

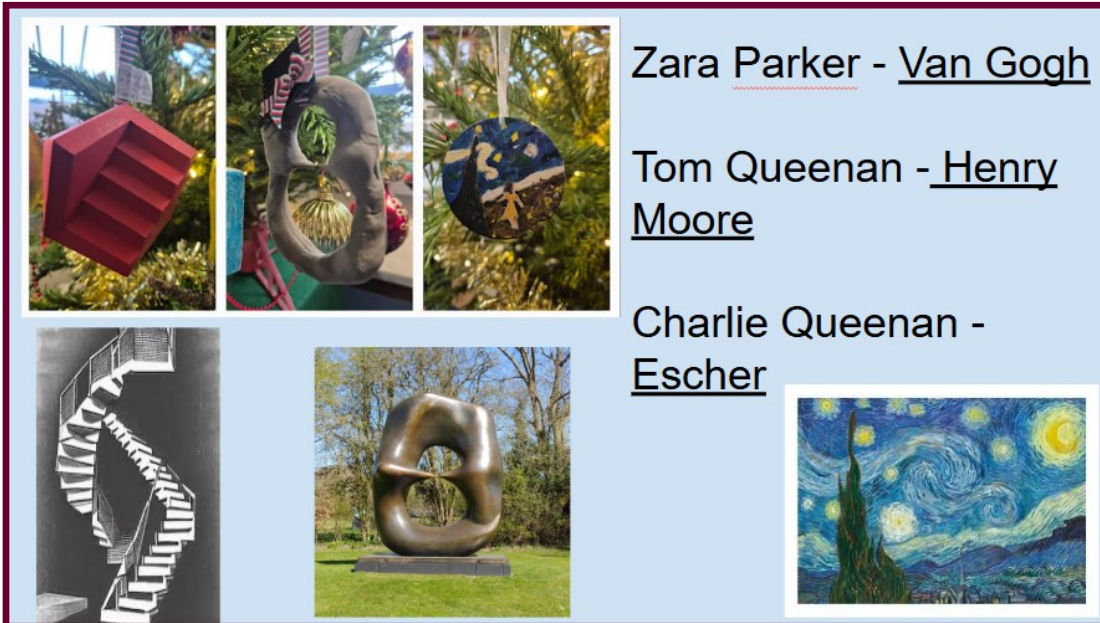
Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the final parent bulletin of 2024!

House Competitions

Well done to Vujjic who won this term's House point competition. They will be rewarded with a mufti day early in the new year - a ParentMail will share the date soon.

In worship today Mrs Christopher shared the winners of December's House event - the Christmas decoration competition. Well done to the 42 pupils who took part and created some fantastic decorations for our school Christmas tree. Special mention to Zara, Charlie and Tom for these entrants.



Zara Parker - Van Gogh

Tom Queenan - Henry Moore

Charlie Queenan - Escher

Inter House Netball

KS2 had their final inter house netball match yesterday and both games were a draw. So the final results after all matches have been played are:

Vujjic - First (8 points)

Grylls - Second (6 points)

Watson and Malala joint 3rd (5 points)

Well done to everyone who got involved in those matches. Also thank you to the Sports Leaders for organising and umpiring the matches.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended last Friday's fair and to all the children who made it such a success. The PTFA have raised just over £3000 from this event which is a fantastic amount to go towards school resources.

Christmas Service

Tuesday evening saw our Christmas Service take place at St Michael's church. It was a wonderful event with a mix of traditional and modern music and readings. The choir and musicians performed brilliantly and it was a fantastic festive evening.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday was our Christmas Lunch which was a great event enjoyed by all who took part. Thank you so much to the kitchen staff who enabled this to take place.



Young Carers

On Wednesday, 15 of our Young Carers were selected to attend a Christmas Activity Day at the incredible venue of Bryanston School. There were 100 children attending the event and they took part in various games and craft activities including Christmas cracker making, pass the parcel and a bouncy castle. They all then enjoyed a fabulous Christmas lunch and received a present.

We would like to thank MyTime for organising a fantastic day out for our Young Carers.



Verwood Methodist Church

We received, with many thanks, a Christmas hamper that was full of goodies donated to us by the youth group from Verwood Methodist Church. This will be given to a well deserving family from Emmanuel Middle School.

Inspire is a church group for 9 - 13 year olds that meet at the church on Fridays - for more information please head to the Methodist Church Website.

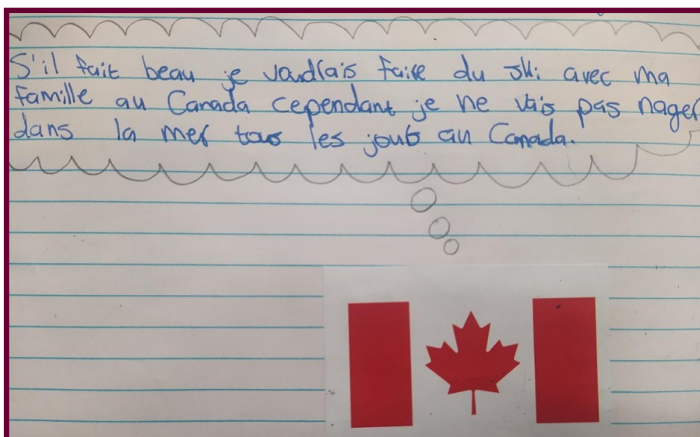


French

Year 5 has been learning to compare Christmas in France to the UK. This is in the Curriculum so that pupils have general knowledge for life to ensure that cultural misunderstandings and barriers are avoided. The pupils played French games, watched videos, sang and learnt Christmas words.



The Year 8 Autumn Term Topic is all about "Making choices." Pupils wrote what they enjoy doing in the Present Tense and what they would like to do in the Future Tense. To retrieve and advance the Year 7 Curriculum pupils chose a Francophone country as a holiday destination for their sentences. They also expressed and justified their opinions. This has proved extremely relevant after current events in Mayotte and surrounds which holiday makers are advised to avoid!

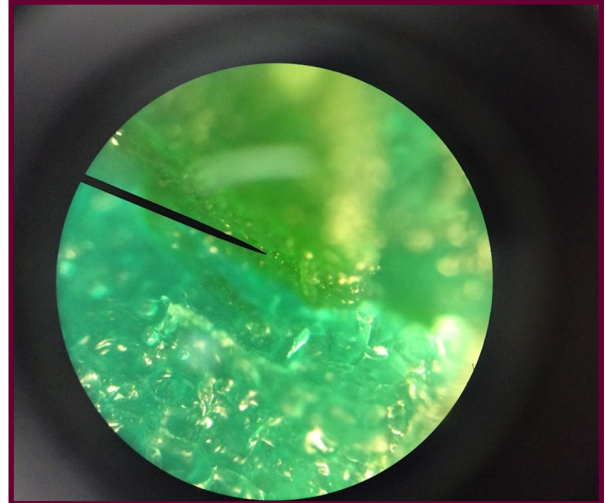


Science Club

As it was our last Science club activity of 2024 we thought we would get the Van der Graaf generator out. Everybody had a shockingly good time!

STEM Club

All the projects in STEM club are well and truly up and running. We had coloured flowers which we observed under the microscope, glues being tested as alternatives to Pritt stick, paper aeroplanes being assessed, frozen water being analyzed, egg shells being observed and results being processed. It was a busy STEM workshop! I think they have all made it to Santa's nice list!



Science Leaders

Pupil leadership is a huge part of the EMS experience as the children move into the upper parts of the school. Well done to the Science leaders who enjoyed a well-earned treat for their hard work in the Autumn term.



CGP Revision Guides for Year 6

The CGP revision guides should be delivered on 7th January.

Hopefully they are on time and we can get them out to pupils that first week.

Girls' Football

The KS3 Girls' Football Team has been busy again in December.

On Friday 13th December, we played the Bishop of Winchester Academy in our second round U13 County Cup Match. This was a difficult fixture with a muddy and sloping pitch and few white lines for refereeing.

The game was an exciting one, with end-to-end action. EMS fell behind to an early goal but we scored just before half-time and then led 2-1 after the break, with Imiya scoring both goals. Unfortunately, despite the girls' best efforts, we were unable to put the game away and the Bishop of Winchester Academy clawed their way back to end up eventual winners at 3-2. It could have gone either way.

Special mentions go to Megan who was player of the match, with her tireless runs down the wing, Jade's powerful blocks and Siobhan for keeping us in the game in goal. Courtney and Amelia both played with injuries and Alesha played her first match for the team this year.



Monday 16th December – Grange School

On Monday the Y7 U12 team travelled to Christchurch for a game at The Grange School. Well done to the three Y6 players who also supported: Phoebe, Rose and Evie. It was a tremendous performance from the girls, winning 5-0: a hat-trick from Imiya and a goal each for Zoe and Olivia. It could have been more as Bobbi went close twice. Imiya was voted player of the match and we welcomed back Ruby to the team. We look forward to the next match and possible quarter-finals.

Swimming Achievement

Last weekend, Lily Kendrick in year 5, participated in the Yeovil Swimming Club Christmas meet at Millfield.

She was in 7 events and she came away with 6 gold and one silver medal! An amazing achievement!! Well done to Lily.

All that is left is to wish everyone a great Christmas break and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed in the New Year on Tuesday 7th January 2025 (Monday 6th January is an INSET day). As well as a chance to recharge batteries please use the time to ensure pupils have all the pencil case equipment they need for their return to school.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

