

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin at the end of a week where both social and academic limits have really been tested and pushed.

## **Year 6 SATs**

I must start by congratulating our Year 6 pupils on their efforts in this week's KS2 SATs tests. The tests provide pupils with a great opportunity to review and demonstrate their learning from across the four years of Key Stage 2. This is important both for pupils and schools to understand their next steps in learning and the tests also provide an ideal opportunity for pupils to become familiar with the formal testing routines they will experience in their GCSEs. The children rose to the challenge fantastically - showing great resilience and stamina to complete six tests in four days. Understandably, children and parents will be keen to find out their results - these are released to schools on 11th July and then will be shared with families before the end of term once all checks and appeals are carried out.

## **Year 7 PGL Residential - a message from the EMS team at PGL**

This week, working with Year 7, has been one of those very special times in teaching where we have the privilege to see so many children grow and shine before our very eyes.

Those of us who have had the opportunity to accompany the PGL trip have been incredibly impressed by the speed with which the teams bonded. Hearing the children encourage and support each other; watching them push themselves beyond their limits; seeing their resilience, bravery, laughter and strain has been an absolute joy.

*Please read this blog about the trip by Maisie, Ellis and Zoë:*

We arrived at school feeling so excited but nervous about who would be in our rooms. When we got to PGL we were desperate to see our rooms but we had to have lunch and then start activities. Different groups did different things including the following, abseiling, archery and sensory trail.

Over the course of the three days we did: abseiling, archery, sensory trail, canoeing, giant swing, trapeze, vertical challenge and zipwire.

There was even a rumour which has been confirmed by the PGL staff, that there is a £50 note in the tire at the end of the zip wire. Though nobody got close to getting it! Everyone tried but failed.

The food was very good and satisfying. Breakfast was a variety of food including: bacon, hash browns, vegetarian sausages, mushrooms and baked beans. We couldn't choose a favourite lunch because at the time of writing this we had only had one. Our personal favourite dinner was chicken Kiev which was delicious. We have had two puddings: jam doughnut and chocolate sponge - yum!

In the evening we did some more activities. On the first evening we had a mini tournament including tarpaulin volleyball and a 1 vs 1 football competition. On the second evening we had a disco! The disco was fun. But very loud and warm.

Overall we had a very fun and exciting experience. Most of us were in a room with our friends. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable experience!!!



Thank you so much to the girls for sharing this with us.

A group of children stayed in school and enjoyed a creative focused timetable that promoted relationships and social contact through cooking, arts, cooking and PE in addition to core subjects. They have bonded as a group fabulously.

## **Gardening Club**

Last Friday, the Gardening Club were delighted to receive a cheque from the 'Dorset Gardens Trust'. Val, who is from the Trust, visited us in school to present us with the cheque and also kindly donated some plants from her own garden. This is going to really support us with purchasing compost and some plants so we can continue with our project of redeveloping the courtyards this year. Many thanks to the Dorset Gardens Trust!



## **Year 7 French trip 2024**

I am pleased to report that we have comfortably met the required numbers to make the trip viable. It will be brilliant to get to France and next year we will finally restore our trips across the four year groups. Thanks to the number of parents who contacted us with potential solutions should we have not made the necessary numbers.

Year 5: Residential trip at the beginning of May

Year 6: local trips and visits at the beginning of June

Year 7: Residential in late March

Year 8: local trips and visits at the end of June / start of July

## **RSE Parent Information Evening**

It was great to welcome parents from across all year groups on Tuesday evening as Mrs Robertson shared the content of our relationship and sex education curriculum. This learning is so important to children in keeping themselves knowledgeable about the changes that they go through. The presentation is now on the school website under the Parents tab.

Finally, I would like to share this story from the local press - great to see headteacher, teacher and pupil in competition together - well played Mr G!

### EMMANUEL SCHOOL'S DREAM TEAM

It was great to see our Junior Captain, Oakley taking out his and Headmaster, Mr Christopher and teacher Mr Gorgizadeh in this weekend's club Medal competition.

Daruish Gorgizadeh AKA 'Mr G' to many, who started as a junior member of Crane Valley a number of years ago came out victorious and managed to win the overall event with Rob Christopher coming in a respectable 5th place.

Well done Daruish for your amazing win and well-done team Emmanuel who are keen supporters of getting children into golf at Crane Valley Golf Club.



We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.