

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin - it's been another busy and varied week.

On Tuesday, our teachers took part in further trust-wide CPD, this time focusing on ADHD. ADHD training - staff had a very thorough update on the difficulties that ADHD can present in the classroom and gained a deeper insight into what may be going on inside the ADHD brain. The importance of a calm, positive and clear approach was reinforced, along with the building of strong supportive relationships.

Thank you to everyone who made yesterday afternoon's second hand book sale such a success! It was fantastic to see so many families picking up a bargain to increase their home libraries and also to see happy children walking out of school with handfuls of books. Reading is crucial for children to access learning across the curriculum and anything families can do to support their children with this is a benefit. Huge thanks to Mrs Connolly for organising the event and to Mrs Collins, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Bartlett for staying on to support the running of it and our fabulous Librarians Lottie T-B and Alice P from 6JB. The 50p-a-book sale raised an astounding £97.50 which will be used to help keep our Library up to date with new current titles!



On 'World Book Day', you may have seen on the news that the UK's most successful children's writing competition, 500 Words, will relaunch this September, supported by BBC Teach with BBC Breakfast hosting the initiative for 2023.

We have so many talented young writers at Emmanuel that we will be promoting this in September, including running lessons and workshops to help the children with their writing. But don't wait until then! We can start developing some of our ideas now.

500 Words is a UK wide competition to find the most talented young writers. Since it was first launched by Chris Evans on The Radio 2 Breakfast Show in 2011 and continued by Zoe Ball until 2020, the competition has received over a million stories written by children, generating more than 440 million words to date.

New for 2023, World Book Day ambassador Sir Lenny Henry will be making his debut on the 500 Words judging panel, alongside the original judges - award-winning and best-selling authors Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and former Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman.

Home learning plays a large role in preparing our children to become independent learners as they move towards secondary and further education. Well done again therefore to our pupils for contributing to our great national engagement results in Hegarty and Sparx.

Hegarty: (years 5 and 6)

Home learning tasks completed at 70%+: Top 6.7% nationally

Time in (hours) spent on home learning : Top 3.4% nationally

Sparx:(years 7 and 8)

Home learning completion (100%): Top 10% nationally

Today was a very exciting day in school with the first dress rehearsal of Lion King taking place. It was wonderful to see so many hours of hard work come together in all its colour and vibrance and we cannot wait for the shows to begin on Tuesday 21st March. We didn't want to spoil the production, so the photos below are without full costumes.



We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker