## FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA





## Weekly newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

## **Open Classrooms**

Year 5 had a great Open Classroom this morning, with lots of parents attending to hear all about the fabulous learning that's been going on in Year 5. Thank you to everyone who came and supported them!

## **Upcoming Open Classrooms:**

**Year 4:** Friday 8th December 9.15 – 9.45

# Save the date: Parent and carer workshop - Supporting children displaying challenging behaviours

All parents and carers are welcomed to join our next mental health and wellbeing workshop on Monday 4th December (9.00 - 10.15) in the Omega building) focused on how to support children that are showing challenging behaviours. The workshop, led by the Camden Learning Mental Health and Wellbeing team, will share information on:

- Identifying the root of some challenging behaviours
- Understanding how the brain and body responds in moments when we are triggered
- Proactive and preventative strategies to manage challenging behaviours
- Reflecting on our own childhood experiences and how that might impact on how we respond, as parents, to challenging situations

If you have any questions or would like to register your attendance, please email wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk.

## Confirmation

I was delighted to attend the baptism and confirmation of many of our Year 5 and 6 children on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. It was a very beautiful and thought-provoking service, and the children were wonderful representatives of both our school and their families. Thank you to Revd Trin for preparing them so thoroughly for the journey; the link between Emmanuel Church and School remains a very strong and empowering one, and one that helps our children live life in all its fullness.

## Thursday 7 December - Christmas Jumper Day!

Next Thursday, the School Council are hosting Christmas jumper day as part of their target to raise £500 for charities - this will be for Save the Children. We would like all the children to wear a Christmas themed jumper or top - they can always decorate it themselves with bits of tinsel if last year's jumper doesn't fit anymore - the more creative the better! For this non-uniform day the School Council would really appreciate a small voluntary donation that can be given to help this important charity. There will be buckets at the gates at drop off and a card reader for those without cash. But if easier, here is a link to a giving page through the PFE - <a href="https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QVCPQNS5">https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QVCPQNS5</a>. The PFE will also be selling Christmas jumpers at the Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Thank you for your support!

#### **Brass Concert**

Year 5 and 6 kicked off the festive season by giving a brilliant performance in their Brass Concert. It really showed the hard work and effort they have been putting in to learning their instruments, and I was so proud of how professional everyone looked and sounded. A huge thank you goes to Ms. McDougal and Mr. Warner from Camden Music for teaching the children every week and being patient and motivating directors. Thanks also go to Mr. Edwards, Miss Taylor and Mr. Pick for lending their expertise in the performance, and of course to the PFE, who help to fund our Brass programme. It is such an exciting part of being a pupil at Emmanuel and we're very grateful to everyone who makes it possible.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Miss Roscoe and the Emmanuel Team



Our school target for attendance is 96%. This week, well done to Year 6

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.2%
Reception	89.8%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	97.3%
School	94.7%

#### A word from our Vicar

Dear Parents and Carers.

There's a lot going on everywhere at this time of year and I hear the feelings many of you have already expressed to me about feeling busy and exhausted and it's only  $1^{st}$  December! In addition to the Christmas Fair on Saturday there are two things going on at Emmanuel Church this week and next which may be just what you need.

- 1. On Sunday afternoon 4:30-6:30 St Nicholas workshop in church. Crafts and activities for children for Advent followed by a short service at which we will thank Luken Egan, who has been our child bishop this past year, and will enthrone our new child bishop. Come along on Sunday to find out who it is.
- 2. On Sunday evening 7:30-8:00 (3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December) we have a short service of prayer and reflection with music. If you can escape the early evening busy-ness, I invite you to come and have a bit of time for yourself to just sit and be and think about what Christmas means for you this year.

And in this early stage of Advent, I send you my best wishes and my prayers for the season.

#### Revd Trin





Swimming Nature, a provider of award-winning swimming lessons for children at the Maqam Centre (Queens Park), the Crown Hotel (Cricklewood) and the Moberly Sports Centre (Kensal Green), has kindly given the PFE vouchers to support our fundraising at the Christmas Fair.



## Supporting our pupils' Mental Health and Wellbeing

Your feedback needed!

#### Parent/carer focus group for the Wellbeing Award for Schools programme

In the summer term, we communicated our aim to achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools accreditation and we thank those parents and carers who completed the evaluation questionnaires at the time. Mrs Watkins is now looking for a small group of parents and carers to support with reviewing the development of our wellbeing and mental health strategy and action plan which are key parts of achieving this award. This would involve 1-2 hours of their time. If you would like to be part of this focus group, please email wellbeing@emmanuel.wellbeing.sch.uk.





## **Diary Dates** - click here for our school calendar

04/12/23 All Day

Year 6 swimming

New Galendar

05/12/23 All Day

Year 6 swimming

06/12/23 All Day

Year 6 swimming New Galandar

07/12/23 All Day

Year 6 swimming

08/12/23 All Day

Year 6 swimming

11/12/23 All Day

Nasal flu vaccine

13/12/23 5:30pm - 6:30pm Meet Our Families

New Calendar

14/12/23 2:00pm = 3:30pm

KS1 Nativity performance to

New Collendar

All Day

Christmas Jumper Day

10:00am - 10:30am

11:30am - 12:30pm

Christmas Lunch

New Colendar

Reception Nativity

New Calendar

9:15am – 9:45am Year 4 Open Classroom

New Calendar

11:15am - 11:45am KS2 choir carol singing 2:00pm = 3:00pm

Christmas Panto for children

New Calendar

# **Community Carol Singing**

## in aid of C4WS homeless charity

at Emmanuel Church, Lyncroft Gardens, NW6

Wednesday 6 December 7.45pm

Join us for carols & concert followed by mulled wine and mince pies



Raising funds for the local homeless project C4WS. Suggested donation £5

with concert hosted by

FORTUNE GREEN CHOIR



## **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)

Maria and Diego in Nursery Keana and Fiona in Reception Eliza and Lara in Year 1 Layla and Zuzana in Year 2 Euan and Yasmin Year 3 Vivienne and Alexander in Year 4 Mia and Quinn in Year 5 Micah and Oscar In Year 6



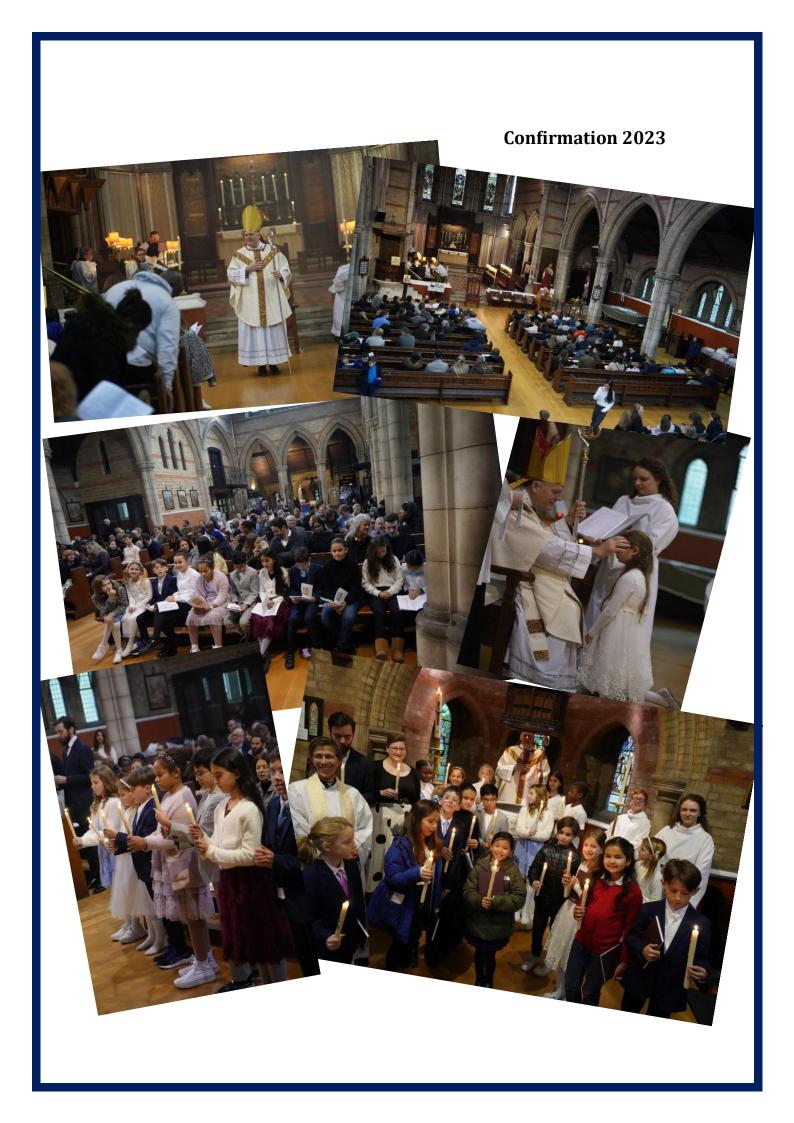




## Year 1 Trip to Hampstead Heath

This week we had a fantastic trip to Hampstead Heath! Thank you to the parent volunteers who accompanied us; we really appreciate it! On our trip we spotted things that represent the winter season e.g. skeleton tree, holly and the temperature. We listened to the Gruffalo Child's story, and we even found footprints of the animals in the story! We loved building a shelter for the mouse using natural materials.





## Year 3 local walk

Last week Year 3 used their map skills to go on a local walk, walking two different routes to Fortune Green and discussing the differences and similarities of the routes. We also noted key features along the way. Next week we will be comparing these key features to another city.

















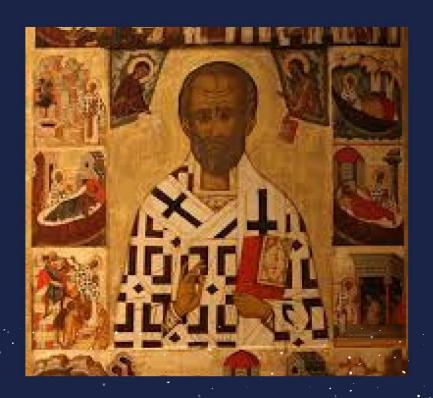








# St Nicholas Workshop



Children's advent crafts, followed by a service for the enthronement of our child bishop

> Sunday 3rd December 4:30-6:30pm Emmanuel Church, NW61J

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