

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

On Tuesday we welcomed many of you to our first subject parents' evening of the year. Maintaining communication between school and families is so important - discussions around next steps in learning are invaluable. We have a further parents' evening on Thursday 1st December - please book your consultations through School Cloud if you have not already done so.

Today we had a mufti day for children who brought in contributions to our hamper raffle prizes. Thank you so much for everyone's generosity - the raffle tickets to win these hampers go on sale on Monday via ParentMail.

So often I find myself sharing with you in this bulletin how hard the children have been working. At Emmanuel, as in the wider world, hard work brings rewards and the children have been accumulating candle credits for all the times they have displayed our core value of 'Excellence, Enjoyment and Endeavour' which they will be able to 'spend' in our epraise shop to buy reward experiences. There are multiple rewards being added to the system over the next week or so ranging from sporting to creative to relaxing. Please spend some time with your child looking at these and discussing what they will be saving for and how to go about earning candle credits.



To commemorate European Day of Languages, which happened on the 26th September, and to celebrate language learning at EMS, the French team ran a competition inviting the children to partake in a number of different 'European' themed activities. These included cooking a recipe, creating a fact file about a European country of their choice, researching a country's culture or looking up a variety of greetings from various countries. The standard of entries was superb - both on paper and digitally on Google Classroom - and the Language Leaders had a very difficult job judging all of the entries. In the end, they were able to agree on the following winners, whose entries were celebrated in Friday's worship:  
Year 5 - Mason Dicker & Theo Smith - Year 6 - Dylan Bowen & Olivia Poole  
Year 7 - Charlie Elgar - Year 8 - Jasmina Stamere



The Year 5 and Year 8 buddies met again this week. Buddy groups have been established, 'ice-breaker' tasks have been completed and this week saw the return of the greatly anticipated 'show & tell' events.

On Wednesday, the Year 8 pupils exhibited an interesting, personal item to their buddies. These included the inevitable range of football trophies and sporting medals along with some rarer, attic treasures. Josh Heathcote's mint condition Sony Walkman drew envious gasps from staff (of a certain age) while the Year 5 pupils were thoroughly engaged in conversations regarding the history and provenance of the items on display!

The buddy sessions have always proved to be a worthwhile link between our younger and older pupils and the friendships formed between the children create a genuine bridge between key stages one and two.

The KS2 Girls' Football Team travelled to Ferndown Middle School last Friday 11th November for a tournament involving three other schools: Ferndown, Allenbourn and St. Ives. Luckily, we chose the best weather for the whole of November and it was a glorious day. All the players were new to the team and performed exceptionally well - I was extremely proud of them! We were unlucky to lose our first game to Allenbourn 1-0 because it could have gone either way. In our second match, we lost 3-0 to the eventual winners but won our last match against Ferndown 1-0, narrowly missing out on the runners-up placing.





In Year 5 Product Design, the children have been working very hard to finish their fairground rides. They have been problem solving to figure out how to improve any issues with their products. This has enabled them to practise their communication skills within their groups to make their Fairground Rides the best they can be!

Matthew Parker came into school this week to present a cheque for £250.00. The money was raised by him last year when he was Mayor of Verwood. The cheque was presented to Mr Christopher and Year 8 Lead Ambassadors.

I wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

