

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

EMS PTFA 2025 Colour Run

We are very excited to announce that the PTFA are hosting a sponsored colour run on Friday 3rd October. When we ran this 2 years ago it was a fantastic and memorable event which raised a significant fund for the school. The first phase of the outdoor classroom was completed using these funds. The area has been well used throughout the year and we are excited to continue this development. Please see today's ParentMail for full details about this and how to donate sponsorship.

House News

Vujicic - 1607
Malala - 1607
Grylls - 1613
Watson - 1625

Very close in the candle credits battle this week - only 18 points separating all 4 houses!

Attendance

Year 5: 97.9%
Year 6: 98.2%
Year 7: 98.4%
Year 8: 97.7%

If your child wishes to, they may wear mufti on their birthday if it falls on a school day. If your child has celebrated their birthday in the last 10 school days, they may, if they wish, wear mufti to school on Monday 29th September. As with all mufti days please ensure clothing is suitable for school and no strappy/cropped tops, short skirts or shorts and the school's policy in relation to jewellery, hair and make-up still applies.

European Day of Languages

Today in worship our September House challenge was launched - a European Day of Languages competition tasking pupils to create a word cloud based on European landmarks and language. Candle credits for all entrants and rewards for winners! Deadline 24th October.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to all our pupils who have already secured their position as a subject ambassador. They all received their badges in Year 8 worship this week and were then celebrated in our whole school worship on Friday afternoon.

One of the key responsibilities of a leadership role in school is recognizing excellence in particular subject areas, while being good role models in school, and promoting a sense of belonging by actively participating in school life.

Year 5

In Science, 5DG had a great time exploring the Bunsen burners this week, learning how to light them and use them safely. As a result, they earned their prestigious Bunsen burner licences!



Year 5 smashed their entry assessments for Maths. They sat an arithmetic paper and a reasoning paper this week. These results will help drive our retrieval questioning and instruction this term and really allow us to focus on certain skills. Next week they will take the reading, spelling and grammar paper for English.

Year 5 Heatree Residential

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Wednesday this week to kick start the very exciting Heatree Residential. All information has been uploaded onto the school website (Parents - School Residentials) if you were unable to attend. We are asking for deposits to be made by **10am Wednesday October 1st** at the latest. Payments can be made through ParentMail. Please see the information on the website for the deposit amount.

Year 6

In Maths, across Year 6 we are having a strong focus on boosting our arithmetic skills, as this is so important. Place Value is still the topic of the week for most sets. Finally a thank you to all for such a strong push getting the first HW of the year complete. This will always be Friday to Friday, thanks to parents as well for the support.

In Science, the students observed a heart dissection as they have been learning about the circulatory system.

Year 7

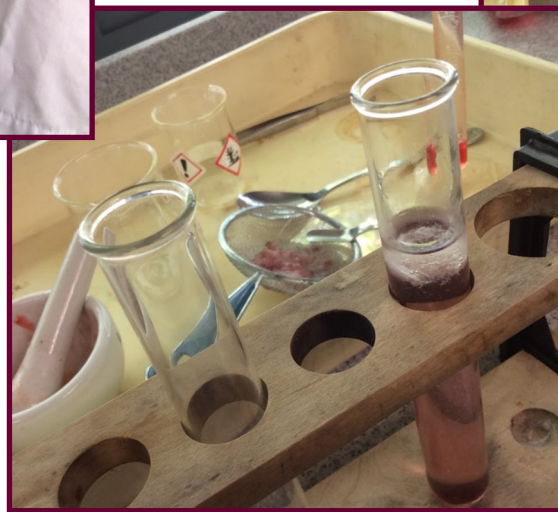
Autumn Term Year 7: ART FROM OTHER CULTURES . . . inspired by the South African Artist Esther Mahlangu. The children have been creating sketchbook pages showing the style of her work with really striking results.



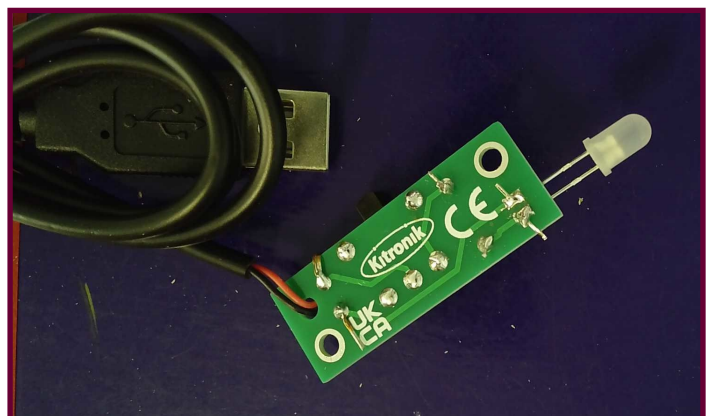
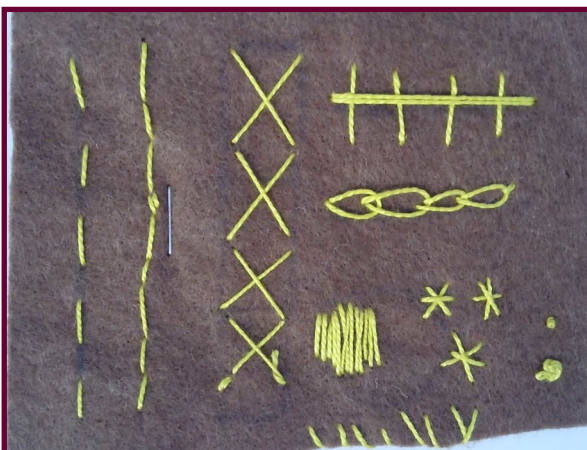
In Maths in Year 7 this week the pupils have been investigating Mathematical sequences. They have been identifying the term-to-term rule of a sequence of numbers and identifying linear, non-linear and geometric sequences.

Year 8

This week in Science, Year 8 students have been studying Inheritance and were able to extract DNA from a strawberry.



As in all year groups, Year 8 DT has begun with hard-working and motivated children. Year 8s begin cooking on Monday with making their puff pastry. In textiles we've started with hand stitching which is a brilliant fine-motor skill. They have really been working on their evenly spaced stitches. The stitches that they have been practicing are running, back, cross, chain, satin, French Knots and blanket stitch. The Year 8 Product Designers have been learning a new skill of soldering, where they have been putting together their circuits for their desk lamps. They have listened brilliantly and they have all managed to get their circuits working.



Parent Helpers

Please could anyone who would like to help out in any way in the school speak to the school office letting them know what days or times they would be able to come in to support. Extra adults are always well-received - particularly in Food Technology at present. You make a huge difference.

All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday - hopefully after a weekend that sees the sun return!

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker