

Dear Parents,

What a week! The sprint to the finish line began this week. So much to fit in during the final weeks. On Monday evening, the buzz and excitement in the hall for the Year 4 Parents evening was fantastic. Mrs Weir dazzled during her presentation, I know if either of my girls were coming to EMS I would feel confident it was the right school for them. We also welcomed Miss Stinson, fresh off the plane from Arizona, to join the team alongside Mr Brennan and Mrs Prestage. The highlight was the video presentation made by Ataya, Ava, Toby and Owen. The confidence and clarity they spoke with, alongside their manner was well received. It really drove home the maturity developed across the year.

On Tuesday night 30 of our Year 7 pupils and 4 of our staff travelled to Winchester after school to watch the Oddsocks' production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, but not before enjoying their dinner at Prezzo. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening, the performance was fantastically funny and for some, their first experience of a theatre production.

We concluded the parent evening consultations on Tuesday. It was great to see so many parents across the two evenings, with Tuesday being busier. I welcome your feedback regarding the change made this year. The earlier report home with an opportunity to meet staff for further discussion, did this work for you? No tutor comment, did you miss it? Does it add value? Emails into the office gratefully received.

Year 8 pupils have had a great activities week. The range of activities and experiences for each child across the week was fantastic. The addition of Rock Reef and Lazer Quest was well received. The courage and determination shown by several pupils in our group at Rock Reef was a joy, not to mention Mrs Munson holding on at the top of the giant slide! Impressive strength and endurance. The pupils have been a great advert for EMS out in the community and I hope this carries on at Paulton's Park today. Huge thanks to Mrs Childs and Mr Rangdale for organising the trip, thank you to staff and volunteers for their hard work and enabling the trips to take place, without this we would not have the required adult:child ratio. More information to follow in the summer newsletter.

Well done to our Year 7 Sports Leaders who attended their first event at Verwood First School. The feedback was very positive and, having spoken to the pupils, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This is a great start for them leading into next year. The quality of applications for the Ambassador roles suggests this group will be fine leaders in school next year.

Year 6 are geared up and ready for the Isle of Wight trip next week. Thank you to parents who have brought in medical forms and medicines - it always helps to have these in advance. Please remember to pack extra sun lotion, a refillable water bottle and a hat. The weather forecast is great and I look forward to hearing about the activities throughout.

Hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the wonderful weather.

Rob Christopher

Please note that due to the Year 6 Isle of Wight trip next week there will be no Orchestra after school on Monday and no Athletics after school on Thursday.

A WEEK IN PICTURES



Pre Theatre Dinner for the Year 7s.

