

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are so many positives to celebrate this week. The 5 - 1 victory the Year 6 football team had at Cranborne was an example.

I am heartened and grateful for the support shown this week from the community in Verwood. Moving forward, I am eager to foster a greater connection with our community partners and will use this platform to keep you abreast of developments.

It was great to see so many Year 4 parents; some new, many familiar, on Tuesday at our open day and evening. Behind the scenes my amazing team here worked tirelessly to ensure the school looked fabulous for you. This even included a few late night painting sessions in the hall.

Over the summer term staff 'de-cluttered' their classrooms and it was very satisfying to see many of you familiar to the school acknowledge the transformation. In addition to this, many purple boxes have appeared in maths classrooms. Mrs Jeffs has been busy spending approximately £5k providing resources to support the teaching of maths at EMS focused around the Maths No Problem and Singapore approach.

The standout pupils of the week are Shannon Doherty and Ryan Kearn for their amazing, word perfect speech they delivered in front of approx. 200 adults during our Open evening presentation. Our pupils never cease to amaze me with their talents. Another fine example of never putting a ceiling of what we are capable of achieving. A feather in the cap for Carol Dweck's Growth Mindset model. More info here: <https://mindsetonline.com/>

In addition to Shannon and Ryan, I also applaud the fine work of the Year 8 Ambassadors. During the morning they led excellent tours of the school and were very informative. A huge thank you to all pupils who assisted staff during the evening supporting and running many activities that were enjoyed by our guests.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rob Christopher

Year 5 in the news:

Year 5 had the amazing Ben from Treehouse Theatre to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Greek era. Did you know that our democratic rights originated from this period?

Year 6 in the news:

Year 6 have spent this week completing their Mock SATs. This has two key advantages: the pupils begin to become familiar with formal test conditions and the structure of the papers. The past two years have shown that pupils don't complete the papers in time and this type of practise will help. The second advantage is the information it provides, in addition to on-going classwork, to best support and challenge our pupils.

Year 7 in the news:

Year 7 - it is always a pleasure hearing pupils leading assemblies. I believe this week's class - 7HF received a round of applause. Well done!

Year 8 in the news:

Year 8 and 5 Buddying took place on Wednesday with Show and Tell. One of our lovely year 8 pupils even brought in their newly (the same day) cut arm cast as their exhibit. It is great to see genuine relationships develop between each end of your school. It is really addressing some of the concerns of the younger children.

Diary dates:

w/c Monday 13 November - No Put Down Week

Friday 17 November - Children in Need Cake Sale

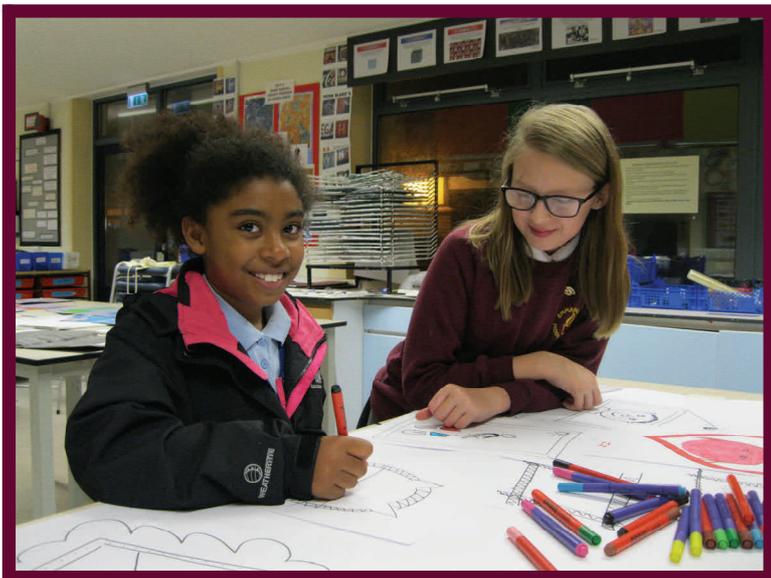
Tuesday 21 November - Maths information evening. Open to all to hear about how maths is being taught at EMS. Presentation starts at 6pm - details to follow.

Tuesday 28 November - Parents evening hosted by Wimborne Academy Trust. Open to all, presentation begins at 7pm.

A week in pictures:



YEAR 5 TREEHOUSE THEATRE GREEK DAY



OPEN EVENING ACTIVITIES