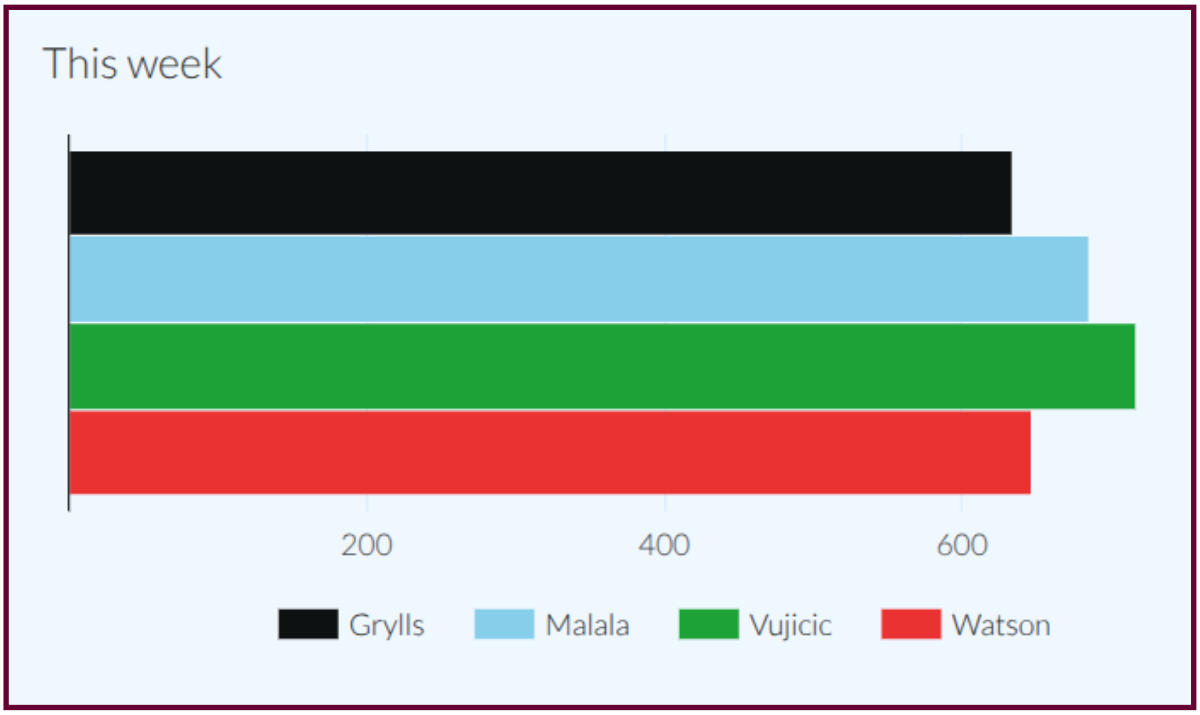
EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN

9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

House News



Big week for Vujicic - a strong victory in the weekly chart which has closed the gap on Grylls in the term long standings.

A reminder that there are two house competitions currently running which will give pupils the chance to earn candle credits for their houses: the European Day of Languages competition (French vocabulary bookmark) and Harvest (donations).

Meet the Tutor

We look forward to meeting our families at the Meet the Tutor event being held on Tuesday 13th October. If you have not already booked your time slot with your child's tutor(s) please use the link sent earlier this week to do so. Please remember that these meetings are face to face at school.

Year 5

The topic in Year 5 Wellbeing this term is 'health and wellbeing'. So far we have learnt about emotions and feelings when starting a new school, what healthy and unhealthy friendships might look like and how to resolve conflicts. We also looked at the fundamental British Values and how we show these here at Emmanuel Middle School, for example, showing mutual respect by actively listening to others and allowing others to voice their opinions.

In P.E. this week the classes have been continuing their learning on invasion games. They have been exploring how passing and then moving into space can move defenders around and create attacking opportunities.

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Year 6

Year 6 Food this week has been learning how to make butter out of double cream. They have looked at the process and then put it into practice. The students were fascinated by this and loved testing the butter that they made on crackers. In Textiles the pupils have been looking at ways they can add paint to their pencil cases by practicing how to make stencils and the technique of marbling their fabric, they are always amazed with the results that they get. The Product design group have been focusing on glue gun safety so that they can put the chassis of the cars together as well as adding triangulation to help support and stabilise their frames.

This term in PE, Year 6 pupils have been diving into the world of invasion games through rugby and netball! They are hard at work sharpening their throwing and catching techniques, learning how to make strategic passes during small-sided matches. Alongside building these game-specific skills, students are gaining a strong understanding of the rules while demonstrating fantastic fair play and sportsmanship on the field and court.

Year 7

Congratulations to Year 7, who have just completed their very first Science assessment in Key Stage 3 on particle theory! The results were great, with a few students even achieving a perfect 100%. Next up, they are diving into Biology to learn all about cells - including preparing their own slide samples to view under the microscopes.

In History this term, our Year 7 pupils have been investigating the turning point events of 1066, starting with writing speeches and voting on who the next king should be. They then moved on to studying the events of the year before beginning to answer the question 'Why did William win the Battle of Hastings?' I have been really impressed with the quality of written work they have produced but also their enthusiasm and creativity. We have a lot of talented, budding historians this year.

Year 8

Year 8 English classes are in the midst of their book study this term of ‘Long Way Down’. They have focused on the use of figurative language, visual structure, and authorial choices within the poem as they read through the chapters. Each chapter introduces a new idea for the protagonist, and Year 8 children have explored and debated the various viewpoints motivating the choices of characters encountered throughout the narrative, using their oracy skills to put forward their own ideas and commentary.



The French Year 8 Autumn Term topic is making free time choices. They have completed work about activities they usually or sometimes enjoy and now they are moving onto describing what they like doing which involves more complexity in their sentence structures. Embedded within all learning are study strategies like retrieval of high frequency words like "I like" and "During the week" and use of cognates.

Over the past 3 lessons in Art, Year 8 have been working on a sustained pencil Still Life composition. They have been looking specifically at contour outlines and then adding tone to make their drawings appear 3D.

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This is the time of year for pumpkins, apples, butternut squashes and beetroots and Year 8s had the opportunity to conjure up a seasonal feast this week in Food tech. Imaginations whirred, ovens and saucepans were heated up and some delicious food suddenly appeared! Some were a little heavy on the salt but congratulations 8CM on some lovely creations.







All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

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Key dates (subject to change):

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 13th October	Year 5 Greek Day with Treehouse Theatre
Tuesday 13th October	Meet the Tutor Evening
Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Viking Day with Treehouse Theatre
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Pupils return to school
Friday 6th November	PTFA Disco
Monday 9th - Thursday 12th November	Year 6 Mock SATS
Wednesday 18th November	Parents in to look at Year 5 and 6 Work (Drop in between 1435 and 1520)
Thursday 26th November	Subject Parents' Evening
Tuesday 1st December	Subject Parents' Evening
Friday 11th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term




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FACE

October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

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FREE talk for parents

22 October 7-8pm

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