

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

Equipment

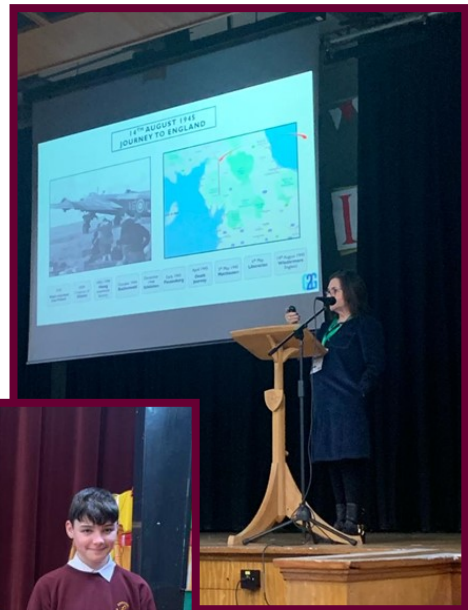
We have had a focus on equipment for pupils since before Christmas. We want all our pupils to succeed in lessons, and noticed that a large part of that for some was having the correct equipment at the start of each day. We now do the following:

1. Equipment check each morning where the children get out exactly what they need for the day on their tables
2. Tutors lend equipment where required for the day and replace items where appropriate
3. Subject teachers lend glue and rulers within lessons and replace items where appropriate

We also have had a stationery shop open every Wednesday this month, with a price list shared on the bulletin on the 12th January. This is not about making a profit. We appreciate that we can source items cheaper through the size of order and for families it becomes expensive to replace one item when you have to purchase them as part of a pack. Please support your child in using this in conjunction with our daily equipment checks to ensure they arrive at every lesson with the equipment they need.

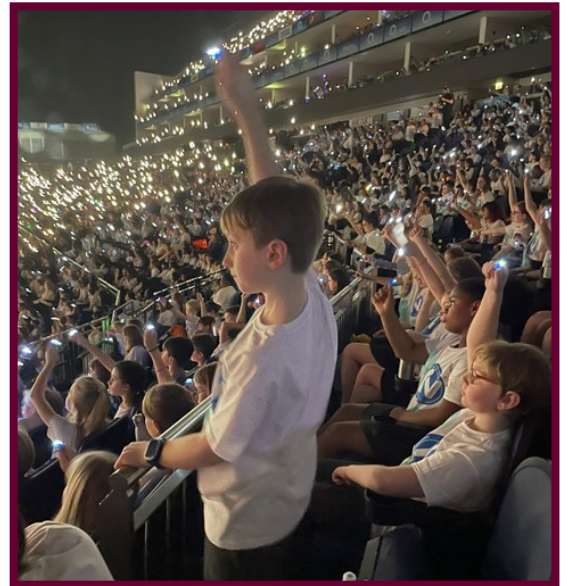
Holocaust Memorial Day

This week, our Y8 students were lucky enough to attend the annual Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration held at Parkstone Grammar school. It was staged by the Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust Memorial Day Committee and was designed specifically for secondary school students. Our students were lucky enough to hear from Maralyn Turgel who is the daughter of Holocaust survivor Sam Gardner (born in 1925 as Shmuel Yankel Golberg, in Pietrokow, Poland). Maralyn shared her father's powerful story and her determination to educate each generation of the dangers of racism, intolerance and antisemitism in all their forms. A very powerful message and moving event indeed.



Young Voices

On Tuesday, Mrs Roche had the pleasure of taking 44 very eager children to London to sing in the O2 in the world's largest children's choir - 8,500 children! The Young Voices choir sang, danced and laughed their way through the evening, enjoying every song. It was a long day with lots of travelling, rehearsing and, of course, eating! Hetty (5JR) described the experience as "the best day of her life" and "can't wait to go next year"! The children enjoyed singing with MC Grammar and Nandi Bushell (13 year old rocks tar). A massive thank you to the parents who travelled up to support the children singing, and got involved yourselves, it looked as though you had just as good of a time as us! A special thank you to Mr Christopher, Mr Shooter and Mrs Sewell who joined us on the trip. The children behaved impeccably and it was a joy to be part of this experience with them.



Year 8 Options and Choices Careers Play

We were delighted to welcome three actors from the Enact company who performed a lively and entertaining play to Year 8 on Wednesday. The play focused on the decisions that all upper school pupils will have to make in Year 9 - choosing their GCSE options. The play involved lots of music, dancing, costume changes and caricatures of teachers. There was a lot of audience interaction and even a quiz. It was a fun morning and we hope that our pupils will begin to think about the reasons for choosing their specialist subjects - not because their friends are choosing them and not because they like the teacher! This is part of our successful careers programme and was funded by Bournemouth University.

We are intending to roll out a Speed Networking Careers morning later in the year (think the speed dating formula but for employers and pupils to meet for Q and As!). If you are an employer or have a job which you think will motivate and enthuse 12 and 13 year olds and have a morning to spare, please contact Elaine Robertson through the school office.



KS3 Football

Year 7 Boys Football
Emmanuel V St Aldhelms

The boys arrived at a freshly laid 3G pitch at St Aldhelms. They were keen to impress from the off, setting up in a 3-2-3 formation. Emmanuel controlled a lot of the ball for the first 10 minutes but lacked conviction in front of goal. This pressure paid off eventually as EMS took the lead through S.Rhodes' clinical strike, carefully slotting the ball past the keeper. Not long after this we struck again, really good play in the middle of the pitch, which gave J.Holdroyd the chance he needed to make it 2-0.

Second half started in the same vein as St Aldhelms were trying to gain some sort of grasp on the match, but EMS were resilient and compact, not allowing them to get into goal-scoring opportunities. EMS sealed the match with a powerful strike from just inside the box beating the keeper, goal scorer J.Holdroyd completing his brace. We did manage to score another goal however the final touch was from an offside position.

Well done: on to the next round V St Michael's.



Year 8 Boys Football
Emmanuel V Poole High

The boys turned up in good spirits, ready for a competitive game against the team who knocked us out of last year's cup. The boys set out in a 4-4-1-1.

Unlike the previous game last year, EMS had really good ball possession. Creating some super chances that on another day would have been converted. Unfortunately Poole went down the other end on a counter attack and their striker took the ball around the keeper to make it a 1-0 lead to Poole.

This game was a classic 'ball stays in the middle of the pitch'. The winning team would be the team who could finish the limited chances. EMS at half time changed formation to a 4-2-4, as we wanted to maintain possession higher up the pitch. This change of approach worked and L.Waters struck the ball clean into the top of the net. Game now posed at 1-1.

EMS were on the ascendancy playing to our strength moving the ball behind their defence which resulted in F.Overall converting a well taken shot past their keeper. 2-1 EMS. From the next 10 minutes the game went flat and scrappy, losing the momentum we had built up. Poole had a break away through the middle and their player struck a shot from the edge of the box beating our keeper. 2-2 with 5 minutes left.

No real chances for either side, just a very cagey affair until Poole had a corner with one of the last kicks of the game. This was unfortunately converted and there was no coming back. 3-2 Poole High.

The boys all battled well and left it all on the pitch. Well done



Year 6 Indoor Athletics

Emmanuel entered into the annual indoor athletics competition at FUS. Pupils had to complete various field and track events, scoring points in each which totalled at the end for a combined score.

We managed to place a respectable 5th. Well done to all who took.



Year 8 Netball

The year 8 netball team competed in a tournament at Parkstone Grammar School on Tuesday 30th January. All of the girls played extremely well. We won 5 out of 7 matches, and just missed out on making it through to the semi finals. Well done team!!



We wish you a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning for the start of the final week before half term.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker