

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Year 6 SATS Information Evening: Tuesday 26th November 1715 - 1800

I should start with a big well done to all the Year 6 children who have completed their first set of Mock SATs this week. We know it is hard work, and thank you for all of your continued support.

On that note, there is going to be a Year 6 SATs Information Evening meeting on Tuesday 26th November. It will be a short talk from the Head of Year, Head of Maths and English. They will discuss the recent SATs papers, what the marks mean, and how you all can help at home. In addition, information about the Y6 Activity week in July will be shared. We would love as many of you to attend as possible.

Please reply to the ParentMail Form (which will be sent shortly) regarding this, to let us know if you are planning to attend or not, so we have an idea on numbers.

No Put Down Week

Today, the new Anti-Bullying Crew launched our No Put Down Week. We always celebrate difference in a positive way and have always called our Anti-Bullying week "No Put Down Week". This is how it works:

Friday 15th November - whole school assembly on No Put Down week launch.

Week commencing Monday 18th November - every day this week pupils will be encouraged to wear odd socks to raise awareness of how we are all different.

Compliment slips will be available for all pupils and staff to fill in for their friends and colleagues to tell each other how amazing they are.

Class T-Shirt competition - best Anti-Bullying slogan.

Unsung heroes - pupils will be given the opportunity to nominate a friend who has really helped them and made their life better.

Pupils will have a Big Up Bingo card to get signed off over the week.

Random acts of kindness.

Launch of ABDI - the Anti-Bullying Drop In on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 13.

"Bullying is when a person or group hurts you, means to upset you or unfairly stops you leading your life the way you want, again and again, over a period of time. It will usually make you feel scared or worried about telling someone".

Children in Need Cake Sale

Due to the Year 6 Mock SATS this week, we will be having our Children in Need Cake Sale on Friday 22nd November. Cakes for the sale may be brought into the school office on the morning of the sale before 10.30am. All cakes will be 50p and will be sold at breaktime.

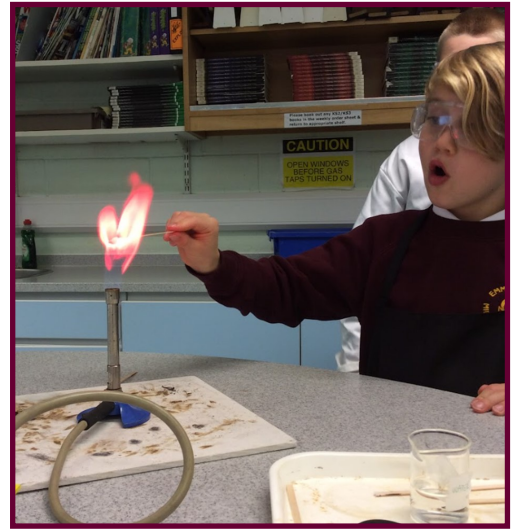
KS3 STEM Club

STEM Club has begun. Students will be carrying out experiments and investigations to gain a Bronze CREST award. We have so many amazing ideas, it should be an interesting fun packed year. We even decided to end the first week with the Van der Graaf Generator.



KS2 Science Club

KS2 Science Club has now been running for a couple of weeks and the Bunsen burners have already been out. In week one we investigated the tiny micro world using our microscopes. This week we put the Year 5s newly acquired Bunsen burner licences to the test as we carried out some rather colourful flame tests.



Schools Remember:

Pupils from both Emmanuel Middle and Verwood First attended Remembrance Services held in Verwood on Sunday and Monday. Firstly, on Sunday pupils were in attendance with their respective external associations and a Wreath was laid on behalf of both schools. Then, on Monday, pupils from both Emmanuel and Verwood First attended the Service with Mrs Poole from Emmanuel and Mr Matthew Parker, Local School Committee Member. Pupils in school also observed the 2 minutes' silence.

Poppies and associated items have also been on sale in both schools since the end of October and we would like to thank our families for their support of this important charity.



December Inter House Challenge

In Worship today Mrs Christopher launched the December Interhouse event which is an Art challenge - this will culminate at the end of term. The brief is to design a Christmas tree decoration in the style of a famous artist for the school tree at the front of school.

INTERHOUSE ART CHALLENGE 2024



To design a Hanging Christmas Tree decoration **IN THE STYLE OF A FAMOUS ARTIST.**

Any materials, any shape as long as you can hang it on a Christmas Tree.

Deadline to hand in with your name and house on to Mrs Christopher in the ART ROOM 13/12/24



Accelerated Reader

Here are the November AR headlines in the build up to this term's MUFTI prize.

Early indicators:

Y5 - 5CS and 5BH have maintained their traditional rivalry but can other classes catch them?

Y6 - This is a three-way tie and there is only a slim margin of difference

Y7 - 7ES have stolen an early lead but there is all to play for as most of our reading is now on SPARX Reader

Y8 - This race is wide open as the focus has been on SPARX Reader

Cross Country

A group of pupils across all year groups competed at Chapel Gate in a cross country race. They all did extremely well and gave 100%. A special mention to Jacob H who finished 3rd in his race, and Lily K who finished 12th. Well done to all pupils.



Trampolining Reward

A trampolining reward took place yesterday afternoon for a small group of pupils. They all thoroughly enjoyed their well-deserved treat. Well done to all of them!



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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker