

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Attendance

Year 5 96.3%

Year 6 95.9%

Year 7 96.5%

Year 8 95.2%

There are times when your child may be too ill to attend school. It is **REALLY IMPORTANT** that you phone the school each day of absence and let them know that your child will not be in - this is for safeguarding purposes as we need to know where your child is in case you believe them to be at school and we have no registration mark for them.

To aid with absence reporting we have today switched on the ability to report your child's absence via the Arbor App under Attendance. This can only be used for reporting absences on the day. Please ensure you include a detailed reason for any absence (eg. type of illness or appointment - please do not just enter "unwell" or "sick"). All absences should be reported to the school by 9.00am at the latest each day via email to office@emmanuelmiddle.org, absence telephone message on 01202 828100 Option 1 or on the Arbor App.

It can be hard to work out if your child is too ill - do click on the NHS link for some useful advice.

[NHS Is my child too ill for school](#)

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you online to our subject parents' evenings next Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th November. Please follow the guidance on the previous email about how to use SchoolCloud to sign up and book your appointments. Please remember that these meetings are online and not face to face. Please note there will be no after school clubs on Thursday 27th as a result (KS3 football with Mr Osborne and Mr Sibley on Tuesday 25th will still take place).

House News

This has been a huge week for Malala who have taken on the monthly challenge of litter picking with incredible commitment bagging at least 300 bonus candle credits in the process. The totals will be updated for next week - this huge effort will have had a dramatic effect on the inter house totals.



Year 5

In Year 5 Humanities the children have started a geographical topic on longitude and latitude. They have learnt all about how we locate places around the globe using the lines of latitude and longitude, why we have day and night, and why we have different time zones.

In Art this week Year 5 have made Keith Haring inspired Christmas decorations using recycled card and string for the Verwood Christmas Tree festival at St Michael's Church. The theme this year is Verwoodians on Waste. The pupils' decorations will be on the EMS tree at St Michael's Church in Verwood from Friday 28th November till Sunday 30th November 10am-4pm.



Year 6

The Year 6 Product Design group have been working on their designs for the side of their cars that they have been making. To do this they have learnt how to use 2D Design, where they have drawn their design to scale on the computer, making sure all measurements fit the dimensions of their axles. These designs have been cut out on the laser cutter and they have started painting them.



The year 6 textiles group have been learning how to sew a zip onto the sides of their pencil case that they have been decorating with paint, felt appliques and hand stitching. They have learnt the difference in the types of pressure foot that they use and the importance of making their pencil case right sides together (inside out).

Year 7

In Science Year 7 pupils are currently exploring a range of contact and non-contact forces in their Science lessons (a Physics based unit). The pupils enjoyed the 'Forces Circus' practical - whereby they rotated through a selection of experiments, investigating friction, upthrust, air resistance and electrostatic force. Balancing a ping-pong ball on the warm air-jet of a hairdryer proved particularly fun! The classes will soon be moving on to look at force diagrams and then studying friction / drag in more detail. Well-done Year 7!

In French the children continued to construct sentences to compare and contrast people's appearances and personality traits and have watched a French film to embed this.

Year 8

In Maths over the past week, the children have all completed a mid-term assessment, going over their previous topics taught this year. We are now just finishing off the unit of algebraic manipulation, **which is far more fun than it sounds**, and will be moving on to coordinates and graphs.

500 Words

Last week was the closing date for the BBC 500 Words writing competition. Here are some of our Year 6 children with their certificates for entering. We should know if anyone has made it through to the second round just before Christmas. Good luck everyone!



School Production

The backstage set design team started this week making the props for the production. The students were all very excited and there was a great vibe in the Product Design room. We will give you a few glimpses of what they have been working on as we go.



Sporting News

Panathlon

Twenty of our new year 8 sports leaders helped run this year's Panathlon event hosted in the Emmanuel sports hall. The morning involved 7 different schools between years 3 and 4 competing in a variety of activities to gain as many points as possible in order to gain some medals and win a trophy for their school! The afternoon session involved year 5 and 6 students, including some Emmanuel middle pupils. After an amazing effort from all, the year 6 team from Emmanuel won! A huge thank you to all staff that helped and to all the kids for giving it their best effort. They were all fantastic.



Other Sports News

Lily Kendrick has had a couple of fantastic weekends of swimming!

Last weekend she competed in the 1500m freestyle (for the first time) at the Seagulls & Swim Bournemouth Club Championships and is now ranked 4th in England in the national rankings (for her age/birth year)!

This weekend she won 10 medals in the Swim Bournemouth Level 2 open meet. What a fantastic achievement!



FACE (Family Advice - Communication - Education)

Following the information contained in last week's bulletin concerning these free sessions available to our families, I thought it may be useful to read the feedback we have received from one of our parents:

"I just wanted to thank you for the opportunity to do these online courses. I have attended 3 now and I have found them incredibly informative and helpful. The handouts and recordings are great so you can refer back to them if needed.

I have booked onto more over the next few weeks and have also had a one-to-one chat with the course facilitator who has given me some very useful advice. I really appreciate your membership for this. I would advise any parents that have challenges or difficulties at home to attend."

All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend and leave you with news that we raised £382.80 for Children In Need last week. Thank you for your support.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker