## EMS WEEKLY BULLETIN 12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin at the end of a very cold but busy week!

#### Site News

I should start by congratulating the children on how well they coped with the occasional changes to their routines this week when the power cut hit the school. The electrical issues have proved challenging for the electrical board and significant work has been carried out to provide a solution. We are fully operational although parts of the car park are out of action.

As previously shared, Monday is a mufti day for pupils who bring in a £1 donation for the PTFA. All usual rules apply: please no strappy or cropped tops or short skirts or shorts, and the school's policy on makeup, jewellery and hair still applies.

Why £1 now? This helps cover some of the costs associated with the raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair. We always try to spread the times where we ask for contributions and hold mufti-days. Thank you for your support.

### **Stationery Shop**

A reminder that the stationery shop is now running on Wednesday lunchtimes at 1.20pm in the shared area. Please support your child in using this in conjunction with our daily equipment checks to ensure they arrive at every lesson with the equipment they need. The price list is below:

Stationery Shop		
Handwriting Pens	50p	
Pink Pen	20p	
Green Pen	20p	001 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 21 22 13 14 25
Purple Pen	20p	
Long Ruler	40p	
Short Ruler	30p	chit
Eraser	30p	
Pencil	30p	
Protractor	30p	
Water Bottle	£2	
Pencil Case	£1.50	
Glue Stick	£1	

This is not about making a profit. We appreciate we can source items cheaper through the size of order and for families it becomes expensive to replace one item when you have to purchase them as part of a pack.

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### **House News**

House assemblies have been held in school this week. All House Captains / Reps have been asked to think of ideas to support our local community.

This term, Malala House have decided to organise donations for our local food bank which will be taking place in school next week from Monday to Friday. Please see separate ParentMail for examples of items and donate if you can.

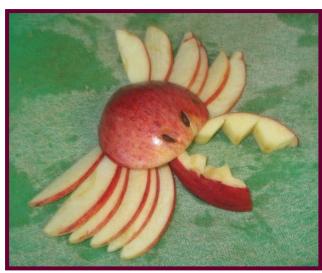
### Year 7 "Time in a Bottle" PSHE Workshop

Last term, the Year 7 Wellbeing Curriculum focused on personal identity, peer pressure and risk taking and we continue with this theme with this workshop on alcohol awareness. The "Time in a Bottle" project links with the drugs, smoking and alcohol awareness education which is part of the KS3 Wellbeing curriculum. "Time in a Bottle" has visited our school regularly in recent years and we feel Paul's lively and thought-provoking performances add an important dimension to this unit of work. Year 7 experienced a play and then a workshop which really challenged their ability to make informed choices.

### Food Technology

Year 7 had an opportunity to take their sharp knife skills on to the next level this week and created some brilliant apple creatures!





### Year 6 Art

This week year 6 have started their new project, Insects and Birds. They started with pencil observation drawings of bugs, specifically using TONE.





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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker