 27th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the cost of a school meal will be increasing from Monday the 16th April to £2.30 per day. There will be a further increase in the price from Monday 3rd September to £2.50.

The cost of a school meal at Emmaville has not been increased for a number of years, however many Gateshead schools are either in the process of raising the cost or have already raised the price of a school meal.

The school is charged £2.60 for every meal served to a child, we are therefore currently subsidising each meal by 60p. On average the school kitchen provides 196 meals per day. As school budgets are currently very tight, the Governing Body has realised that we cannot continue to subsidise school meals to this extent. Therefore after much discussion with schools in the cluster, and as a Governing Body we have taken the decision to raise the costs from the beginning of the summer term.

With very best wishes,
Avril Armstrong.

School reopens for the summer term on Monday 16th April.

Please remember school starts at 8.50am and children should be in the school yard by 8.45am. Nursery children start at 9am.

Any child who is late for school must be signed in the Late Book by their parent/carer with a reason for their lateness.



Year 6 France Residential Visit 2018

Just a little reminder that the next payment of £70.00 for our visit to France was due last Friday.

This will bring your total payment so far to at least £280.00.

This week's House Points

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|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| TEAM ANGEL | TEAM TYNE | TEAM BALTIC | TEAM SAGE |
| 1123 | 1100 | 1097 | 957 |

School Attendance Week Ending 23.03.18



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| Year 5/6 | |
| New York | 99.5% |
| Rio | 93.8% |
| Toronto | 99.0% |
| Year 3/4 | |
| Jerusalem | 100% |
| Kuala Lumpur | 98.1% |
| Moscow | 95.4% |
| Year 2 | |
| Cape Town | 100% |
| Vienna | 98.2% |
| Year 1 | |
| Edinburgh | 90.0% |
| Glasgow | 95.7% |
| EYFS | |
| Gateshead | 99.6% |
| Newcastle | 91.7% |
| Crawcrook | 97.3% |

Congratulations to
Jerusalem and Cape Town
for 100% attendance last week.



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Kate L (Toronto)

For being able to confidently demonstrate a complex mathematical problem to the children in her class.
What a splendid Maths Wizard you are Kate.
Mrs McKenna describes you as being 'On Fire' - Wow, well done Kate!

New York - Alex C

For amazing writing and Grammar skills.

Rio - Heather N

For super progress across the curriculum.

Toronto - Rosie L

For amazing hard work in English lessons.

Jerusalem - Neve W

For brilliant singing and enthusiasm throughout our performances and rehearsals of the Peace Child.

Kuala Lumpur - Mollie R

For her enthusiasm and effort when singing in the Year 3/4 production. Well done Mollie!

Moscow - Ethan B

For his commitment to learning his times tables every night.

Cape Town - James D

For immediately working towards his targets.

Vienna - Clarke R

For super enthusiasm and excellent work when learning about fractions in Maths.

Edinburgh - Roo K

For his amazing detailed and creative story map in English.

Glasgow - Gracie B

For her amazing reading skills - helping read facts in our 'Each One Teach One' lesson.

Gateshead - Alissa T

For her great efforts in phonics and maths. Well done.

Newcastle - Cameron B-M

For his amazing enthusiasm on our Clara Vale trip.

Crawcrook

am - Sophie B for being a great friend.

pm - Jack B for super sharing with the bikes.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton) - Max T (Glasgow)

For wonderful manners at lunchtime.

At Key Stage 2 Parents' Evenings this week, many Y6 parents were asking about the SATs tests at the end of KS2. We have downloaded this information for the parents of children in Y2 and Y6.



Information for parents: 2018 national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2 (text only version)

Key stage 1 tests – year 2 pupils

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, maths and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and maths, commonly called SATs. They may also sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

| Subject | Test paper |
|---|---|
| English reading | Short text and questions Long text with separate questions |
| Mathematics | Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning |
| English grammar, punctuation and spelling (optional test) | Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary) |

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1.

These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

Key stage 2 tests – year 6 pupils

If you have a child in year 6, at the end of key stage 2, they will take national curriculum tests in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics.

The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

| Date | Subject | Test paper |
|------------------|---|--|
| Monday 14 May | English grammar, punctuation and spelling | Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary) |
| Tuesday 15 May | English reading | English reading |
| Wednesday 16 May | Mathematics | Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning |
| Thursday 17 May | Mathematics | Mathematical reasoning |

At the end of the summer term you should receive test results for:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- mathematics

Teacher assessment

As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child's work at the end of key stage 2. You will also receive teacher assessment judgements for English reading, mathematics and science.

How can you help your child to prepare?

Teachers will make sure all pupils in their class are prepared for the tests. There's nothing specifically test-related that you should do to prepare your child.

You should follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's education throughout the year.

What do the tests look like?

You can look at [past papers](#) by clicking on the hyperlink or searching online at www.gov.uk/STA.

Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions you may have about the tests and teacher assessment judgements.

For more details you can visit www.gov.uk/STA or watch our [short videos](#) for parents about the tests at key stage 1 and key stage 2.

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