

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the final bulletin of the Spring term.

Our week started with one last triumphant performance of The Lion King to Years 6, 7 & 8 who had not yet seen the show. It was a great experience for all the pupils to see what could be achieved through months of dedication and how rewarding those efforts can be. Thank you so much for all the messages of support and positive reviews of the show - it has further shown the pupils the wonderful impact their efforts have had on their audience. There will be more opportunities for music and drama performances and we hope to see even more pupils taking advantage of this.

The Arts are so important to many of our pupils - can I take this opportunity to remind you that we have an Instagram account @emmanuelmiddleschoolart where there is a weekly drop of images of students' work in class.

Our house system is designed to support children in recognising the value of their community and also that hard work can bring reward. There have been numerous Epraise reward sessions towards the end of term with mountain biking at Moors Valley, trampolining, yoga and pamper afternoon being amongst those the children have enjoyed.

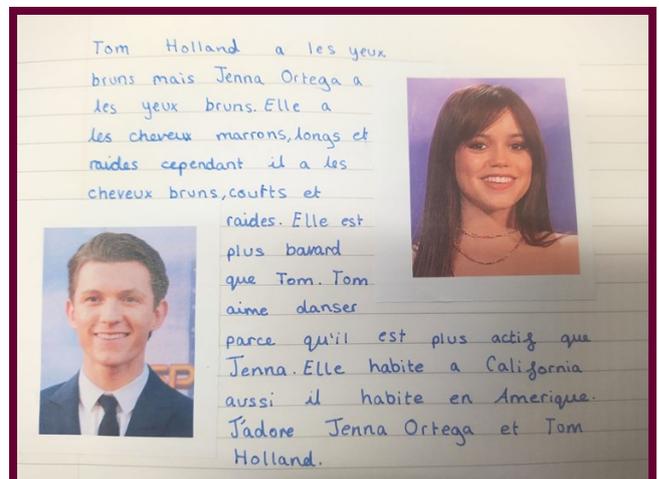
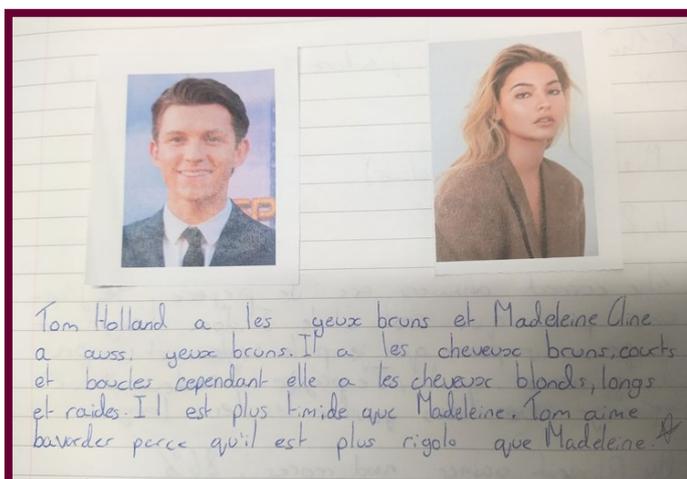


Mr Christopher and pupils setting off on their bike reward to Moors Valley

At the start of the new term it would be great for families to look through the Epraise shop and select which rewards pupils are going to work towards.

This week, we completed our second Skillsbuilder Challenge Day this year. Over the course of the day, pupils applied all eight essential skills as they considered the questions: **How can we share our community in a positive way?** They created a computer game that celebrates our community and worked together to decide on the game style before going on to design the characters, environment, and scoring system. Some very interesting game concepts were developed across the whole school!

In Year 7 French, pupils were given the opportunity to compare two famous people in an independent extended writing task. This half term they have been learning how to compare physical features and character in the present tense along with likes, dislikes and opinions.



Last Friday, year 5 and 6 pupils competed in a Schools gymnastics tumbling competition at Ferndown Upper School. Emmanuel entered a girls 'A' team, girls 'B' team and a mixed team. The standard was very high across all schools. All of our pupils performed extremely well, with our mixed team reaching the final. They had to perform again, and finished 3rd receiving bronze medals. A huge well done to all of them.



Yesterday, the KS2 Girls' Football team played their Shield semi-final match while avoiding the rain showers. We hosted St. Mary's Primary School, Poole, and expectations were high after our previous knockout performance. The team keeps getting stronger and stronger with an increasing squad of talented KS2 pupils. We won 9-0 in an impressive display of teamwork and passing. Mai scored four, Zoe three goals and both Bobbi and Courtney added one goal each. In a true captain's performance Mai could have scored five but crossed the pass, in front of goal, to allow Zoe to complete her hat-trick. A truly amazing result and we look forward to the finals after Easter!



KS3 STEM club is in full swing as year 7 and 8 students are working towards their bronze CREST award. We have a full range of projects from fruit and vegetable batteries, investigating the energy in crisps, making indicators and soap from ash, programming an escape mansion in Scratch along with a DT project making a zoetrope. The students are working hard but there is always time to have fun. Look out for the Summer term clubs list to choose which activities you would like to take part in to get the full school experience.



We are so grateful for how supportive our parents are and want to share a very big thank you to the group of parents who came in on Friday afternoon and volunteered, working very hard to dig and clear the courtyard. This really helped the Gardening Club to progress with their project to revamp the school courtyards this year.

The pupils of course earn candle credits not only for themselves but also for their house team with the goal of winning the house cup at the end of the year. The end of Spring term totals show that all houses still have a chance of winning:

Grylls: 53944

Watson: 54785

Malala: 51475

Vujicic: 53837

Congratulations to Watson for winning this term.

This term there have been three new Accelerated Reader winning classes which shows healthy competition and more to play for next term. Congratulations to this term's winner who are:

5LE - Who just pipped 5FW from retaining their crown

6JB - Managed to move from third to first in two weeks of intensive reading

7RDF - Who just moved ahead of 7JJ to win for the first time this year

8JP - Who are clear new winners in Y8

Our term ended with our Easter service in school in which we looked at the Christian Easter story and what Easter means to us. It was a real celebration with the pupils singing with great enthusiasm and finished with the candle credit winners for each year group being announced. Well done to:

Y5

Teddy Parker (Vujicic)

Theo Smith (Grylls)

Callisie Higgs (Watson)

Y6

Lottie Thompson-Brown (Malala)

Hermione Parker (Vujicic)

Connor Curtis (Vujicic)

Y7

Mya Willis (Watson)

Hettie Page (Vujicic)

Maisie Wyatt (Watson)

Y8

Will Nethercott (Malala)

Zara Andrew (Malala)

Chloe Jones (Vujicic)

All that is left is to wish you all a fantastic Easter break and hope to see everyone refreshed and ready for the Summer term on Monday 17th April.

Mr Rob Christopher & Mr Alister Barker