

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our end of term parent bulletin. Thank you for your continued support and being part of our journey. The term has been packed with plenty of 'wow' moments alongside the children working hard in their classrooms. We've all enjoyed the increased daylight and warmth of the past few weeks and, fingers crossed, it looks set for the first week of the break. We hope this is filled with fun and laughter and some quality time together. We look forward to hearing about the adventures the children have experienced upon our return on Wednesday 23rd April.

The term closes this afternoon in celebratory manner with the top candle credit earners across the term being rewarded and visiting speaker Grant delivering an Easter message in worship.

Arbor Parent Portal and App

Please can we ask parents to ensure they have the access to the Arbor parent portal and app as we are looking at putting the sign up option for extra curricular activities on this system for clubs being offered in the Summer term. We have, earlier this week, resent registration emails to those parents who have not yet created their accounts. As we progress through the Summer term more and more services and communications that we use ParentMail for, will be moving across to Arbor. If you have created your account but have experienced issues with the App, we have found that deleting and then reinstalling the App has solved various issues.

A message from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

This year there have already been a number of devastating outdoor fires in Dorset, including Moors Valley Country Park this week.

With the school holidays soon to start, and lovely weather forecasted, we wanted to remind everyone of how to stay safe when enjoying the outdoors.

If you see a fire in the outdoors, do not try to tackle the fire:

- Get to a safe place;
- Note the fire location (apps such as What3Words can help if you're not sure);
- Call 999;
- If there is an adult present, meet the Fire & Rescue Service at the access point, if it is safe to do so.

Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Disposable barbecues and campfires are actually banned in many parts of Dorset. #BringAPicnicNotABarbecue

If you're at the beach, don't set off flares, have campfires or light barbecues as these can easily lead to gorse and foliage on the cliffs catching fire.

Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows.

Take your litter home.

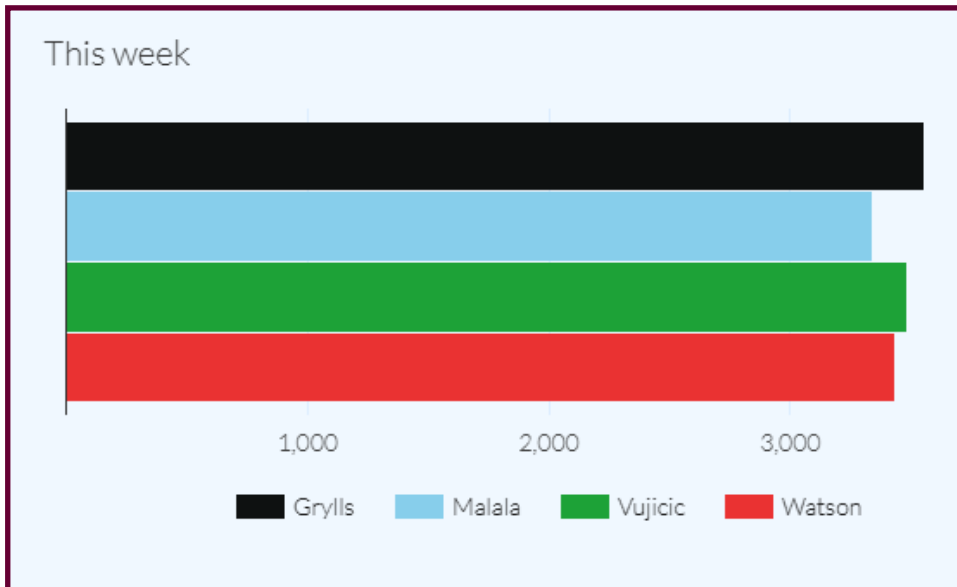
Most children do not play with fire, but please keep matches and lighters out of reach and talk to your children about the danger of playing with fire.

For further advice please visit [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Amber wildfire alert extended](#).

Thank you.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

House News



Once again this week Grylls has closed the gap at the top to Vujcic - all to play for in the Summer term. Well done to the following for being the highest candle credit earners this term:

Year 5: Mia J, Sophie R, Ava W

Year 6: Ivy H, Phoebe B, Hetty H

Year 7: Siobhan P-B, Veronika K, Rafe S

Year 8: Erin T, Dylan M, Hermione P

Year 5

In Computing the pupils have completed the unit on Lego Robotics. It was so nice watching the children be so engaged with this unit and the excitement when they got their robot to work with the code they created. It was also great to see the teamwork as they had to work in pairs for the entire unit. They will revisit this topic again in year 6, but for now, we will finish off the year with the history and hardware of computing and one final coding unit!

In Science lessons the focus has been discovering the origin of the theory of gravity and discussing the difference between mass and weight.

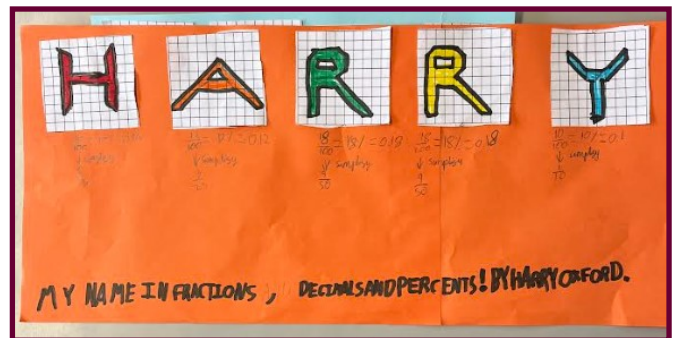
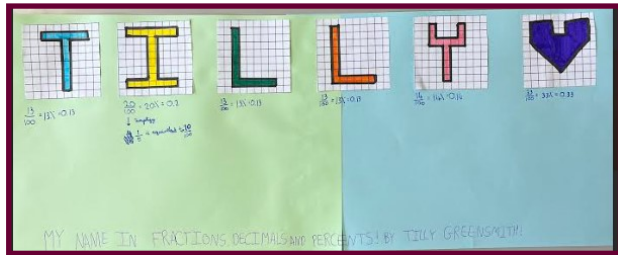
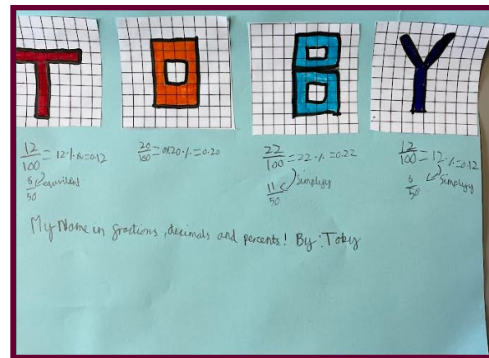
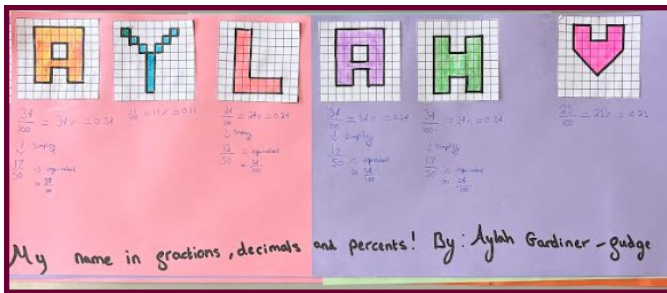
This week has also seen more pupils successfully complete their Fairground Ride unit during Resistant Material lessons. They've had to design and create a Ferris Wheel type ride with a working pulley system and a functioning electrical circuit. The pupils had to measure, mark and accurately cut wood to construct a central, supporting tower on which to mount their pulleys, and in doing so, think carefully about the mechanics of gears.

I was really pleased with the children's finished rides which demonstrated real care and attention to detail, along with a genuine amount of creative thinking.

Well-done Year 5. Your Fairground Ride models are something that you should be justifiably proud to take home.



Year 5 have completed the units of fraction, decimals and percents this week. They celebrated by turning their name into a fraction, decimal and percent! They even showed off their simplifying skills by simplifying the fractions that could be simplified! Please enjoy a small selection of their work!



Year 6

In Wellbeing, Y6 have been learning about mental health, and coping strategies to work through stress and concerns.

RE lessons have seen the pupils finishing up their topic of Judaism, where they have learned about where it all began, and how modern day Jewish people celebrate their faith.

Year 7

In Maths the pupils have been continuing their fractions unit focusing on problem solving involving fractions of amounts and using bar modelling to represent the question.

The Y7 Product Design groups have been finishing off their CAM toys this week. They have learnt about CAMs, finger joints, the pillar drill, the fret saw, 2D Design drawings and the laser cutter during this term. What a fantastic effort they have put in.



Art lessons have seen the children working on their final Totem Pole designs, as part of their Art from Other Cultures project. Taking their 2D spirit animal pieces into 3D.

Year 8

In Y8 history this week pupils have been investigating the African kingdom of Benin, learning about its customs, culture and civilisation. Did you know that Benin city was one of the first places in the world to have street lighting? Through the story of the Benin Massacre, pupils have begun to consider how artefacts and treasure come to be in British museums and after the Easter break, they will draw their own conclusions about what should happen to these treasures now. This is a hot topic right now and an issue our government is having to negotiate with several countries around the world, showing how important history is in helping us to understand current affairs and our relationship with other countries.

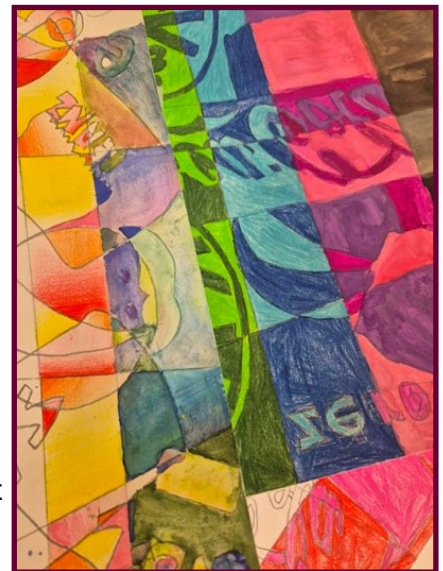


In Year 8 Art the focus has been looking at Still Life and Abstraction. They have been working with mixed media in a Cubist style using a Monochromatic palette.

Year 7 Girls' Football Report – 03.04.2025

Yesterday, The Year 7 girls travelled to the other side of Dorset for their semi-final County Cup match against the Sir John Colfox School. The weather was fantastic but the journey was a long one – approximately one hour and twenty minutes each way.

It was a close game with Emmanuel chasing the game from 1-0 down and then 2-1 down. We had so many shots against the goalpost: it felt like it wasn't going to be our day. The game hinged on a penalty that Sir John Colfox conceded. Imiya coolly slotted the ball away before then scoring the final goal, with a one-on-one with keeper.



The determination of the defence, in blocking shots in the final last minutes, was excellent. Siobhan was player of the match for making two excellent saves in the last minutes. We're not quite sure how she used her body to keep the goals out – but it worked! The 'caterpillar save' may be a new technique. Congratulations to Imiya for also scoring another hat-trick in our 3-2 victory.

Congratulations to the team for their excellent performances this year. They have thoroughly deserved their place in the final, which will be played next term. We will meet either Parkstone Grammar or The Purbeck School. I will keep you posted.



All that is left is to wish everyone a fantastic Easter holiday. Please be reminded again that Tuesday 22nd April is an INSET day and so the pupils return to school on Wednesday 23rd April.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker