

# EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

# WELCOME BACK!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the summer break. I have been very impressed with the way in which they have adapted to their class routines. A new school year is a fresh start for children and an opportunity to reconnect with their friends.

I also want to offer a warm welcome to the children and their families who have recently joined our school. We hope that the time spent at Emmaville proves to be an enjoyable and productive experience for the children.

### Attendance

A quick reminder about the importance of school attendance. There is a wide agreement among health and education professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children. It is a known fact, that children being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation; the greatest benefits come from children attending school regularly.

If you can, please avoid taking children out of school during term time as this can be very disruptive to the children's education. Advice about childhood illnesses will be sent out within the next couple of weeks. This advice comes directly from the DfE and will hopefully be a good guide to families.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1pm - 3.30pm - A group of Y5 girls to attend Gateshead Football TD Tournament

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm - Year 1 & Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' session

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 12.30pm - 2.30pm - A group of Y6 pupils will attend a Tag Rugby event

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm - Reception 'Meet the Teacher' session

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - KS1 assembly with Sam Cree

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm - Year 3 & Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' session

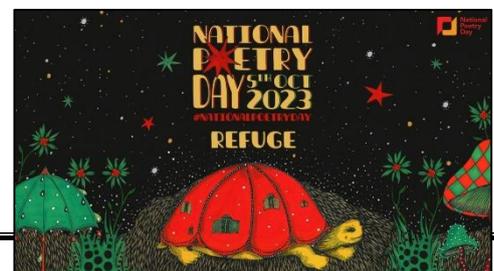
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2.30pm - Year 5 & Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' session

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5.30pm - 6.30pm - Open Evening for families of children who will be eligible for nursery and reception class places in September 2024

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1pm - 3.30pm - GSSP Cross Country event.  
A group of pupils from Year 3 - Year 6 will represent the school at this event

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - National Poetry Day

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TEACHER



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September '23

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm - 2.30pm - Y6 Girl's football team will participate in the GSSP Power League



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Open the Book assembly for children in KS1 & Y3

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - A group of Y5 pupils to participate in the GSSP Sports hall Athletics

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Y6 pupils to visit the Victoria Tunnel

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Roving Bookshop Book Sale in the school hall

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - School closed to the children for staff training day

Half term holiday - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

School reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm - The Year 6 pupils invite their families to their class assembly

Invitation

Dates for the second half of the autumn term will be sent out at a later date.

Letters from teachers will be sent to parents about events/visits.

### **New to Emmaville**

We have 7 new members of staff, 8 if we include Mrs Harrop in her new role.

Mrs Harrop's new role is that of Business Manager. She will be working alongside Mrs McKie and Mrs Liddle in the school office.

We have a new teacher in Year 3 and that is Miss Moffitt.

Within school we have 5 new teaching assistants:

Mrs Di Pietro who currently works in Scotland class;

Miss Freeman who works in Northern Ireland class;

Miss Cormack who spends a Monday in Gateshead reception class, and Tuesday to Friday working with the children of Wales;

Miss Stephenson who works in Northern Europe;

Miss Dixon who works with Miss Moffitt.

We also welcome Mr Hamilton to Team Emmaville as he joins us as our new Site Manager.

### **ICT**

During the summer break, a new server was fitted and we have had a few teething difficulties following the installation. This has resulted in a slight delay for parents accessing Seesaw and other platforms. We can only apologise for the inconvenience this has caused, and please be assured that we are trying to rectify the issues that we have been experiencing. Thank you for your patience, and we hope that you will soon have access to all of the children's learning platforms and to Seesaw.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing weekend and we shall look forward to seeing our little folks back in school on Monday.

Avril Armstrong

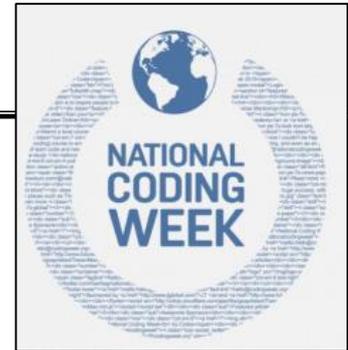
**National Coding Week 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Next week is National Coding Week. Throughout school, from EYFS to Year Six, all the children will be looking at Coding and completing some Coding based tasks.

Some of the older classes will be looking at the benefits, concerns and implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as this is the focus of the National Coding Week.

We will share some of our work with you in the coming weeks on our class pages and the newsletter.

Mrs Lawrence



**Water Bottles**

New bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.95. Unfortunately, we no longer sell lids only.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of the illness.

Please remember if your child is absent from school that you contact the school office before 9.30am (0191 4132460) and leave a message on the absence line.

Alternately, you can email school: [emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk)

Thank you

**School Attendance Week Ending 08.09.23**

Year 6: North America	99.4%	South America	98.0%
Year 5: Antarctica	94.0%	Oceania	96.3%
Year 4: Africa	95.3 %	Asia	99.4%
Year 3: Northern Europe	95.9%	Southern Europe	99.6%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	96.0%	Wales	96.1%
Year 1: England	86.3%	Scotland	91.4%
EYFS: Gateshead	92.7%	Newcastle	96.7%
Crawcrook	98.6%		



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



# Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Lennon (Asia)

For having such a positive attitude and for completing some amazing work.

North America - Ella W

For excellent enthusiasm and effort in her 1<sup>st</sup> week in Year 6.

South America - The whole class

For a super start to Year 6.

Antarctica - Riley

For being a lovely friend and helping us settle into Year 5.

Oceania - Daniel

For a super start to Year 5.

Africa - The whole class

For being such stars during our first week back.

Asia - Lennon

For his amazing start to Year 4 and his positive attitude!

Northern Europe - D'Arcy

For super resilience and working really hard this week.

Southern Europe - Imogen

For her lovely manners and always helping others. Beautiful work!

Northern Ireland - Miley

For her fabulous PSHE work this week!

Wales - The whole of Wales class.

For an amazing first week.

England - Lucie

For her kind and caring attitude to others. What a star!

Scotland - Lily

For her fantastic start in Year 1 - so polite and well mannered!

Gateshead & Newcastle

What an amazing first week the children in Reception have had.

Crawcrook Nursery - The whole of Nursery

For a fantastic first week.

School Cook - Molly (Asia)

For beautiful manners at lunchtime.