



## EMMANUEL CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2019 (2)



Dear Carers, Parents and Pupils,

It is difficult to believe it has already been 15 months since Emmanuel joined Wimborne Academy Trust as time has flown by incredibly quickly. But it is also amazing to think how much we have achieved in such a very short time.

Many of you will be aware that Emmanuel was placed in special measures in 2017 and although we have not received another visit from Ofsted since the last inspection we know the school has improved dramatically. We have also had external visitors to the school who have validated our own judgement and our internal data is showing a vast improvement in the progress pupils are making.

Last year our Year 8s left school outperforming national scores in English and maths, with more than 90% of them achieving the average or above in both subjects (compared with 70% nationally).

In addition more than 40% exceeded the average score in English and in maths it was more than 30% (compared with 19% nationally). We are able to predict that our Key Stage 2 results this year will show considerable improvement. Our data from February shows our Year 6s are on course to exceed the 2018 national average scores in English and maths which has not happened here for some time. We are thrilled with the work of staff and pupils in this regards.

That said, it is not just the academic progress that makes a school. At Emmanuel we are very lucky to have a team of staff who go above and beyond to make this school a very special place to learn plus a remarkable group of students who make us very proud. Please don't just take my word for it. We would very much welcome family and friends to visit our school so they can see for themselves how we put our core values of 'excellence', 'endeavour' and 'enjoyment' into every day practice. I hope this newsletter gives you a small flavour of what we offer at Emmanuel CE Middle School.

Mr R Jenkinson  
Executive Headteacher



#### End of Term

School breaks up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 4th April - please note that school finishes at 3.20pm.

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

#### Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your child's hot school meals for after the Easter holidays by Sunday 14th April 2019.



### Staff News

After 26 years teaching at Emmanuel, we are saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Turtle. We wish her all the very best for her retirement and thank her for her many years of hard work, commitment and dedication to Emmanuel.

### IS YOUR CHILD LEAVING AT THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM?

If your child is leaving us at the end of the summer term (excluding the Year 8 students transferring to Upper School), have you informed the school office, in writing please, of their destination school?

It is very important that the school office has a note of all children who will be leaving so they can transfer the relevant information to your child's new school.

### Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Alice Ponchaud (Assistant Headteacher). If you have any concerns related to child protection issues please contact her through the school office. If Mrs Ponchaud is unavailable please speak to Mr Christopher, Head of School or Mrs Robertson, Head of Wellbeing who are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION Administration of Medicines

If you wish school staff to administer medication to your child, parents **must** complete the consent form which can be obtained from the school office or on the school website (Information/School Forms). Staff will be unable to administer **any** medication (**this includes Strepsils and similar throat lozenges**) without the required form - **a note in the diary or a letter will not be acceptable.**

Staff are unable to administer aspirin or medicines containing ibuprofen unless they are prescribed by a doctor.

All medicines must be in their original box or container.

All prescribed medicines must be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the instructions for administration.

### LOST PROPERTY

School shoes, football boots, trainers, coats, school jumpers, PE kit, shin pads, football bags, water bottles, pencil cases, etc etc!! all with NO NAMES.

We will empty the lost property bins after the Easter holidays and place all items on tables for collection during the first week back. All items not claimed will either be donated to charity or recycled.

If you are missing any items, please ask your child to check lost property or feel free to come in and have a look.



## Emmanuel's Got Talent

As I am sure you are aware the final of Emmanuel's Got Talent took place on Wednesday 20th March. It was the culmination of months of hard work by staff and pupils and the final show was a true reflection of this.

Eight acts (two from each House) took part in the final, performing before a panel of judges which included the Mayor of Verwood Mrs Grove, Dan Desmond, Mrs Emery a former member of staff and David Brunning a previous pupil.

Nerves were conquered and rehearsals paid off, parents and fellow students were treated to a spectacular show hosted by two of our Y8 students, Callum and Jack who warmed up and entertained the crowds with their own presenting talents.

While the judges deliberated their winner, the audience was entertained by some of the semi-finalists with jokes, singing and a comedy sketch written by Layla in year 8 about the staff!

The judges had a tough decision and were unable to crown just one winner and so announced that the winners of the evening were Zoe with her stripped back, simple and poignant solo performance of Thursday by Jess Glynne and The Grylls Girls who sang and danced a very polished piece from Annie the musical. Both acts were representing Grylls House and have won their house the trophy and a treat for all members of their house as well as individual prizes.

Running alongside the show, the Emmanuel's Got Talent competition was extended to encourage those with talent in the creative arts to join in the excitement. With categories for photography, art, product design and creative writing, a colourful display of their Best of British pieces proudly sits at the entrance to the school.





### KS3 Girls Football

Last Friday EMS Girls played and U13 QF match at Poole High, in the blazing sunshine. Unfortunately, Poole scored four goals in ten first half minutes that effectively sealed the result. However, the team are full of spirit and would not let their heads go down. They made sure that they won the second half after some changes in our formation. The team surged forward and camped in the opposition half, peppering the Poole goal with shots, but were unable to get closer to deserved draw. The opposition were forced to move their best strikers in to defence in order to prevent an EMS comeback. I was really proud of the team and how they fought back from 4-0 down to end 4-1.

Jerry Brenton - Girls' Football Coach

### Red Nose Day



We raised a truly impressive £770.00 for Comic Relief last month. The money was raised through selling Red Noses, wearing as much red as possible on mufti day and a delicious cake sale.

Thank you to everyone for their support in raising this sum, as without it these events would not be a success.

### Civic Service of Thanksgiving

On 4th March, Mrs Williams took 6 representatives from our choir to sing at a special service of thanksgiving at Wimborne Minster. The service was to mark the union of district councils to the new Unitary Authority of Dorset Council.

This high profile event included guests such as the Bishop of Sherborne, Lord Lieutenant of Dorset and the High Sheriff.

Singing with representatives from other local schools, we sang 'One more Step Along the Way' and were privileged to perform in the choir stalls, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to view all the traditional costumes, flamboyant hats and outfits. Some of our children remarked it was like being at a royal wedding!

After the service we were treated to a ceremonial gun salute on the green, which took us a little by surprise, along with a delicious slice of cake and squash. All children did us proud and represented our school with pride.



## Science Week

This is the second year we have been running events for the students to celebrate British Science week at EMS.

This year was even bigger and better, with the addition of two competitions for students to enter, a 'dry ice' extravaganza and a Science themed challenge assembly to start the week and get students engaged in the possibilities of Science now and in the future.

At lunch times throughout the week, students from each year group were invited to take part in a Science activity. The week started with year 5 on Monday, creating flying machines. Tuesday saw year 6 investigating 'magic raisins'. Wednesday was the turn of year 7 and 'soap boats' and Thursday was our dry ice extravaganza in the hall which was seen by all pupils. An invitation to attend this was sent to Verwood First School, Hillside and Trinity. We finished the week on Friday with year 8 creating some 'displacement worms'!

A massive thank you has to go out to all the lovely amazingly talented people, who supported us by making Neurons. We've been able to build a big network of Neurons that stretch from Lab 1 to Lab 2. They create a bright and interesting display that gives facts about the brain but more importantly gives students advice on how they can build, bigger, better and healthier brains!



"The science week was very interesting. We made aeroplanes that flew across the room and crowns that looped in the air. Mrs Etheridge made a great aeroplane that went the furthest out of us all. I had a great time."

Lucy O (Year 5)



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## Year 8 - Chelsea's Story

On Monday 11th March, Year 8 were visited by members of the 'AlterEgo' theatre group, who delivered a performance of 'Chelsea's Story'.

'Chelsea's Story' is an innovative and powerful production highlighting the very serious and emotional issue of child sexual exploitation. The production shows how young people, boys and girls, are groomed by adults for the purposes of sexual exploitation using various methods, ensnaring young people and eventually taking complete control and dominating their whole lives.

Through watching the performance our Year 8 pupils gained an invaluable insight into the devastating impact that sexual grooming / exploitation could potentially have on the lives of children and young adults. It raised their awareness of the insidious nature of methods used to groom and also provided Year 8 with a forum to ask their own questions related to this serious topic.

The play and support materials were then followed up in the classrooms - putting Chelsea's story into context and discussing what might constitute being in a healthy / unhealthy relationship, as well as a range of additional issues raised by the production. Pupils were given the opportunity to privately disclose any personal concerns prompted by the material.

As usual our older pupils dealt with this challenging content maturely and I would like to thank the AlterEgo group for delivering their annual performance in such a thought provoking way.

Mark Rangdale, KS3 Lead

## The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal took place in school last week. Over 60% of the pupils arrive in school by either cycling, scooting or walking. This makes a huge difference to traffic, which we know is/can be an issue. With daylight hours extending and warmer weather approaching, I hope this continues. It is also important to note that this brings its own issues. We are constantly talking to our pupils about their conduct and road awareness. I thank you in advance for ensuring pupils have protective and visible clothing, that their equipment is in good working order and they are able to use it appropriately. Pupils who cycled or scooted to school last Wednesday were rewarded with the Bike It Breakfast - a snack and a drink before school.



## Year 8 - Tough Talk Theatre Group

KS3 attended an assembly on Friday 22nd March and listened to a Powerlifter called Ian who works for a team called "Tough Talk". He visits schools and also prisons talking about his life and the mistakes he made and how he overcame them.

Firstly he talked about when he was 15 and entered a body building competition with friends. He was addicted to weight lifting and getting fitter and fitter. When he was a bit older he and his friends took steroids under a doctor's prescription and couldn't get off them for 4 years but eventually he managed to stop.

Ian explained to us how he asked God for help and went to church. He then realised all the mistakes that he had made and became a Christian. He still does his weight lifting and he brought his weights in to show us. He picked up his weights bar that weighed 120kg! He then did some squats holding all of those weights - it was quite shocking!

After he lifted all those weights, he took them all off and just had the bar. The bar weighed 20kg and Ian picked a few year 7 and 8 pupils to come up and do a bench press. We had to see how many time we could lift it. I was chosen to go up and I managed to lift the 20kg bar 7 times. I was quite impressed with myself as it was very heavy.

I found the assembly very inspiring and really enjoyed it.

Phoebe C (8TW)

(KS2 pupils also attended this talk on Thursday 21st March)



## STEM Day at AEUK

On Friday 8th March three pupils got the opportunity to go to Atlas Electronics UK. We arrived there at 9.45am and met the rest of our team. We worked with another three pupils from another school. We then designed our own T shirts and made up a team name - Aquamarine - they looked cool. After this, we were told a story. We were going on a submarine but we had to make a ridge to get on. However, we only had pasta, strawberry laces, marshmallows, two sheets of paper and wine gums. It was very tricky and it was tempting to eat the sweets. Our bridge managed to hold twenty six weights (that's 520g).

After this, we were allowed to eat some marshmallows - yum. The story then continued, we had made it on our submarine when suddenly . . . another submarine had been detected. So we had to launch our torpedo but first we had to make the torpedo. However, we only had a few items: a plastic bottle, an elastic band, rice and a plastic propeller. Our torpedo had to go under water, past different depths of gates. This meant we had to put the right amount of rice in the bottle to get the right weight for the torpedo to pass through every gate.

After these were tested, it was lunch. We got an unlimited buffet and a choice from a variety of drinks. This was epic and all three of us enjoyed it.

Next was the afternoon activities and the story continued. Our torpedo had worked but they had hit us back! We therefore needed to flee to our lifeboat to get to shore. This was our last mission - we had to make a lifeboat that could hold at least four lego men with twenty gram weights on the bottom of them. We only had: lolly sticks, a small amount of modelling clay and a piece of string. Mrs Binning had a great idea of weaving the lolly sticks together, but this didn't work in the end.

Unfortunately our lifeboat didn't work in the end but it was a lot of fun trying to make it together. Next was the last part of the story - we had made it back to shore and our manager wanted to give us a promotion! However, first we had to do a test. To our advantage the questions were very hard and non of our team members had heard of them before. Because of this, we had to make a lot of educated guesses during the test. That was the end of the story and activities sadly. It was a really exciting day. We all showed the core values of EMS during this fun and challenging day.

By Ashleigh P, 6MT





## Year 5 Wessex Water Scintillating Sewage!

Last week, our Year 5 pupils braced themselves for an adventure behind the sewage scenes as we geared up for our trip to the Holdenhurst Sewage Treatment Plant in Bournemouth. During our visit, the children enjoyed a tour of the water recycling centre (sewage treatment works), learned how water companies fit into the natural water cycle, viewed living micro-organisms cleaning the sewage and carried out scientific water tests to determine the properties of different water samples. This trip was an integral part of our geography learning on the topic of 'water' and has further inspired the children to write their free-verse poetry on the theme of the water cycle.

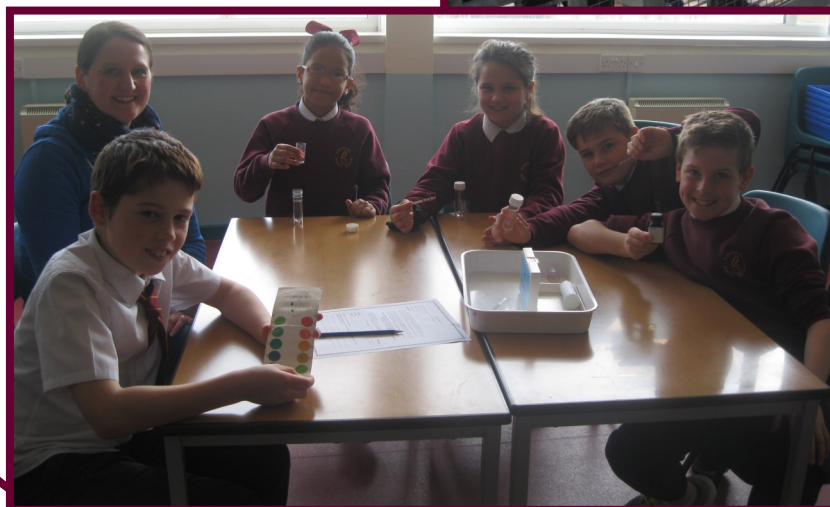
"We left school at 9:10am and travelled to the sewage farm, which is near Bournemouth. It took us about one hour to get there because of the A338 road works! When we finally arrived, we were greeted by our tour guides, Tim and Pete, and were taken into a classroom in the main building.

First, we learnt about all the different things in sewage that gets inappropriately flushed down the sink or toilet. The guides took us on a tour of the works and the inlet works, which holds the raw sewage. It was really smelly! Then we saw the settlement tanks where they get rid of the sludge (aka Poo!) and the aeration lanes, where natural bacteria eat away at the final remnants of the sludge. We discovered that these aeration lanes are so deep; you could fit a house in them! Before returning to the classroom, we saw where the UV rays are used to kill off the bacteria before the water is then clean enough to be put back into the rivers.

After lunch we got to be scientists and see the sewage-eating bacteria up close through a microscope. Having done this, we investigated the properties, smell and amount of acid and chlorine in drinking water, rain water and stream water.

It was then time to go home. We had great fun and learnt loads about water, how our sewage system works and how it all fits together in the water cycle."

Toby R, Year 5



## Year 7 French Residential

### Monday

On Monday we had a very early start because we had to be at school by 5.45am. At around 6.20am we made it on the coach, ready to go to France. On the coach we spent the time playing games, sleeping and watching films on the coach's TV. After around 4 hours on the coach, we arrived at the Eurotunnel. It was like a big train that travelled under the Channel. When we got to PGL, we were welcomed by Amy and Rio who were our leaders for the week. They showed us to the canteen where we had dinner. Lastly, we had a scavenger hunt before going to bed.

### Tuesday

On Tuesday, we were woken up for our first day in France at 7.00am. We then got ourselves ready and headed to breakfast. After breakfast, we got back on our coach for our hour journey into Paris. Firstly we went to the market town of Brie. We were given the task of planning a meal for Alain Sucre. After that, we were given some time to buy souvenirs and explore the market. We had to speak French to stall holders and find out how much items cost. Once we had finished shopping, we got back on the coach to go to Sacre Coeur. When we got there we climbed 300 steps to the top. Next, we had lunch whilst sitting on the steps. Once we finished our lunch, we made our way into the huge but silent Church. Inside it was beautiful and had an overwhelming sense of peace. The artwork was handpainted and exquisite. Then we took a short walk to Montmartre where there were quite a few artists who wanted to draw us. These drawings were very funny as they had a massive head and a tiny body. Instead of this, some of us decided to get crêpes which were very delicious. We boarded the coach once again to go back to PGL and have dinner. Lastly, that night, our activity was to dress one of our friends in "rubbish" to make an outfit. After a tiring day, we went to bed.

Amy S and Imogen R

### Wednesday

We all woke up with a flood of excitement knowing we were going to Disney. We woke up to Mr Christopher banging on our doors saying "wake up, wake up, time to get ready!". Once we had all got dressed, we headed to breakfast. Before going into the canteen each day we made our baguettes and put these, together with crisps, cakes and a drink, into our bags for our lunch. For breakfast most of us had either a croissant or cereal with a choice of fruit juice. Then, when breakfast was finished, we strolled over to the coach and greeted our driver Dave.





## Year 7 French Residential

On the journey we watched a movie and had a karaoke party. We were so happy when we finally saw the sign for Disney. We jumped off the coach (literally) and, after a quick toilet stop, we all went on the Ratatouille ride. This ride was amazing and we all loved it mainly due to the splashing water and the 3D experience. A few rides later we stopped for lunch and ate our baguettes awaiting the Magical Mickey Show. After the show it was time to go on the ride many people were waiting for . . . Space Mountain. Whilst some people were on the ride, others were gift shopping or having fun on other rides. At around 4pm it was time for the Disney parade which was incredible, everything we thought it would be and more.

Whilst waiting for the parade some of the Disney staff had a dance battle and some of our pupils joined in.

After the parade we returned to our coach to go back to the Chateaux for our crêpe making activity.

### Thursday

Today we were all exhausted from Disney #bestdayever. Mr Christopher was banging on everyone's door as it was 7.00am and time to get up and get ready.

That morning in my room all the girls did each other's hair which was fun. We were doing French plaits because we thought it suited the occasion. We were all so excited to be going to the Eiffel Tower. When we arrived we started to climb the stairs. We reached the first level and all wanted to go higher so we started to climb again. We reached the middle level and were all a little afraid because we were so high up. Unfortunately we couldn't go to the higher level because it was closed due to the wind.



We ate our lunch on the middle level and then climbed back down. We were glad to be coming down as we were quite cold.

We then had our final treat for the day - a cruise down the River Seine which was an opportunity for us to see some of the historic sights of Paris.

### Friday

We were all sad this morning to be going home as we really wanted to stay. We finished packing our bags and got onto the coach. On the journey back we visited Vimy Ridge. We then travelled back on the EuroTunnel and were glad to be back home.

Harry M, Holly R and Charlie T





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Spring Term

Break up for Easter	Thursday 4th April 2019 (school finishes at 3.20pm)
Staff Training Day	Friday 5th April 2019

### Summer Term

Pupils return after Easter holiday	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
PTFA School Disco	Friday 26th April 2019
May Day (school closed)	Monday 6th May 2019
Year 6 SATS Week	w/c Monday 13th May 2019
SEND Coffee Afternoon	Monday 13th May 2019 (2.30pm)
Break up for half term	Friday 24th May 2019
Return after half term	Monday 3rd June 2019
Class Group Photographs	Thursday 6th June 2019
Sports Days	Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June
Reports Home	Friday 14th June 2019
SEND Coffee Afternoon	Monday 17th June 2019 (2.30pm)
Parents Evening	Wednesday 19th June 2019
Year 8 QE Taster Morning	Friday 21st June 2019
Year 8 Activity Week	Mon 24th June - Friday 28th June 2019
Parents Evening	Tuesday 25th June 2019
Year 6 IOW Residential	Mon 1st July - Friday 5th July 2019
Summer Fayre	Friday 12th July 2019
SEND Coffee Afternoon	Monday 15th July 2019 (2.30pm)
Break up for Summer	Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Term dates and events can be found on the  
School website

