

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the parent bulletin at the end of a week where staying out of the wind and rain have been a significant challenge!

INSET

As teachers, our week started with an INSET day on Monday at Allenbourn Middle School working with our middle school colleagues. The focus of the morning was curriculum - subject teams spent the time ensuring the sequencing of the curriculum was as effective as possible and reflected on the impact of their teaching over the past year making changes where necessary.

In the afternoon we had a guest speaker from the NHS to deliver training on the teaching of Sex and Relationships Education.

To follow this in January our INSET day will focus on diversity in schools and the community.

House News

On Wednesday afternoon each year group had House assemblies which included pupils in Year 5, 6 & 7 electing year group House reps and in Year 8 the school House captains. We pride ourselves at EMS on providing opportunities for pupil leadership and it was so encouraging to see such large numbers of pupils putting themselves forward for these titles. It was great to hear how much effort had been put in by some in preparing their pitch to their House. Congratulations to the following who were elected to this role:

Houses	Grylls	Malala	Vujicic	Watson
Y8 Pupil House Captains	Thomas Bowden Charlie Wilson	Ellis Spring Carys Bull	Henry Dean Imogen Harley Elliott Stroud	Charlie Payne Grayson Sargeant
Y7 Pupil House Reps	Hennessy Snowdon Henry Gilmour Erin Taylor	Spencer Collins Freddie Anderton	Isla Baker Elsie-Mae Green	Oliver White Dylan Bowen
Y6 Pupil House Reps	Amelia Daw Daisy Friendship	Mason Dicker Lizzie Nethercott	Denys Leshchenko Henry Ridley	Jasmine Kennard Elliot Nash
Y5 Pupil House Reps	Romilly Harding Joel Turner	Darcie Rhodes Rowan Baker	Ava Lazenby Bebbington Millie Powsey	Emily Witt Harry Nash

Mock SATs

As all parents of Y6 pupils likely know, it is our first set of Mock SATs next week, taking place from Monday-Thursday, following the same time table they will be having for the proper tests in May.

Please reassure each pupil it is nothing to worry about! They just need to come in and do their best. Results of these papers will be shared with pupils over the following 2 weeks, and with yourselves within subject parents' evenings on the 30th of November.

There is also a SATs information evening for parents to attend on Monday 27th November, 5:30-6:30 for all who can make it.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Girls' Football

This Tuesday, the Y6 Girls' team competed in the East Dorset 7-a-side tournament at QE. Thank you to all parents for the flexibility and understanding because of the short-term notice about change of venue.

The girls played amazingly well and were undefeated, winning two games and drawing three, with goals from Phoebe and Zoe. However, we were undone by the scoring system that meant we finished third by just one point – a true 'Halloween' outcome! One more victory would have meant winning the whole tournament. We have been told that there may be a wild card opportunity to progress in this situation. The player of the tournament was Bobbi, who made some amazing saves to prevent a single goal from being scored against us – the only team to leave with a clean sheet!



Science Bronze Crest Awards

The Bronze Awards introduce students to project work empowering them to work like real scientists, technologists, engineers or mathematicians. Our four successful students choose their own topic and methodologies, conducting their work during STEM club. Congratulations to Summer leavers Amelia, Belle, Chloe and Grace on achieving this award and we hope this inspires current pupils.

Sporting success out of school

It is always a pleasure to hear about successes outside of school where it is in sport, the arts or any genre so therefore it was great to hear of the following achievements. Both Lizzie and Izzy have written about their success in their own words below - well done to them both.

Lizzie Nethercott - Taekwondo

I went to Daventry for a grading and I earned my 1st Dan black belt! I was marked by Master Dew and to get my black belt, I had to do patterns (a long combination of moves), sparring and theory (in Korean!).

Izzy Lamacq - Ice skating

I won a spin, spiral and jump ice skating competition at the weekend in Gosport! I had to do a cross toe for my spin, a flip for my jump and a backcatch foot for my spiral!

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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker



Please see next page for information about the PTFA Bag2School recycling event on 15th November.

PTFA REMINDER

This is a reminder for the Bag2School recycling collection on Wednesday 15th November.

The drop off point will be the Methodist Church, Vicarage Road, BH31 6LB, between 08:00am and 09:00am.

We are also looking for donations of Christmas wrapping paper for our Secret Present Room at our Christmas Fair, so if anyone has any to spare please could they bring it along to the drop off point at the Methodist Church on 15th November.

Bag2School accept donations of:

Clothes
Paired shoes
Handbags
Hats
Bags
Scarves and ties
Bras
Jewellery
Socks
Belts
Soft toys
Household linen
Household curtains
Household towels
Household bedding

They do not accept:

Duvets and blankets
Pillows and cushions
Carpets, rugs and mats
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and workwear
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
Furniture and large items
Batteries

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