

Dear Parents/Carers,

Great atmosphere in school today as we showed our support to Comic Relief. 5FW opened Worship this week with a great recount of how important the work is and the difference it makes. Thank you for your support.

Parents' evening was well attended, some lovely conversations and a great opportunity for staff to share the hard work of the pupils and next steps in their learning. With regard to attitude to learning scores, we moved from a five to a four point scale a couple of years ago to remove a non-committal middle score. We hope that all pupils score a three and some will even hit a four. A three is exactly what we want and for pupils to be pleased they meet our values and expectations. We are looking forward to the second round of meetings next Wednesday. Apologies for the missing text about limiting the number of slots per pupil. Thank you for making the changes that allowed more parents to book appointments.

Transition to Upper School is well under-way, good meetings and communication already taking place with both QE and Ferndown. There is also enhanced work being offered through Emma Payne from the Youth Club and Jo Hutson, Youth Worker. As we move into the final term there will be lots of on-site events to look forward to.

Year 6 are currently studying World War II in History. Lots of excellent questions raised regarding the situation in Ukraine as they take in key facts and events and naturally make connections. The curiosity shown is great to see, and don't be surprised if questions are raised at home.

We gathered in the hall to celebrate Science week on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Mrs Etheridge and her Science Ambassadors led an action packed event with dry-ice, potions and some impressive tablecloth pulling! The less said about breaking plates the better! Pupils were mesmerised throughout, but also answered some very demanding questions, particularly our year 5 and 6 groups. The photos attached are great but don't capture the connection with the audience. Well done to all involved.



We have two members of staff out with Covid this week. This has resulted in some classes being taught in the school hall and others merged for PE. Well done to pupils who have maintained their work ethos despite a change in routine and thank you to staff who have been teaching these classes and giving up their planning time to fill in. We have a couple of pupils returning tomorrow and four further isolating as the week finishes.

The week ended with some fine weather and it was so great to feel the warmth of the sunshine. Fingers crossed for the good weather that's been mentioned for April and hopefully the Easter break. Have a great weekend,

Mr Christopher

For Comic Relief the pupils were asked to submit their favourite joke. Everyone received House Points for entering - the winners received 20 points each and bags of sweets. Winners are as follows:-

## Year 5 Winners

Alice P - 5MB

Two snakes are talking - the first one asks 'Are we venomous?' The other replies 'Yes - why?' The first snake says ' Because I just bit my tongue.'

Lottie T-B - 5MB

My Grandad was driving down a country lane and he hit a hare. He got out of his car and a truck pulled up behind him. The man inside asked 'What happened?'

My Grandad replied ' I hit this hare and it feels wrong to leave it here.' The man went to the back of his truck and said he had just the thing. He pulled out a spray can and sprayed it all over the hare who instantly jumped up and waved. He kept doing this until he was out of sight. My Grandad asked what was in the spray can so the man showed him. The label said:- Hairspray / Natural Hair Restorer / Permanent Wave.

## Runners up

Imogen H - 5FW

What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

One has claws at the end of its paws - the other is a pause at the end of a clause.

Taya S-W - 5LE

What is a bull called when it is asleep?

A Bulldozer!

## Year 6 Winners (very difficult to choose from so many entries!)

Imogen C - 6KA

What do you call a parrot and a centipede?

A Walkie-Talkie!

Charlie P - 6KA

Did you hear about the Italian Chef that died this morning?

He pasta way!

Olivia B - 6KA

A man was washing his car with his son. His son 'Dad - can't you just use a sponge?!'

## Runners up

Alex S - 6JB

At the bank, a woman asked me to check her balance so I pushed her over.

Stanley Z - 6JH

I'm worried about my maths exams - I think my chances of passing are 40:40

Holly M

Two aerals met on a roof, fell in love and got married - the ceremony was rubbish, but the reception was great!

## Year 7 Winners

Lucy K - 7JJ

There once was a purple man who lived in a purple house on a purple island and one day he got up and sailed across the purple sea to another purple island where he fell asleep on the purple grass. When he woke up he turned and looked at the purple sea and saw his purple boat floating away, leaving him all alone on the purple island. Then he exclaimed ' Oh No! I've been marooned!'

Will N - 7JJ

What happened when the cheese factory exploded?

There was de-Brie everywhere!

## Runners up

Hattie J & Isabelle H

My Mum told my sister she was an angel, so I threw her off the balcony to see if she would fly - she didn't!

Thanks to everyone for entering!