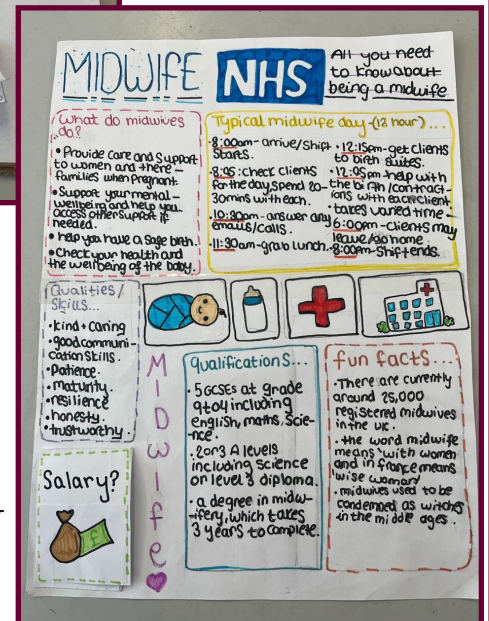
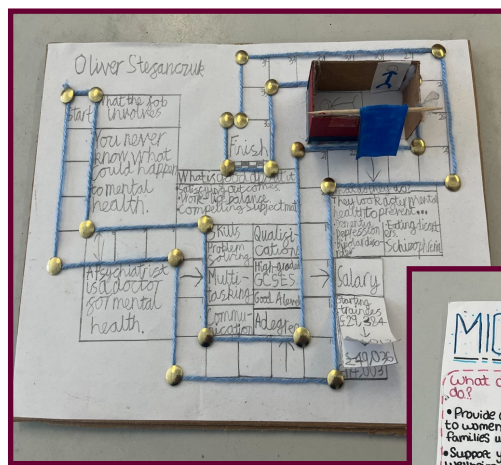
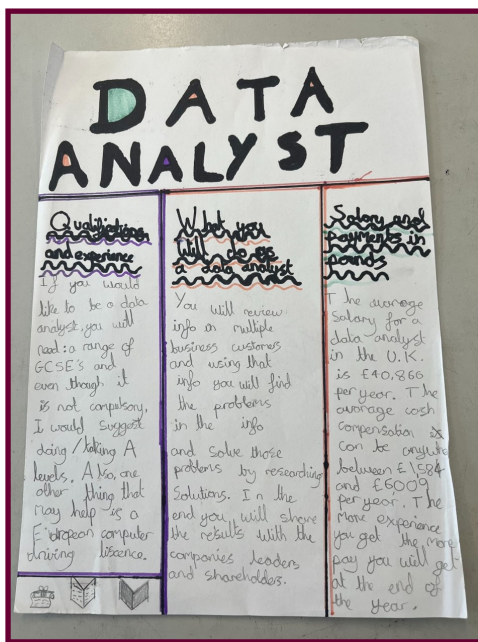


Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

Step into the NHS Competition 2024

Year 7 had two careers lessons at the beginning of the spring term when they were challenged to research and then choose an NHS career that interests them. Once chosen, they researched the career, key responsibilities, skills, experience and qualifications via a job description activity sheet. This learning was then used to create a fun and lively job advertisement to appeal to their peers. Students could enter individually or in teams of up to four. This was linked to the national competition called Step into the NHS and the task was set as a three week piece of homework on Google Classroom. The pupils have produced an excellent standard of entries and it was a daunting task for Mrs Robertson to choose the final entries to go through to the national competition ranging from posters, 3D models, PowerPoints to videos. The closing date was the 30th April 2024 and winners will be announced in June 2024. Pupils were allowed to enter as individuals and also in groups up to 4 and it was fabulous to see the amount of teamwork that went on both at home and at school to get the entries completed. The rules were very strict - especially for the video entries where background music had to be individually created as copyrighted music was forbidden. It was amazing the effort that went into producing the background Music. So a big Well Done to Year 7.



Heatree Residential Kit List

Tuesday sees Year 5 head off on their Heatree residential in Dartmoor. For those taking part we all have our fingers crossed you have great weather and we are sure a great time will be had by all. Please find below a reminder of the equipment kit list (this should all fit into one bag or suitcase that can be carried or pulled by the children). It is important children all bring the correct items to be able to take part in the activities.

Kit List - layers and outdoor clothes!

Packed lunch for Monday in a rucksack NO OTHER FOOD needed	5 sets of outdoor clothes	Pyjamas
Single duvet cover OR sleeping bag	Waterproof Jacket + trousers (if you have them)	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Underwear & socks (+spares)	Long sleeve jumpers/tops/t-shirts	slippers/indoor shoes *essential*
Water bottle	Trousers and shorts	Flannel
Shower Towel	Casual clothes for the evening	Shower gel/ toiletries/sun cream
Smiles (as many as you can fit in your bag!)	Trainers x2 pairs & wellington boots	Woolly hat/cap/sunglasses

Multiskills Festival

On Wednesday 1st May, Emmanuel Middle School hosted a multiskills festival for 5 different schools within the area. We had 16 pupils competing from Emmanuel across 3 year groups. All pupils really enjoyed it and worked extremely hard on each activity. As a team, Emmanuel came third overall, which was a great achievement. Well done to all pupils involved.

Also, a massive well done to the sports leaders that helped to set up and run the whole event. They were fantastic and so supportive with the other pupils. We are looking forward to hosting similar events in the near future.



Stationery Shop

A reminder that our stationery shop is open at break times every Wednesday in the Year 5 shared area. Please use this to top up stationery so that daily equipment checks are fulfilled.

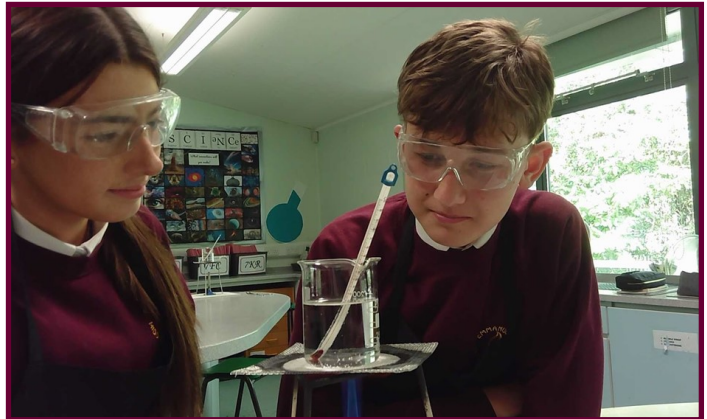
STEM club

STEM club members have been working hard on their Bronze CREST award project, investigating natural plant-based dyes.



Year 8 Science

Year 8's have been testing variegated leaves to observe where plants carry out photosynthesis. They were able to use iodine as an indicator for the presence of starch. If starch is present, the iodine changes from an orange-brown colour to a blue-black colour. This indicates that photosynthesis has taken place in these locations.



Attendance

We wish to remind parents, as it states in our policy, that any child whose attendance is consistently below 90% will not have absences authorised without medical evidence, unless there are exceptional reasons which render this inappropriate (for example, a known medical condition); school cannot routinely authorise absence where a child's attendance has reached this level of concern. Please continue to notify the school of any absences but please be aware that this does not automatically authorise their absence.

Year 5: 95.7%

Year 6: 93.8%

Year 7: 93.8%

Year 8: 93.8%

The NHS web page titled, 'Is my child too ill for school?' has some really helpful guidance and support for parents. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> as does our Initio website <https://attendance.initiolearning.org/>.

Year 8 Activity Week Early Advice

Just a few early 'head ups' regarding this year's activity week in June.

The children will need **an old, worn-out pair of trainers for the mud assault course** at Dorset Adventure Park - so toss any old ones into the garage, rather than the bin!

The expectation is that **girls wear a one piece swimming costume when they visit SplashDown**. It's useful to have a one piece swimming costume for swimming lessons in Year 9 too.

The children are welcome to bring spending money for each excursion. **A debit card is often easiest**, and it's worth noting that Paulton's Park is 'cashless' making it necessary here.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their initial deposit. I believe that all our Year 8 pupils are now 'onboard'!

Road Crossing Patrol

Please note that our Margards Lane Crossing patrol will not return until Tuesday next week.

QE News

For those who are transitioning to QE in September or are considering the school for future years please find a link to their current newsletter.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.com/attachments/download.asp?file=651&type=pdf>

Year 8 Art

Year 8 PORTRAITS & IDENTITY

Year 8 self-portraits using Graphite in the art room this week.



We wish you all a great, extended weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 7th May.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker