

School Newsletter July 2016

The Olympic Bike and Pole Vault

Professor Stuart Burgess from Bristol University visited the school with a training bike that Team GB use as they prepare for the Olympic Games. He also brought a pole vault. The chain on the bike was a gold colour so it stood out because the bike was black. He said they used snake oil to put on the chain because it was more effective than any other oil in reducing friction. The frame was made of carbon fibre because this made the bike very light. There were no brakes on the bike. To stop you had to peddle backwards for about two laps.



He also brought in the chain that had been on Bradley Wiggins' bike when he broke the world record for the distance covered on a bike in 1 hour.

The pole vault was almost as tall as the school building. Professor Burgess said that the pole used by the world record holder was even taller and would go through the school roof. The middle of the pole was thicker than the ends because this bit needed to be stronger so it didn't snap when it was bent.

My favourite bit was about the bike having no brakes. It was also amazing to hear about how God has designed our bodies so much better than even a brilliant engineer could.

A trip to Emmaus!

On the 28th June our school were invited to Emmaus School to a couple of lessons in the morning.

First we had our assembly with Mrs Wiltshire, which was about the book of Daniel and how we should be like him in our daily lives.

The first lesson we did was with Mrs Haddow, she was teaching us about finance and how we should use our pocket money.



These were the three suggestions of how we should use our money:

- Save – it is a good idea to save the majority of our money (70%).
- Spend – it is alright to spend a bit of our money for leisure (20%).
- Give – it is good to give some of our money to the church too (10%).

We were given three pieces of paper to wrap around some jars, to put our pocket money in them using the suggestions above.



The second lesson was about being healthy and Mrs Arnold taught us that we shouldn't drink a lot of sugary drinks or foods. We weighed how much sugar was in some drinks and were very shocked in how much sugar there was in all of the drinks.

Cake Sale



The cake sale was at Chipping Sodbury Fayre. We had 24 pots of homemade jam and lots of cakes, buns and cookies to sell. At the start of the day we didn't think we would be able to sell it all but everything was sold.

We also sold some paintings by Mrs Gulliford and cards made by Immie.

In total we raised £206.65.

[Editor's note: A huge thank-you to everyone who helped by making cakes and other things to sell and for supporting us on the day. The children all did a fantastic job manning the stand and talking to customers.]

News

Each Friday the year fives and sixes talk about the news. We take it turns to choose an article from the First News newspaper. Everyone then reads the article and thinks about it before we discuss it together as a group.

We have covered many different topics including:

- Syrian refugees.
- Endangered animal species.
- The zika virus and the Olympics.
- Tax avoidance schemes.
- Beach pollution.



Before the EU referendum we had our own mini vote and then we talked about why we should remain/leave in the EU. In our second vote we decided by a small majority that we should leave the EU.

We all think it is fun and we learn all the things that are happening all around us. In news we have learnt important debating skills and now know much more about the world. We often refer to the bible to see what God's word says about the issues we discuss.

Planters

The school is helping the village of Westerleigh with its Westerleigh in Bloom displays. We were provided with two planters which we have put at the entrance to the school. With the help of Dr Upchurch we have planted flowers and shrubs and are now waiting for them to grow.

They will add some beautiful colour to the car park.



Olympics



Our Friday topic this term has been the Olympics. This is because the Olympic Games will be held this year in Rio, Brazil. Four years ago the last Olympic games were in London.

At the Olympic Games there are many different events including running, sprinting, javelin, long jump and swimming.

We have learnt that the Olympic Games started a long time ago in ancient Greece when only men were allowed to compete.

One of the London 2012 Olympic torches was on display at the school and we all got to hold it and have our photograph taken.

We also held our own Paralympic challenge where we had to run whilst wearing blindfolds, play football with one eye covered and play a game similar to netball where we had to sit on chairs.



Sports Day



On the 28th June we joined Emmaus School for their sports day. The events began at 12.30 and, although overcast, we were thankful that the rain stayed away for the whole afternoon.

One of the events was sprint. Molly came first in her race. Rebekah won the fun run (obstacle course) and Dan came first in the 800m race. Tilly won the sprint race and the sack race.

Immanuel had a great time!

After school sports and matches

On Mondays we have been playing netball and football.

We have competed with Frampton Cotterell Primary School and Emmaus School in netball. We won one and lost one, but our skills have got a lot better since the start of our netball practices. Some of our home-school friends have joined us for our training.



We also started an after-school football training group to play against Emmaus School. We learnt goal keeping, shooting, dribbling and passing. We played two matches, losing the first one 4-3 and winning the second 5-2. Some of the home schoolers were able to join us for this as well.

We want to thank the teachers for giving their time up to come and to help us with are sports.



Immanuel Christian School

Some pictures from events over the past term:

Madagascan Dance Choir visit:



Tudor Day:



A Midsummer Night's Dream:



Ancient Greeks



The Olympic Torch from London 2012 visits school:



Paralympic Sports:



Mini-Olympics at school (thank you Immie and Molly!)

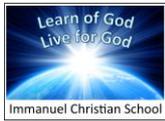


Team Jamaica at SGS-Wise Campus Mini-Olympics Day



School Photo





2016/17 Term Dates

- Wed 7th Sept – Fri 21st Oct
- Mon 31st Oct – Fri 16th Dec
- Mon 9th Jan – Friday 10th Feb
- Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st Mar
- Mon 24th April – Fri 26th May
- Mon 5th June – Fri 14th July

School Day – Time Change

Please note that from September the school day will be:

- Monday to Thursday – 8.45am to 3pm
- Friday – 8.45am to 2.45pm

Notable Dates

11th August – Monthly prayer meeting

8th September – Monthly prayer meeting

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