

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## **Transfer day 2025: Friday 27th June**

We wish to highlight to you an important day in the school calendar for most of our pupils: Friday 27th June is transfer day. Please support your child in preparing them for a different day at school with new peers and staff and the chance to make a good first impression.

For the new Year 8 children transferring from Year 7, please remind them that the process of creating new classes is complex and takes a lot of planning and time and that they have all had a chance to have an input into friendship selections. All children will have at least one friend that they have chosen in their new class and hopefully they can feel assured of this ready for Friday. The new Year 6 (transferring from Year 5) and Year 7 (transferring from Year 6) will be transferring to a new tutor as the same class.

All children will come in as normal on Friday and head to the sports cage, unless they go to Meet & Greet. Current Year 5, who will be Year 6 for the day, will be asked to line up in their current Year 5 classes on the Year 6 playground and Year 6 staff will inform them of their new tutor before heading into their new classroom.

Current Year 6 and Year 7 will line up in the sports cage in their current tutor groups and Year 7 and Year 8 staff will inform them of their new Year 7 tutor or new Year 8 tutor group before heading into their new classroom. We have planned a day which focuses on building tutor and child relationships, explores the increase in expectations of them academically and helps to create a sense of belonging in their new class and new year group.

Please note that if your child does not have a transfer day on Friday, that we will provide them with some alternative activities and they should come into school as they usually do and stand with their current year group first thing in the morning.

Please encourage all children to bring home their pencil case and water bottle on Thursday 26th in order to have it in their bag for Friday morning, as well as a pair of trainers for the possibility of a sporting activity.

We hope they have a brilliant day and look forward to seeing them all on Friday in their new year group.

We wish all our current Year 8s all the best for their exciting day ahead at their new upper school.

## **Extreme Heat**

We have enjoyed a fantastic run of good weather with significant amounts of sun since the start of March. When the weather is at its hottest alterations will be made to ensure everyone remains comfortable in school. We follow guidance from weather warnings as such:

Red heat warning - children wear PE kit

Amber heat warning- children are permitted to remove ties

These modifications will be communicated by the school office - so arriving in PE kit should only happen after such communication.

Where necessary PE lessons will be modified along with provision at lunchtime to provide as much shade as possible.

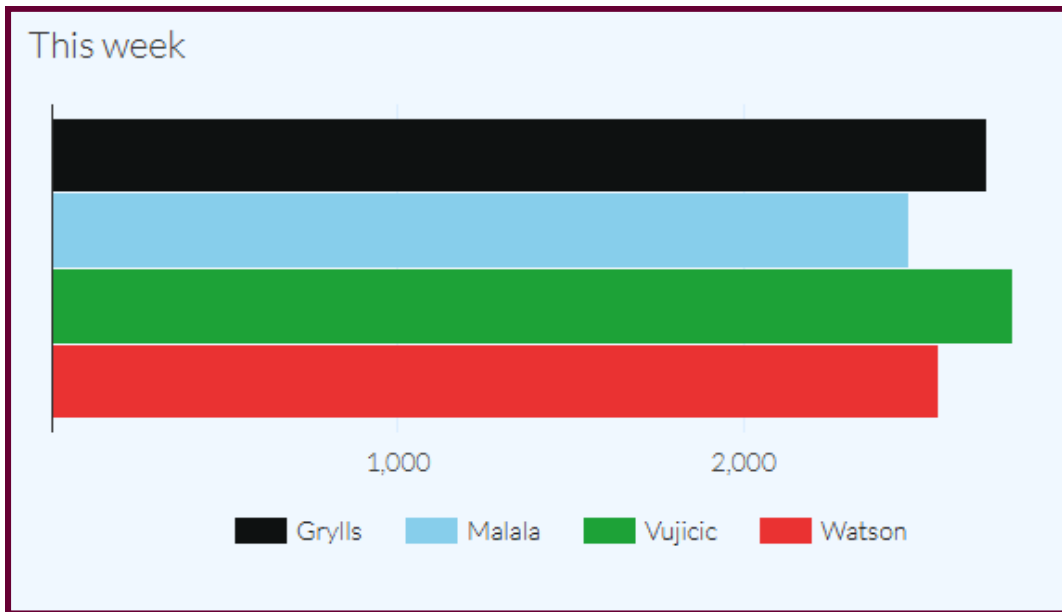
In addition, it is important that pupils apply sunscreen before coming to school on our hottest days and have a named water bottle in school that they refill at the appropriate times - break time and lunchtime.

## Sports Day

Thursday saw the culmination of our Sports Days take place. After three rain postponements we got a day of glorious sunshine for our finals day. The heats and finals events saw the majority of pupils take part in at least one event and some exceptional athletic performances take place. A great atmosphere was generated by the pupils sitting in house groups and the strong parental crowd. The results of this fiercely contested competition will be announced during worship on Monday 30th June.



## House News



Congratulations to Vujicic who have returned to their winning ways with a strong week this week - pulling further clear of the field after a few weeks of the other houses closing the gap. When the Sports Day results have been added to the totals on 30th June will there be another swing in the race?

## Skillsbuilder Speaking Lesson

On Wednesday every pupil spent time working in tutor groups on further developing their speaking skills as part of our SkillsBuilder employability skills work. This reinforced a similar lesson from before half term where tone, gesture and expression were explored and rehearsed and pupils had time to rehearse delivering different genres of text. Well done to everyone for working so hard at this crucial skill.

## Skills Builder Careers Insights Workshop

Last Thursday, 5DG and Mrs Robertson engaged in an exciting careers workshop through a Zoom Call. By speaking to three volunteers from a range of organisations and businesses, 5DG were able to connect the essential employability skills they are learning about in school with how they can be applied in the workplace.

To prepare, 5DG had a lesson where Mrs Robertson told them about her career path starting in Berni Steak Houses as an Assistant Manager up to her current teaching role as Lead for Welfare and Personal Development at Emmanuel Middle. The pupils then generated a list of questions that they could ask her.

At the real session, each child had a question ready and some were selected to ask the employees on the Zoom Call about their careers.



It was a really informative session and the essential skills of speaking and listening were utilized to a high standard. The pupils heard about working hours and options for working from home. They also learnt about work life balance and how skills learnt can be transferred into different career paths and roles. They even found out about pensions and retirement. The session was very well managed by Skills Builder and 5DG were exemplary in their behaviour and responses to questions they were asked.

## Mountain Biking Reward at Moors Valley

Today, a group of students enjoyed the mountain biking reward trip at Moors Valley. The group were excellent and cruised their way round the Blue course in record time. This allowed plenty of time in the sand park, always a favourite. The group were an absolute delight. Thanks also to Mr Middleton for supporting.



## Year 7 Ice-Cream Reward

On Friday 13th of June, Mr. Rangdale and Mrs Hassel accompanied 9 lucky members of Year 7 to Verwood 'Rec' for their well-earned ice-cream reward.

The weather was terrific, the children's behaviour was exemplary and an enjoyable time was shared by one and all.



## DT Reward

Tuesday afternoon the Keyring rewards group learnt how to use 2D Design. They learnt about the different tools that they could use and how to vectorise images that they wanted for their keyrings, also they learnt that we use different coloured lines for cutting and etching on the laser cutter. They came up with some fantastic ideas and designs that were then cut out on the Laser cutter.



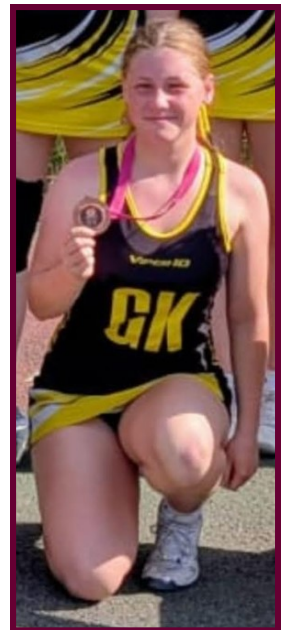
## Cricket Reward

On Tuesday a group of children took part in the cricket reward - they played a catching game, '20 ball' and then a pairs game. The commitment of the cricket group was fantastic and a special mention is needed for Taylon A who completed the 'crossbar challenge' by hitting the goal crossbar on the full from the far end of the sports hall! A great time was had by all.

## Sporting News

Mason Dicker and Jacob Holdroyd competed in athletics at the Ashdown track on Saturday. They were representing East Dorset in their events. They both did extremely well finishing 2nd in their chosen events for the whole of Dorset. Jacob ran the 1500m and Mason competed in the long jump. We are so proud of both of them. Well done boys!

Hermione Parker competed in a Panthers charity netball tournament in Basingstoke u14s on Saturday. There were 14 teams competing, and Hermione's team finished 3rd, winning a bronze medal. Well done to them.



## Year 5 Art

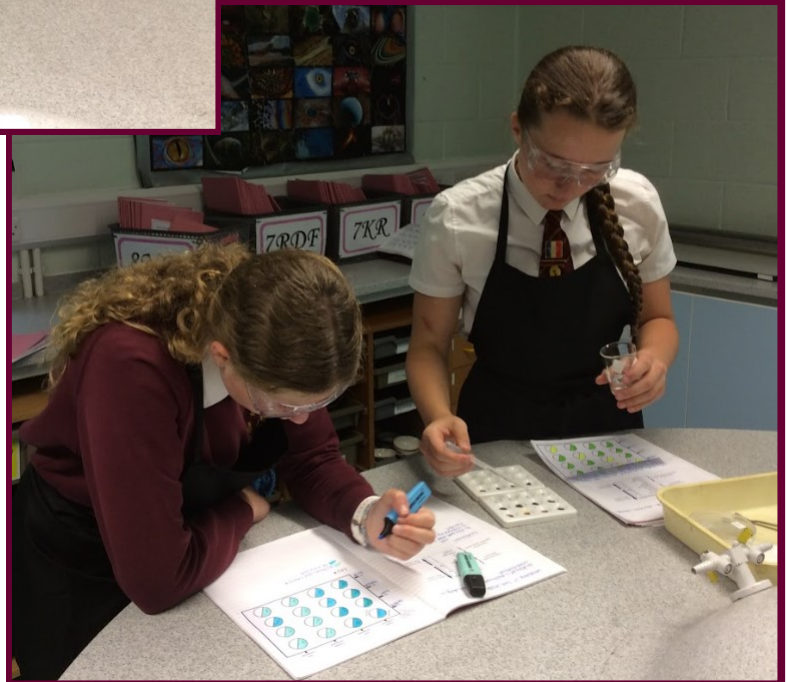
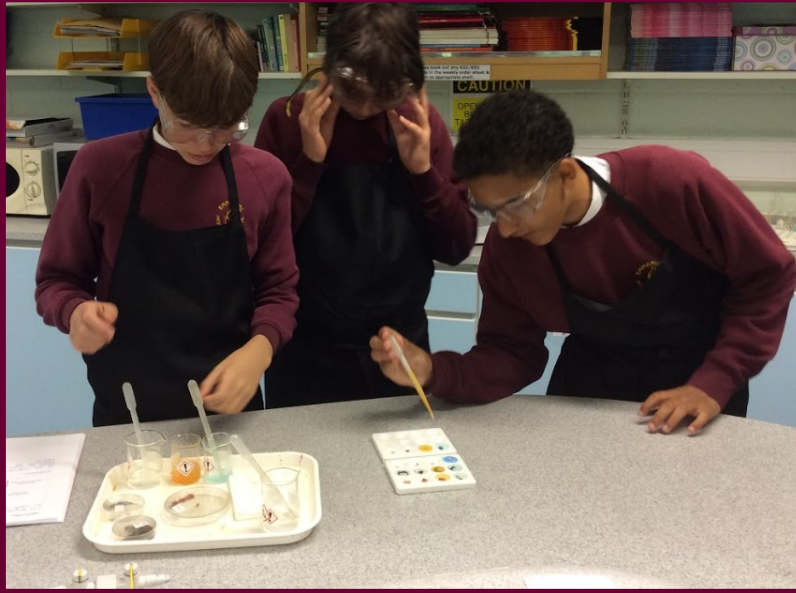
Yr 5 ART this week has been inspired by the ABSTRACT PORTRAITS of Spanish Artist Pablo Picasso. They have made A4 mixed media sketchbook artist studies.



## Science News

Year 7s have been learning about reproduction. They had great fun learning about the stages of labour, using balloons containing ping-pong balls to represent a baby being born. It also gave them some appreciation for how tiring it can be and why it is called labour!

Year 8 students have been investigating displacement reactions.



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

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker