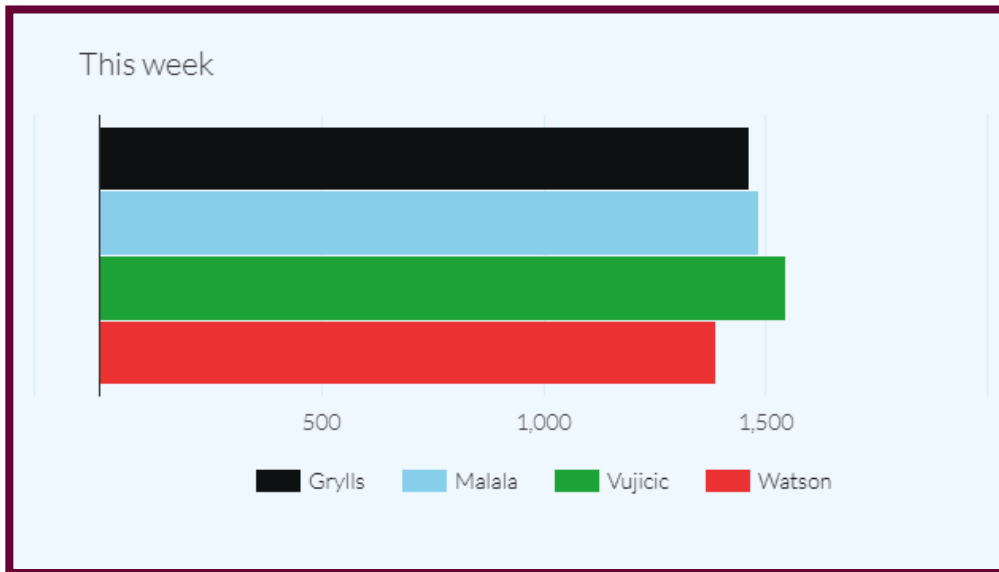


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## House News



Well done to Vujicic who stretched their lead at the top of the candle credits chart this week by earning the most in the last 7 days. These candle credits are stored in Epraise for the pupils to spend in the shop on well-deserved reward experiences.

On Monday afternoon, a group of pupils cashed in their candle credits and enjoyed their well deserved reward playing capture the flag and manhunt. They all thoroughly enjoyed it, and are working hard to gain more candle credits for the next one.

## Leavers at the end of the Academic Year

Apart from year 8 pupils, if your child is leaving at the end of this academic year please could you advise the school as soon as possible indicating their destination school. This ensures we have accurate information for September planning and that your child's records and information are passed to their new school.

## World Book Day Competition

We have been blown away here at EMS with the efforts and talents made for this year's competition of dioramas! So many book scenes created ranging from Little Miss Twins, Harry Potter, Titanic, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Dog Man, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, The BFG, Matilda, The Hobbit and The Hunger Games to name only but a few! Please see the wonderful range of entrants at the end of this newsletter.

All children and staff have spent the last 2 days placing their votes! **The winners will be announced on Monday 10th March in school worship.**

Many thanks to everyone who entered, they will each receive 25 Epraise points. Well done!

The Horticultural Society have been in touch and would like a selection of our dioramas to display at their Spring Show on Saturday 15th March for the public to see at the Verwood Memorial Hall.

If you would not like your child's diorama to be chosen and displayed, please can you let us know by Tuesday 11th March. They will be returned back to school.

Dioramas can be collected from the library from Monday onwards - pupils should speak to Mrs Connolly before taking them.

## Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who came along to our second hand book sale on Monday this week at break and lunchtime. We raised £84.50 for our school library to buy more popular titles!

We will have another second hand book sale on **Thursday 20th March** after school, 3.20 to 4pm for another chance to come along and grab a bargain. Books are 50p and £1!

Parents are welcome to attend.



## Year 5

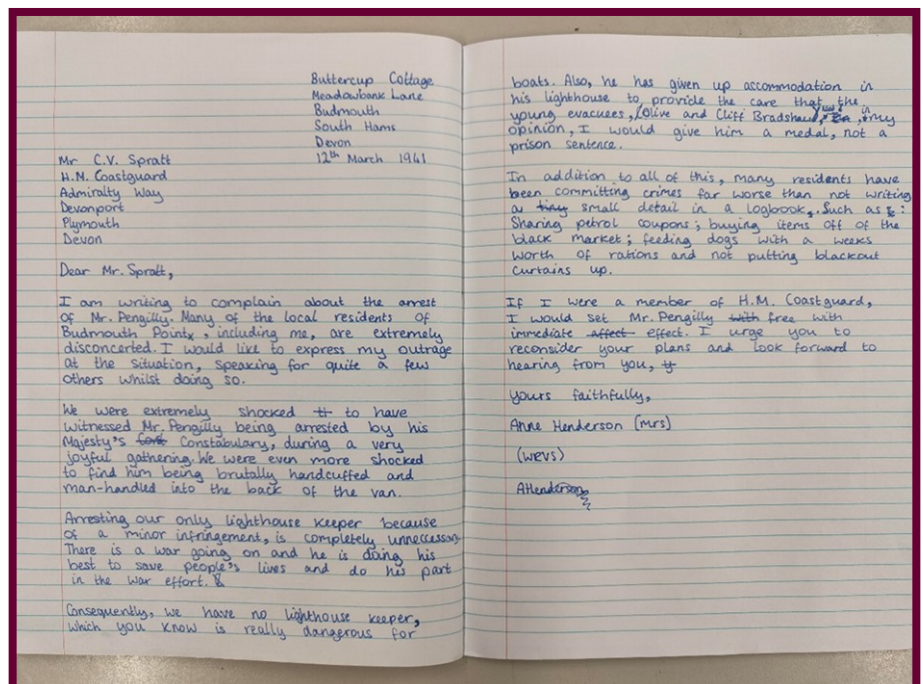
In Year 5 English this week, the children have been learning all about dilemmas in preparation for our dilemma narrative themed around our current text - a poem titled Jabberwocky. The children have created their own monster that will appear in their narrative as they write from a first person perspective as the main character in the story.

In Maths the pupils are towards the end of the fractions unit. They will move onto decimals and percentages in the few weeks leading up to the Easter Holidays. As always, please keep up the times table practice at home!

## Year 6

In Y6 English, we have just completed our current text – ‘Letters From The Lighthouse’ by Emma Carroll – which is set during World War Two.

We have imagined that the lighthouse keeper, Ephraim Pengilly, has been arrested and that we are the local chairwoman of the WRVS, writing a letter of complaint to HM Coastguard. This has involved using the highly formal subjunctive form: “We request that he be released with immediate effect!”



The pupils have used their Science lessons to develop their skills in spotting similarities and differences of different organisms to group them in their biology topic of classification.

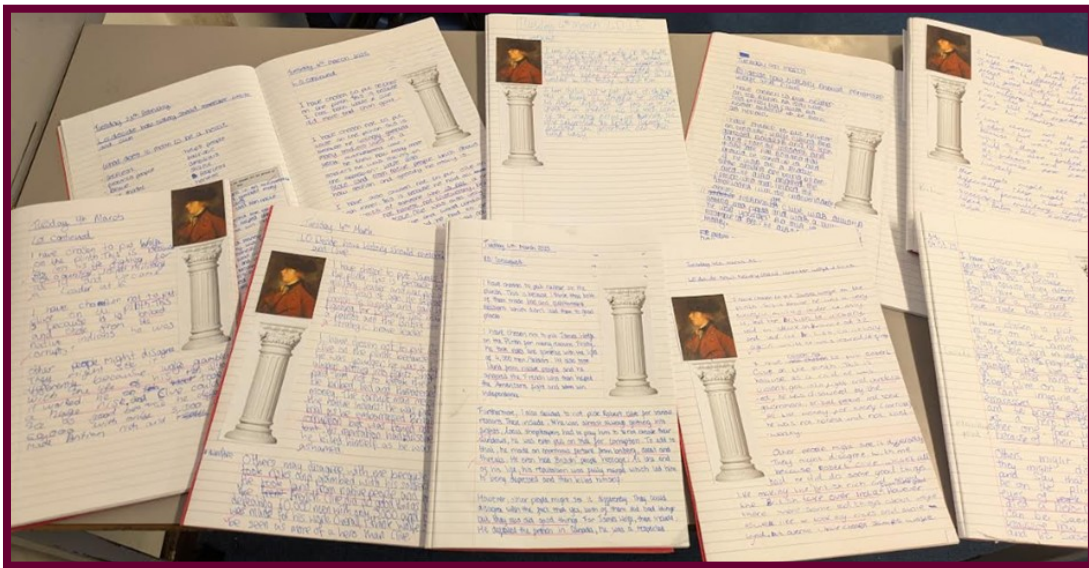
## Year 7

In Year 7 Computing, the pupils have begun a unit using Microsoft Access to develop their understanding of the power and application of databases and how to create and use one themselves.

The focus in French in Year 7 this week has been using adjectives to express preferences in reference to their school subjects. The children have done brilliantly; speaking and writing about their school day in French.

## Year 8

Y8 history lessons this week have seen pupils considering how the men who helped to build the British Empire should be remembered in the 21st century. The topical issue of statues has been considered and pupils have produced some wonderful persuasive writing explaining their views on the matter. This is such an important topic for our pupils to study as the Empire helped to shape the country we see today but remains an aspect of the past that divides opinion. Learning to explore this topic whilst encountering a range of views of its legacy is really important.



Pachelbel's Canon has been the inspiration in Music lessons with pupils exploring its influence in contemporary tracks and using its core progression for core compositions of their own.

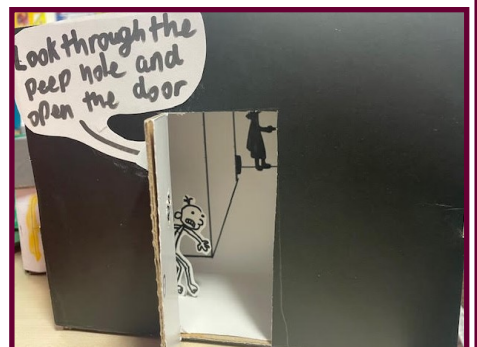
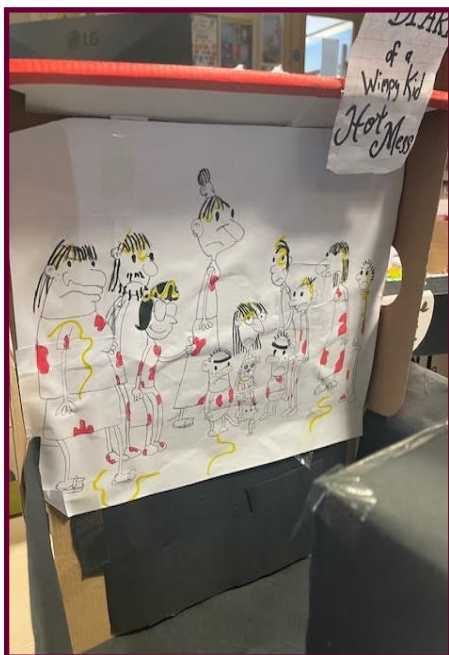
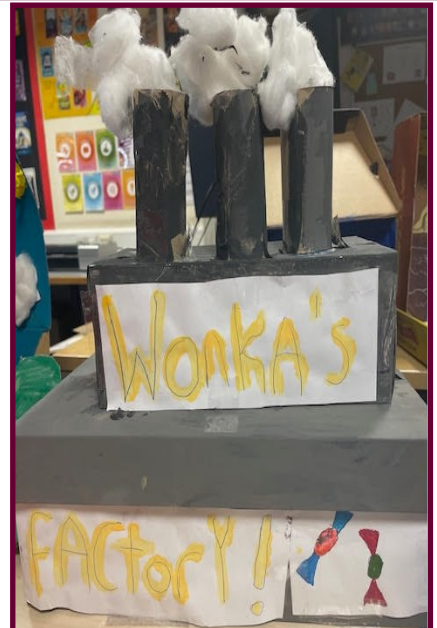
## Sports News

The Year 7 netball team played in a tournament at Canford School on Wednesday. They played extremely well and never gave up. Unfortunately, they didn't make it through to the finals, but finished 4th in our group, which was a great effort. Well done to all of them.

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

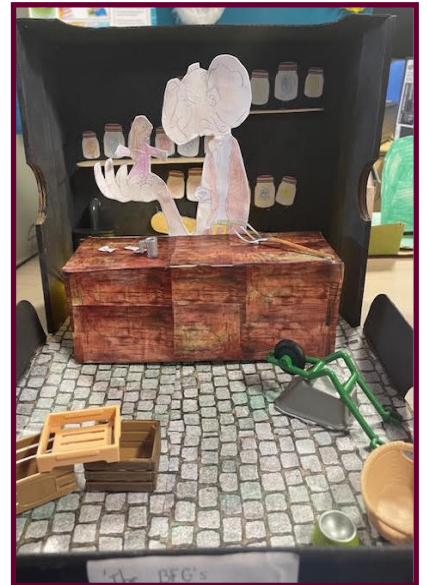
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