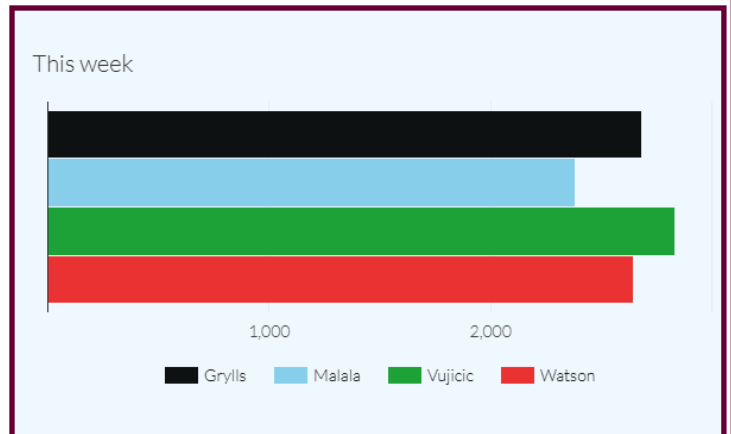


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

House News

Well done to Vujicic for again stretching their lead at the top of the yearly house points table by having the most productive week this week. Big congratulations to Grylls who have closed the gap to third place with a really strong week.



Year 5

Year 5 Heatree Residential - if you missed Wednesday's information evening, please see the information letter and kit list that has been sent out on Parentmail and uploaded onto the school website. Make sure you complete the consent form that was also sent out via Parentmail as soon as possible. Yellow medical forms can be collected from the office if needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Miss Stinson.

In Year 5 French this week, we have been doing our end of unit quizzes, and the children have scored very well! We have also been playing some games of Blooket, practising the vocabulary we've learnt this term whilst on a quest for gold, and these games have been great fun, with all of the children really enjoying themselves!

The children have been learning about the process of germination in Science and exploring the factors which affect how well a seed germinates. They also did their own experiment, investigating whether cress seeds germinated better in light or dark conditions. They are now looking at the life cycles of plants and animals.

On Tuesday, during the year 5 PE lessons, the pupils were taken to Verwood First School to take part in their forest school. They were given the opportunity to build dens, find a variety of bugs and to look at information to see what they were. The pupils also drew pictures around the campfire of the nature around them, and were also shown how to start a fire safely. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this and further information will be given if your child is interested in going along to forest school after school on Wednesdays.



If your child is interested, the next course starts on the 23rd April until the 28th May. It is £12 a session which is 2 hours, starts at 3:30-5:30pm. Please email or call Hannah

info@wildwoodlandadventurers.com and number is 07854332470.



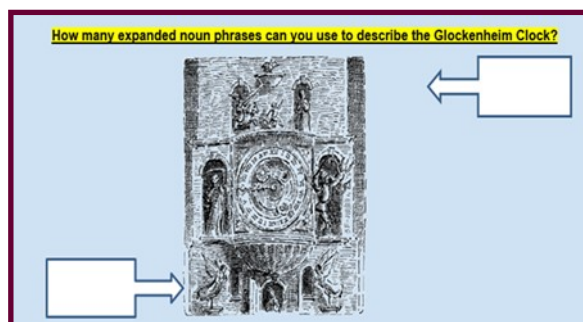
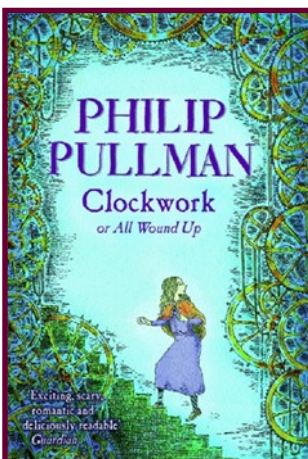
In Art, the pupils were adding colour to their Henri Rousseau jungle inspired jungle scenes. Oil pastels and watercolour paints.



Year 6

Maths: We are having a strong focus on reasoning at the moment, along with completing some standardised tests on [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk) to ascertain the focus of our learning over the upcoming month.

In Y6 English we are planning a travel guide to visit the magnificent medieval clock in Glockenheim – a fictional town in Philip Pullman's 'Clockwork'. We have been developing our persuasive descriptions using ambitious vocabulary choices and exploring the use of the perfect tense.



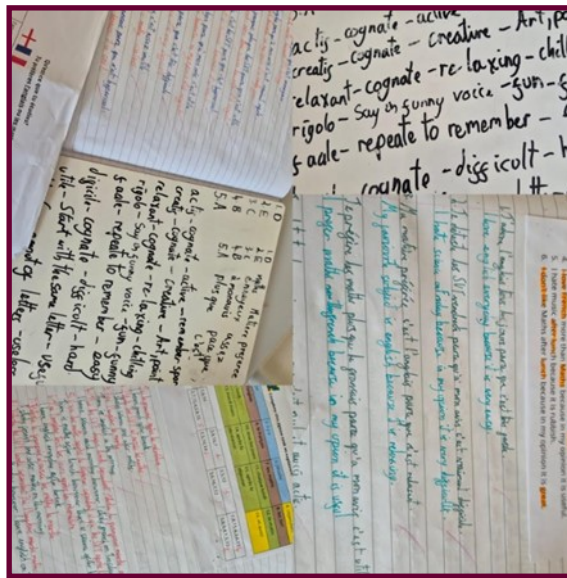
Year 6 Food lessons have seen the pupils being busy investigating the role of Starchy Carbohydrates in the body and baking delicious Breakfast Muffins.

Year 7

In Geography we are looking at what human and physical geography are and what we can learn from physical and political maps of Africa.

Food lessons have involved Year 7 students considering the impact of the meat industry and exploring some vegetarian and vegan recipes. It should be noted that they will all, from now on, make a cheese sauce from scratch using the Roux method.

In French, Year 7 have been revisiting vocabulary looking at their school day and comparing it to French School timetables. They have been very productive using their whiteboards to creatively think of ways to remember French phrases - as shown below.



Year 8

Year 8 pupils have been working towards the completion of their USB lamp project in Resistant Materials.

There have been 3 distinct aspects to this project. The pupils have had to learn how to solder components onto a printed circuit board (PCB), understanding the electronic function of LED lights and resistors. The second strand of this unit has involved our 2D design programme; the children having to create an etched acrylic 'topper', that will catch and emit light. The final strand of the project involved the pupils constructing, sanding & polishing a shaped wooden base to house their lamp's electronics. It's been a very interesting & informative design process for our Year 8 pupils. I'm sure that they will go on to extend their understanding of Resistant Materials next year, as they transition onto their respective upper schools.

To continue the DT theme in Year 8, in Food the pupils have really upped their game with raw chicken and beef mince recipes. Mrs McGraw has had the pleasure of tasting completely bespoke Chicken Pot Pies with 'school made' puff pastry - scrumptious!

Sporting News

KS3 and KS2 Football Report – 20.03.2025

It has been another busy time for the girls' football.

Last week the KS2 girls hosted the East Dorset semi-final tournament against Baden-Powell (who knocked us out of the County Cup) and Muscliff School. Although we played valiantly against Baden-Powell, we were defeated by the very strong team that also won against Muscliff. The last game was much closer. Emmanuel took an early lead but we lost late in the game 2-1. Well done to the girls who have shown so much potential for next year.

On Monday, we played our County Cup Year 7 match against Glenmoor & Winton. On three previous occasions we have been soundly beaten by them, conceding 16 goals and only scoring one! This was a completely different situation as Emmanuel took control early on in the game. The link-up play between Imiya, Olivia and Phoebe was very impressive. We had so many chances but their goalkeeper made some amazing saves from distance. Although we led 2-0 at half-time, Glenmoor kept pushing for a goal and put us under pressure at the beginning of the second half. However, a late flurry of goals ended up in a 6-0 score line! What a turnaround in fortunes! Imiya scored 4, Olivia 1 and Jade 1. Jade was also voted player of the match by the visiting team.

We will now travel to Sir John Colfox School, in Bridport, for our semi-final in April. They are also part of our Initio Learning Trust.



All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning. For those taking part in the Year 7 French trip we look forward to seeing you bright and early on Monday and wish you great travels on what will be a fantastic week.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker