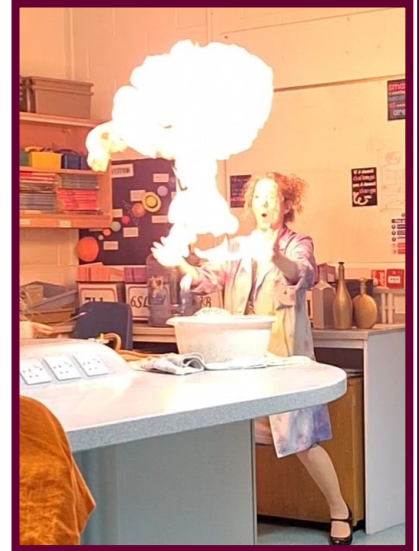


Dear Parents/Carers,

Open Evening

It was such a pleasure to open our doors to so many families both on Tuesday morning and evening. These events are of course to give prospective families the opportunity to see the school but the real stars of the show are our current pupils who are the most incredible ambassadors for EMS. Thank you so much to every pupil who ran one of the classrooms so maturely, spoke so articulately to visiting parents or helped with the preparations. The feedback from visitors very much echoed this.

The evening demonstrated the wide range of talents and interests our pupils hold. We had wooden robots being made, a French cafe being run, trampolining being demonstrated, science experiments being modelled not to mention the presentations about careers and residentials. We are all very proud of our pupils and extend our thanks to the families who ensured they were able to be present in the evening.



U12 ESFA Girls' Football Report

It was a tough start to our 2023-2024 season. After last year we were full of expectation but came up against a very physical and well-drilled SMMS side that contained mostly academy or ex-academy players. They will go far in the competition! Two thirds of our squad were Y6 players, who were playing girls a year above them, and performed exceptionally well. We never gave up and continued to play attacking football against the tough opposition. The experience will help us develop in the forthcoming matches and we grew stronger in the second half narrowly missing out on scoring a couple of goals that went wide. The woman of the match was our goalkeeper, Ruby, who made some outstanding saves and denied SMMS a larger winning score.

Epraise Rewards

Key stage 2 and 3 pupils enjoyed a bike ride visit to Moors Valley. Completing three quarters of the blue route the intermediate group worked incredibly hard with a few sore legs on Thursday. Course conditions and its technical demands tested both physical and mental capacities. There were a few twitchy moments! The end of the session finished in typical fashion with a run around in the play park. Well done to all involved and thanks to the PTFA who 100% fund these activities.

Last Friday afternoon, 10 of our pupils were lucky enough to have a Street Dance session as an Epraise reward. This was led by Theo McKenzie Hayton who has toured with the Dance Troupe Diversity and also appeared on Britain's Got Talent as a member of Diversity Juniors.

The afternoon was a great success - all the children learnt a unique routine to 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' and performed it for each other. They also took part in an impromptu improvisation session where they could make up their own moves.

A **BIG** thank you to Theo and his mum Clare for providing us with an amazing Epraise reward - we hope you will come back and see us again (when not on tour!)



Cross Country

Last Thursday our cross country team took part in a very large event at Canford School. With over 600 competitors across a wide range of schools it was a fantastic opportunity for the children to test themselves against strong opposition as well as challenge themselves in this most gruelling of events. Well done to all of our participants and in particular to Sienna Perkins who finished fourth in her category.

Gardening Club

After the summer holidays, we were all amazed to see how much the main courtyard had grown. All the plants that were put in by the Gardening Club and Outdoor Group last year had survived and flourished, turning the main courtyard into a colourful, beautiful place to be, butterflies and insects have returned and there is now even a resident robin. The sunflowers, grown from seed, have been particularly impressive. The Gardening Club worked extremely hard each Friday lunchtime, to transform this neglected part of the school. They were Toby Hunter-Selby, Zac Hodson, Jo Willment, Alyssa Harley, Kaiden Williams, Hetty Page, Hayden Batty, Loucinda Al Abido. We were very grateful for generous donations of plants, especially from Knoll Gardens and a grant from the Dorset Gardens Trust.

Most of all the whole project was made possible and run by the support, time and commitment kindly given voluntarily by Helen Milne (Wild Places). A very big 'thank you' to her on behalf of the Gardening Club and everyone who has the pleasure of enjoying the new improved courtyard.



INTERHOUSE ART CHALLENGE

The totem pole is starting to come along fantastically. Each house has a colour themed ocean related image being curated through the use of coloured, recycled materials. Please keep bringing in recyclable coloured plastic to use on this amazing sculpture. RED/BLUE /GREEN /BLACK or WHITE. Collection point in the Art room. The school Art Instagram account is updated weekly with pupils' work...

@emmanuelmiddleschoolart



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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker