

Dear Parents/Carers

Good afternoon and welcome to our weekly parent bulletin.

Summer Fair

As you read this, there is a lot of work going on to prepare for this evening's Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone who has already put so much effort into the running of the event - we look forward to welcoming you all with festivities running from 6pm - 8pm.

Staffing

From September, Mrs Prestage, our SENCO at Emmanuel, will in addition be the named SENCO for Verwood First. Mrs Prestage will continue in her role at Emmanuel but also work with First school colleagues and families. We are delighted that we can share a SENCO which will provide excellent transition for our families and children.

Alongside this, Miss Joyner, Year 5 tutor will be undertaking the SENCO accreditation during the next academic year providing additional expertise and resource. Miss Joyner has previous SEND experience and is passionate about Inclusion.

Mrs Howieson, Initio Learning Trust Inclusion Lead, will continue to provide inclusion support for both schools overseen by Mr Christopher.

Potted Sports

Monday saw the rescheduled Potted Sports event finally take place. This was a fantastic event with every child in Years 5&6 taking part in 16 different activities with everyone contributing to their House's success. It was great to see so many parents join us. The scores from Potted Sports will be shared once the Sports Day finals on July 11th have been completed.



Quad Kids

On Monday 12th June, 4 Year 5 pupils from Emmanuel went to St. Michael's Middle School to compete in an athletics Quadkids event. Each of them had to run their best 600m, sprint 75m, perform a long jump and throw a vortex howler as far as they could. Their times and distances were then converted to points and added up. In the boys event, Ben Lear and Theo Smith managed a respectable joint 10th place out of 25 but with a huge winning score of 214 points was Mason Dicker! In the girls event, Sienna Hastings came 13th. The pupils were a credit to the school with their support for each other, their respectfulness towards officials and their determination to succeed. Well done all!



Art Instagram account

This week Mrs Christopher has uploaded lots of pupils amazing work across the year groups to the stories, highlights and feed on the school Instagram account - @emmanuelmiddleschoolart



Rounders Reward Afternoon.

On Thursday afternoon, a group of pupils from across all years enjoyed an afternoon of rounders as part of their reward opportunities for collecting a number of candle credits. It was a real success and everyone enjoyed it.

Sports Leaders

Last Friday, 16 year 7's went to Trinity first school to help with their sports day. The feedback from Trinity was extremely positive and said that our pupils were fantastic with the younger pupils. Well done to all of those involved.

This week has been a busy week for our year 8 Sports leaders. On Wednesday morning, a group of pupils went to Hillside first school to help organise their sports day. Then another small group went to Verwood First school for the afternoon to help with their sports day. The feedback from both schools was extremely positive. Well done to all Sports Leaders.



Bereavement Café

Yesterday, Cheryl and Clare from Mosaic welcomed a small group of pupils who have experienced bereavement. Many of these children have already had counselling support from Mosaic in the past and so they were comfortable to be involved in this activity. Some members of staff also joined and shared their memories of loved ones who had died. We celebrated what we could remember about these special people and some pupils wanted to ask more questions about them when they got home. Being a cafe, drinks and biscuits were obviously consumed! The Bereavement Cafe will return in the autumn term and it is open to all.

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

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker

Please see final page of our bulletin for a pupil's report on the Year 8 activities week.

Year 8 Activities Week

The week started off quickly; at Rock Reef everyone was fast to get to a wall to attempt climbing and Laser Tag consisted of a mix of competitiveness while playing and trying to work out what strange, made-up name on the leader board belonged to who.

The next day was spent at Dorset Adventure Park. The mud trail resulted in lots of muddy shoes and clothes and later we went on the inflatables in the lakes, which saw many people being pushed off and soaked.

Wednesday was a more relaxed day, doing school-based activities, until the colour run which involved walking around the field whilst teachers threw coloured powder at us.

Thursday started off at Splashdown, before we went to the cinema to watch the third instalment of the Guardians of the Galaxy movie series (which proved to be a real tear-jerker).

On the final day we went to Paultons Park where we were allowed to go anywhere we wanted.

The memories made over the week will last and when I look back on my time in Year 8, when I'm in my upper school, I'm sure it will be one of the things I remember.

Chloe J, Year 8