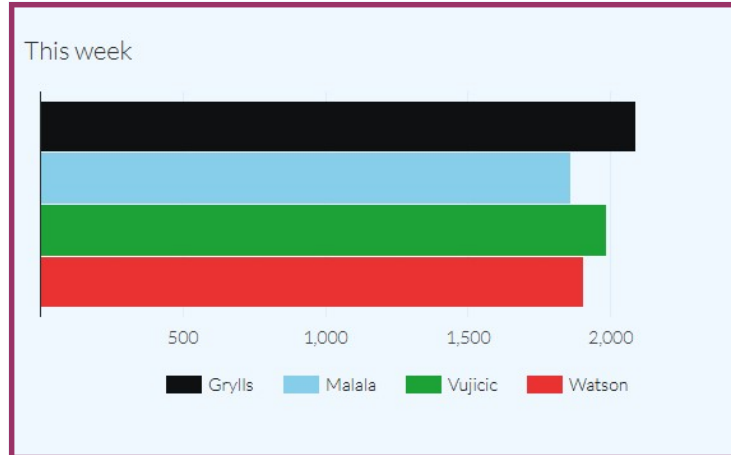


Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

## House News

Well done to Grylls for a great effort this week making a dent in the overall lead that Vujicic have held for several months now.



## Current Attendance

Year 5 95.6%

Year 6 95.7%

Year 7 94.3%

Year 8 94.4%

Please [use this link](#) to access useful information and guidance on school attendance.

Please could we remind you that all pupils will be expected to attend school on every day that it is open. If an unexpected absence occurs, there are expectations that relate to pupil safety. A parent **MUST** notify the school on 01202 828100 or via the office email, [office@emmanuelmiddle.org](mailto:office@emmanuelmiddle.org) by 8.45am on the first day of the absence detailing the pupil's name, class and details of the nature of the absence please.

## Extra Curricular Activities

Following the issue of the activities list and the sign up on epraise, we will be operating the same policy as last term. If a child fails to attend a club for two consecutive weeks they will be removed from the activity to allow their space to be taken by another child. We hope you understand the reason for this is to ensure that the limited spaces available are fully utilised.

## Year 5

Here are a few final reminders for our school trip next week.

- Pupils should arrive at school by 8.15am and should be dressed in their activity clothes and footwear. We will gather in the Sports Hall. **Please do not park in the car park as that parking is for school staff.**
- **NO electronics - this includes smart watches. Smart watches have functions like phone calls, messaging and cameras which are all functions not needed on the trip.**
- **Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**
- All pupils need to have a packed lunch on Tuesday
- Sun cream, hats and sunglasses are recommended
- Pupils should all have a small rucksack/school rucksack **AND** a refillable water bottle with them
- Gift shop money should be in a named purse/envelope and given to activity leader in the morning
- Sweets for the coach should be the soft Haribo type
- Pupils can bring card games, books and a small soft toy with them if they wish
- All pupils should pack a single duvet cover or sleeping bag, a shower towel and toiletries (no aerosol sprays)
- all belongings should be packed into a bag/suitcase that they can carry or wheel

## **Communication and Updates**

Tuesday: Confirmation of arrival

Wednesday - Friday: Updates of previous days activities by 11am (we will still be on activities when the school office closes for the day).

Friday: Confirmation of leaving, approx. 12pm. Update at approx. 2pm.

Should an emergency arise whilst we are away (including outside of school hours), communication should go to the school office (via email or phone call) who will then get in touch with us.

## **Year 6**

The Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs starting on Monday 12th May. The more prepared the pupils are the more relaxed they will be and as such any opportunities to use the revision materials at home would now be time well spent. Many families have the CGP revision guides - if not, these can be purchased on Amazon with next day delivery if required. There are also revision resources on Google Classroom.

SATs week is always well received by the pupils - with the intense work of the tests balanced by other activities.

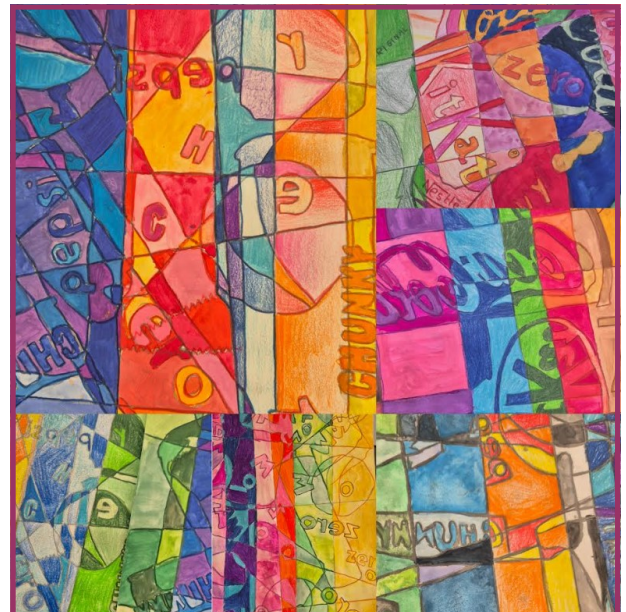
## **Year 7**

Year 7 pupils received a visit this week from an outside speaker. David Rees, a member of the Dorset Humanists, came to speak to our pupils about Humanism as an example of a non religious world view. This is part of their unit of work on Humanism which examines what it means to be 'good without God'.

## **Year 8**

In RE this week, Year 8 have been continuing to explore the ethics and morality of war. They have looked at examples of conscientious objectors in both WW1 and WW2 and have begun to reflect on whether or not these men should be classified as cowards. Mrs Richardson has been really impressed with the maturity in the approach of so many of our pupils and is excited to read their final pieces of work over the next week or so.

In Art Year 8 have completed their mixed media, monotone cubist inspired still life pieces. They started looking at still life and have produced a series of observational drawings then experimented with abstracting their pieces in the cubist Pablo Picasso style.



## **Think Firefighter - Heath Fire Safety Check**

Your child has recently had a visit from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. They have learnt how to stay safe on the heathland and what they can do to prevent heath fires. We also talked about how to keep safe at home from fires and what to do in the event of a fire in the home. Please spend a few moments looking through this form with them, helping them understand how they can help keep themselves safe both indoors and outdoors. At the end, there is a chance to enter a prize draw to win a VIP trip to a DWFRS fire station, Emergency Services Lego and a Blaize Bear. [Click here for the entry form](#).

## **Step into the NHS**

Mrs Robertson was overwhelmed with the Year 7 entries for the annual national careers competition. Pupils had a lesson to launch the homework and then had four weeks to complete their advertisements for careers in the NHS. Using the resources on the website, they could work in pairs or threes and could choose any format. We had lots of colourful posters and some amazing powerpoints. The competition rules are very strict and have to include qualifications and skills needed as well as presenting the entry as an advert which will be used by the NHS as an actual advert, so it was extremely hard to judge the entries. Those entries submitted for the national competition are:

Dineth G-R and Nico D for their animated powerpoint for an Air Ambulance Pilot.

Alyssa H produced an excellent poster advertising for a Paramedic.

Imiya D and Zoe S for their colourful and informative powerpoint for a Paramedic.

Ellie-Mae H for her very detailed powerpoint for Paediatric Nursing.

All entries will be displayed in Room 13 and we will have to wait until June for the results.

Well done to all Year 7 pupils who submitted their entries by the deadline - they all received ten candle credits. Well Done.

## **Key Stage 2 Science Club**

The KS2 Science club had a colourful time investigating ice chromatography this week.



## **Sporting News**

Just before Easter, 15 KS2 children attended the Bournemouth Rugby Ellis Edwards Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby tournament representing EMS as part of two teams. We had a fantastic rugby-filled day, with the children playing matches against lots of different schools with lots of tries being scored, with one try being labelled as the best try our referee had seen all day! The children were great ambassadors for EMS, displaying great sportsmanship and politeness to their opponents and the referees, and were praised by every single referee and coach we met. Well done!



On Saturday, Savanna H, Toby S and Ella R took part in the TCS London Mini Marathon starting at Horseguards Parade and finishing by crossing the iconic London Marathon finish line down the Mall. It was an absolutely fantastic experience that they'll never forget with a very impressive medal to go with it!

All that is left is to wish everyone a great Bank Holiday weekend - fingers crossed this weather holds! We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 6th May.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.