

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Year 8 Ambassador Selection

The first wave of this year's Year 8 Ambassadors has now been selected. The standard of their applications was very high and their selection was (as agreed) linked to endorsements by our Emmanuel Middle School staff. Applicants who may have initially fallen short - have been given individual targets to meet and I look forward to appointing further Ambassadors in the New Year.

I am always proud to see our Year 8 pupils representing our school so well and being prepared to take on the duties and challenges presented to them. I'd like to congratulate Lewie Waters and Maisie Wyatt who have been appointed 'Lead Ambassadors'. I'm confident that they will flourish in their roles.

Our pupils are now several weeks into their current topics and learning habits are well embedded - here is a snapshot of current learning from across the year groups.

Year 8 English


In Y8 English we are currently studying non-fiction texts and poetry. As part of the curriculum, we have been looking at the conventions of newspaper report writing, and editing and revising our writing skills accordingly. This week we have composed an article about deforestation in the UK and have been looking to make improvements to our work, just like an editing desk.

Wednesday 20th September

DEFORESTATION DEVOURS UK

By our Correspondent Sam North

The Woodland Trust is launching a September campaign to prevent the further destruction of the UK forests. Nick Adkinson has been at work with schools like Emmanuel Middle (in Dorset) to help plant an extra 2,000 hectares of woodland by 2027. He hopes that each pupil can plant at least 2 trees every year in hope to help grow back our beautiful woodlands.



This is an example of a woodland in the UK. The cause of this is climate change as it has got so hot they have fought a fight. We need to plant and grow back all of this burnt area.

Nick Adkinson said: Climate change is a global concern which may challenge some of us. 18,000 hectares are planted in 2020-2021. The UK needs at least 40,000 hectares a year to equal deforestation. This is even more in some other places on earth.

* (A senior advisor to the woodland trust) ✓ Appendix

DEVASTATION FOR DEFORESTATION

By our Environmental Correspondent Lucy Squire


The Woodland Trust is launching a September campaign to prevent the further destruction of our important woodlands in the UK.

Nick Adkins has been working with some schools like Emmanuel middle school and a few more in Dorset. His goal is to plant 1000 extra hectares of woodland to make the environment a nicer and healthier place to be in. He wants to reach this goal by the time 2025 hits.

Mr Adkins, who is a Senior Advisor for the woodland trust, said that climate is affected by global warming which affects the tree. Trees have a very important part to climate because they produce oxygen so that we can still breathe.

3 FUN FACTS

1. The UK is the 2nd largest importer of wood in the world.
2. At least 800 woods are currently under threat.
3. Climate change is a global concern.

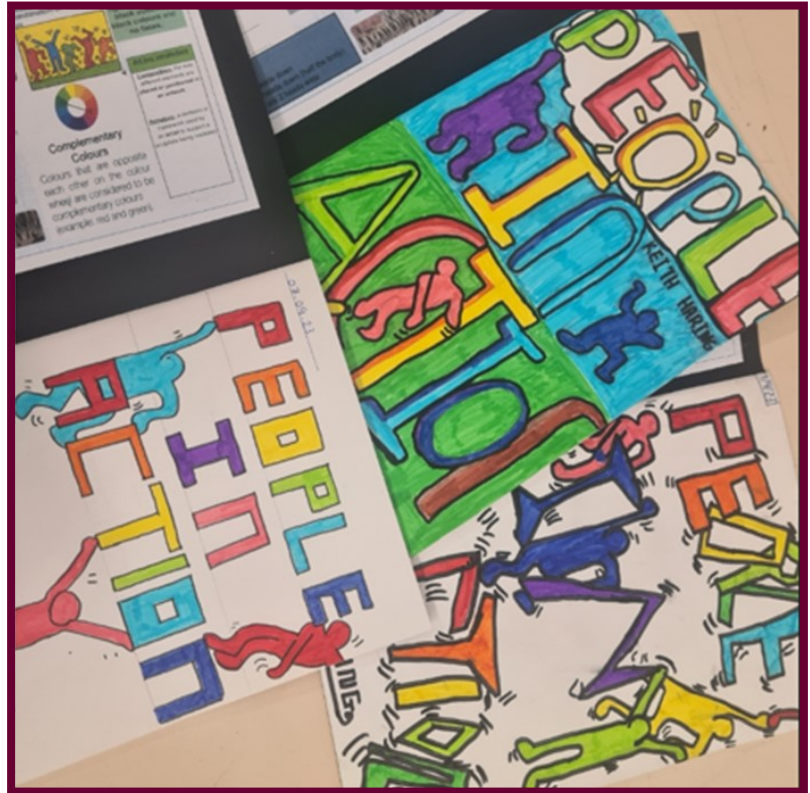


Y7 Maths

In Year 7 Maths we are moving on from looking at linear and non-linear sequences to start the work on algebraic notation. This work has started with function machines and understanding the vocab of 'input', 'function' and 'output' and the conventions of writing the 4 operations in algebra.

Y6 Art

People in Action - inspired by the Artist Keith Haring.



Athens

- Democratic - speak / vote,
- Trade fish, honey,
- Only boys went to school,
- They tried to invade cities,
- There were a lot of slaves,
- They learned music and gym.
- They traded with gold and silver,
- The Athens were ruled by democracy,
- Women had to stay at home and clean, do the chores and look after the children or child,
- Athens was one of the head islands in Greece.
- In Athens only rich girls could be taught a bit at home,
- Well rounded.

Sparta

- Two kings all decision,
- Famous army Greece,
- Raised to be in army boys train young age strict,
- They did not invade other cities,
- More slaves than citizens,
- Women couldn't join army,
- But train and still have to be healthy and fit,
- Everything was surrounded by military,
- Also suspicious of other people,
- The council were older people,
- Slaves make food,
- They people get strength and discipline.
- The girls could re-marry and get their own houses,
- Ruled by two kings,
- Fierce army,
- The Sparta were all ruled by oligarchy,
- Sparta was one of the head island in Greece.

Y5 Humanities

In Year 5 Humanities we have been starting our journey looking at the broad theme of 'power' by exploring the ancient Greek city states of Sparta and Athens. The children have been developing their map work skills whilst also learning about democracy and identifying similarities and differences between two locations.

NSPCC workshops

The School is participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of an age appropriate virtual assembly that was delivered to all pupils in KS2 by NSPCC volunteers on Tuesday this week followed by face to face workshops for children in Year 6 today. The content was delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.



Meet the tutor evening

Working closely with families is an important part of our success at Emmanuel and our tutors are looking forward to meeting parents of their tutees on our 'meet the tutor' evening which will be on Wednesday 11th October. This will be a face-to-face meeting (as opposed to the video meeting for subject parents' evenings later in the year) and further details about how to book your slot will be provided in the near future.

All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker