

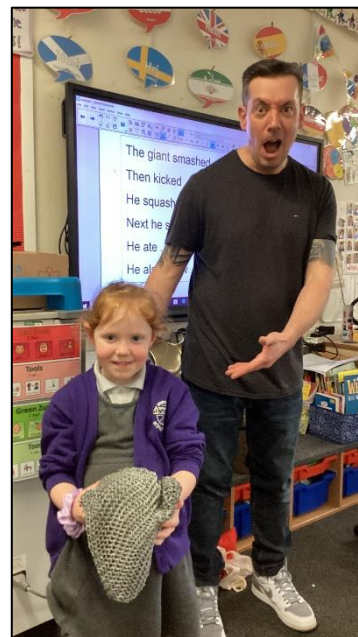
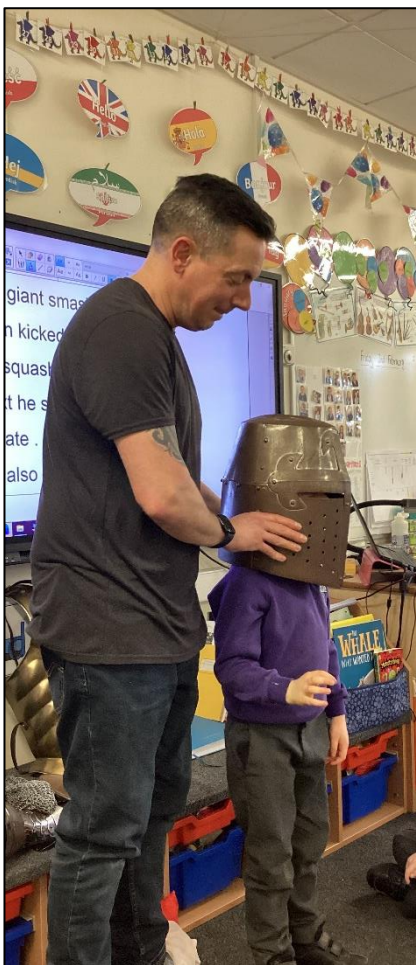
Friday 9th February '24

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

ADAM
BUSHNELL



Wolves, dragons, swords, superheroes, a tortoise & a lot of giggles!

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, we had the pleasure of a special visitor in Early Years - the fantastic author and storyteller, Adam Bushnell.

Adam led exciting story sessions based upon traditional tales such as Stone Soup and the story of Saint George.

As ever, Adam brought in a whole host of props to excite and engage the children, including his pet tortoise!

The children were absolutely enthralled and found Adam and his inspiring story telling hilarious!

All of the children were motivated to draw and write about the stories, creating pictures and masks and their own dragons.

Early Years

What an amazing time we had when author Adam Bushnell visited school.



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On Friday afternoon, we had a visit from the author, Adam Bushnell. He told us stories about giants and Jack and the beanstalk. We had to imagine that giants had come to school and they did some very naughty things. Em-J's giant put the books in the bin! Ember's giant ate the Year Six children. Courtney's giant poured water all over the books! Lily's giant threw the teachers out of the window.

We had to change the giant's famous words - Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum into other words changing only the first letter! The letter 'B' was quite popular!

I wore a cute unicorn mask. Amber

He put different hats on us! Alba

We wore some armour. Indie

I liked when we drew the giants. Zac

I was so brave I loved putting the skeleton mask on. Bobby

We gave our giant head's names. Noah

Year 1



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Minister for Schools

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08 January 2024

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 98 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Emmaville Primary School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 2 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools

We are delighted to share with you this letter that we recently received. As a school, I am proud of the children and my staff; however, the recognition from the Minister for Schools is very reassuring to know that we are doing the very best for the children of Emmaville. Jolly well done everyone!

Avril Armstrong

Dates for
your
diary.....

Wednesday 14th February - Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to visit Thorp Academy for a performance of Matilda

Friday 16th February - School closes for half term

Monday 26th February - School reopens

HALF TERM



"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
Lilly-ann (Antarctica) and Ivy (Southern Europe) on the birth of their baby brother Arlo



A polite reminder...

Could parents/carers please be mindful that children are not permitted to play on the trim trail and wooden structures before and after school time. We also ask that children do not ride scooters or bikes on the school yards. This is so that we can keep all our children safe.

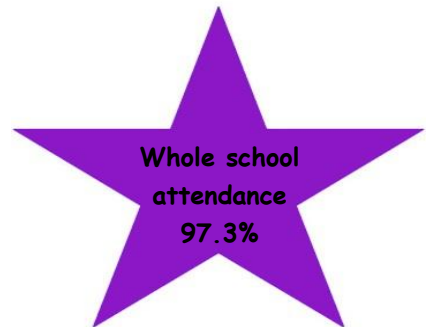
Thank you for your continuing support.

School Attendance - Week Ending 02.02.24

Year 6: North America	98.1%	South America	96.9%
Year 5: Antarctica	94.1%	Oceania	99.4%
Year 4: Africa	98.7%	Asia	96.8%
Year 3: Northern Europe	97.2%	Southern Europe	91.8%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	99.0%	Wales	96.8%
Year 1: England	100%	Scotland	97.9%
EYFS: Gateshead	97.7%	Newcastle	96.3%
Crawcrook	88.5%		

Congratulations to England for 100% attendance last week.

Whole school
attendance
97.3%





Stars of the Week

Head Teacher - Sebastian and Niamh (Southern Europe)
For fantastic invention stories.

North America - Cain
For beautiful work in art and including features of style of Van Gough.

South America - Caro
For fantastic work in fractions and oracy in poetry.

Antarctica - Lilyann G
For an amazing attitude at school and swimming.

Oceania - Nathan
For amazing effort in all lessons.

Africa - Finley
For improved effort all round and in his performance of his poem.

Asia - Isabelle
For trying really hard in her times tables and mastering them all.

Northern Europe - Oscar
For being an ALWAYS child! He always listens well, does his best and is kind to his friends.

Southern Europe - Isabella
For being so helpful and kind towards others across the school.

Northern Ireland - Jack W
For his super work during maths mastery this week.

Wales - Kelliana
For such focus and a brilliant work ethic all week.

England - Maisie
For her brilliant performing of the poem.

Scotland - Will
For his amazing manners.

Gateshead - Harry B
For always being a wonderful role model to other pupils.

Newcastle - Blake
For always being a kind and considerate member of our class.

Crawcrook Nursery - Jack J
For a super contribution in our 'book blanket' activity.

School Cook - Ellie C (South America)
For lovely manners at lunchtime.