

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 for the highest average attendance at present.

Year 5: 95.7%

Year 6: 93.9%

Year 7: 93.9%

Year 8: 93.5%

School isn't just learning about subjects; it's where our young people forge friendships, find passions for hobbies and have access to opportunities that are not available elsewhere, such as participating in school sports competitions, using the latest technologies and school trips to various locations. The end of the academic year is just as important as any other time to be at school. If you are needing support on getting your child into school, then please contact the tutor or head of year in the first instance. We have a fantastic pastoral team that can provide support as well. Please remember, 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.

KS2 Potted Sports

On Tuesday we held our annual KS2 Potted Sports event where all Year 5 and 6 took part in a rotation of sporting activities to score points for their house. It was great to see the team spirit in abundance as the children encouraged each other and worked together to get the best for their House community. Thanks to our wonderful Sports Leaders for supporting this event.



Sports Day

On Wednesday, Year 7&8 took part in their field events and heats for the track events during the morning which saw many close races. In the afternoon the finals took place along with the Tug Of War - it was great to see so many pupils participate in a variety of events. While all participants put in a huge effort notable performances came from Sienna Perkins in a variety of races and Matthew Hinchcliffe across a range of track events. With Year 6 High Jump still to be completed, the final results will be announced next week.

Summer Reading Challenge

Dorset Libraries have just launched their Summer Reading Challenge for 2024. The theme this year is creativity and the creative arts. This is a superb opportunity for children to continue engaging with their reading over the holiday period and receive certificates and medals. To find out more, please see the parent flyer details. Children can also refer to the posters, which can be found in school classrooms.



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Summer Reading Challenge

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Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local Dorset library and receive a collector's poster. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers. Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal when they have read 6 books, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.

The Challenge starts on Saturday 6 July

Schools online author event with John Dougherty to launch the Summer Reading Challenge 3 July 9.15 - 10 am



How the Summer Reading Challenge benefits children

- helps with reading confidence and independence
- prevents the summer reading 'dip'
- helps with the successful transition between year groups and key stages
- encourages family engagement with reading

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Summer Reading Challenge 2024
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence.

This year's Challenge is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library. We can't wait to get creative!

The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries. This year's theme has been developed in partnership with Create, a leading charity bringing the creative arts to those who need it most. The bespoke illustrations for Marvellous Makers are created by the brilliant illustrator, Natalie Dark.

Library events

Libraries will have events planned throughout the summer for children to come to. Keep checking our web pages as more events are added all the time.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/whats-on-in-dorset-libraries>

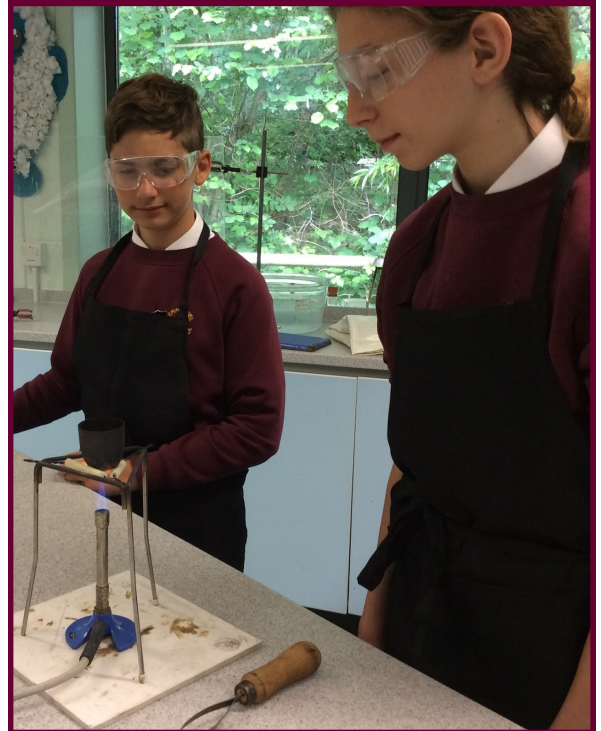


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Year 8 Science

Year 8s are continuing with their Chemical reactions topic and this week we have been looking at Exothermic and Endothermic reactions where the students got to make the famous 'Elephant's toothpaste' much to their delight. They investigated the idea of 'the conservation of mass', and who does not enjoy getting the Bunsen burners out!



Y8 Festival at Rockley Waterpark

A small group of Year 7 and 8 were given the opportunity to spend the day at Poole Park taking part in Water activities with Rockley Water Sports. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves trying out new activities.



Year 7 Winchester Science Trip

Today Y7 went on their annual science trip to the Science Centre and Planetarium at Winchester. They had great fun exploring the interactive displays, learning how to build rockets and learning all about the planets and stars in the night sky.



INSET Day

A reminder that next Friday 21st June is an INSET day so school will not be open.

All that remains is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.