

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our latest weekly bulletin.

Attendance

We wish to remind parents, as it states in our policy, that any child whose attendance is consistently below 90% will not have absences authorised without medical evidence, unless there are exceptional reasons which render this inappropriate (for example, a known medical condition); school cannot routinely authorise absence where a child's attendance has reached this level of concern. Please continue to notify the school daily of any absences but please be aware that this does not automatically authorise their absence. Thank you to parents who have been sending in medical notes.

As always, if you wish to discuss any aspect of attendance support, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance and then their Head of Year. In the meantime, please do take a look at our website page on attendance and follow our new link, which holds useful information and guidance. You can also view your child's epraise account to monitor their attendance.



Pupils travelling safely to and from school

In Collective Worship today and on Monday the children will be reminded about the importance of road safety and conduct. Mornings and afternoons are busy and if we all do our bit it works.

Red Nose Day

We will be holding a mufti day and cake sale to raise funds for Red Nose Day on 15th March. Please see ParentMail sent yesterday for more details.

Parents Evening

The past two weeks have seen our final parents' evenings of the academic year. In the summer term you will receive a written tutor report and information about your child's attitude to learning and attainment in each subject. These consultations have supported us in supporting your children and as always if you have further questions or information for subject teachers please do get in contact.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Only six more sleeps! We are looking forward to seeing and showcasing the children's book character potatoes on Thursday in the library. Can we please ask that they are not brought into school before Thursday, World Book Day. Drop them off to the library in the morning along with your book. Please remember to put your name and class on the back! They will be available to collect at the end of the day on Friday. Book voucher to be won!

Musicals Through the Ages

We are now little more than a week until our much-awaited Musicals Through the Ages performances. Excitement is building rapidly and today the first school children have been in school to rehearse their collaboration. They have already added so much to the show - while this opportunity to begin a future transition to middle school will be so beneficial to all those involved. Thank you for all the parental support - tickets sold out in record time.

Careers Event

This week, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Hayley Jones, the Careers Lead from QE. She worked with a group of year 8 pupils on their skills and career aspirations. She used photos of Wimborne to identify workplaces and the skill sets that employers would be looking for. They also shared the industries that they were interested in such as health and beauty; childcare; catering; hospitality; retail; sports and leisure. She then talked the pupils through the journey of choosing GCSE options in year 9. Hayley made a point of commenting on how well the pupils engaged with the tasks and how polite they were. Well done year 8.



Youth Voice and School Council

Last Week Hanna Baxter from Youth Voice visited our school council and worked with them to generate themes for this year. The pupils debated many issues brought up by classmates, including the toilets and ideas for break times. At the end, voting concluded the meeting and Hanna will return with the results and will link them to the KS3 ballot on the Youth Parliament campaigns.



We are also delighted to share that Olive Giltrow in Year 8, is a candidate for 2024 Youth Parliament elections for Dorset, her campaign is to be more proactive about litter in the County. We wish her luck and we are looking forward to the count which will be on 13th March in Dorchester.

If any pupil of 11 years or over is interested in getting involved with Dorset Youth Council, please speak Mrs Robertson

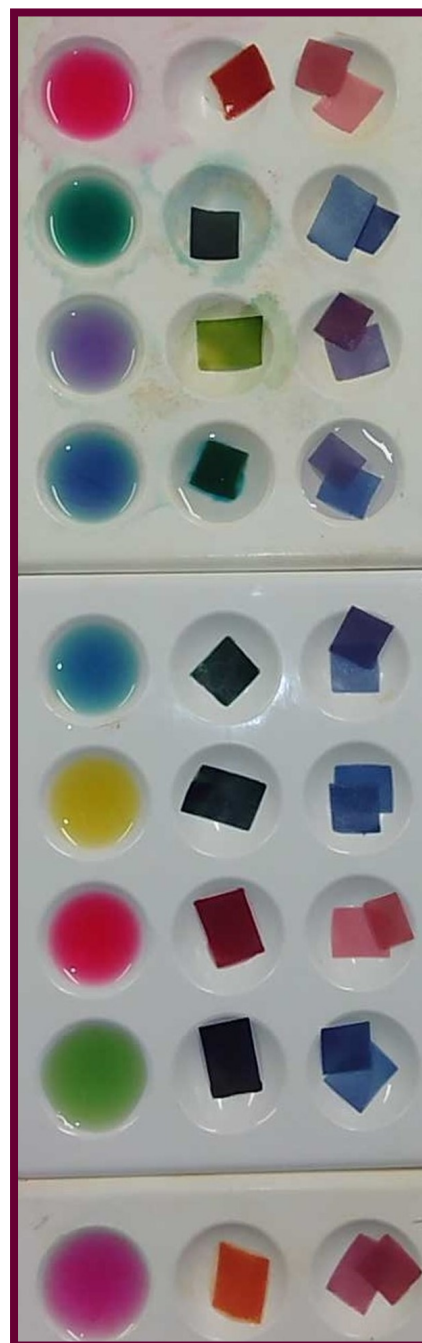
KS3 Science

In Year 8 this week we have been investigating acids and alkalis using indicators to test different substances. Here is a photo of our results comparing Cabbage indicator (first column) which we made in the lab, Universal indicator (second column) and litmus (third column).

Finally, this week the year 8's investigated neutralisation by firstly making a rainbow in a test tube. We had some very proud students showing off their impressive results.



This week Year 7's have been conducting food tests. They were testing different foods for Starch, Glucose, Protein, and Fats. This shows them conducting the Benedict Glucose test.



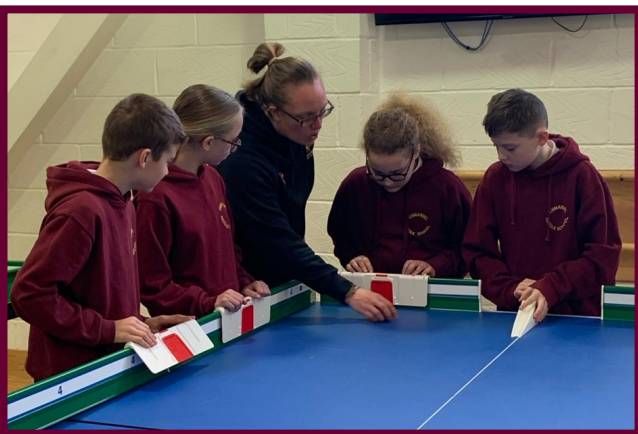
Netball

The year 7 netball team played in a tournament at Canford School on Wednesday 28th February. Unfortunately, we didn't get enough points to get through to the semi finals, but the girls played extremely well and never gave up. Well done to all of them!



KS2 St Michael's Visit

On Tuesday 27th February. A small group of year 5 and 6 pupils went to St Michael's School to play table cricket and Boccia alongside 3 other schools. All of our pupils really enjoyed it and worked extremely well with the other pupils from different schools. A big well done to all of them.



Year 6 Art

Year 6 expressive watercolour experiments in the style of Artist Abby Diamond. Pupils have been using wet on wet watercolour paint techniques to create a variety of mixed media birds in their sketchbooks.



All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker