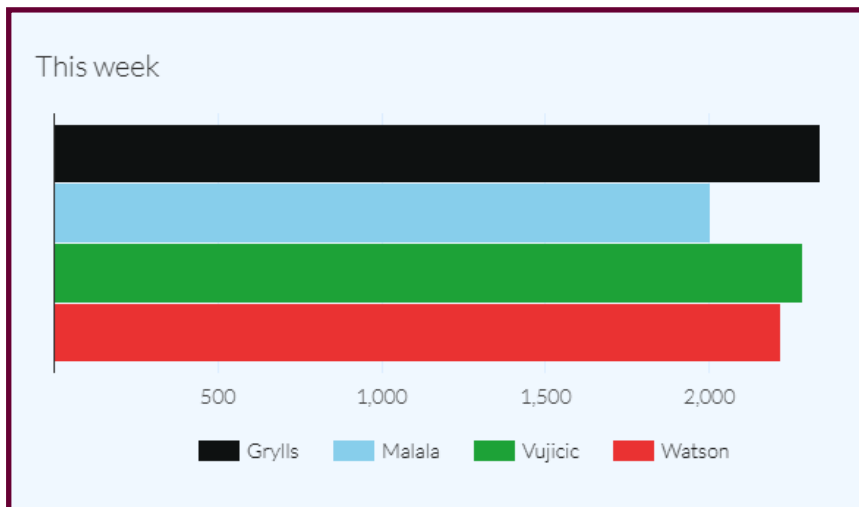


Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## House News



Another big week for Grylls as they try to claw back their deficit to Vujicic at the top of the year long table. All three chasing houses are very close and all are still able to catch Vujicic in the Summer term.

## Comic Relief

We raised £327.70 on Friday for Comic Relief through the cake sale and 'wear something red' initiative. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## Year 7 French Residential Trip

This week 63 Year 7 pupils have had an amazing time exploring Paris and the surrounding area. They have visited an authentic French market, haggling for goods and using their language skills. They have explored the artists' quarter of Montmartre as well as the stunning Sacre Cœur and carried out a treasure hunt around the Musee D'Orsay. They astounded staff with their energetic climb up and down the Eiffel Tower and took in the views over the city, including the Arc de Triumphe and the final resting place of Napoleon. The eagle eyed even spied the PSG stadium! For many though, the highlight had to be the day spent at Disneyland Paris and the amazing stars on parade. Parents were able to keep up with the experiences of the children via and exclusive account on Instagram.

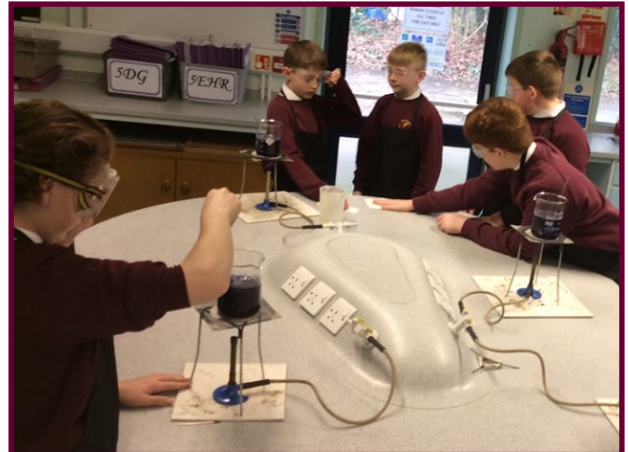


Those year 7 pupils who stayed at school enjoyed a varied week of enrichment activities. In Product design pupils made Easter chicks in their lesson: they used the coping saws; fret saws; the pillar drill; and the glue guns. They did really well only having the lesson to complete it! Those who did a food lesson had a great and delicious time making pain au chocolat and croissants.

There were very enjoyable Science sessions involving fun at the start of the week using the Bunsen burners to make red cabbage dye. They then dyed squares of cloth and colour-shifted them with household substances on Wednesday.

Tuesday was a messy day as the students made slime and if that wasn't enough, we then made some balancing butterflies!

On Thursday the pupils all headed out to Potterne Park and Moors Valley to enjoy the chance to play some games, enjoy a walk and make use of the park. A great time was had by all.



## Year 5

In English this week, Year 5 have been learning about biographies. They have all researched a person of their choice - an actor/actress, singer, sports player, scientist or historical figure that they will write a biography on over the next week. It has been wonderful seeing each pupil so inspired and inquisitive of the person they have chosen.

Maths has seen the children working through the decimals unit. We have completed a lot of work with adding and subtracting decimals as well as looking at their fraction equivalents. Next week, we will be moving onto percentages and then geometry after the Easter holidays. As always, please keep up the work on times tables!

## Year 6

In Maths, the children are working hard in their various classes, with many now focussing on an array of reasoning questions to help them develop further - SATs now not being far away.

English lessons have focussed on producing some lovely Travel Guides to try and tempt holiday makers to try 'Glockenheim' for a trip. This town is a setting in the new book we are following in English, 'Clockwork'.

## Year 8

Year 8 are currently completing their Spring Maths units. Having studied fractions, decimals and percentages, they have moved on to immerse themselves in Standard Index Form. This is a means of writing very, very, very large - or very, very, very small values as a number (between 1 and 10) multiplied by a power of ten. For example 234, 000, 000 could be written in Standard Form as  $2.34 \times 10^8$ .

I've been encouraged by how quickly our pupils have grasped the new concepts and have been able to apply their understanding to solve a range of problems. Well-done Year 8.

In Year 8 English they have been studying 'War and Conflict' poetry. This is an ideal introduction for the paper they will have to complete for GCSE at the end of Year 11. We have finished analysing the poetry of Rupert Brooke, who wrote 'The Soldier', and are now looking at the work of Wilfred Owen. Both are iconic First World War poets.

## Focus on DT

Year 5 Textiles have been finishing off the drawstring bags this week, they have learnt an array of skills over their term in textiles including hand stitching, using the sewing machine, cutting felt, fabric dyes, next week they will be using the iron ready to take them home.

Year 6 Textiles have learnt about seam allowances and have created their pattern piece ready to cut out their pencil cases.

Year 8 Textiles have been finishing their mad hatter style hats this week, they are looking really good.

Year 8 Product Design have been adding their bases to their desk lamps and have been very creative with their keyring holder project. Using the coping saws, fet saw, Pillar drill and paint!



## Step into the NHS

Year 7 are embarking on an exciting careers project called Step into the NHS. They have been given two class lessons and extended homework to produce a job advert for one of the 350 careers in the NHS. The website provides all of the information which needs to be included. The competition entries can be produced by individual pupils or teams up to four. They can be posters, leaflets, 3D models, videos, animations, website pages or even board games. The deadline is 30th April. Good Luck Year 7- we are looking forward to seeing your entries. The details of the competition have been put onto the Year 7 Google Classrooms.



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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker