

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at EMS draws to a close and with no residentials, SATs or Ofsted this week it's been a return to normal school routines with the children busy in their classrooms. In Year 6, while the SATs tests are finished, the focus has now shifted to writing, with moderated teacher assessments being submitted in late June to provide an end of key stage result along with the reading, SPAG and Maths results from the tests.

After half-term we will return to using the changing rooms for years 6, 7 and 8 pupils. The reasons for this include: personal development of organising equipment and routines needed elsewhere (leisure centres, upper school, the beach etc). Health: linked to personal hygiene and for pupils to be back into school uniform during the school day. I acknowledge there are reasons to maintain current practice, but want to stress that this decision has not been made because it is what we have always done.

Parents of Year 7 and 8 pupils should have received an email today from Tassomai. You will continue to receive weekly updates of your child's progress on Tassomai. You can also create a parent account if you wish - the link for this will be included in the email from hello@tassomai.com. This will give you greater access to your child's information in Tassomai. You can unsubscribe from the reports at any time.

There have been numerous epraise reward sessions this week including yoga with Miss Emerson and Art with Mrs Christopher. Here, pupils designed Doves for Ukraine to be part of an installation for school . . . Doves for Peace.

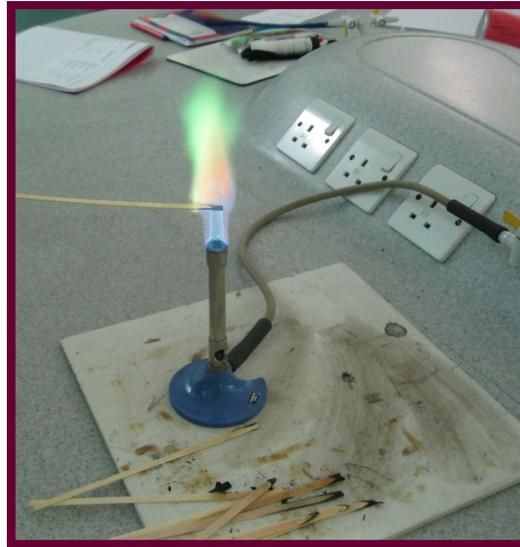
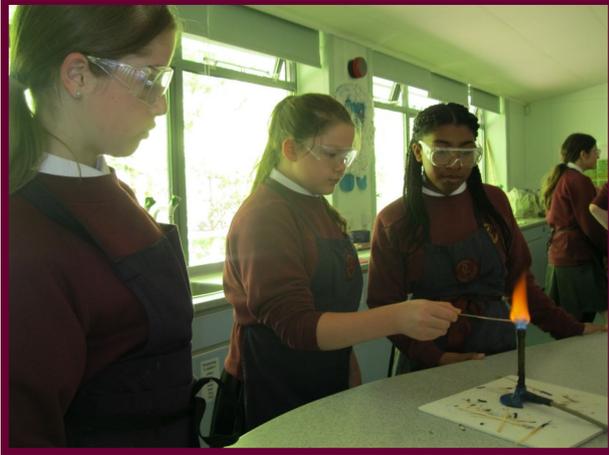
They worked with mixed media on card templates, cut on the laser machine from the DT department. More images on the school Instagram account: [@emmanuelmiddleschoolart](https://www.instagram.com/emmanuelmiddleschoolart)



There are several more reward sessions before half term - have a look on your child's epraise account to see what they are working towards. Note, there is the opportunity to 'buy' a mufti day for next Friday for 220 credits. On this day, the school will be in normal uniform apart from those who have bought the mufti reward.

The corridors around the Food Technology room are going to be smelling great next week as a result of the practical lessons the children have been preparing for this week. Please check with your children the resources they need with Year 6 making Scone Swirls with Mrs Parker and Year 7 making bread rolls with Mrs McGraw. (Years 5 and 8 do not have a practical lesson this coming week).

In Year 8 Science, the children have been investigating the variety of reactions when chemicals are burned - in a controlled manner! The results were spectacular.



As the weather is warming up, please can we ask that every child brings with them a refillable water bottle. Please can the bottles come to school filled and the pupils are given an opportunity to refill their bottles during break and lunch.

As we move into the final week of this half-term, now is a good time to remind everyone that the school end of day time is moving **after half-term**. Monday 6th June is an INSET day so from **Tuesday 7th June the end of day time for all year groups will be 3.20 pm**. We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr R Christopher and Mr A Barker