



EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



I do love it when I can put aside the paperwork, leave my office, and head off out on an adventure with the children. Last week, on two occasions, I got the opportunity to do just that. Oh I was giddy with excitement!

The first outing was with Mrs Priestley and an amazing team of athletes who competed in the Gateshead School's Cross Country event. Those children participating, were excited and enthusiastic about their races, determined to finish the race, and to beat their personal best times.

The Y3/4 children ran a distance of 1,200 metres. Mrs Priestley ensured that they were warmed up and prepared for each race, and parents who joined us for the occasion were carefully positioned to encourage and cheer the children on. Wow did the children run well, they were all commended for their efforts. Mrs Priestley and I were also impressed with the support given from the children to their team mates throughout the event. In fact, the volume as they sang our 'Emmaville Cheerleading Chant' was so loud, Mrs Priestley had to ask them to quieten down so as not to intimidate the other competitors!

Not only did they all finish their races, but many came away wearing medals for either finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in individual or team events. Congratulations to Theo who came 1st in the Y5/6 boy's race and Sam who came 2nd in the Y3/4 boy's race. Dylan, William, Sam, Tilda, Erin and Sophie collected medals for their 3rd place position in the Y3/4 overall event. Theo, Taylor, Jamie, Faye, Niamh and Charlotte not only were awarded with medals for coming 1st overall in the Y5/6 event, they also brought home a shield; our first ever cross country shield.

Well done to everyone listed below, you are all tremendous competitors.

Y3/4: Sam, William, Ethan, Leo, Tilda, Charlotte, Sarah, Jack, Dylan, Jessica, Erin, Sophie.

Y5/6: Josh, Jamie, Emily, Niamh, Charlotte, Theo, Thomas, Taylor, Tilly, Faye, Erin, Darius.



Date: Friday 29th March '19



The second time I was let loose from my office, was for our annual 3 day residential visit to London. 39 children boarded the coach as we set off to visit our capital city. From the start of the journey until we returned them safely home to their parents, the Y5 children were truly amazing. It was both a privilege and a pleasure to spend time with them all. Another member of staff who was also allowed to take off the chains for 3 days, was Mrs McKie. She thoroughly enjoyed spending quality time with these wonderful children, as did Mrs McKenna, Mr Saddington and myself. There was never a dull moment during the visit, the children explored the famous landmarks, experienced an evening out at a West End Show and shared their knowledge with one another during the Parliamentary tour. The guides were incredibly impressed with how much the children already know about the work of the Members of Parliament. What a credit to the school the Y5 children are.



The Y1 teachers would like to organise a 6 week reading programme for their pupils, however, this will not be possible without your help. If anyone could spare a morning or an afternoon each week, for 6 weeks, then would you please contact either Mrs Priestley, Mrs Mackay or Mrs Lawrence. Thank you.

Helen Haran, one of our school Governors and a local Councillor, shared the following photographs with me. In response to the piece that I included in a previous newsletter, re encouraging the children to take pride in the community, a local handyman has installed ornate metal borders around the flower beds in the hope that it will discourage children from trampling on the plants. Helen asked that we include the photographs in the school bulletin.



Once again we have had another successful Prayer Space Station experience planned and delivered by members of the Holy Spirit Church. We do appreciate the time given by the volunteers as the children look forward to exploring and learning from the activities. The Easter themed tasks allowed the children to share what they already knew about this Christian tradition, as well as finding out new facts. Many thanks to Liz, Frank and Pam and the Holy Spirit Team.



Finally, I just want to compliment the Y6 pupils for attending the early morning Booster Sessions. The teachers delivering the sessions are greatly impressed by your commitment children. Thank you for tipping up at 7.45am on a Tuesday prepared to get your brains into gear for some serious early morning tasks.

Avril Armstrong.



Congratulations to the Emmaville Football team on winning the 7-side 'Blaydon and District Juniors Schools Football West League'. Over three weeks of competition, the team played a total of 15 matches against Crookhill, Greenside, Ryton, St Mary and St Thomas, and St Agnes. They won 11, drew 3 and lost 1, gaining a total of 36 points. Our closest competitor had 20 points. The team has shown an excellent attitude, great teamwork and fantastic skill. As league winners, the boys and girls will now go on to compete in the league finals tournament against the champions of the other four leagues. Everyone is looking forward to challenging themselves against even stronger competition.

Mr Elliott.

On Thursday 14th March, I had the pleasure of taking sixteen Year 4 pupils to represent Emmaville at the annual QuickSticks Hockey Tournament at Whickham High School. The children played in teams of four, playing five games each. All of the hockey players were fantastic; they showed great determination, consideration and commitment in each game. As they played more games their confidence grew and the goals kept on coming! Well done to all the children involved you represented the school brilliantly.

Miss Kenyon.





Year 3/4 Easter Performances

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April 1.45pm

All Families who have children in Y3/4 will be entitled to 2 tickets per child for each performance of 'Plastic Pirates'. Tickets are now available from the school office at a cost of £1.00 each.

You are in for a real treat; we have tremendous actors and singers, it is a pleasure to listen to the voices of the children as they rehearse the songs from the production.

We are sure all of the pupils will make us extremely proud. Hankies at the ready!

This week's House Points

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| 1st TEAM TYNE 1763 | 2nd TEAM ANGEL 1693 |
| 3rd TEAM BALTIC 1612 | 4th TEAM SAGE 1558 |



School Attendance
Week Ending 22.03.19

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| Year 5/6 | |
| New York | 97.9% |
| Rio | 99.3% |
| Toronto | 99.3% |
| Year 3/4 | |
| Jerusalem | 99.0% |
| Kuala Lumpur | 93.7% |
| Moscow | 90.6% |
| Year 2 | |
| Cape Town | 95.0% |
| Vienna | 95.3% |
| Year 1 | |
| Edinburgh | 90.0% |
| Glasgow | 97.3% |
| EYFS | |
| Gateshead | 98.7% |
| Newcastle | 97.0% |
| Crawcrook | 87.1% |

Well done to Rio and Toronto
for the best attendance last week.

Forthcoming dates for your diary...

Monday 1st April 1.45pm
Y3/4 Performance

Monday 1st April 3.30pm - 6.30pm
KS2 Parents' Evening

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

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

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

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

Friday 5th April
Non-Uniform Day for the Medical Detection Dogs

Friday 5th April 9.15am
Glasgow's Class Assembly

Friday 5th April
School closes for the Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April
School reopens

Stars of the Week

Head Teacher

- 15.03.19 - Oliver (Edinburgh) for super duper reading.
15.03.19 - Cara (Edinburgh) for an amazing innovated story based upon the book 'Whatever Next.'
22.03.19 - All of the Y5 children who were amazing during the London visit.

New York

- 15.03.19 - Martha for her beautiful writing and enthusiasm in all that she does.
22.03.19 - Jack for his excellent attitude and improved 'can do' attitude to all his studies.

Rio

- 15.03.19 - Imogen for getting full marks in spellings week after week, superb!
22.03.19 - Jake for his incredible effort and determination in all of the subjects.

Toronto

- 15.03.19 - Nicole for settling in so well into your new class.
22.03.19 - Emma for her respectful and sensible attitude.

Jerusalem

- 15.03.19 - Ozzy for being a whizz in Science and producing wonderful art work.
22.03.19 - Sophie for her x tables work and being such a happy member of the class.

Kuala Lumpur

- 15.03.19 - Ruby for her fantastic attitude and effort at the Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament.
22.03.19 - Evie for her super swimming and excellent effort.

Moscow

- 15.03.19 - Justin for great understanding in Maths, writing in English and improvement all year.
22.03.19 - Mark for excellent use of language in his writing and super Maths fluency throughout the year.

Cape Town

- 15.03.19 - Reilly for super concentration during our map making activity.
22.03.19 - James for super science work this week.

Vienna

- 15.03.19 - Ava for working so hard on our secret agents missions and showing a much improved growth mindset.
22.03.19 - Thomas for having such a super week in school. Keep it up!

Edinburgh

- 15.03.19 - Sarah for being our Edinburgh's counting in 5's expert.
22.03.19 - Lilah for excellent partner work when measuring length and height in Maths.

Glasgow

- 15.03.19 - Scarlett for having a fantastic first week in Glasgow. What a superstar!
22.03.19 - Samuel for his amazing measuring work this week.

Gateshead

- 15.03.19 - Spencer for trying really hard in phonics.
22.03.19 - Eva-Leigh for being such a kind and caring girl.

Newcastle

- 15.03.19 - Lexi for settling in to Newcastle class so well.
22.03.19 - Nathan for amazing storytelling with great expression and confidence.

Crawcrook

- 15.03.19 - The whole class for trying so hard to be kind friends to each other.
22.03.19 - Reggie for fab Billy Goats Gruff story telling.

School Cook (Lisa Kirton)

- 15.03.19 - Amelia (Newcastle) for beautiful manners
22.03.19 - Theo (New York) for lovely manners.