

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parents' bulletin at the end of a week which has seen fundraising, sports events, inter-house and inter-school competitions in addition to our curriculum lessons.

Aligned with the national initiative, this was Anti-bullying week at EMS and this formed the focus of our daily worships. We have always had an anti-bullying ethos at Emmanuel and the message we give to our pupils is to always reach out and don't be a bystander. To support Anti-bullying, as part of our Wellbeing curriculum this term, we have taught about Human Rights and the Law in year 5, Diverse Britain in Year 6, Peer Pressure in Year 7 and Discrimination Year 8.

Today saw our Children in Need cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, which along with our non-uniform day helped us to raise, we estimate, about £500 (we will let you know the exact figure once the money has been counted) - not to mention the large number of children who enjoyed a treat at breaktime!

Last Friday our PTFA ran their first disco - with more to follow. This hugely popular event was a great success due to the responsible behaviour of all the children who had a great time. It raised approximately £1000 for our PTFA which will be invaluable to the school.

On Tuesday evening, our teachers took part in trust wide CPD focusing on stress, trauma and developing the brain - continuing our development of our understanding of how children learn and how they can be ready to access their learning. The session was run by Diane Laird who is a free-lance trainer and therapist. She has worked with traumatised children and their families for over 30 years, initially as a social worker in the criminal justice system and then in therapeutic roles in community-based projects and residential units.

Next Tuesday 22nd November is the first of our subject parents' evenings with another consultation evening to follow on Thursday 1st December. A reminder that these consultations are online using School Cloud. If you haven't signed up yet please do so through this link <https://emmanuelmiddle.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Thursday afternoon, Mrs Rham and Mrs Poole took the Year 6 Netball team to Poole High School to compete in the first of 3 tournaments for the PEDSSA U11 Bee Netball League. With 16 teams from schools across the Poole and East Dorset area the atmosphere was amazing. We competed in the first 3 matches of the league, where the girls played hard and came away with 3 strong wins. A fantastic effort from all of them, good luck for the next round of matches in January.

I wish you all a great weekend.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

Campus Car Park Gate Janitor

An opportunity has arisen for a campus gate janitor, start of the day, 8.15am to 8.45am and end of the day, 2.45pm to 3.30pm. Please can you contact Rachel Long through the Verwood First School office for further details on 01202 822652, alternatively email on rlong@verwoodfirstschool.org

