

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Date: Friday 13th March '20

Emmaville Gets Active...

Emmaville Gets Active...

The 'Youth Sports Trust' has identified the need for children to be more physically active. Did you know that it is recommended that children are active for 60 minutes EVERY day? It is the responsibility of schools to provide 30 out of these 60 minutes within the school day.

The below report can be viewed on the Youth Sports Trust website...



The Challenge

Children are spending less time moving and more time sitting! This type of sedentary behaviour has a significant impact on the long term health of young people, with hardened arteries and inflammation becoming common in children aged just six years old. Engaging parents and families to ensure children are taking part in active play to develop their physical literacy is vital if we want to flip the increasing trend of children using digital devices instead of moving around.

The Government Ambition

The childhood obesity plan is the government's response to the challenge of growing inactivity and physical wellbeing in young people.

The guidelines of the plan detail the responsibility of schools to not only ensure 30 active minutes each day for every child in school, but their responsibility to proactively encourage parental engagement to achieve 30 active minutes outside of the timetabled school day.

The Benefit

Daily physical activity is vital for young people's cognitive and psycho-social development. Schools have a responsibility to engage parents in ensuring every child has the confidence and competence to move and is included in daily physical activity.

To create a lasting benefit to children's health, regular movement and reduced sitting time have to become part of the long-term fabric of their day, inside and outside of school and not just restricted to physical education.

Further ideas to improve your child's activity levels can be found on the 'Change4Life' webpage.



Here at Emmaville, we value this drive to get children more active. Not only do we offer two PE lessons each week, from reception through to Year 6, but we encourage children to be active through e.g. active travel to and from school, entry into competitions and festivals, varied after school and lunch time sports clubs, in school coaching and sports taster workshops, links to local sports clubs, movement breaks during and between lessons, active playtimes and when the weather improves 'regular runs' around the school grounds.

This academic year, we have been on a mission to get children even more active at playtimes. With the help of the children throughout school as well as our fabulous 'Young Sports Leaders', a wish list of playground equipment was ordered. We're pleased to say that finally it arrived last week and it has without a doubt been like Christmas for all of our children.

Equipment is accessed on both yards during morning and lunch time playtimes. The children have been super excited and it has been so lovely to see them not only being really active but also to see them really enjoying themselves and playing so well with one another. We're very proud of them for taking such good care of it too - keep up the great work everyone!

I'm sure you'll agree that it's been a big thumbs up from the children...

Mrs Priestley



South of the Tyne Swimming Gala Finals.

On Wednesday 4th March, the children who came second in the Gateshead Swimming Gala attended the South of the Tyne Finals in South Shields. All of the children were very excited about this gala but knew the competition was going to be fierce as it was the top 8 schools from Gateshead as well as the top 8 schools from South Tyneside. The children looked wonderful in their new purple swimming caps which was Niamh's idea. Once again, we were very proud as all of the children put in top performances in all of the individual and relay races. Their efforts were rewarded with many medals: individual golds for Jamie in the Freestyle, Niamh in the Freestyle and Conan in the breaststroke. All of the children produced amazing performances in the individual races too and points were gained from the races. The boys also managed gold in both the Medley and the Freestyle. All of these wonderful performances meant that we gained third place overall in a very close competition. Mrs Rushton and I were very proud of all of the children. Many other teachers and schools commented on the behaviour and manners of our children which made us even more proud.

Congratulations to the swim team 2020: Niamh, Emily, Saffah, Eva, Jamie, Max, Conan and Joseph.

Miss Brewster and Mrs Rushton.



"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
Lily-Mae on the birth of her baby brother Tommy.

Last Week's House Points

1st
TEAM
BALTIC
5153

2nd
TEAM
SAGE
5036

3rd
TEAM
ANGEL
4985

4th
TEAM
TYNE
4920

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thursday 12th March 6pm
Emmaville's Got Talent

Friday 13th March 9am - 10.30am
Stay and Play Session for the children and parents in Newcastle Class

Friday 13th March 1pm
Year 5 pupils will perform in the Ryton Music Festival

Friday 13th March 2.15pm
Ireland's Class Assembly, we hope that all of the parents of the children in Ireland can join us for the assembly as the children enjoy performing for their parents

Monday 16th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm
KS1 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th March - Friday 19th March
Year 5 pupils' residential visit to London

Wednesday 18th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm
KS1 Parents' Evening

Friday 20th March 9am - 10.30am
Stay and Play Session for the children and parents in Gateshead Class

Tuesday 24th March 1.45pm
Year 4 Easter Performance

Wednesday 25th March 1.45pm
Year 4 Easter Performance

Friday 27th March 2.15pm
Year 5/6 Parents are invited to Celebration Assembly

Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April
Enrichment Week

Monday 30th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm
KS2 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 31st March 3.30pm - 6.30pm
KS2 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 1st April
Children should bring to school a boiled egg which they will be able to decorate for the Easter Egg Competition. Winners will be announced at the end of England's Class Assembly on Friday 3rd April

Wednesday 1st April
Family Easter Egg Competition. All entries should be taken to the school hall where they will be displayed. Winners will be announced at the end of England's Class Assembly on Friday 3rd April. We ask that all entries be collected from the hall at the end of the school day on the 3rd April.

Wednesday 1st April (evening event)
Year 6 pupils will perform in the Gateshead Schools' Dance Festival Friday 3rd April
Non-uniform day - The money raised will go to School Fund

Friday 3rd April 2.15pm
England's Class Assembly, we hope that all of the parents of the children in England can join us for the assembly as the children enjoy performing for their parents

Friday 3rd April
School closes for the Easter Holiday

School reopens on Tuesday 21st April for the children as the staff have a training day on Monday 20th April



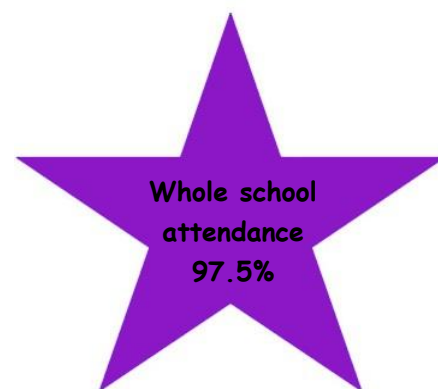
Year 4 Easter Performances

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March
1.45pm

All Families who have children in Y4 will be entitled to 3 tickets per child for each performance of 'Hoodwinked'. Tickets will be available from Monday 16th March at the school office costing £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!

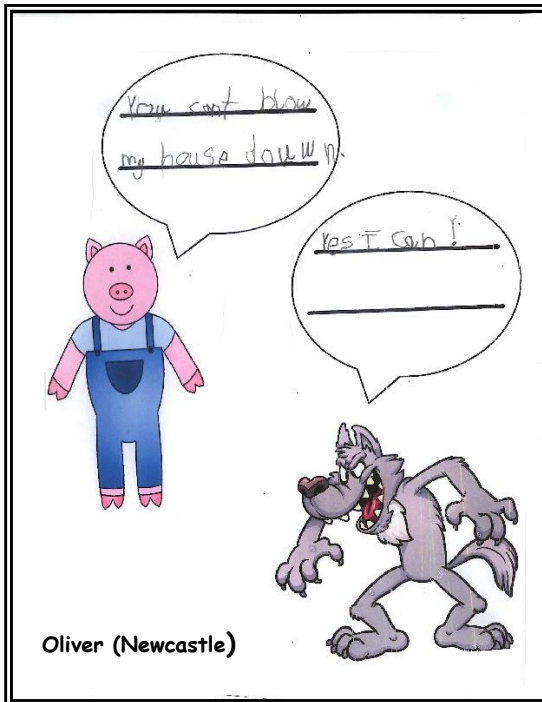


School Attendance
Week Ending 06.03.20

Year 5/6	
North America	95.9%
South America	94.5%
Oceania	96.7%
Year 4	
Africa	100%
Asia	94.8%
Year 3	
Northern Europe	99.4%
Southern Europe	97.3%
Year 2	
Northern Ireland	97.3%
Wales	99.3%
Year 1	
England	100%
Scotland	97.3%
EYFS	
Gateshead	97.3%
Newcastle	100%
Crawcrook	95.0%

Congratulations to
Africa, England and Newcastle
for 100% attendance last week.

Writers of the Month



A recipe for a pet

A drip of craziness,
Three bags of cuteness,
A splat of calmness,
One handful of greatness,
A spoonful of beauty,
A pinch of bravery,
Two packs of kindness,
A bag of playfulness and a sprinkle of happiness

Cara (Northern Ireland)

The cauldron was lit with a blazing fire that made the bubbles bob. The dusty old gramophone played a lullaby. The light flickered whilst the venus flytrap danced with the wind. The logs lay there like a sleeping baby that only made slight movements. The thunder started to growl like Snape giving you detention.

Kaadem (Asia)

Jack and the Bean Stalk

Once upon a time there was a little boy called Jack. One day Jack's mum said take the cow to market and the shopkeeper gave Jack magic beans. Jack ran home and showed his mum. His mum threw the beans out of the window and Jack's mum sent Jack to bed. In the morning Jack saw a beanstalk. Jack looked at the beanstalk and climbed up the beanstalk and saw a castle and went inside it.

James (Scotland)

The Tyne Mud Dragon

The Tyne Mud Dragon is a type of dragon.

Have you ever wondered what a Tyne Mud Dragon looks like? Like most dragons, they have huge wings, large jaws, a spiny back and a long tail. Typically, they are a dull brown colour, however some have been spotted that are a silvery green. Furthermore, their teeth are made of gold and look like the ruins of Hadrian's Wall. The main feature of this dragon is that it does not breathe flames, it breathes mud. A few dragons of this variety have the ability to breathe on any creature and dry it to stone.

The Tyne Mud Dragon lives under the River Tyne. It hides in dirty sloppy mud and is difficult to see because most of them can become invisible. This dragon likes to hide inside mud. This makes it difficult to track down. They only come out at night and tend to move around the banks of the Tyne when it is raining or foggy.

Are Tyne Mud Dragons dangerous? Many humans fear these dragons because they only eat people wearing dresses. However, this is not true. They steal rabbits and horses, but actually have never been known to attack a human. Indeed, in the summer, they are more likely to eat the Tyne fish. This makes their skin glow a diamond blue colour.

The most interesting thing about a Tyne Mud Dragon is that they can enchant people with their stories that have been known to last over a year long. Indeed, many people believe that Mrs Hamilton copied the writing of a Tyne Mud Dragon! It has been suggested that they might be able to write stories in schools.

Isaiah (Southern Europe)

Writers of the Month



Congratulations to all of the children who have their work displayed on the
'Writing Creatively' Board

Gateshead - Emily and Max Newcastle - Evie and Oliver
England - Georgia and Eva-Leigh Scotland - Millie and James
Northern Ireland - Jasmine and Cara Wales - Oscar and Lydia
Northern Europe - Hayden and Mina Southern Europe - Isaiah and Jessie
Africa - Mary and Alex Asia - Kaedem and Layla
North America - Imogen and Mia South America - Emily and Maddie
Oceania - Jessica and Olivia

With very best wishes,
Avril Armstrong

Residential Visits 2020

Just a little reminder of the payment dates for our residential visits.

Y5's visit to London

The final payment of £90.00 is now due and this will
bring your total payment to £340.00.

Y6's visit to France

A payment of £90.00 is also now due and this will
bring your total payment so far to £340.00.

Hello Kirtida,

My name is Maddie and I came to your beautiful Hindu temple on the 27th of February with Emmaville Primary School. I really loved it and I learnt a lot about Hinduism. I would love to come again with my family to show how much I loved it.

I remember that we had to take our shoes off before we walked into the room (as a sign of respect) and to keep the temple clean. I loved dressing up in all the beautiful clothing - the boy's clothing's were called turbans (ninja and prince raman) the girl's clothing's were called Saris.

I learnt that the red cloths on people's heads are a symbol to show if the ladies are married or not and the different facial marks to show which denomination people are from and that was interesting too.

Hindu priests had a special teacher who taught them stories, which they would then pass on through their teachings.

My favourite part of the visit was learning how to play the drums, because I like the sound of them and it was fun to learn the rhythms. I loved this visit so much, it made me feel very calm and happy.

Thank you once again,

Maddie (Oceania)

Water Bottles

Could we ask that your child has their water bottle in school every day. New bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.20, spare lids can also be purchased for 25p.

Thank you.



It is always good to receive a delivery of treats. This week we received a number of picture and chapter books from the Roving Book Company.

A group of girls from Y6 were eager to unpack, stamp and prepare the books for the KS1 book shelves. It was lovely to see how excited they were as they unpacked books that they had enjoyed reading when they were in Key Stage 1.

Labels on the books indicate that they are, "We can read together"; stories that can be enjoyed by grown-ups and children.

Hopefully, the new reading materials will take our children into different worlds, where they will ride on the wings of dragons, be transported to enchanted forests where they will be greeted by giants, unicorns and a host of talking animals.

Avril Armstrong





Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Joe (Oceania) and Josh (South America)
For being wonderful lunchtime helpers with the sports equipment.

North America
24.02.20 - Mia for excellent effort in all you do and growing confidence.
06.03.20 - Hope and Sofie for such amazing auditions for Emmaville's Got Talent.

South America
24.02.20 - Max for his fantastic letter of thanks to the Hindu priest.
06.03.20 - Josh for great progress with writing.

Oceania - Isaac
For such in depth explanation when solving fraction problems in Maths.

Africa - Poppy
For outstanding learning of her lines for our Y4 Easter Performance.

Asia - Frank
For incredible manners and amazing attitude to his work.

Northern Europe - Lewis
For his amazing work in Maths! Well done Lewis.

Southern Europe - Amelia
For beautiful neat work and super presentation.

Northern Ireland - Gabriel
For his super vocabulary choices in English.

Wales - Rowan
For such imaginative writing.

England - Lilyann
For listening and trying super hard in all activities this week.

Scotland - Leah
For working so hard in all of our phonics sessions.

Gateshead - Kaya
For her super phonics work.

Newcastle - Leo
For trying so hard in phonics.

Crawcrook - All of Nursery
For being so caring to our chicks!

School Cook (Lisa Kinton) - Willow (England)
For eating all her lunch up!