

Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day - Potato Competition

We had 97 spud-tastic entries to our potato book character competition!

We were all blown away by the standard and the creativeness of our children! The judging was done by staff, Governors and most pupils. It was a very difficult decision as you can see from some of the entries we received.

There are first, second and third places in both KS2 and KS3 as the quality was phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who took part to make this competition so successful. All students who entered will receive 10 candle credits each.

With it being school production next week and our France trip for the Year 7s the following week, it's only fair to wait until we have our next whole school worship together to announce the winners and this will be Monday 25th March. Good luck!



Key Stage 3 Homework

We have made some adjustments to our homework for Years 7 and 8.

In **Year 7** Pupils have weekly homework for the following:

Sparx Maths - Set each Friday due the next Friday.

Tassomai - Pupils need to quiz daily on English / Maths and Science (teachers are looking for at least four days out of the week to be completed)

In **Year 8** pupils have weekly homework for the following:

Sparx Maths - Set each Friday due the next Friday.

Sparx Reader - Set each Thursday due the next Thursday.

Tassomai - Pupils need to quiz daily on only Science (teachers are looking for at least four days out of the week to be completed)

In addition pupils quiz on accelerated reader and complete occasional homeworks in other subject areas. Research shows that on average a pupil regularly completing homework gains an additional 5 months of progress over a pupil who does not.

There are opportunities for pupils to complete homework in school. The IT suite is open on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime for pupils to drop in if they wish. Mr Rangdale also runs a homework club after school for Years 7 and 8 on a Wednesday. They can either just come and complete work here or get some support if needed.

Our expectation is that all pupils complete their homework. Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing homework completion. Some pupils have already served lunchtime detentions where homework has been incomplete. We will be introducing after school detentions for pupils who regularly fail to complete their homework.

Year 6 Football Update

The year 6 football team have reached the semi-final stage of both the Poole and East Dorset Schools (PEDSSA) and the Dorset County U11 Cup. EMS produced a fantastic Quarter final double header against St Michael's Middle School just before half term, that went to extra time, where a Charlie Green wonder strike in the last minute was the difference between two well matched sides. With the worst of the recent weeks' rain gone (we hope!) the semi-final dates have been confirmed.

PEDSSA Semi-final: Allenbourn Middle School v EMS 14.3.24 at AMS 2:30pm KO

Dorset County Cup Semi-final: Ferndown Middle School v EMS 21.3.24 at FMS 2:30pm KO

The team are looking forward to these fixtures and who knows.... is the double on?

Semi final reports to come in the next few weeks.

July Leavers from Year 5, 6 or 7

If your child is going to be leaving Emmanuel at the end of this academic year please can you let the school office know as soon as possible together with the name of the school your child will be moving to. This ensures that we release any transition information requested by the destination school. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated, many thanks.

Free mental health webinars from Charlie Waller Trust

Charlie Waller Trust have released a number of free webinars for parents - please follow the link below if you wish to explore these. This resource has been signposted by the Mental Health in Schools Team.

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Year 5 Art

Year 5 A3 Rousseau inspired jungle scenes, using oil pastels and watercolour. Pupils have specifically been using oil pastels to learn how to blend colours.



All that is left to do is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker