

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Christmas Service - Tuesday 17th December

The Christmas service at St Michael's Church will take place on the last Tuesday of term at 7pm. Permission slips will come home soon for those taking part but everyone is welcome to join us for hymns, music and readings.

House Monthly Events

The November challenge has been the litter pick where each House had a week each to volunteer to pick litter. Well done to Malala who had the most volunteers who have earned 400 points for their House. Watson have earned 300, Vujcic 200 and Grylls 100.

Please be reminded that the Art December House event of designing a Christmas decoration is closing next Friday.

Inter House Netball:

KS2 played their inter house netball on Monday, and there were some close matches.

The final results were:

Grylls v Watson - Grylls won 3-0
Malala v Vujcic - Vujcic won 1-0

Well done to all who played.

Cross Country

On Thursday 5th December, a group of pupils competed in a cross country race at Chapel Gate in Christchurch. Despite the wet, muddy conditions all pupils ran extremely well. Special mentions go to Imogen T who finished 12th, Toby S finished 14th, and Ben L and Erin P finished 15th.

Also, congratulations to Jacob H who was awarded a bronze medal for finishing 3rd across the whole competition.

Well done to all of them!



Congratulations to Imiya D

Huge congratulations to Imiya D in year 7 for being selected for the PEDSSA (Poole and East Dorset) girls' football team. This is a fantastic achievement and opportunity for her. She is playing in a match against Bridgend today, and we would like to wish Imiya and the rest of the team the best of luck.

Trampolining Inter House Competition

Over the last couple of weeks, all classes across the school have been involved in an inter house '10 bounce challenge' within their trampolining lesson. The results are as follow:-

Year 5

1st Grylls
2nd Watson
3rd Vujicic
4th Malala

Year 6

1st Grylls
2nd Vujicic
3rd Watson and Malala

Year 7

1st Watson
2nd Vujicic
3rd Malala
4th Grylls

Year 8

1st Grylls
2nd Watson
3rd Vujicic
4th Malala

Overall results across the school

1st Grylls (13 points)
2nd Watson (12 points)
3rd Vujicic (10 points)
4th Malala (6 points)

Y5-8 Buddies

On Tuesday, the very first (and much anticipated) buddy meeting took place between the year 5 and year 8 pupils! This first session was a chance for the groups to get to know each other with the year 8s doing a fantastic job interviewing their buddy groups with a list of pre-planned questions. All pupils were highly engaged and it was so nice to see so much engagement and enthusiasm from both year groups.

There will be prizes to be won in the future for the group who remembered the most about their buddies...watch this space!



500 Words

Last month, Year 6 pupils entered the BBC 500 Words competition. All classes prepared work in class and for homework. Children received a certificate for entering, and now we are waiting to see if any pupils make their way through to the next round.



Y6 County Cup

Missing some of our Year 6 players, Emmanuel Middle School girls travelled to Bishop Aldhelm's School for our first round County Cup match. Some of the Year 5 girls stepped up to the challenge for their first matches. We made a tremendous start and were 2-0 up within 15 minutes, after two superb goals from Bella. The second goal was a perfectly-angled lob into the top corner of the net. Unfortunately, we conceded a goal just before half-time, setting up a nervous second half.

The girls pressed on, but the opposition goalkeeper made some excellent saves and the ball would not find the back of the net. At our end, Neeve succeeded in blocking a succession of shots to keep it 2-1 at the final whistle. They did really well, playing such an excellent match against strong opposition. Ava was selected by the opposing team as player of the match and both the Roses played critical roles in midfield and defence respectively.



Year 8 Boys' Football

The year 8s played in their first PEDSSA cup game on Wednesday against a very tough opponent Poole High School. Emmanuel came out victorious with a fantastic 2-1 win, including a last minute goal to secure the points. Flynn B scored both goals.

SATs helpers:

Administering SATs is a huge task and we are hugely grateful to those who support with this. This is advanced notice of the dates for our last mocks and the national SATS - when the ParentMail arrives asking for those who are available to sign up we would be hugely grateful for any offers of help.

Mocks SATS

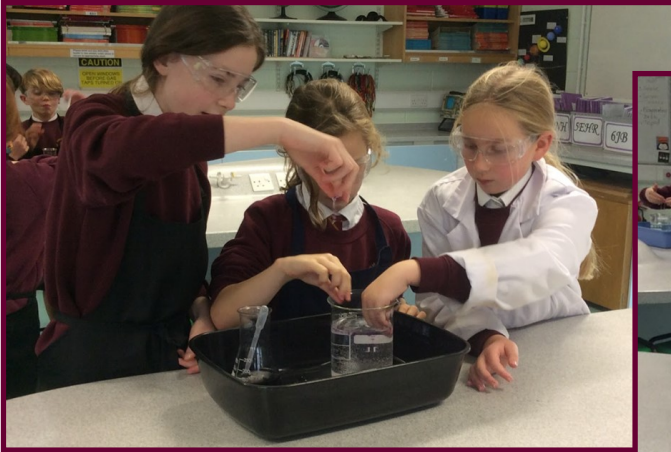
27th - 31st January
Monday 0900 - 1100
Tuesday 0900 - 1100
Thursday 0900 - 1300
Friday 0915 - 1215

National SATS

12th - 15th May
Monday 0900 - 1200
Tuesday 0915 - 1100
Wednesday 0900 - 1200
Thursday 0900 - 1100

KS2 Science club:

In our KS2 Science Club, we had lots of squiddy fun with alginate worms.



KS3 STEM Club

In KS3 STEM this week we continued our investigations. We looked at slices of celery to see how food dye had travelled up the stem. We reviewed the egg shells submerged into different drinks (simulating the effect on our teeth). We even started to set up our 'Can water hold memories and emotions?' experiment. Hopefully next week we will see one of our groups make glue.



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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker