

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the penultimate parent bulletin of the term.

## **Christmas Fair - this evening 6pm - 8pm**

The children have been working hard to ensure the Christmas Fair is ready for this evening. There are games, a raffle, BBQ and refreshments with a token system being used for purchasing goes on the games - 50p a token. These are available to buy at the entrance. We look forward to seeing you all this evening.

## **Attendance**

Year 5: 96.1%

Year 6: 96.2%

Year 7: 95.3%

Year 8: 95.6%

With just 4 days to go, attendance is still really important. We are continuing with the curriculum right up until lesson 5 on Thursday 19th. There will be some off timetable parts to the week to enjoy, but our aim is to keep a calm, consistent, mature approach to learning until we all finish for a well deserved rest over the Christmas holidays.

## **Accelerated Reader**

Here is the December AR DASHBOARD and this term's MUFTI DAY WINNERS - Monday 16th December.

Please keep reading as next term's data will be taken from Thursday 12th December onwards - this will include the Christmas Holidays.

## **The Results**

Y5 - 5CS have shot past 5BH to steal the crown after a concerted campaign!

Y6 - The three-way tie meant that it was decided on the WORD COUNT - which 6JB won!

Y7 - 7ES have maintained their lead by obliterating the other Y7 classes.

Y8 - This race was very close but 8NS maintained their early lead throughout the term.

## **Lost Property**

We currently have a large accumulation of unnamed water bottles, lunch boxes and trainers in lost property. If you are missing an item, please encourage your child to check the table in the year 8 corridor before the end of term.

Please clearly label any new items coming back into school in the new year, in particular coats, uniform and bottles. If they are mislaid we can then return them to your child.

## **500 Words Update**

We are pleased to announce that five Y6 pupils have made it through to the second round of the BBC 500 Words Competition. They received tens of thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. EMS should be very proud! They will be back in touch with an update when they have selected their shortlisted stories in January. Congratulations to Delilah, Harry, Amelia, Evie and Aaron.

## Girls' Football: Y6 County Cup

Last Friday the Y6 Girls' Football Team travelled to Baden-Powell School in Poole for our next round match in the County Cup. Baden-Powell are one of the favourites and we knew it was going to be a tough match; the muddy conditions and strange match ball didn't help.

EMS made a tremendous start, with an early goal from Ava, and we looked strong going forward.

However, we struggled to stem the continuous attacks of some very skilful players who were able to hold the ball and break at speed. At half-time it was 2-1 to Baden-Powell but we were still in contention. In the second half we let slip three more goals and unfortunately were knocked out of the competition.

Next term we will be back in action for the next stage of the PEDSSA Cup as previous group winners – we will keep you posted.

## Netball

The 7 and 8 netball teams played against Allenbourn school yesterday. They all played extremely well and this was the year 7s first match. They played against one of their year 8 teams and unfortunately lost their game, but did manage to score goals against them. A huge well done to Bobbi K who was awarded player of the match. The year 8 team won their match 7-1 and played a great game. Well done to Courtney B who was awarded player of the match.



## Inter House Netball

KS2 played their second round of matches on Monday. The results were:-

Watson v Malala 3-3

Grylls v Vujicic - Vujicic won 4-1

## Fitness Club: a message from Mr Humphries

A big thanks to all children who have come along to the 'Fitness Club' this year. A great group who have been enthusiastic, helpful, and sweaty! I promise it's been a little more fun than the pictures make out!



## Rippa Rugby Session

The children have been having a great time at the Rippa Rugby sessions with Coach Darryl, learning some of the key skills needed to play rugby at a good level whilst having lots of fun and laughs!

The sessions will be restarting after Christmas, and will eventually be moving on to include contact rugby too! If your child is interested in coming along, all sessions are available to book through the Rippa Rugby website. The more, the merrier!

## Textiles

The students have been working really hard this term, creating their projects. The year 5s have been introduced to the sewing machine and different types of hand stitching to make their reusable bags. The Year 7s have had fun making their soft toys and getting covered in fluff! The Year 8s have had the challenge of putting all their textiles skills they have learnt over the last 3 years to use and created their amazing hats. Here is a selection of the fantastic work that they have achieved.



## Community Christmas Card Competition

THREE EMS pupils were finalists in this year's Community Christmas Card competition in association with East Dorset Homeinstead . Their work will be printed into cards ready to send.

Congratulations to :

1st place - Hannah B 5CS

2nd place - Mia J 5DG

3rd place - Kamilah D 8NS

All of the entries are on the school art Instagram  
[@emmanuelmiddleschoolart](#)

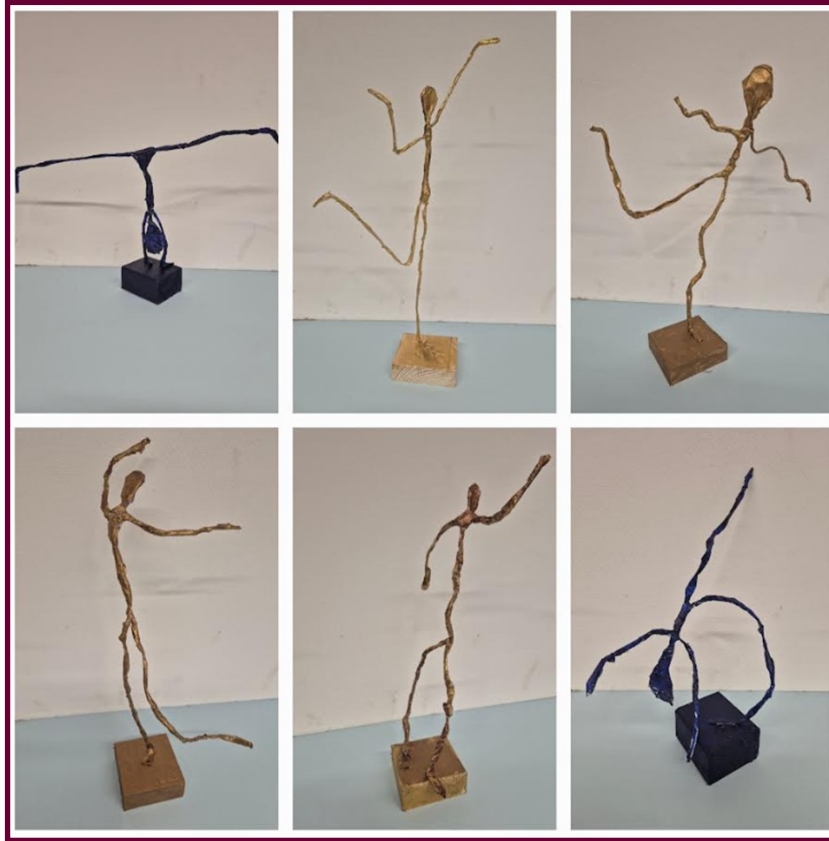
## Bracelet Making Reward afternoon

On Thursday the friendship bracelet making Epraise reward took place. 30 pupils from all year groups got together with Miss Stinson to make bracelets, eat biscuits and sing along to Taylor Swift! It was so lovely to see the pupils enjoy a lovely afternoon as a reward for all of their hard work this term.



## Year 6 Art

Year 6 GIACOMETTI inspired sculptures completed this week. Figures in Action project final piece, wire sculptures inspired by Alberto GIACOMETTI.



## Food Technology

The Food Technology Department can always benefit from another set of eyes for their practical lessons. If you can spare your time to help, please contact the school. Monday and Tuesday mornings between 9am and 11am in particular, but any assistance throughout the week would be appreciated.

Christmas smells have been emanating from the door of the Food Tech room this week. Gingerbreads have been gingered, Shortbreads have been Christmassed and Year 7 have made their own crumbly, Shortcrust Pastry Mince Pies worthy of any festive table. Well done to all!



All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and hope to see you all at the Christmas Fair this evening.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker