

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the final parent bulletin of this half term. What a busy and varied seven weeks this has been - the children have worked so hard and are well deserving of a week of rest!

## Skillsbuilder

On Wednesday, the whole school took part in the first of three skillsbuilder challenge days. KS2 used the key skills of teamwork and problem solving to answer the question: Who stole the chocolate? They gathered and analysed clues to decide which of the fairytale character suspects committed a fictional crime. They really put their detective skills to the test when they visited the crime scene and worked really hard with their groups to catch the chocolate thief (Little Red Riding Hood was the culprit)! KS3 used the key skills of teamwork and creativity as they explored the question: What makes a successful society? They worked hard with their groups designing a new society on a distant moon called Utopia. They had to work together to select who the first citizens would be and created an animal that would help the people. Each group took turns presenting their society to the others in their class. Mr. Christopher happened to be in one of the year 7 classes as they were presenting and he was blown away by the confidence in each group as they spoke to their peers!



## House Assemblies

All four of our Houses have now had their full school House assembly meaning that everyone has met in their cross year group community. It was great to see the competitive nature of many children (and staff!) coming to the fore as each House discussed how to earn the most candle credits and achieve success in inter-house competition. The assemblies also launched the elections of year group House Captains. These will be voted for in the first week after half-term.

## Gymnastic Reward

Last Friday saw our gymnastics reward afternoon purchased using epraise points by a group of 8 girls. A great afternoon was had by all - well earned from the points achieved this half term.



## Sports Academy at Bryanston School:

A small group of Year 8 pupils attended a leadership day at Bryanston school on Tuesday. They were all involved in a variety of activities throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to all of them.



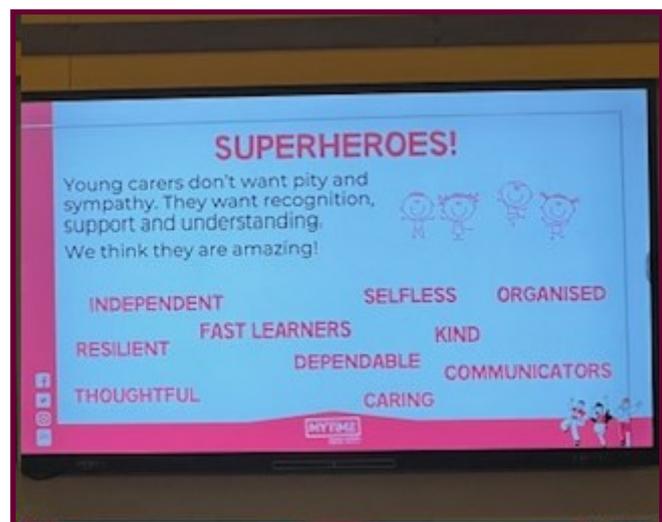
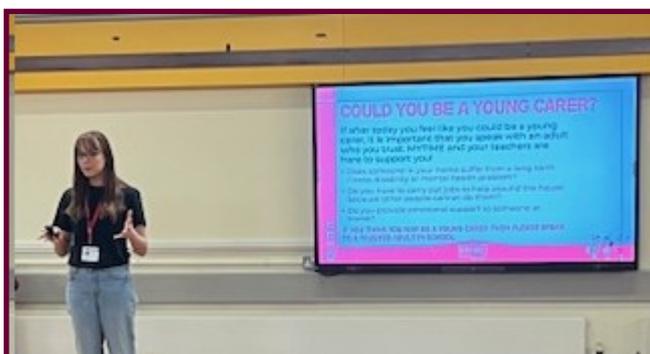
## MyTime Young Carers

The year 5 children of Emmanuel Middle school received assemblies delivered by MYTIME Young Carers this week. The purpose of the assembly is to introduce to the children who young carers are, and what support can be offered by MYTIME and school.

Being a young carer can make other areas of life more demanding. It can affect school, home life and their social life but support is available. If you feel that your child may be a young carer or you would like to know more information, please:

Speak to someone in school or your Young Carer Champion, Julie Birkbeck  
01202 828100

Visit [www.mytimeyoungcarers.org](http://www.mytimeyoungcarers.org) to find more advice for young carers  
Contact your local authority to find out what other support is on offer



## Girls' Football Report – 20.10.2023

It has been a busy couple of weeks for the Girls' Football Team. Last week the U13 Team played Glenmoor and Winton in the ESFA Cup. Last year this team beat EMS by a considerable score and we have made significant progress since then. Strong pressure at the beginning of the game help us lead through an own goal. Glenmoor applied the pressure and were able to equalise and then draw ahead 2-1 by half-time. In the second half we were able to mount several attacks but could not manage the equaliser that we needed. In the last few minutes of the game, Glenmoor scored to secure a hard fought 3-1 win. Although we will not progress in this competition we still have the County Cup and 7-a-side tournament later in the year. A superb goalkeeping performance from Olivia kept us in the match.

The KS2 team travelled to Shaftesbury on Monday for the County Cup against a side who have collected a number of trophies recently. The uncut grass was difficult to play on and we had to change tactics after falling behind 3-0 after half-time. With only 15 minutes to play, the girls mounted a superb fight back to level the game at 3-3 with only 10 seconds to spare. Imiya completed a hat-trick and helped us gain top spot in the group. This means that we will proceed to the next round in the competition.



## Junior Duke

Today we met with the new cohort to share information about the year. We have 49 across the four year groups. Thank you for helping support them through their journey. We will carry on with the rolling Friday meetings. The rota will be placed on the Junior Duke noticeboard and on the Year Group noticeboard.

## Year 6 Art

Year 6 are working with MONOCHROMATIC colour schemes in their 'People in Action' themed project. Pupils have studied the proportions of a stood figure and been able to create figures in action moving across their sketchbooks.

## Key dates for the diary

PTFA Textile Recycling - Wednesday 15th November (details to follow)

PTFA Tombola prizes - House colours - Monday 20th November

PTFA Christmas Fair - Friday 24th November 6-8pm

PTFA Mufti-day - Monday 15th January

PTFA Disco - Friday 2nd February

School music production: 12th -14th March

PTFA Disco - Friday 16th June

PTFA School Uniform sale - Friday 28th June

PTFA Summer Fair - Friday 12th July



A huge well done to everyone who supported the Colour Run. As it stands just over £8000 was raised to support the development of the outside classroom. There isn't a final figure just yet as we await returns. Please look out for a feedback questionnaire when we return after the break.

All that is left is to wish everyone a fantastic half term next week. A reminder that Monday 30th October is an INSET day so we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 31st October.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker