

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



'Life in all its fullness'

(JOHN 10:10)



Weekly newsletter
Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Life and learning at Emmanuel continues to thrive and grow. We celebrated being back to school together at our PFE barbecue event on Saturday, which was a wonderful event with excellent food! A huge thank you to the PFE for organising such an extravaganza, and we look forward to the events that are still to come this term. It was the first week of Brass lessons for Years 5 and 6, and the children had brilliant feedback from their teacher Gwen at their willingness to listen, learn and improve; a brilliant example of our value of Resilience in action.

And speaking of values, next week we will celebrate our Values week, where each class will take ownership of a value and dig deep into what it means so exhibit it in our daily lives. We look forward to producing some incredible work and displaying it around the school.

Clubs are in full swing and children are enjoying the wide range of our extra-curricular offer. We are currently thinking about how we can improve this even further, so if you would like to be part of a parents' club task group, please email the school office to let me know. It would consist of brief meetings to canvass ideas and understand the needs and wants of the families here at Emmanuel.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, with hopefully less rain than we've seen these last few days!

Miss Roscoe and the Emmanuel Team

A word from our new vicar

Dear Emmanuel,

A hello from me, the new vicar at Emmanuel Parish Church! It was great to meet several of you at the BBQ last Saturday and it has been wonderful to welcome your children to church on Monday afternoons. They are SO well behaved and it's a joy to have them join in with the singing and prayers so enthusiastically.

My family and I moved to West Hampstead a month ago, having been living in Brussels for the past four years and in Washington D.C. before that. We are very happy to be back in London and particularly happy to find ourselves in a corner of London where we seem to be surrounded by people from all over the world including a large number of Europeans and Americans; so we feel right at home!

When I was looking for vicar jobs in London, one of the big attractions about the position at Emmanuel Church was the close relationship that the church enjoys with the school. It is a mutual gift and I am looking forward to building on the excellent work that Fr Jonathan and Mthr Helen have done to foster that relationship. I hope that you will see the church as an extension of the supportive nurturing community that the school is so proud to be.

Emmanuel is a church for all people, at whatever stage of life they find themselves. We are fortunate to be able to keep our doors open during the weekdays as well as on weekends. This is a space for you. Whether you are looking for a place to pray, to ask questions, to voice doubts, to celebrate life events, or simply just to be, you are very welcome. Our church is here to support and keep all of you in our prayers - the families and staff of Emmanuel school along with all those with whom they share their lives.

I know first-hand how busy life is for parents of young children and I'm well aware of the pressures and millions of balls you are juggling. Please be assured of my prayers and don't hesitate to get in touch if you would ever like to go for a coffee or a walk around the area. I'm always looking for opportunities to get to know this new community.

And finally, on the 1st October we will celebrate Harvest Festival at church with an all age Eucharist at 10:30. You are very welcome to come along, especially if you haven't yet had an opportunity to join us for church on Sunday.

As with last year, we will be celebrating harvest with a particular emphasis on providing food for those who are hungry. So Harvest in West Hampstead will be 'Bring a tin Sunday' and all the donations will be taken to Sidings Community Centre Foodhub. If you can't make it on the 1st, never fear, we will be celebrating 'Bring a tin Monday' the following day in our school Harvest service as well!

I look forward to seeing you at the school gate or in church in the near future.

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Meet the Parents at Emmanuel

We will be holding our annual Meet the Parents event for Year 4, 5 and 6 parents and children, on Thursday September 28th from 6 to 7pm. This is an invaluable chance to talk frankly to parents and young people at our local secondary schools. We will be inviting in families from Hampstead, Haverstock, La Sainte Union, Parliament Hill, UCL Academy and William Ellis schools. Please book a free ticket here: <https://EmmanuelMTP28Sept2023.eventbrite.co.uk>



Tennis Camp

Parliament Hill Fields, Hampstead Heath, is running a Half price Tennis Camp over the October Half half-term school holiday. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%. This week, well done to Year 1!

Class	Attendance
Nursery	88.3%
Reception	94.8%
Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	98.9%
School	97.2%

Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25	26	27	28	29
			Secondary Transition Event in Hall – current Year 4, 5 and 6 children	
2	3	4	5	6
Individual photos taken of all children	Year 6 School Journey – Marchant's Hill	Year 6 School Journey – Marchant's Hill	Year 6 School Journey – Marchant's Hill	Year 6 School Journey – Marchant's Hill
Start of Black History Month				

School visionaries

Congratulations to these children for showing our school vision and values this week:
From Alpha to Omega - life in all its fullness. (John 10:10)

Bianca and Caleb In Nursery
Clara and Tyler In Reception
Vinnie and Harry in Year 1
Kira and Fleur in Year 2
Josh and Yasmine in Year 3
Amar and Clara in Year 4
Ben K and Diana in Year 5
Luken and Sabrina in Year 6





22 SEPTEMBER 2023

PFE HAPPENINGS

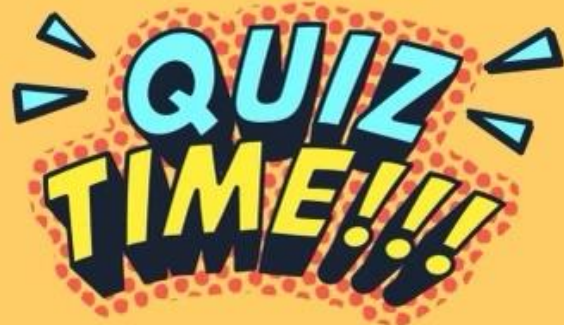
BBQ RESULTS!

We're starting the school year off right, with an extra £1,800 for the pupils. Thanks to all who came to enjoy the September sun and support our school. An especially big thanks to our volunteers - and to our students who raised £137 through their bake sale! This is just the start of what promises to be a fun and successful term.



SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 2

What could be more fun than an adults-only Quiz Night? Maybe a Quiz Night with a charity AGM included?! We promise to keep the admin formalities to a minimum and the fun the maximum, so come along the evening of November 2. Start forming teams now if you're really keen!



FREE ENTRY FOR ALL COMPETITORS



The CSC Junior Chess Grand Prix

2023 Tournament Dates

Saturday 23rd September

Sunday 15th October

Sunday 12th November

+ December 2023 (TBA)

Free Entry! Prizes of chess coaching for each section

5 sections: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 18

All tournaments will be ECF Rated and feature six rounds.

**All tournaments will be held at
The UCL Academy, Adelaide Rd, London NW3 3AQ**

**Closest tubes: Swiss Cottage (Jubilee) 3 min walk, Finchley Road
(Metropolitan) 8 min walk, Chalk Farm (Northern) 8 min walk.**

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Tournament information

Each tournament consists of 6 rounds/games. All competitors play in all rounds. Any withdrawal must be advised to the tournament director. The tournaments are ECF rated, and players must hold a minimum of Silver membership of the English Chess Federation in order to compete. Junior Silver membership is available FREE for the first year to juniors who have not previously been members of the Federation. For those that have been a member of the ECF previously, the cost is £6 for a year. See www.englishchess.org.uk

Players must be below the age of their section (Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 18) at midnight on 1st September 2023. Players can play in an older age category if they choose to do so, but not a younger one. **Entries will be closed 48 hours before the start of each tournament.**

Prizes will be awarded in each tournament for the top 3 players in each age category.
1st place - Winners' Trophy & £100 voucher for chess coaching
2nd & 3rd places - Medal & £50 voucher for chess coaching

Only light refreshments will be available at the venue so we recommend your child brings a packed lunch.

Children aged under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

CSC reserves the right to refuse entry. Please advise the organisers by emailing info@chessinschools.co.uk if you need to withdraw from the tournament before it starts. Failure to notify the organisers will result in a refusal of entry to future events.

About the Junior Chess Grand Prix

The Junior Chess Grand Prix is a series of free chess tournaments organised by the charity, *Chess in Schools and Communities*, aimed at school children aged 6 to 18. You can participate in any or all of the chess tournaments in the series, with the game points you score in each event counting towards your score in the Grand Prix. There will be a fourth and final tournament in the Grand Prix series, to be held in either December 2023 or early 2024, where points scored will count double towards the overall Grand Prix standings.

Round One	11am
Round Two	12:10 pm
Round Three	1:20 pm
Round Four	2:30 pm
Round Five	3:40 pm
Round Six	4:50 pm
Prize giving	6:15 pm

The winner in each category of the 2023 Junior Grand Prix will also receive a voucher for an additional £500 of chess coaching, with second and third places receiving a voucher for £250 of chess coaching.

Schedule for all tournaments (see right):

The venue is open and registration starts from 10.30am. Please ensure you have visited the registration desk by 10.45am to ensure you are paired for round one.

Time control for all tournaments: 15 minutes + 10 second increment

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**PLEASE DONATE
TARGETED FOOD OR
MONEY TO
CAMDEN FOODBANK
TO HELP US MAKE UP
3-DAY EMERGENCY FOOD
PARCELS FOR LOCAL
ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN
FOOD HUNGER.**

**EVERY £40 RECEIVED IN CASH
DONATIONS PAYS FOR ONE
EMERGENCY PACKAGE***



A well balanced 3-day emergency food package with toiletries for 1 person could mirror the photo above. (Cost per package may vary according to availability and requirement*).

WAYS YOU CAN HELP FEED ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN FOOD POVERTY:

- **COLLECT** targeted food (listed below) and deliver to Camden Foodbank on any Tuesday or Friday in September and October between 11.30 am and 3.30 pm,
- Through **INTERNET SHOPPING** purchase and send targeted food (listed below) directly to Camden Foodbank on Tuesday 3rd October or Tuesday 17th October between 11.30 am and 3.30 pm,
- Donate to Camden Foodbank through **JUST GIVING** <https://checkout.iustgiving.com/c/3445418>. 100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank. We would be grateful if you can also select GIFT AID which will increase your donation.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DONATING by emailing COLLECT, INTERNET SHOPPING or JUST GIVING to: Jackie Pepper, Support Manager for Camden Foodbank at supportmanager@camden.foodbank.org.uk. For further details/queries please email or call 07577 555331.

Targeted food needed by Camden Foodbank:

Tinned Meat	Tea	Long Life Juice
Tinned Fish	Coffee	Longlife Milk
Tinned Fruit	Sugar	Soap
Tinned Soup	Biscuits	Shampoo
Baked Beans	Chocolate	Shower Gel
Pasta/Rice	Washing Powder	Toothbrush
Pasta Sauce	Washing Up Liquid	Toothpaste
Cereal	Cooking Oil	Deodorant

Camden Foodbank, a local registered charity, part of the Trussell Trust group of foodbanks in the UK, is currently experiencing an overwhelming demand of adults and children descending into food poverty. The effect of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis has caused an increasing number of local people to go into food crisis as they have no money for food to eat. When people go into food hunger they are referred by a wide range of local professionals and referral agencies who work closely with Camden Foodbank and who issue people in need with a foodbank voucher. This voucher allows people in food poverty to come to Camden Foodbank to receive a 3-day emergency supply of food.



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Between 2020 and 2022 Camden Foodbank gave out 10,000 3-Day Emergency Food Parcels to adults and children in food poverty.