

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

I'M AN 11-YR-OLD



GET
ME
OUT

OF
HERE!

An enormous well done to our lovely Year 6 children who treated their families to a fantastic leavers' performance of 'I'm an 11-Year-Old Get Me Out of Here' on Wednesday night. Their teachers couldn't have been more proud of them.

Thank you to Alexandra Perez Ramos from Thorp Academy (and of The Voice fame!) who also sang 'Put a Little Love in Your Heart' at the event: the message that Miss Armstrong gave to the children at the end of the show to take forward with them to the next chapter of their lives.



Hello everyone,

We only have a few more days to go for this academic year, and what a great year it has been. We have had births, weddings, engagements, and 493 wonderful children and their families to work with. Sadly, as the term draws to a close, we have to say farewell to a few of our pupils and work colleagues.

Good luck, thank you, farewell and welcome

Good luck to the Young family who are about to embark on a new adventure in Dubai.

Good luck also goes out to the Hind family who begin their new life in France.

We will also be celebrating with the Year 6 pupils this week as they prepare for the transition into their new schools where they will be referred to as secondary students, no longer primary pupils. What a journey the Year 6 pupils have had at Emmaville; they have many achievements to be proud of and many successes to look back upon. They have entertained us at class assemblies, and made us feel proud when they have represented Emmaville at various sporting festivals. Some of the Year 6 children will be receiving awards on Tuesday evening at the Gateshead School Sport Partnership event, which is an opportunity to celebrate the talent within Gateshead schools.

Last week, the Year 6 pupils received their end of Key Stage 2 test results and we are tremendously proud of them all. Hopefully they will put their skills and knowledge to good use in the next phase of their education, and we wish them the very best of luck for the future. However, we still have their Year 6 'End of the Show, Show' to look forward to this week and the performance promises to be spectacular, or so they tell me.

After 24 years of service to the school and the community that we serve, Miss Brewster has decided to take life at a slightly slower pace. She leaves us this week to begin new ventures, and we thank her for the dedication that she has shown to both the children and her colleagues. Good luck Miss Brewster, the most ardent Harry Potter fan that this school has ever had. Wow is she passionate about those books, a passion she has instilled in many pupils.

We also bid farewell to two of our teaching assistants, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Berry. They are both moving on to pastures new and we wish them the very best of luck in their new ventures.

Mrs McKie, Emmaville's office manager, has decided to reduce her working week down to two days from the beginning of September. Thankfully, she will still play a major part in our school, even if she is only with us for two days. Mrs Harrop will be replacing Mrs McKie in the school office, and the office team will be further strengthened by her experience.

I would also like to thank Liz Clerkson who has worked in the school kitchen, and who has also been a member of the school cleaning team for a number of years. Liz suffered a stroke earlier in the year, and she has battled her way back to fitness with great determination. Irrespective of her illness, Liz had always intended to retire at the end of the summer term. Like all of the other ladies who are leaving us, Liz has been a lovely member of our school team. Good luck Liz.

Our school cook Paula, has been off school for some weeks now following major surgery. Jeanette from Ryton Junior school has worked as the unit manager at Emmaville in Paula's absence. Paula is hoping to return to the Emmaville kitchen in the autumn term on a phased return and will continue to be supported by Jeanette and the other ladies who work in the kitchen.

As pupils and colleagues leave, we prepare to welcome new members of staff to the school. We have recently appointed Victoria Moffitt to the vacant teaching post. Miss Moffitt will be teaching the children in Southern Europe in September. In order to familiarise herself with the children and the school, Miss Moffitt has been spending some time with us.

We have also recently recruited new teaching assistants who will start with us in September. Introductions to them will be announced in the first autumn term bulletin.

Finally, we have a new Site Manager, we welcome Mr Roger Hamilton to the school. Mr Hamilton will commence working at Emmaville at the beginning of the autumn term. Photographs of the new members of staff will be included in an autumn term bulletin so you can see who is who. Of course, photographs of all members of staff will be included in the school prospectus, which you can find on the school website.

Online Safety

Mr Saddington has posted a link on the school website. The link takes you to a booklet that includes up-to-date advice about parental controls for devices that your children might use to access the internet. If you are at all unsure about privacy settings etc then please refer to the booklet.

Writer of the Month

Published in this bulletin are the final writers to have their work displayed on the board. Congratulations to all of those children who have had their work displayed this year, it is such a honour to have your writing selected by your teachers.

Finally, I just want to thank my staff for another successful year. We have faced a number of challenges throughout the year, many on a daily basis, but the thing that keeps it all together, is team work, and we have an incredible Team Emmaville.

I would like to wish you a very happy summer break with your families and I shall look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 4th September.

Happy Summer Holiday!

Avril Armstrong

When I joined Emmaville in September 1999, it was a one form entry school with a maximum capacity of 179 children. I leave with the school being a 2-form entry school with provision for 2 years and a nurse with the number of children on role being 4**. Little did I know, that when I moved back up to the North East I would spend the rest of my teaching time in the same school.

I have seen many changes; worked through two lots of building work, worked under two headteachers, taught in all of the year groups in school, taught through 2 lockdowns caused by Covid and have accompanied children on many residential in France, Belgium and in this country.

My time at Emmaville has been wonderful. I am teaching children of children that I taught many years ago and it has been a privilege to teach this new generation. I feel incredibly blessed to have spent three quarters of my teaching career at Emmaville and just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, parents and children for their support and love over the last 24 years. It has been a career that I feel very humbled by and I know I am very lucky to have enjoyed my role for so many years. This year, I will retire from the classroom full time and intend to do some online teaching for children in China and also tutor privately. This in turn, will allow me more time to spend with my family and friends and to pursue hobbies and new dreams.

It has been an incredible teaching career and I leave with many new friends, and memories of a career that will last me the rest of my lifetime.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer and I know that Emmaville will continue to flourish with exceptional staff and children.

Hayley Brewster

GSSP Awards Ceremony



After a fantastic year of sport at Emmaville Primary, the icing on the cake was the Gateshead School Sport Partnership Awards Ceremony, which celebrated PE, the Olympic values and sporting achievement across the region. All schools that were part of the GSSP were asked to nominate children in different categories from which winners were selected.

From Emmaville, two individuals and one team were selected for awards. Zoe was selected in the 'Excellence' category for the individual 'Primary Young Sport Achiever' highly commended award for her swimming; Nicholas was chosen in the 'Determination' category for the individual 'Stepping Up' award for his dedication to improvement in rugby and football; and the Year 6 Girls Football Squad were selected in the 'Equality' category for the 'Barclays Girls' Football School Partnership - Team of the Year' joint award for their progress and success in football. In addition, after winning the 'Blazing the Trail' project in the 'Respect' category, Asia class were invited to perform their rap about respect.

It was a wonderful evening of celebration, a fantastic experience for the children, and a deserved reward for their sustained commitment, determination and hard work. The children represented Emmaville like the role models they are and Asia put on a fantastic performance.

Of course, the evening was not just a celebration of those who won awards though, but also to every child that has taken part in sport, overcome barriers, challenged themselves, found a passion, gained skills and had fun through physical activity. Well done to all of you.

The PE Team



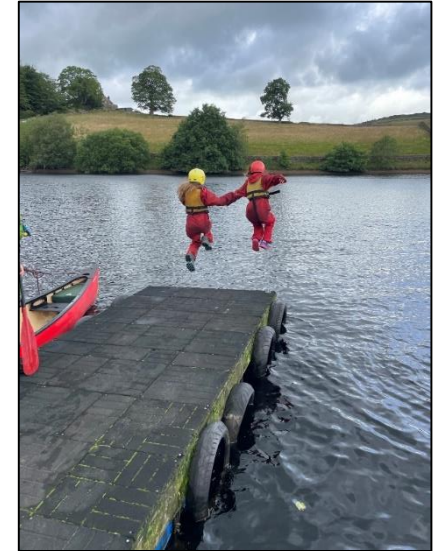


Year 5 Yorkshire Residential

Last week saw Year 5 head off on the coach to Yorkshire, where High Adventure Activity Centre awaited their arrival. An action-packed three days were full of laughter and bravery. From canoeing and high ropes to a campfire and circus skills - there was not a minute to rest!

The children had a fantastic time, and were incredibly brave when trying the activities. They were a credit to us at Emmaville, and we are so proud of what they achieved whilst there.

Mr Saddington and Miss McKean





Rainbow Fun Run



Last Thursday, the school field looked wonderful with an array of bunting and balloons. There were lots of amazing hair styles and rainbow coloured outfits worn by our would-be athletes. The children embraced the run with resilience, enthusiasm and sheer determination to pass the rainbow balloons that signalled the finish line. What a fantastic day we all had!





Toma
Cool
dog.

Milo, Reception Gateshead



Dear Lawrence and Meg,

I am writing to thank you for an amazing time at seven stories.
I loved when I was acting as the old man and seeing Mog.
Also, I like when I ate my lunch in the cafe.
It would be a pleasure for me to visit seven stories again.

Love from Jaxon

Jaxon, Y2 Northern Ireland



An Extract from 'I opened a book' poem

I opened a book and in I jumped
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my friends, my family, my house,
My town and my world behind me.

I'm wearing the crown, I've slipped on the ring,
I've eaten the famous Wonka bar.
I've fought with a wizard, dined with a bear
And dived in a chocolate river.

Josie, Y1 England



River

Rain is very,
Important for rivers and the ocean,
Very fast in a wavy motion,
Every bend and every turn without
Rivers the world would end.

Charlie, Y3 Northern Europe



Name: Ra

God or Goddess of: The rising sun

Family Members: He has a daughter called Sekhmet

Information about God/Goddess

Ra travels through the underworld at night. This is why the west side of the Nile is known as the land of the dead. Also Ra is 2,000 years old. Once Ra sent his daughter Sekhmet to kill non-worshippers but Sekhmet loved the taste of blood so much that she killed a quarter of Egypt. In the end, Ra had to stop Sekhmet.

Oscar, Y4 Africa

Most people know who Charles Thorp is, but do you know what he did? Charles Thorp opened a university in Durham, created the first penny bank and much more. This text will help you decide which one of his amazing achievements is the best.

Charles Thorp was a priest for 55 years. The majority of citizens in Crawcrook and Ryton said that he was a great priest and did a great job helping younger children understand Christianity. He thought education was necessary so he pushed for free education.

Having fought hard for free education for everyone in Ryton, he then decided to push for a university in Durham. There were only 2 universities at the time and they were both extremely hard to get into. Finally, in 1832 Durham University was created and he was Master or Head till his death in 1862. When Durham University was created, other universities opened across the country.

Charles Thorp was also an anti-slavery campaigner. He put pressure on the government to stop the practice of slavery. When the slave trade was abolished, all the slaves were freed. They named one of their cities Freetown. He opened Fouch Bay College there in 1872. He did this because he wanted to ensure that freed slaves had access to education.

We can all agree that Charles Thorp was an amazing person. On balance, however, I think his best achievement was freeing slaves and giving them an education.

Sarah, Y5 Oceania



Hello new year six, welcome to your last year at Primary! This letter is made to guide through this year so you keep it. You will need to know the basics to survive this year (just kidding! but you do really). So get ready to read some more!

In this year, we go on a four day trip to London! You'll need to have a small suitcase and a backpack with things for the day. Now, think about who you stay with in your room and sit on the bus. Don't spend all your money at once, at least keep 3 pounds everyday. In the hotel, you can get as much food for breakfast. Whatever you do, DON'T put so much you'll be sick (Trust me).

Now, everyone has SATS but honestly they are fine. The teachers give you loads of tests before you do them, then they are fine. You can decide to do in the dancehall the hall or the classroom and they go pretty fast. The good thing is you get a snack after and extra break! Then you get big treats, mine got surfing!

Now the play, I don't have much to say about it because it changes every year. Just try your best!

Enjoy year six while it lasts!

P. J (Poppy)

Poppy, Y6 South America



Gateshead: Lucie and Milo



Newcastle: Max and Olivia



England: Bobby and Josie



Scotland: Freddie and Rosa



Northern Ireland: Hannah and Jaxon



Congratulations to the children who have had their writing displayed
on this month's Writer of the Month board



Asia: Noah and Leo



Wales: Alice and Niamh



Northern Europe: Charlie and Molly



Southern Europe: Evie and Grace



Africa: Lacey and Oscar



Antarctica: Lydia and Orla



Oceania: Charlie and Sarah



North America: Joe and Zoe



South America: Max and Poppy

Music News Summer 2023

A note to say
"Thank you!"



We would like to say a massive thank you to Annie and to George who have been offering before and after school instrumental lessons, at Emmaville, since October 2021. Our children have loved your lessons and you will be missed!

Annie and George will continue to be two of our recommended music teachers, but they will run their lessons elsewhere.

We are delighted to announce that our second Digital Concert, edited by Annie Ball, is available to view via a link on the External Musicians page of our school web-site!



Music Lessons - Before and After School

Music lessons with our external musicians are available for children who are in Years 1 to Year 6.

Our web-site page contains an information sheet about the lessons that are available, approximate cost of lessons and how we can help by providing some instruments for hire.

https://www.emmavilleprimary.org.uk/web/external_musicians/611949

I can be contacted for more information: KateJarvis@emmavilleprimary.org.uk but you should generally contact the relevant music teacher in the first instance, please.

The musicians may be teaching at the time of your call, so please leave a message if you get no answer. Once the timetable is full, music teachers will compile a waiting list and let you know if a place becomes available for the next half term.

***For September 2023 - Please apply for a place by Friday 28th July 2023 ***

External Music Teachers from September 2023

Richard Scott will continue to offer guitar, ukulele and violin tuition.

We would also like to welcome and introduce the following music teachers who will be offering before and/or after school instrumental lessons from September. Please contact the relevant teacher for more information or to book a place for your child!

Various days and time!	Richard Scott Guitar: Years 3-6 Violin: Years 1-6 Ukulele: Years 1-6 Tel.No:- 07962335483 Email:- richard.md.scott@hotmail.co.uk		Hello! I'm Richard. I grew up in Newcastle, moved to Birmingham to do a music degree and have moved back to the North East with my wife and daughter. I love playing music, singing and dancing! My main instruments are the violin and guitar but I also play the ukulele, viola, mandolin, tenor banjo, steel pans and tin whistle. I was brought up on classical music and now I also play a lot of folk, jazz and even experimental improvised music!
Tuesdays (After school)	Helen Walker Trumpet: Years 5 and 6 (Meeting Room) https://helenwalker.uk/ Tel. No: 07751723806 Email: helenwalker222@icloud.com		Helen has 38 years of brass teaching experience, Helen's pupils have achieved ABRSM Grades 3-8, plus Diploma preparation. Helen has significant experience in education including teaching across 20 schools in County Durham and working as an Education Consultant with experience as a Primary Headteacher and Local Authority School Improvement Adviser. As a freelance musician, she currently plays trumpet with Wild Women of Wylam, French Horn with Orchestra North East and Flugel Horn with Hexham Brass Band.
Wednesdays (Before or after school)	Jen Thompson Piano: Years 1-6 (Dance Studio) Tel. No: 07985 223 480 Email: jenspianoschool@gmail.com		My wish for students is for them to become well-rounded and confident musicians, who can not only learn, play and understand music, but who can get creative and explore making their own. We learn best when we're engaged and having fun, and so my lessons combine time reading and playing music at the piano, individually and together, as well as a whole rainbow suitcase full of games!
Thursdays (After School)	Addo Koranteng Drums (Dance Studio) Mobile : 07795220967 Email:- addothesecond@gmail.com		Hi, my name is Addo Koranteng. I have been playing the drums for nearly 40 years now! I have been in various local bands over the years, playing at pubs, clubs, parties, corporate events and charity events. I have also been teaching drums for many years, privately but also for a couple of music services.

Music Co-ordinator: Mrs. Kathryn Jarvis, Reception Class Teacher

School Attendance Week Ending - 14.07.23

Year 6: North America	97.0%	South America	94.9%
Year 5: Antarctica	98.7%	Oceania	96.0%
Year 4: Africa	98.1%	Asia	95.6%
Year 3: Northern Europe	98.1%	Southern Europe	99.0%
Year 2: Northern Ireland	98.6%	Wales	94.8%
Year 1: England	96.0%	Scotland	98.0%
EYFS: Gateshead	97.8%	Newcastle	94.5%
Crawcrook	89.3%		

Whole school
attendance
97.1%

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

BRICK CHURCH

CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

MON 21ST, TUES 22ND & WED 23RD AUGUST

10-12:30, LUNCH PROVIDED

£2 DONATION PER DAY PER CHILD (BOOKING REQUIRED)

FOR CHILDREN 5-11

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS, BRICK BY BRICK



South West Tyneside
Methodist Circuit



Stars of the Week

Head Teacher

To all of our wonderful Y6 children who sadly leave us today.
Thank you for making us smile on so many occasions. I wish you all much happiness for the future.

North America - Nicholas

For being such a superstar and helping with the End of the Show Show.

South America - George Jo

For brilliant commitment to football and a lovely sense of humour.

Antarctica - Lenny

For amazing attitude on our residential.

Oceania - Lilah

For being so supportive and positive to others.

Africa - Amelie

For being a great rainbow friend!

Asia - Evan

For working with such a positive attitude and showing determination.

Northern Europe - Northern Europe

For all of their hard work and effort they put into the assembly.

Southern Europe - The whole class

For such a fantastic performance in our Year 3 assembly!

Northern Ireland - Ivy

For always working so hard in class and doing what has been asked of her.

Wales - Lana

For such care and pride in her work at all times.

England - Josie

For her amazing effort in our enrichment week.

Scotland - Billy

For his excellent manners and the way he cares for all of his friends.

Gateshead - All of Gateshead class

For an amazing Fun Run - well done team!

Newcastle - All of Newcastle class

For 100% effort in the Rainbow Fun Run.

Crawcrook Nursery - All of Nursery

For super effort in the Rainbow Run!

School Cook - Molly (Northern Europe)

For beautiful manners at lunchtime.