

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the final parent bulletin of this half-term.

Today we held a mufti-day to raise funds for the Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. Staff and pupils have raised a fantastic £517.00 for this very important cause.

On Tuesday, Year 5 watched a play called Virtual Reality - a cautionary tale of people and social media. In the play, the character of Chip seemed unaware of the potential dangers of the World Wide Web and how social media, when used for the wrong reasons, can affect your personality and aspects of your life. After the play, pupils sat through a debrief of the play and talked through the different stages of Chip's life and all of the ways he changed due to how he was using social media. Throughout the rest of this year, the Year 5s (and rest of the school too) will continue to discuss the online world and how to be safe when using it to ensure they leave behind a positive digital footprint! This is a good time to remind all families that it is crucial that you have regular full access to your children's devices and review what they are accessing.



It is a joy to walk around school when Lion King rehearsals are on as the sound of singing can be heard in every corner! Preparations are going very well and we are very excited to share the finished production with you. Tickets will go on sale the week after half term and details will be sent during that week via ParentMail on how to purchase your tickets.

This week, Key stage 3 pupils have voted in the Youth Parliament elections. They have watched the campaign videos of each candidate and completed ballot forms which they posted into the ballot box. The British Youth Council is an organisation which empowers young people to have a voice and to be part of political and social change. If you are interested in finding out more about their four current campaigns: climate change, voting at 16, mental health and ending child poverty, please go to <https://www.byc.org.uk/>.

The Year 8 boys' football team played a cup match vs Poole Grammar B. EMS started off strong and went 1-0 up in 3 mins. Great strength and awareness by Harry D to put a ball across the goal for Jack B to tap in. This became 2-0 when Ben W picked up the ball on the left side, took 4 steps over the halfway line, smashed a thunderous shot into the net. EMS quickly made it a 3rd from a nice through ball which Harry converted to go 3 up. The second half was a challenge as it became 3-1 and then 3-2 but with stoic defending from our central defence of Zack B and Dan D, we managed to hold on to go through to the next round!





Year 5 and 6 competed at St Michael's Middle School in a swimming gala. All pupils involved swam extremely well and should be very proud of themselves. We came 2nd and 3rd in a few of the races, and a special mention to Harrison Barnes who was awarded extra points from the judges for outstanding swimming. Well done everyone!!



Our Year 6 netballers took part in the under 11s PEDSSA bee tournament - they performed brilliantly and came 9th out of 16 teams.

In Year 5 English, the children have been planning and writing a mystery narrative, focusing specifically on figurative language and using dialogue to advance an action. We had to create a magical item that transported us to new worlds as demonstrated below!

Monday 6th February 2023.

Lo: plan and write a mystery narrative.

Paragraph 1: character description

23 Uncle Pat and Buster the dog, were both on the couch watching the birds, whilst staring into space. Uncle Pat is an old man that has short, grey hair and wears old glasses that make him look like Father Christmas. Buster, the lovely Bernese mountain dog that is brown and as fluffy as a teddy bear is Uncle Pat's best friend.

Paragraph 2: Setting the scene

23 Uncle Pat and Buster both live in the middle of an adorable forest, where nobody can go except Uncle Pat, Buster and the wildlife. The tall elegant Christmas trees that blow with the wind surround a small, cute cottage that looks like it had just come out of a Disney film, where Uncle Pat and Buster live.

Paragraph 3: Introducing a problem.

73 One sunny morning, Uncle Pat and Buster wake up to a choir of birds. Uncle Pat makes breakfast for him and Buster, then they set off for a lovely forest walk. "I wonder what these buttons on my watch and your collar do?" questioned Uncle Pat in a puzzled voice as he was going for a stroll with Buster.

"How about we try them and see what will happen?" mumbled Uncle Pat curiously. So they both push the

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This Evil Woman (even more evil than the Devil) was sat in her rock-hard chair brushing her long barbed fingers through her greasy black hair. Some times getting up and pacing the room with her black velvet cloak dragging along the floor behind her.

All you could see of her was her sharp pointed nose and her bright blue eyes. The creases in the folds of a map. This mysterious woman had no name and no parents. It was as if she appeared just

2.23 Paragraph 2: Setting description

Woman

Around the evil woman (like the dark and mysterious underworld). It was midnight the light of the moon was not like any light up in our world. It was red like lava but cold, colder than the ice at the North Pole. The woman's house was the only one on the street being the underworld therefore usually monsters around every corner kidnapping you and throwing you in the dungeons never letting you out. As for this woman she never left her house for was dusty all of the glass panes were broken but worst of all the sun in the sky turned the glass into sand spilling all over the floor. Monsters creeping in during the day and taking her things. Now what was left was just a broken bed and a chair.

Paragraph 3: Introduction to problem

2.23 This mysterious woman got a visitor later that day the man handed her a box and ran away. The lady called after him "What am I meant to do with this?" Sadly shutting the door behind her. She heard a voice whispering "Open me and press the button." repeating this self each time getting louder and louder. So the old lady opened the box and pressed the button immediately she found herself falling down and down.

7.2.23 Whilst Bella stood as still as a statue Carys asked "Are you ok?" with a smile. Bella didn't answer for a long time and then walked away still shocked.

"I wonder what was wrong," mumbled Carys as she ran after Bella.

"Go away!" screeched Bella while running for the cat flap. Della was running.

So fast she would have beat Mo Farah.

"Slow down before you hit the wall!" screamed Carys hoping she would see the wall.

"Don't worry, I won't!" Della cried as she began to turn the bend.

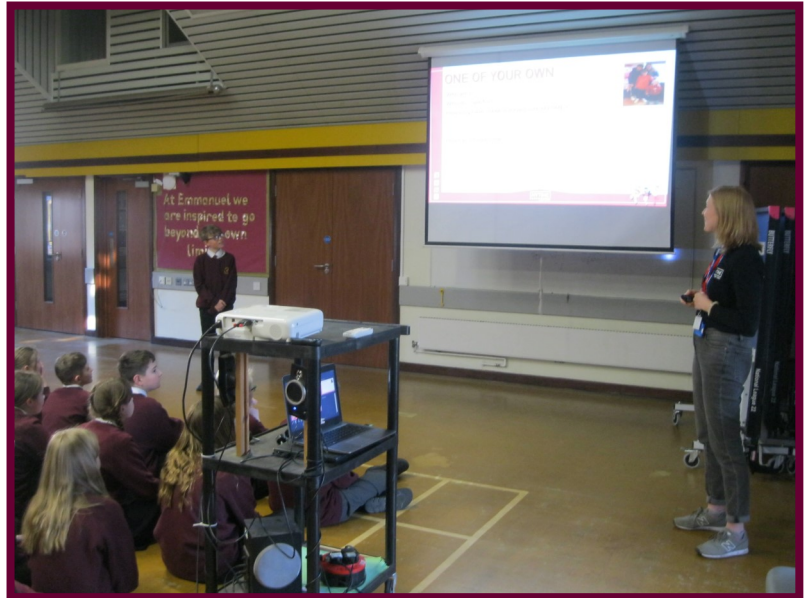
Bella finally slowed down to a stop, "Aww!" mumbled Della whilst standing in shock. Carys then started jumping with the pom pom and then Poof she was gone. "Aaaaahhh!" screamed Della and whilst crying really hard. Then as Della went into Carys's room, she noticed there was another pom pom so she grabbed it spun around and Poof she was gone as well.

9.2.23

Year 5 pupils were busy in the food tech room this Wednesday making their pitta bread pizzas. The smell making its way up the corridor to the front of school was amazing.



Further to our letter dated 2nd February concerning the MYTIME Young Carers Charity, all pupils (either on Tuesday or Wednesday this week) attend a assembly taken by the charity's Level Up Team. This Charity works relentlessly to raise awareness of young carers in society and strives to provide support to all young people carrying out a caring role at home. If you would like more information about MYTIME Young Carers, please visit [www.mytimeyoungcarers.org](http://www.mytimeyoungcarers.org).



We hope everyone has a great week and can I take this opportunity to remind you that the first day after the half-term break is an INSET. We therefore are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 21st February.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

Please see the final page of our bulletin for some amazing free hand artwork completed by one of our Year 8 pupils.





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