

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the latest in our weekly parent bulletin.

Safety

As we hit autumn and poor weather we ask you to keep child safety at the forefront of your actions around drop-off and pick up times. We know it gets busy and space is limited outside the gate. There is a real possibility of a serious injury where a vehicle is involved in any form of accident. We regularly talk to the children about road safety and awareness of other road / pavement users. However, children are not always as attuned to this as adult road users. Please refrain from stopping on the roundabout and dropped pavement section at the start of Margards Lane. Parking in these areas can block the view of child movement from the campus. Thank you for doing your part to keep children safe.

No Put Down Week

In Worship on Monday Mrs Robertson shared the vision for "No Put Down Week" which will be taking place next week. Building a culture of respect for ourselves and peers is essential to all children having a sense of belonging. Ask your child about the activities that will be taking place which will culminate in a SPOTacular mufti day in support of Children in Need.

Equipment requirements

Please ensure your children have all the equipment they need every day - it is disruptive to start lessons by having to address missing stationery.

We ask that families provide:

Handwriting pens

Pencil

Ruler

Rubber

Glue stick

We will provide:

White boards and white board pens

Please note there are plans in place to open a stationery shop in school after Christmas.

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to all the pupils who have contributed to the huge number of AR quizzes that have been completed this year. Reading is crucial to success across the curriculum and one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to develop reading fluency and comprehension is simply to read as much as possible. If this isn't motivation enough the competition for the class reading challenges is hotting up with pupils vying for that coveted mufti-day reward.

Y5 5BH have overtaken 5CS and placed themselves in the lead. After a tremendous effort, 5MB have recovered to haul themselves into a competitive third place to chase the leading pack.

Y6 6JNH have passed 6JB in their chase to catch the leaders so far - 6DG.

Y7 After a very close race, 7RDF have now shot past 7KR to lead in their year group.

Y8 8NS and 8JP have both overtaken 8BNS, in a very close tie at the top of Year 8.

Year 6 Netball

Some of our amazing year 6 children took part in a mini tournament at St Michael's Middle School on Wednesday - they all had so much fun learning more about the game and developing new skills. Most importantly they all had a fantastic time - thanks also to two of our year 8 sports leaders who were on hand with support and motivation.

Year 7 & 8 Netball

The year 7 and 8 netball teams played against St Michael's Middle School yesterday. Both games were extremely close and all players gave 100%. Our year 7 team lost by 1 goal with the final score being 5-4, and our year 8 team won 16-8. A huge well done to all of the girls.



Bikeability:

Yesterday and today some year 5 pupils took part in their Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 cycle training which was provided by Dorset Council. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme based on the National Standard for Cycle Training. All participants will receive an official Bikeability certificate including a personal cycle skills profile.



Reports

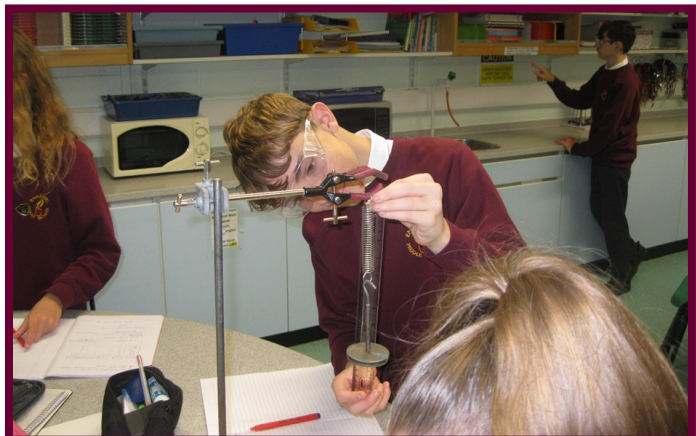
We send our reports out in advance of parent evening bookings to enable you to make an informed decision about which teachers to make appointments with and to ensure regular communication about your child's attitude to learning in all their subjects. Reports will come home next Friday 17th November and following an alignment with the other trust middle schools we have reversed our scoring system. This means that 1 now represents 'Exceptional' and 4 'requiring immediate improvement'.

Attitude to Learning

<p>2 Expected A2L</p>	<p>A pupil who meets our values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept responsibility for their own learning. • Cooperative, organised and prepared. • Carries out tasks asked without question. • Remain on-task. • Acts on advice given to improve work • Is actively engaged in the learning process. • Completes and hands H/W in on time.
<p>1 Exceptional A2L</p>	<p>A pupil who will exceed their academic target because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a high motivation to learn. • Surpasses their academic target. • Produces exceptional work for their ability. • Actively seeks advice to improve their work. • Supports others' learning in the class. • Takes on extra responsibility.
<p>3 / 4 A2L must improve</p> <p><i>(a score of 3 indicates some of these points - a score of 4 is most of these)</i></p>	<p>A pupil who is not meeting our expectations or their academic potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not have a pen, pencil or kit. • Produces work of a poor standard matched to their ability. • Does not present their work to full capabilities. • Regularly 'off-task', challenges, calls out and disrupts the learning environment. • Does not complete H/W or hand in on time.

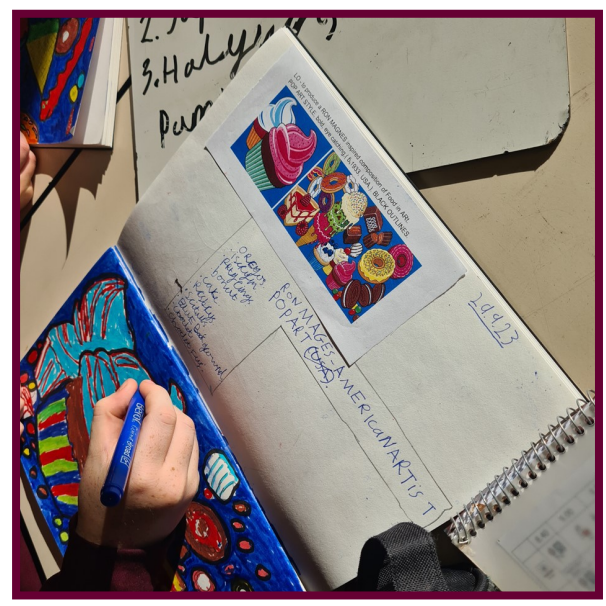
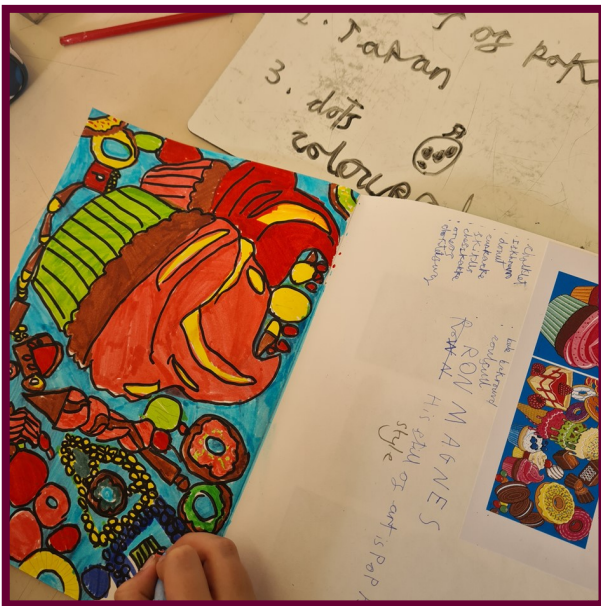
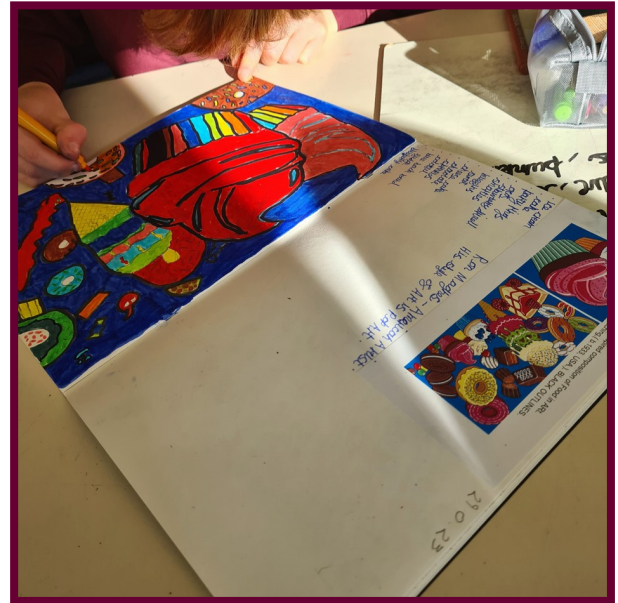
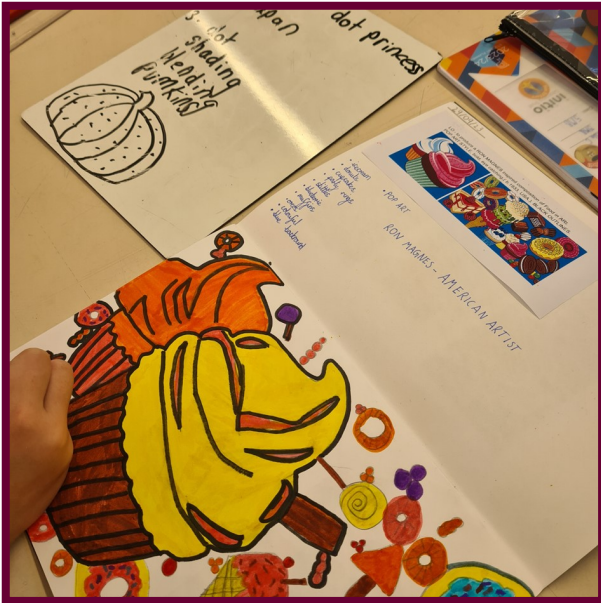
Y8 Science

In Year 8 science the children have been investigating the effect of changing mass on a spring - developing their skills in carrying out an investigation and recording results.



Y5 Art

In Year 5 Art the pupils have been looking at Food in Art through the Pop Art compositions in the style of Ron Magnes and pumpkins in the style of Japanese Artist Yayoi Kusama. Look at the fantastic work they produced!



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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker