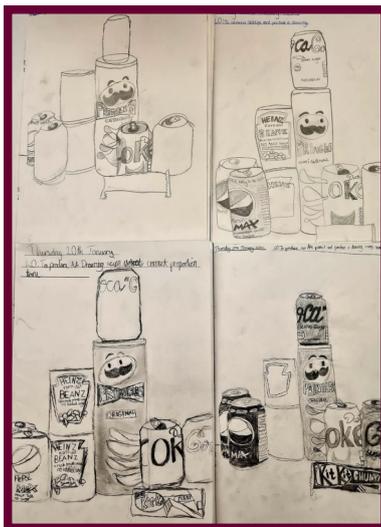


Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week in school with the children doing themselves proud with their curriculum work and engagement with extracurricular activities. Yesterday, on Holocaust Memorial Day, Year 6 spent the morning in an Immersive Day to mark the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The pupils were off-timetable for lessons one to four and participated in a variety of workshops which explored themes around Judaism and The Holocaust. They pieced together the timeline of events and dressed in numbered white T-shirts to represent the dehumanisation forced upon the victims of the time. In addition, they studied a selection of stories around children in the Holocaust whilst in an Art session they created butterflies to represent 'The Butterfly Poem' by Pavbel Friedmann. At Emmanuel we are committed to delivering an age appropriate and meaningful Holocaust education - the pupils worked really well and showed maturity in dealing with the challenging subject.



There have been a few unseasonably warm days this week and the lunchtimes have been a real highlight seeing so many pupils playing such an active role in their House community. Tuesdays see inter house football matches and there was a strong student crowd to enjoy the games which were played in a good spirit. Dance and gymnastics are enjoyed by House groups mid-week and today the fierce competition in dodgeball brought the week to an entertaining end. Really well done to all the pupils who represented their Houses this week.



In addition, we are so lucky to have such committed Year 8 sports leaders. It has been great to watch the year 5 and 6 pupils have structured games to enjoy in their lunch break - whilst also watching the leadership skills of the Year 8s grow.

As mentioned in worship last week, there will soon be more non-sporting inter-house competitions starting with quizzing and an Art contest in the pipeline. The Year 8 Art lesson I watched showed the level of competition will be very high!

I observed observational drawing for their Still Life project this term, specifically looking at Composition and Tone and the key elements of Art. This was a chance to produce a sustained drawing, really observing, focusing and implementing the key elements in Art into their A4 sketchbook drawings.

To mark National Croissant Day this Sunday, and superbly supported by KS3 Language Leaders, the KS2 French Club took the opportunity to research the humble croissant and taste-test some of Morrison's finest!

They learned its name comes from its shape (croissant = crescent), it evolved from an Austrian pastry, the Kipferl, you can buy them in a patisserie (cake shop) or a boulangerie (bakery) and the French love to dunk them into a bowl of 'chocolat chaud' (hot chocolate) as a key part of breakfast!



Anyone keen to enjoy a taste of France like this should think about signing up for the E-Praise French Reward! The KS2 French Club meets on a Wednesday lunchtime in the library from 1.20pm.

Well done to all the children for their sustained efforts across the wide range of school opportunities they receive. I wish everyone a great weekend.

Mr Barker, Deputy Headteacher