

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parents bulletin at the end of another very busy and varied week at Emmanuel.

Attendance

We wish to highlight the crucial role of school attendance in our children's lives, promoting their health, well-being, and socialisation throughout their development. We are supporting Dorset Council rolling out an, "in this together" campaign, as it is a great initiative in order to boost our children's attendance. We are deeply committed to collaborating with you and other relevant organisations to eliminate any obstacles preventing your child from attending school. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can work to secure your child's good attendance at Emmanuel. Please use this [link](#) to access useful information and guidance on school attendance.



A purple graphic with a white speech bubble on the left containing the text "Talk to us if you're worried about getting your child to school." On the right, a white oval contains the text "In this together" above a black box with "School Attendance". In the center, four people (three women and one man) are smiling. At the bottom left is the Dorset Council logo. At the bottom right, a white arrow points to a QR code. Text at the bottom reads: "Struggling to get your child to school? Help is available – find out more: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-attendance".

House Foodbank Challenge

Congratulations to Malala for both running and winning the inter house food bank challenge. Thank you to all the families who made the contributions which will be prepared by the Malala House Captains early next week before being collected by the food bank. Well done to all those who took part.



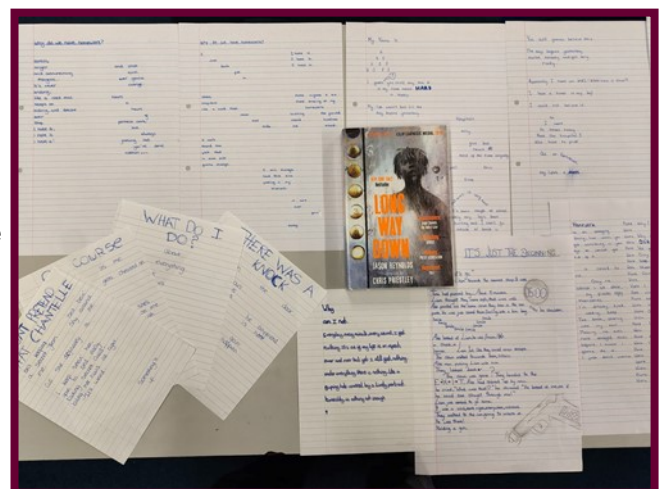
Courtroom Drama - last Friday

On Friday, Year 8 had a visit from Sarah and Lisa from the Urban Heaths Partnership education team. They learnt about the special wildlife found on our Dorset heathland and the terrible consequences of wild fires. Heathlands can take years to recover and many species of reptiles are endangered because of this. In the courtroom drama, the pupils were taught an interactive lesson, based on a real case, taking part as the accused, judge, defence lawyer, witnesses or the jury. They were shown film footage of real Dorset wildfires and the drama was based on a real case of fire caused by arson. The message we hope the pupils took home was that if they are on the heath when a fire starts, they must evacuate immediately as fire can move faster than a human can run. It is also important that the pupils got the message that arson is against the law and that anyone over the age of 10 years could be prosecuted and face a criminal record if they start a fire.



Year 8 English

Year 8 pupils have been writing free verse in the style of Jason Reynolds in his book 'Long Way Down'. It gives pupils the freedom to express their thoughts and ideas without the constraints of standard narrative prose and grammar. It also allows pupils to construct an artistic layout that matches the theme. This work will be used for a new display in the Year 8 corridor.



Year 8 Visit to QE School to watch Oliver

On Thursday 25th January Year 8 were invited to watch Queen Elizabeth School's annual show. This year they staged a rip-roaring production of Lionel Bart's musical Oliver! The dancing was spectacular, the singing - fabulous and the acting first class!

By the end of the performance we all 'considered ourselves part of the family' and I would urge everyone who is considering going to purchase a ticket for this brilliant production.

Many thanks to the staff and pupils of Queen Elizabeth School for hosting our Year 8 pupils and providing them with such a memorable experience.

KS3 French

Wondering how to help your son / daughter with their French but don't know how?

The KS3 Spring Term Sentence Builders are now to be located on Google Classroom:

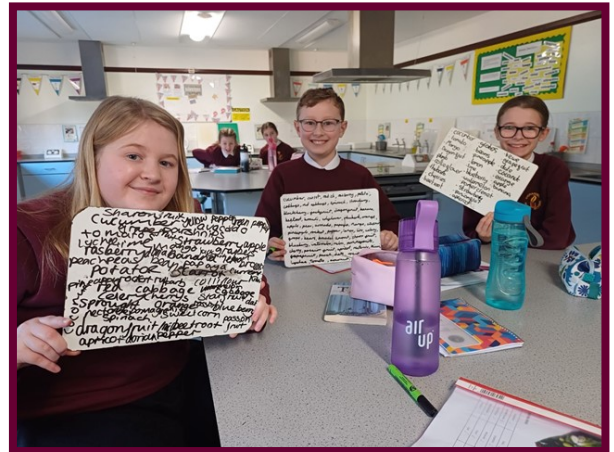
Year 7: Expressing & Justifying Opinions

Year 8: Making future holiday plans and arrangements

Reading through the Sentence Builders, translating the words, understanding the misconceptions and practising sentences are activities that can be done at home. Topics contain relevance for travelling to France so we hope that you can all learn / improve together. As a Department we are very grateful for any extra support in pupil learning. Un grand merci d'avance!

Year 6 Food Technology

Year 6 have been exploring all things healthy in Food Tech this week. Just the recipe to get them through their Mock SATs. Balanced diets, variety, food groups, smelly fruits and unusual veggies have been on the table and up for discussion.

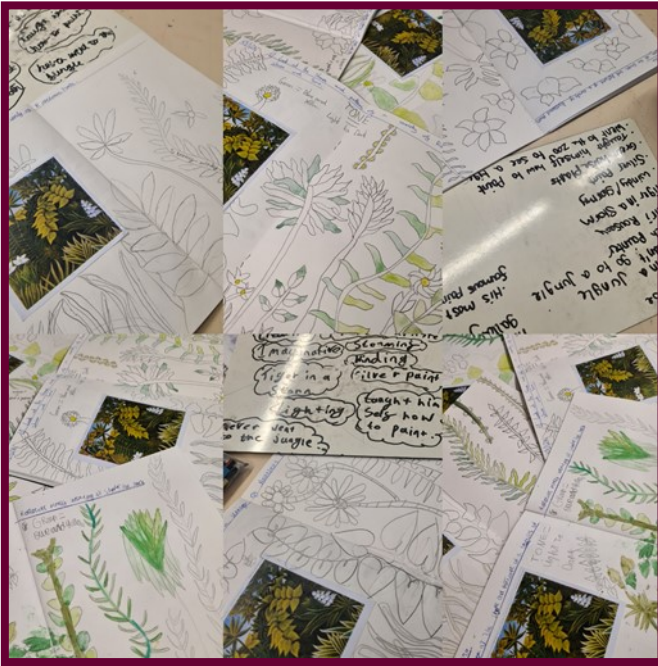


KS3 Netball

The Year 7 and 8 netball teams played against The Burgate School on Thursday 25th January. All 3 games were extremely close and all girls played very well. The year 7 team drew 5-5. We had 2 year 8 teams playing. One of our year 8 team won 4-2 and our other team won 3-1. These are great results from all 3 teams. Well done to everyone that played!



This term we are looking at the paintings of French Artist Henri Rousseau. Specifically looking at his use of the colour Green. Year 5 are experimenting with watercolour paints to create their own shades of Green.



Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker