

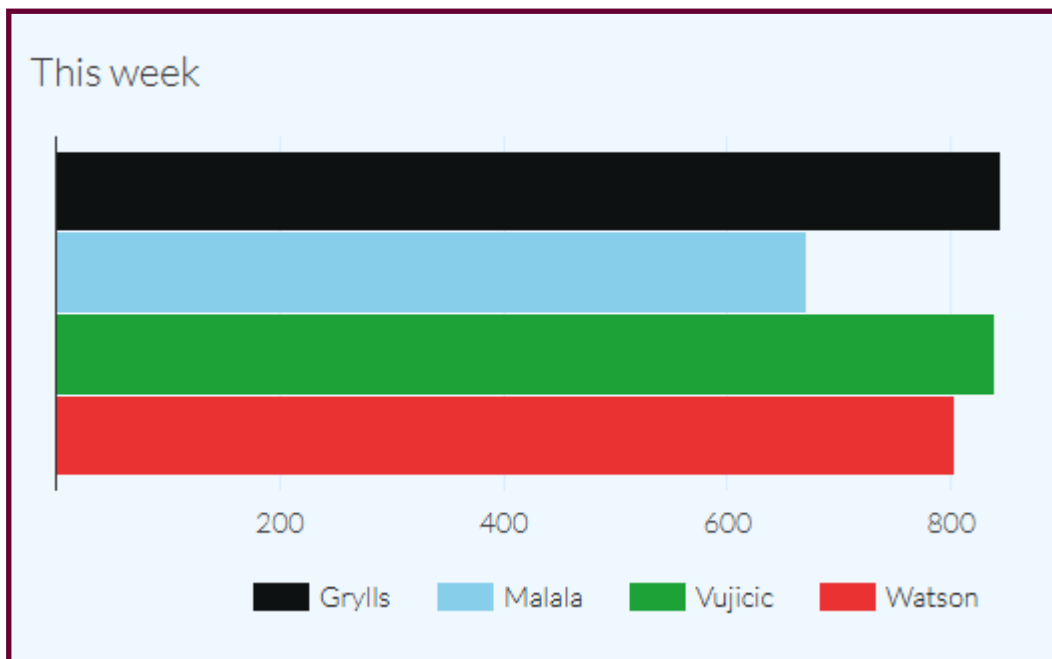
Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Transfer Day

Today saw a very successful 2025 transfer day take place. The classes were full of energy with pupils and tutors alike getting to know each other and new routines for 2025 / 26 taking place. We welcomed our new Y5 intake too who adjusted wonderfully to their new setting - we very much look forward to having them here in September.

House News



Well done to Grylls who won the week by the smallest of margins - just 5 candle credits separated them at the top.

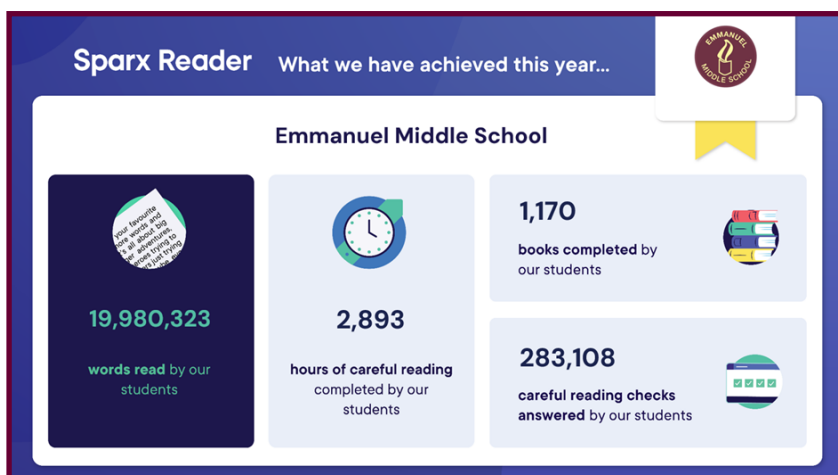
Weather

With temperatures of 30 degrees forecast for Monday we ask that pupils come to school in PE kit on Monday. In addition please can they have sunscreen applied before leaving home, have a hat and a water bottle as always.

We will send confirmation about arrangements for Tuesday clothing on Monday afternoon.

Homework: KS3

Well done to everyone who contributed to our strong completion rate in Sparx reader last week. We came 6th out of approximately 1000 schools - keep it up!



Focus on Year 8: Activity Week

Our Year 8 Activity Week was a resounding success, filled with excitement, adventure, and plenty of laughter. It was a packed programme, designed to celebrate the end of our pupils' Emmanuel journey in a fun, active and memorable way.

The week kicked off at Rock Reef climbing centre, where pupils faced their fears and challenged themselves on the walls and the High Line obstacle course. It was brilliant to see so many supporting one another and showing real determination. At Laser Quest, competition heated up in fast-paced games that brought out strategic thinking, team spirit and plenty of smiles.

Midweek saw a trip to the Dorset Adventure Park where mud, water and laughter ruled the day. Whether racing across the mud course or taking a splash in the lake, everyone embraced the fun wholeheartedly. A change of pace came with a visit to Paultons Park, where roller coasters and thrill rides gave pupils the chance to relax and enjoy a day out with friends.

Splashdown added more watery fun as slides and flumes tested their courage and brought about joyful screams. We wrapped up the week with a well-earned trip to the cinema – a chance to unwind and reflect on an unforgettable few days.

It's always a pleasure to see our pupils enjoying themselves, getting stuck in, and most importantly, making memories to finish off their Emmanuel journey. Their positivity, enthusiasm and behaviour throughout the week made us incredibly proud.

Photos of the week will be available at the end of school term with a code to access them.



Epraise Rewards

Mrs Foord has taken over the epraise reward administration and is currently trying to fill the backlog of rewards owed to children, and also add new rewards for the children to purchase and enjoy before the end of the year. We will communicate all rewards going off site via ParentMail. Rewards staying in school will be communicated to children via their tutor. These usually take place in the afternoons, meaning they are off timetable to enjoy their reward.

Skatepark reward: yesterday a group of pupils enjoyed a session at the Pottern Park - their skills were very impressive!

Clay Art Reward

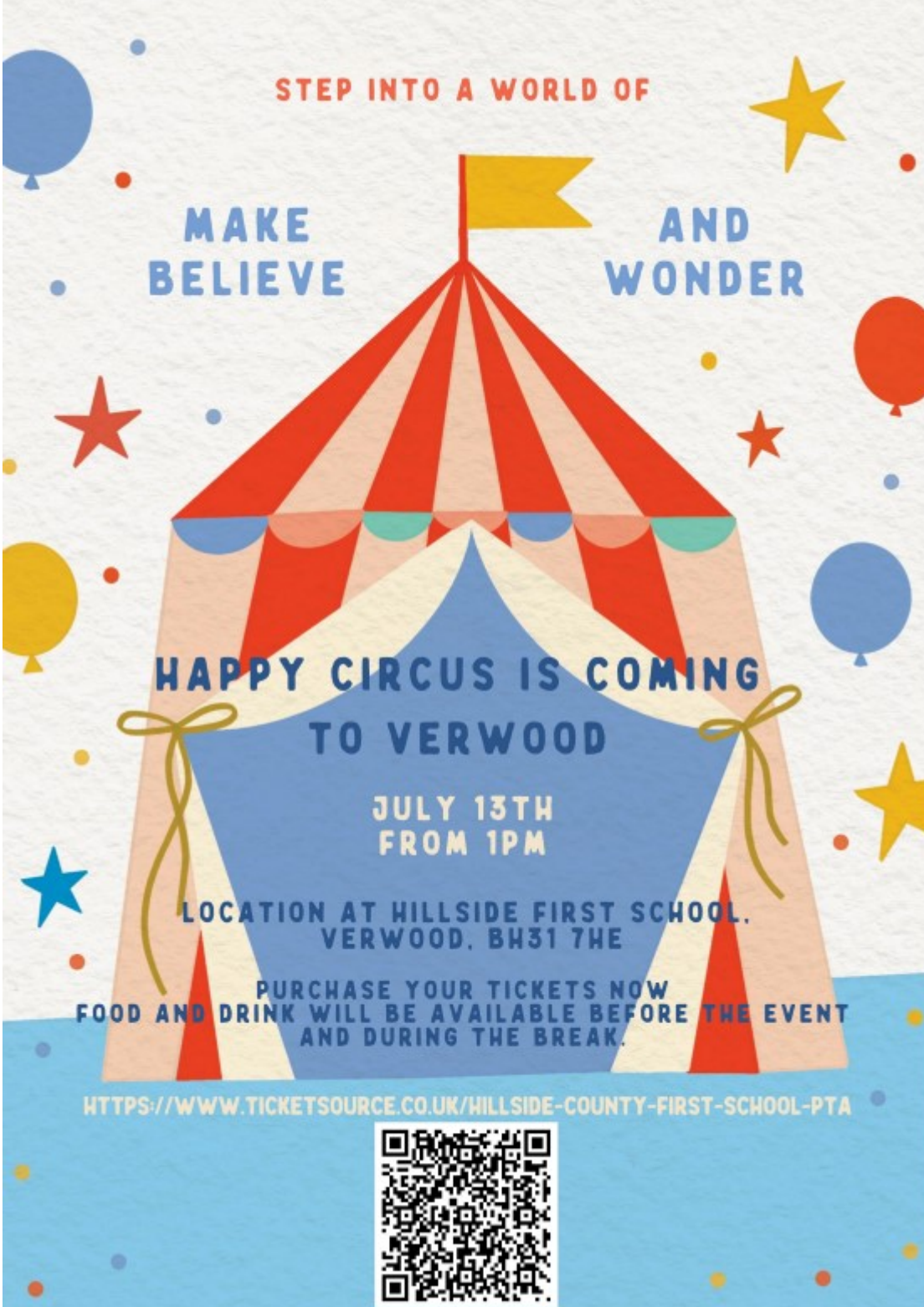
A group of pupils took part in the clay art reward with Mrs Sewell - enjoying the opportunity to widen their use of artistic materials.



All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend - hope you get the chance to enjoy the weather! We look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

Please see poster on next page for details of a circus event at Hillside First School.



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