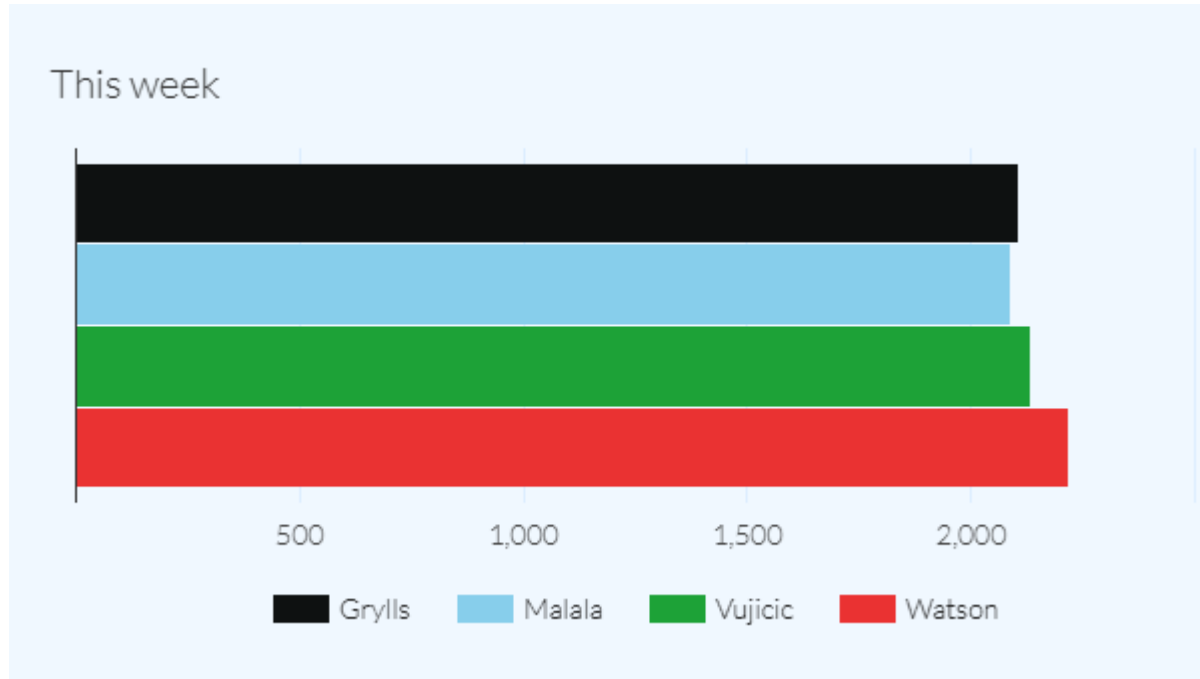


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

House News

Well done to Watson for a really strong week - starting to claw away at the lead that Vujicic have held from early in September.



In Inter House sport well done to 7KR and 7ES who took part in the multi sport challenge. Next week sees 7CM on Monday and 6SLW on Thursday. Greater participation numbers increase the number of points won!

School drop off and pick up

Thank you to everyone who is so supportive of our children's safety by parking considerately when on the school run. It is essential that road markings are followed so that the large numbers of children entering and leaving the site can do so safely. If you are struggling to find a suitable space to park please find lots of alternatives a few roads further from school. Thank you.

Year 5

In Science the pupils have been working on their 'Living things' unit, dissecting plants and learning about pollination and seed dispersal.

The Year 5 Textile groups learnt how to use the sewing machine and had a very successful first attempt at using them.

Year 6

In English and Maths this week mock SATs have been the focus of the lessons. Well done to all the children for all their fantastic efforts. The children will get their marks and tests back to look at next week.

In Textiles, the group have learnt how to sew zips and have put them into their pencil cases.

In Art, the children have been inspired by Russian Artist Alex Konahin. Drawing in biro, black and white intricate patterns in their big designs.

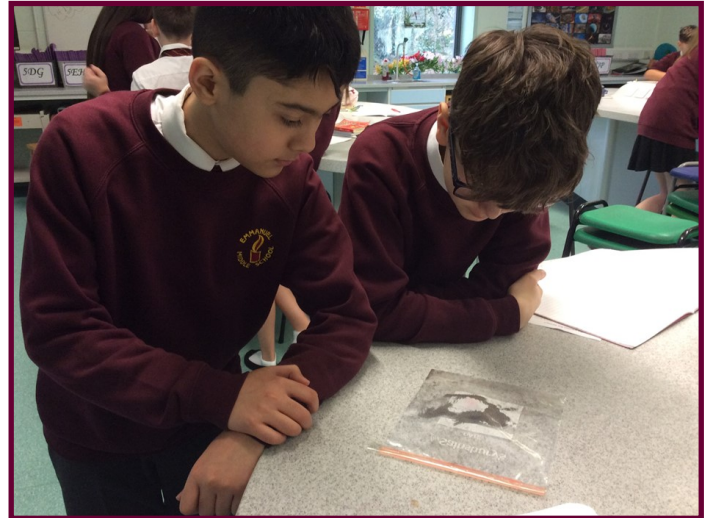


Year 7

In Geography, the children have been continuing their study of coastlines and this week have begun to consider the impact that climate change is having on our coastlines in the UK. They have also been grappling with issues such as deciding if protecting the coastline from coastal erosion is necessary and cost effective. Not an easy issue to solve but one that will continue to grow in importance over the coming years.

The Product design groups have been using the pillar drill and are continuing to make their finger joints for the framework of their CAM toy.

In Science, pupils have just completed the Gravity and Magnetism topic and finished with a practical investigation of magnetic fields.



Year 8

In R.E. this week, pupils have continued to explore the Holocaust and the role of religion within it. As this week is also the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, this work in lessons has been reinforced in worship as well. As you can imagine, this is both a sensitive but important topic and Y8 have been outstanding in their mature, thoughtful and respectful approach.

In Science, pupils have been studying Acids and Alkalis and every student had the opportunity to make a rainbow in a test tube to investigate neutralisation reactions.

The Year 8 Product design group have been on the fret saws as well as learning how to solder.



Sports News



The year 8 netball team played in a tournament at Parkstone Grammar school yesterday. The girls played extremely well in every game and never gave up. Unfortunately we didn't make it through to the county finals this time, but they should be so proud of themselves. Well done to all of them!

Mason D in year 7 competed in indoor athletics last Saturday and did extremely well. He came 1st in the 4 lap race which made him county champion. He has now been invited to represent Dorset in another competition at Torbay. A massive well done to Mason, and we wish him all the best for the next race.

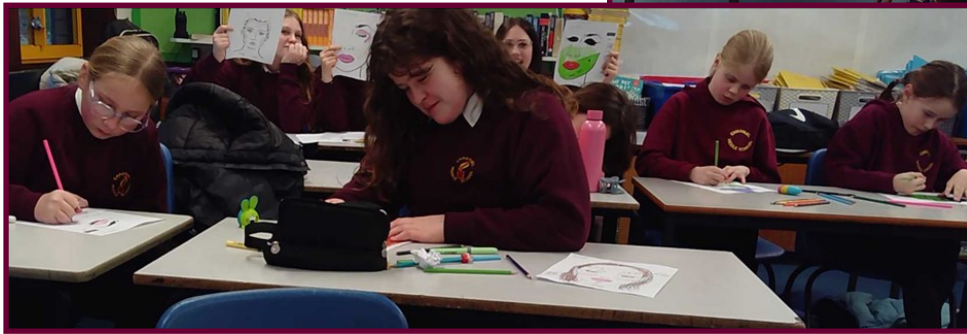
Bereavement Cafe

The date for the next Bereavement Cafe has been changed again to Tuesday 11th March. The pupils who have already replied to the previous date will still be invited.

If anyone would like their child to attend, please email the office to let them know.

School Production

It is all systems go for the school production in March. This week the make up crew started planning designs for the cast.



Message from Dorset SEND - Let's Talk Evening

We're excited to invite you to our next *Let's Talk SEND* online event, where parents and carers in Dorset can connect with the SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) team at Dorset Council. These sessions provide key updates and plenty of time for your questions.



Event Details



Date: Wednesday, 5 February 2025



Time: 7:00 PM



Location: Online (registration required)

For the first time, we're trialling an **evening session** to make it easier for working parents to attend. This session will cover important updates, a reflection on the topics we've covered over the past year, and a look at what's ahead.

To join us, please register at: [Let's Talk SEND - Dorset Council](#)

We hope this new timing makes it more convenient for you, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

Future Pathways : Parental Engagement Session

We have been asked to pass onto parents information about this event which is taking place at the Lighthouse in Poole on Wednesday 12th February 17:30 - 18:30 or you can join virtually. Please note that you will need to obtain free tickets to either the live or virtual event following the link below.

Future Pathways is a new Dorset Careers Hub initiative, providing careers support for parents/carers and young people.

In the first of a local event series, taking place on **Wednesday 12th February**, during [National Apprenticeship Week](#), you will hear from [Dorset Cornerstone Employers](#) and sector representatives to understand the common building blocks a young person can expect to encounter during the recruitment process.

Hosted and chaired by Sarah Farmer, Senior Multi-Media Broadcast Journalist, the panellists include:

- Ed Locke, Careers Manager, [YTL Group](#)
- Tammy Markley, Cluster Director of HR – South West England and Wales Cluster, [Marriott Hotels](#)
- Martyn Balson, General Manager, [Lighthouse](#)
- Katy Elder, Widening and Participation Coordinator, [Dorset Healthcare, NHS Dorset](#)

Panellists will provide practical actions and tips to support navigating the various recruitment processes into their organisation and sector; providing young people with the confidence to talk about themselves and the skills they bring to a future employer.

Join us for this **FREE** engaging hybrid event here: [Future Pathways – supporting young people with recruitment processes](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team: dorsetcareershub@bournemouth.ac.uk

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