

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin. It's been a shortened but very busy week as can be seen below.

## **INSET**

The week started for the teachers on Monday with an INSET day at Allenbourn Middle School in conjunction with our other Initio Learning Trust middle school colleagues. We focused in the morning on effective questioning techniques and using pupil outcomes to give feedback that moves learning forwards. We then moved into subject teams and further work on our curriculum and retrieval practice took place. Retrieval practice is the strategic revisiting of prior learning to ensure it is retained to be built on at a later date.

## **Footwear for PE**

Just a polite reminder that all pupils need to wear the correct footwear for their PE lessons. Canvas ankle/converse boots or summer pumps are not acceptable. Proper trainers must be worn so that the pupils have the sufficient support around their feet and ankles that they need.

## **Accelerated reader**

**This is an excellent term for reading with much higher word count tallies than the autumn term.**

**Y5 - 5JR are ahead but there is a very close three-way contest for second place.**

**Y6 - Although 6DG are still marginally ahead, 6JB and 6JNH are closing in.**

**Y7 - 7LL are way ahead at the moment - can they be caught?**

**Y8 - A really close contest between 8BNS and 8JP - which class will prevail?**

## **World Book Day - Thursday 7th March**

Tokens went home with the children yesterday to claim their free book from any participating retailer and can be claimed until 31st March 2024.

Please encourage the children to join in on the fun with the competition of turning an ordinary potato into a book character! We are looking forward to seeing their crafty ideas and talents to celebrate World Book Day!! Book voucher to be won!

## **Ben and Mason's Dorset County Sportshall Athletics**

Ben Lear and Mason Dicker of 6DG, are representing Team Dorset at the South West Regional, Sportshall Athletics competition, on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. They will be competing for the under 11 boys in events such as: running relays, obstacle relays, balance beam, standing vertical jump, chest push and triple jump. Both boys are members of Wimborne Athletics Club (WAC) and have competed in a series of indoor competitions before making the finals. They are super excited to compete for Dorset and to travel on the team bus to Paignton, in Devon, for the event. Good luck to both boys, and we look forward to hearing all about it.

## **Girls' Football**

It has been a busy few weeks for KS3 Girls' Football. We travelled to Parkstone Grammar for the first time on Wednesday 7th February 2024 for our U-13 County Cup Fixture. We only just managed to put together our team of 9 due to illness and injury and had to keep an exhausted player on the pitch - no subs! Although we lost this round, we were awarded two players of the match by the opposing team - Olivia and Lola.

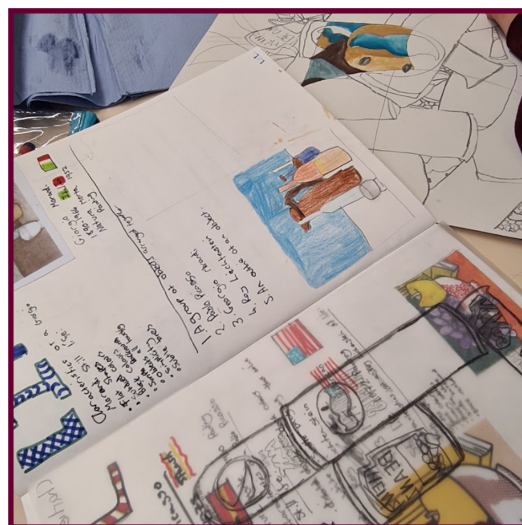
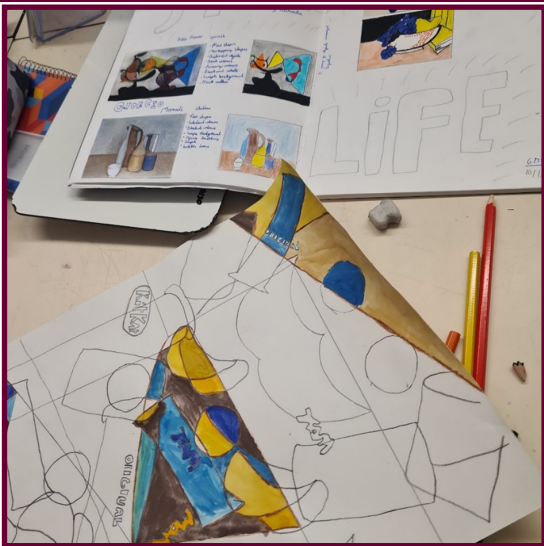




Last Wednesday 21st February, we competed in the annual U-13 7-a-side tournament at Lytchett Minster School, narrowly avoiding the torrential rain. We drew with SMMS 1-1 in the opening match but narrowly lost our remaining three fixtures. EMS took part in the match of the tournament and were given a special mention for our fightback from 3-0 down to reach 3-2 and missing out on an equaliser against the eventual winners. Well done to Lola and Olivia for being our goal scorers.

## Year 8 Art

This week Year 8s have started their final painting for this terms Still Life Project. They have looked at the Cubist movement and three Artists who have used Still Life in their practice. Roy Liechtenstein, Pablo Picasso and Gorgio Morandi. They have started with watercolour in the style of Italian Artist Gorgio Morandi.



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

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker