

Dear Parents/Carers,

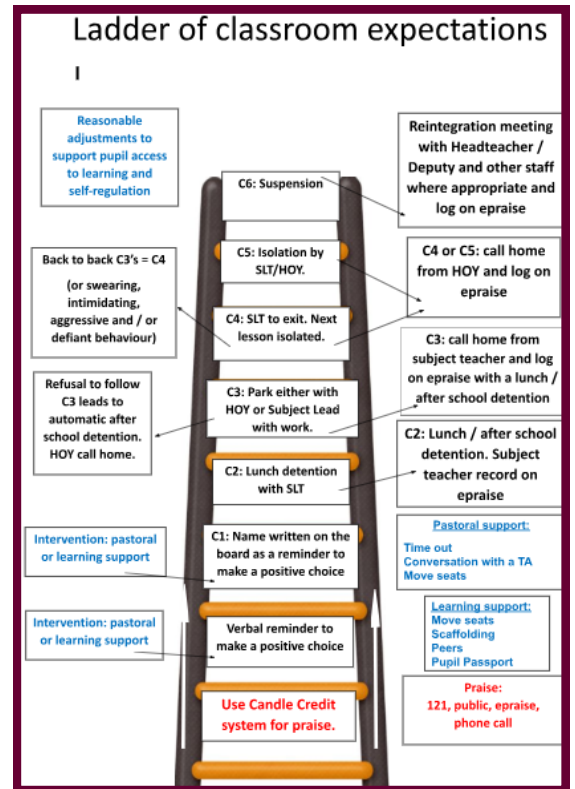
Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

Behaviour and Attitudes

Good behaviour in schools is central to a good education. At Emmanuel, we provide a calm, safe and supportive environment where children and young people can learn and thrive. Being taught how to behave well and appropriately within the context they are in is vital for all pupils to succeed personally. We have high expectations of pupils' conduct and behaviour, and follow our behaviour 'ladder of classroom expectations' which is commonly understood by staff and pupils and applied consistently and fairly. Sometimes targeted interventions are used, like report cards, to improve pupil behaviour and support is provided to all pupils to help them meet behaviour standards, making reasonable adjustments for pupils where required.



To support children in always being 'ready to learn', we have a daily **equipment** check during the morning registration, using this image. Tutors will lend children anything they do not have for the day, but they will collect a demerit at the same time. This should be an incentive to use our stationery shop, which runs every Wednesday lunchtime to buy anything required to top up their pencil cases.



Please note that we have opportunities on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime for children in any year group to drop in to our computer suite and complete their **homework**. Mr Rangdale welcomes anyone in KS3 to drop into the computer suite on a Wednesday after school for as long as they require (up to 4.30pm) for homework use. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6, there are homework clubs available after school, please contact your child's tutor to discuss this if you feel you would like to discuss your child's homework.

Attendance

Year 5: 95.8%
Year 6: 93.8%
Year 7: 93.2%
Year 8: 94%

Detentions

After Easter, if a child reaches our lunch detention limit of four within a calendar month, any further lunch detentions will have an after school detention attached to it. The tutor will continue to inform parents when that threshold has been reached and the subject teacher will inform parents of any after school detention bookings.

Miss J Howe
Lead for Behaviour and Attitudes

Red Nose Day

Staff and pupils, with your support, raised an impressive £618.52 for Red Nose Day last Friday.

Team Bath - Netball Trip

Last Friday evening Mrs Stocks and Mrs Poole took 15 of our year 8 netball team to Bath university to watch Team Bath play Saracens Mavericks in a Netball Superleague match. Sadly Bath lost, but the girls had a fantastic evening watching the professional players and being able to look around a university campus. This event, now a firm favourite of Mrs Stocks and Mrs Poole, will be one for the calendar in 2025 as well.



Year 5 Diwali Drama Workshop

On Wednesday, year 5 participated in a Diwali drama workshop where they got to step into the story of Ramayana through drama and imaginative play. From making sounds and shapes of the forest, to lighting the lamps that guide Rama and Sita home, the year 5 pupils used their imaginations to physically retell the epic Hindu tale (a story which has been shared during Diwali celebration for centuries), improving both their cultural understanding and confidence in creative expression. This workshop fits in perfectly with the curriculum year 5 are currently learning about in their RE lessons. A massive thank you to Mrs Richardson for organising this amazing experience!



KS2 Girls' Football – County Cup Report

After three failed attempts to organise these fixtures, we managed it – fourth time lucky! These were the second round of league fixtures with the winners proceeding to the County Cup semi-finals. Emmanuel made a superb start winning their opening match 5-0 against Blandford St. Mary's (the same team that pipped us to the County Shield last year). Imiya scored four goals, and Zoe scored one, in an assured and controlled performance. In the second match we pressed Muscliffe Primary and kept them pinned into their own half. Imiya hit the post and bar on numerous occasions but eventually scored through an excellent team passing movement that won the game 1-0.



Ferndown Middle School proved to be much tougher opposition and had two terrific wingers, who were difficult to contain. Although we continued to press throughout the whole match, EMS were unable to find the back of the net and we ended up second in the league. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out on a semi-final spot, but the girls should be rightly proud of their continued progress on such muddy pitches.

Mr J Brenton - Girls' Football Coach

Accelerated Reader Highlights

This is an excellent term for reading with much higher word count tallies than the autumn term.

Y5 - 5JR are no longer assured of victory as both 5CS and 5BH have made a big push.

Y6 - This is too close to call with 6DG just leading both 6JNH and 6JB.

Y7 - 7LL are still ahead unless another class makes a late surge.

Y8 - This is now a three-way tie between 8BNS, 8JP and 8MR.

Caterlink Food Hygiene Rating

Congratulation to our Caterlink kitchen staff who have again been awarded the highest Food Hygiene Rating of 5.



Year 7 - Science

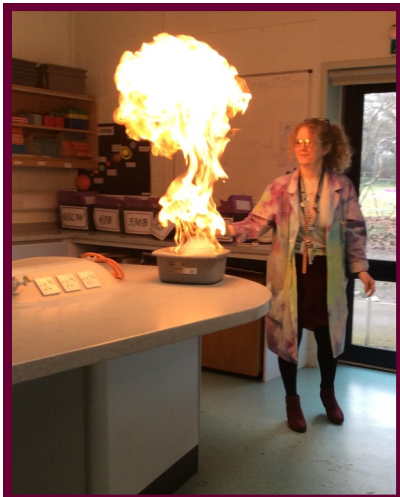
I thought it would be worth mentioning some of the activities arranged for the students who did not attend the French trip this week.

This week the students who remained in school during the French trip took part in some interesting and exciting activities during their Science lessons. On Monday we got the Bunsen burners to make natural dyes from food items and used them to dye some white squares of cotton.

On Tuesday we set up an experiment to show how different drinks might affect our teeth. We then made some balancing butterflies by shifting their centre of gravity.

On Wednesday we took the dyed cloth from Monday and using household items we colour-shifted the material, which the students could take home. If that wasn't enough a couple of lucky students took part in some demos, lighting some gas bubbles, experiencing hydrophobic materials, and watching a genie in a bottle.

Mrs A Etheridge, Head of Science



Year 7 Art



This week comes from the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. The impressionists.

Year 7 Residential

The year 7 pupils have had a wonderful time in Paris this week and are currently on their way home. A full report and more photos to follow.



Pupils finish next Wednesday at 3.20pm for the Easter break, returning to school on Monday 15th April.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr R Christopher and Mr A Barker