

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon, and welcome to our penultimate parent bulletin of the term at the end of a very exciting week. The Lion King performances, so many months in the making, finally arrived and what a success it was. As leaders of this school we were so proud to see so many happy children, parents and staff who had committed so heavily to making the show what it was - thank you so much to everyone who put so many hours of their own time into the show. I will share with you this message from Mr Shooter who produced the show:

Wow! What a fantastic journey we have all been on! I am so proud of all of the students who have worked so hard over the past 6 months learning lines, understanding stage directions, learning dances and songs, and didn't it pay off? They were given a raucous applause and standing ovation on all three nights, which they all deserved whole heartedly! We all came together as a school community, as it wasn't just the students on stage - the students working the sound and lighting desks and the backstage team of students did us all proud! What an honour and a privilege it is for all of us working at Emmanuel to work with such dedicated, tenacious and talented students who have proved they can go the extra mile and rise to any challenge! Here's to the next one! (Please see the following pages for cast and crew photographs)

On Thursday, Years 5, 6 and 7 pupils took part in a cross country competition at Moors Valley. They all ran extremely well, even though the weather was against them. A special well done to the Year 7 girls team, with Siena P winning the race, Sophie F finished 5th, Ellis S 10th and Zoe M 11th. Well done to all of them!



Homework is so important in supporting pupils in embedding their learning and developing their ability to manage their time and as such we are pleased to share that in SPARX Maths - one of our KS3 homework platforms - EMS has a top 5% ranking nationally for home learning completed. This is a great accomplishment!

In addition to weekly SPARX it is important that all KS3 pupils also fully complete 4 Tassomai quizzes weekly in each of English, Maths and Science. This platform is designed to ensure pupils retain their learning.

It has been a busy time of late in the school football season. The Year 6 team played in the quarter final against Talbot Primary School (Poole) and won 8-1. They face Christchurch Junior School after Easter in the Semi-Finals.

Year 7 boys football

Unfortunately they lost to a very competitive Poole High team. Emmanuel showed grit and determination to make the scores level after an early set back. We crafted out a well worked goal working from defence to attack, finished off by a well positioned Fin O to slot it into the net. Emmanuel conceded a second with minutes to go in the first half through a mistake of our making. Second half EMS pressed hard to make the score level again but it left us vulnerable at the back and this led to us conceding 2 more goals. Final score 4-1.

On a more positive note, in the round previous EMS were victorious against St Michaels. Beating them 4-0. Thomas B slotted home the first goal followed by goals from Henry D and Lewie W scored a brace. EMS dominated possession, created good opportunities in the final 3rd throughout the game. Well done on a dominant performance.

We have a large quantity of unnamed items currently in lost property, in particular PE hoodies, school jumpers and pairs of trainers. Please could we ask that your children check lost property for any missing items before the Easter holidays. Also, just a polite reminder to please ensure that items of uniform are clearly labelled.

Before we sign off, a reminder that next Friday is an INSET day where the teachers will be exploring two areas: how retrieval practice supports pupils in retaining their learning and which tasks are best suited to this; and how to provide the most effective feedback to support pupils in their misconceptions. Therefore the last day of term is Thursday 30th March and we finish at our normal time of 15.20.

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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker





