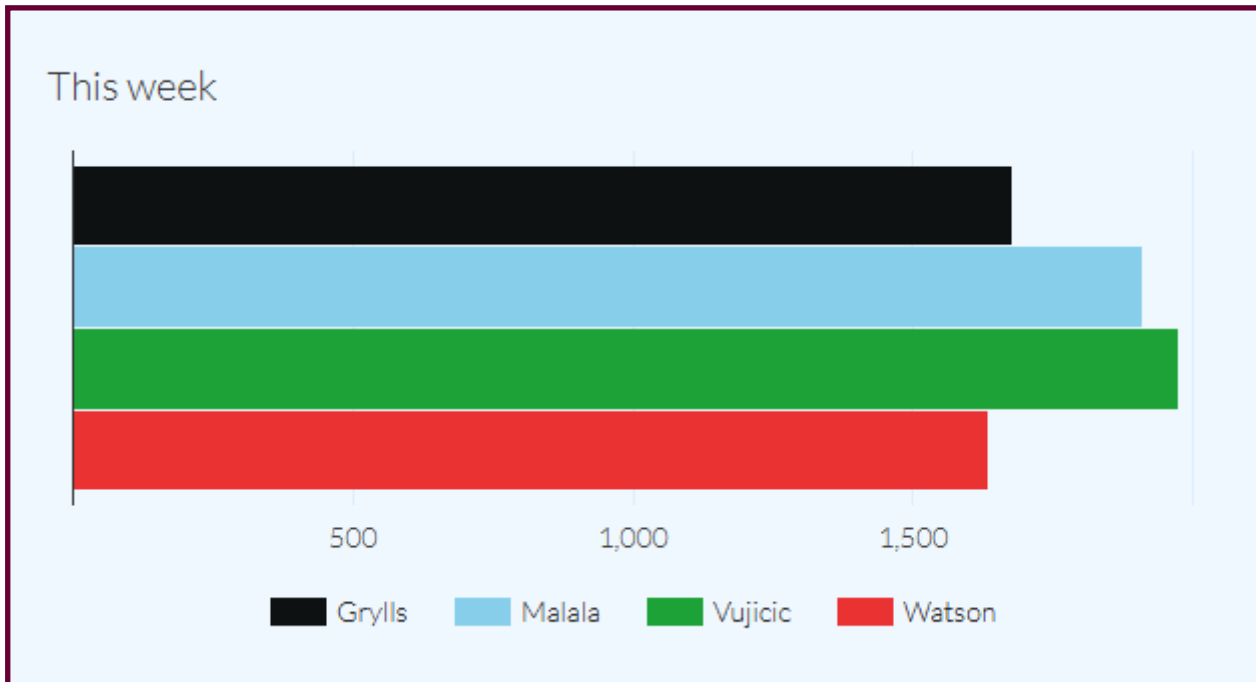


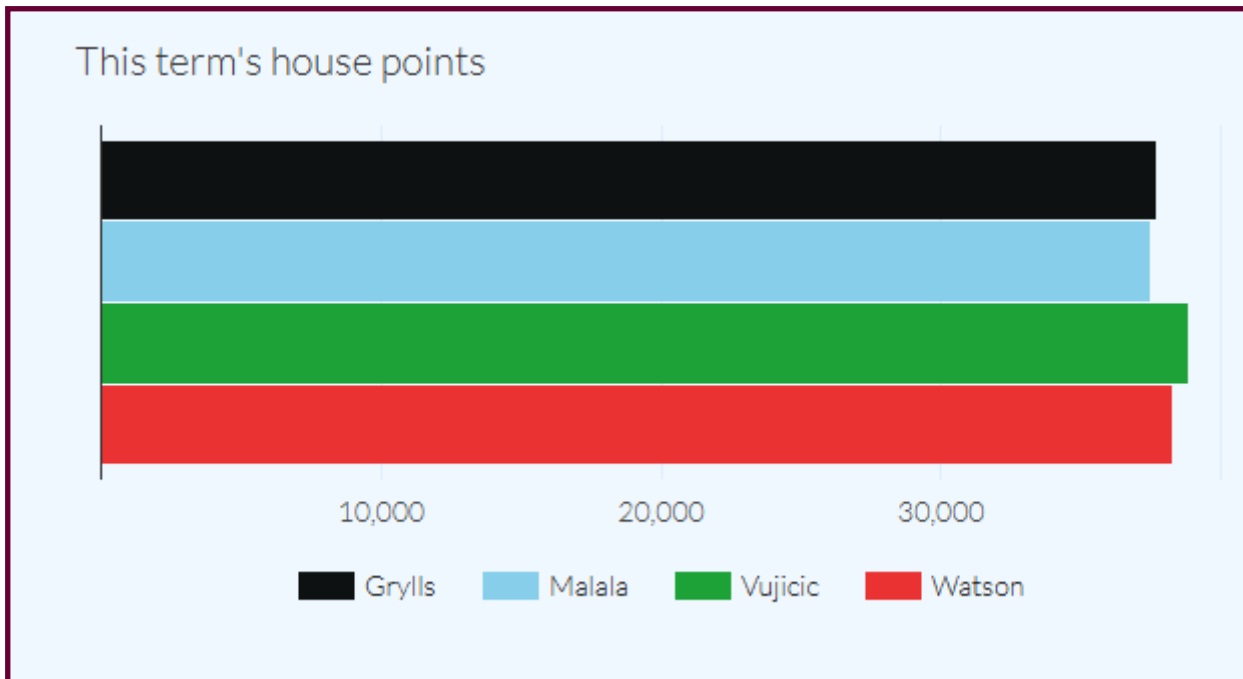
Dear Parents/Carers,

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

House News



Well done to Vujicic for being the highest earning House this week ahead of Malala in second place. As shown below in terms of the year long race for the trophy Vujicic are in the lead with the other three Houses all very closely matched.



December House Challenge: Baubles

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our December House challenge and created a wonderful bauble for our Christmas tree. The house with the most participation was Malala who took home 400 bonus candle credits for their fantastic engagement. Grylls and Vujicic were joint second in participation and take 250 candle credits each and Watson with 100 CCs in 4th place.

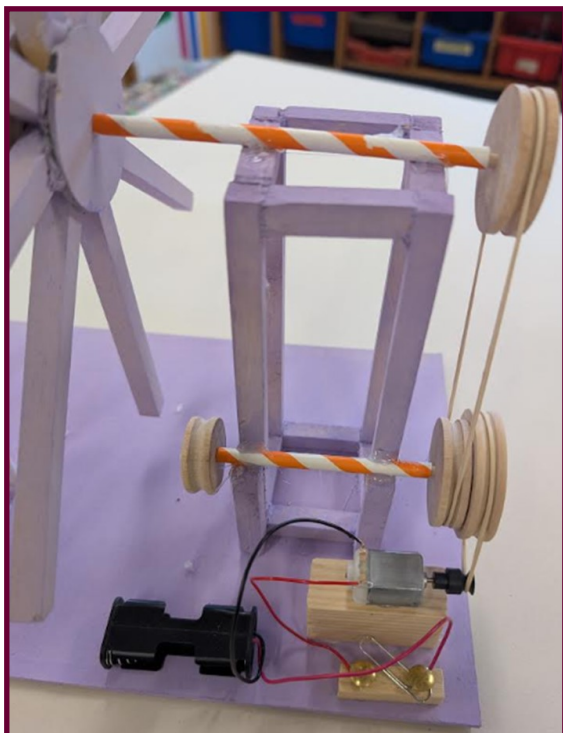
Carol Service

Tuesday evening saw our annual church carol service in St. Michael's Church. It was a wonderful and uplifting occasion with fantastic performances from our musicians, choir, readers and tech team. Well done to everyone involved.



Year 5

In Product Design this term, Year 5 have been working hard to complete their Fairground Rides. They have revisited previous Year 4 learning on electrical circuits to ensure their Ferris wheel spins efficiently, whilst having a working pulley system attached to their frame and baseboard. This took a lot of perseverance and teamwork! Year 5 have learnt so many skills from accurate measuring to using a tenon saw to delegating roles within their partners. Well done on creating some fantastic Fairground Rides. You should hopefully be seeing this at home this week in one piece!



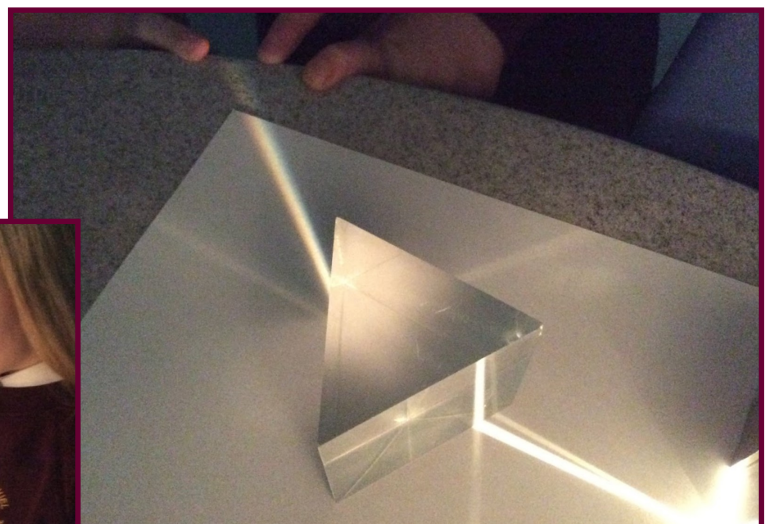
In Music this half term, Year 5 have been looking at Christmas music from all over the world. They have enjoyed learning about interesting traditions - particularly in Africa, they eat fried caterpillars as a Christmas treat! Favourite songs include, 'Christmas on the Beach of Waikiki' from Hawaii, 'Carol of the Bells' from Ukraine, and 'Boogie Woogie Santa' (dance moves pictured below) from America.



Year 6

In Computing, Year 6 have been working really hard this half term learning all about networks and the history behind the internet. This unit allowed the children to practise their researching skills to complete their work each week. We look forward to starting our work with spreadsheets and Lego robots in the new year!

In Science, Year 6 are currently investigating light, looking this week at white light and how we see colour. They used a prism to split light into a spectrum:



In Wellbeing this half term we have been looking at British Values and how they relate to what we do at EMS. We have researched our local and national governments and talked about Diversity and how Diverse Britain is.

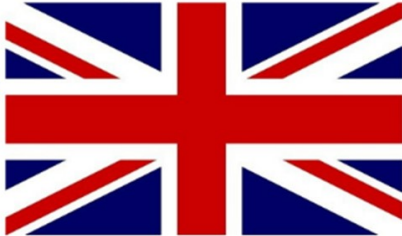
BRITISH VALUES

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

- FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOR ALL
- THE RIGHT TO MAKE OUR OWN CHOICES

THE RULE OF LAW

- UNDERSTANDING RULES AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT
- FOLLOWING RULES TO DEVELOP ORDER



MUTUAL RESPECT


- TREATING OTHERS AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED
- RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER
- WORKING TOGETHER

TOLERANCE

- LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT FAITHS AND CULTURES
- LISTEN TO OTHER VIEWPOINTS
- LEARNING ABOUT DIVERSITY

DEMOCRACY

- MAKING DECISIONS TOGETHER
- THE RIGHT TO AN OPINION/VOICE



This week in Art, Year 6 have completed their People in Action wire sculptures, inspired by the Italian Artist Alberto GIACOMETTI. More images are on the school Art Instagram account.



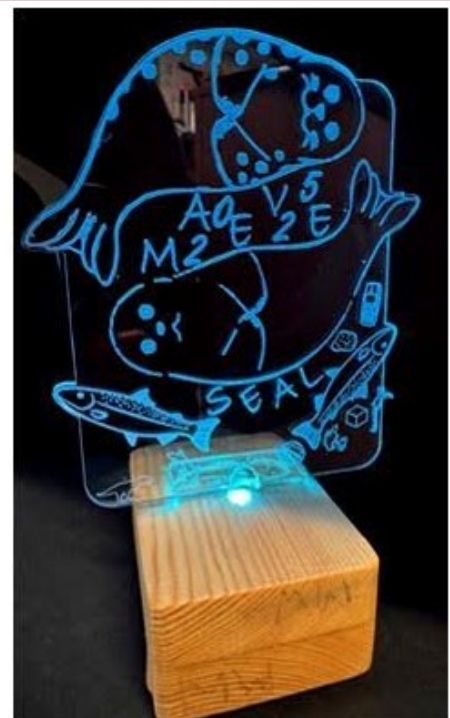
Year 7

In PE our pupils have been focussing on their core performance within their trampolining unit where they have been understanding how rotation helps aid movements and create a sequence of movements. This culminates in performing their 7 bounce routine in which they have been assessed this week.

In Music this half term we have been studying the blues. We learned about the origins of blues music in the deep south of America in the late 1800's and went on to learn to play a 12 bar blues pattern using keyboards to play the 3 primary chords - C, F and G. Improvisation forms a key element of blues and as such we have begun to use a blues scale to begin improvising along to the 12 bar sequence.

Year 8

What an amazing group of pupils have just completed their Year 8 Product Design project on the manufacture of USB lamps! The unit involved 3 distinct elements. The electronics element involved soldering components (resistors and an LED bulb) to a printed circuit board. The 'wood work' element involved the children using tenon and coping saws to shape their lamps bases and create a storage compartment for their PCBs and electronics. The final 2D design element involved the creation of a computer designed acrylic topper onto which the light from the lamp's base was projected. These were particularly imaginative and well executed. The 3 elements combined to create a well finished, functional USB lamp. The perfect Christmas gift, or a product design souvenir to cherish from the children's time in Year 8.



Year 8 Moors Valley Work Experience Christmas Task Results

Well done to the following pupils who produced an excellent standard of work for the follow-up to our work experience trip to Moors Valley. The pupils worked in pairs or small groups to design a Christmas event with a trail at Moors Valley Country Park. They were also asked to think about the staff they would need to run the event as well as researching the qualifications they would need to have to fulfil those roles. They had to think about how long the working shifts could be and who would be attending to issues such as First Aid, Maintenance and Safety. The final part of the task was to write a press release to advertise the event. These pupils have had work selected to go to Moors Valley to be assessed:

8JP

Ellie-Mae and Lexi
Megan and Roxi
Fin and Sam

8FR

Jazzy and Eliza
Lana and Megan
Alex and Finley

8CM

Chloe and Lydia
Harriet and Evie
Lexi and Lara

8MR

Amelia and Abi
Skye and Mimi
Lorenzo, Matteo and Will



We look forward to announcing the overall winners in the new year.

JP Morgan “Make it Happen” Competition

We were delighted to invite Amy from JP Morgan back to school to announce the winners of the “Make it Happen” Competition. This exciting STEM competition was part of JP Morgan’s community programme called “Tech for Social Good” which has been developed to inspire students to design an App that can be used by family and friends.

The overall winner was Veronika from Year 8 who based her app on identifying different types of dinosaurs. This was a huge success and was played by the whole school at the presentation. Veronika received a tablet for all her hard work and her app will be made available for us to use in the new year. Well deserved runners up were Delilah for her “Safety First “ app and Edward for his “ Body Invaders “ app. They also won brilliant prizes.

Amy also wanted the following pupils to be recognised for all their excellent designs:

Year 5

Alex “Live like a Human”
Elsie “My Homework”

Year 6

Savanna “Buddy”
Oliver “Comic King”

Year 7

Romilly “ My Lily Pad”
Aaron “Treasure Time”

Year 8

Alex and Lewis “Company Simulator”



Textiles Lunch Club

The textiles lunch club has been making reindeer Christmas. These have been carefully hand stitched together. As you can see they have been made fantastically.



STEM Club

In our STEM club we are investigating the growth of microorganisms and ways of inhibiting their growth. The results of investigating areas where the most microorganisms were found was interesting. After Christmas we will be trying to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

All that is left is to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope the holiday break is restful. We look forward to seeing all the children return on Tuesday 6th January (with Monday 5th January being an INSET day).

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

School Uniform Supplier

Please find below, for your information, Bartlett's of Wimborne's opening hours over the Christmas period.



Christmas Opening Hours

Saturday 20 December	9:20 - 16:30
Monday 22 December until New Years Day	CLOSED
Friday 2 January 2026	9:20 - 16:30

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