

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



'Life in all its fullness'

(JOHN 10:10)



Weekly newsletter
Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What a brilliant end to a fantastic term! We had the pleasure of watching Year 5's Easter play which was joyous, resulting in an encore at the end! My heartfelt thanks go to all our wonderful staff who work tirelessly to provide not only excellent teaching and learning in the classroom but also exciting and memorable performance opportunities and those 'added extras'. We really are very lucky to have such a happy and dedicated team.

It's also time to say, perhaps not goodbye, but farewell to one of our longest-standing members of staff, Mrs. Dilley, who has been at Emmanuel for twelve years, as she pursues other opportunities within the partnership. We may well see her again, such is the beauty of working so closely with two other local schools, but for now we will miss her warmth and wit and sheer endless knowledge of the school!

Holy Week

This week our children had the pleasure of visiting the Holy Week installation in the space above the Alpha building. The activities invited the children to engage with the Easter story through play, thinking about who they might invite to their dinner party, writing prayers, making bread with playdough, and painting and washing their feet. A huge thank you to Revd Trin and Mthr Helen who took lots of their time and energy to set up such a beautiful and reflective space; we are very lucky to have such a close link with our wonderful Church.

Easter holiday E-Safety

With the Easter holidays, children may have a lot of free time to spend on their devices. We thought it was important to draw your attention to the possible risks that come with children when using devices and how to minimize these. Please do visit the school website (<https://www.emmanuel.camden.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=43>) for lots of information on social media, apps and how to keep children safe online. I have also attached an information sheet about online gaming which I hope you find helpful.

Mr Edwards

Year 2 Trip to the British Museum

This week, some children in Year 2 went to the British Library to attend a special event about Reading. On the day, we met three authors who introduced us to their newly published books. We developed the skills needed to become Reading Influencers in our class so we can encourage our peers to read widely.

Mrs Zehra

Parent/carer Emotions workshop (via Zoom)

Mrs Watkins, our school ELSA, is hosting a Zoom parent/carer workshop on Thursday 18 April at 2-3pm about 'Supporting children at home with big emotions'. She will be covering how to help children struggling with their emotions at home (being emotionally dysregulated) whether they're having angry outbursts, tantrums, anxious episodes, showing defiant behaviours, struggling with change or appearing withdrawn. She will be sharing ideas and strategies to use at home and giving an overview of the 'Zones of Regulation framework' and the 'Emotions Coaching' approach that are used in school. If you would like to register for this workshop, please email Mrs Watkins

at wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk or let the office know. The Zoom details will be sent via Parent Hub after Easter break.

We hope that your Easter holiday allows you the space to relax and spend time with those closest to you. We are all looking forward to more fun and learning in the Summer term.

Have a wonderful holiday,

Miss Roscoe and the Emmanuel Team

Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

This week, well done to Year 5!

Class	Attendance
Nursery	89.6%
Reception	82.9%
Year 1	91.2%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	91.8%
School	92.3%

Spring Choir Festival



[Diary Dates](#) – click here for our school calendar

Here is a list of important dates for the Summer Term:

Key:

	PFE events
	In-school events to which parents are invited
	Dates to note

Date	Event	Year group	Location
Monday 15 th April	Children back in school	All	
Thursday 18 th April	First Brass	Year 5 and 6	School hall
Tuesday 23 rd April	St George's Day – wear red	St. George's House	
Wednesday 24 th April	Year 1 Trip	Year 1	St. Paul's Cathedral
Thursday 25 th April 7.30pm	PFE Art, Wine and Cheese Night – parents only		School hall
Friday 26 th April 9.30 – 2.30	Swimming gala	Some Y3-6	Swiss Cottage pool
Wednesday 1 st May	'A k a day' fundraiser starts	All	
Monday 6 th May	May Day – school closed	All	
Wb 13 th May	SATs Week	Year 6	Classrooms
Wednesday 15 th May	Year 5 trip	Year 5	Waitrose
Thursday 16 th May	Year 5 trip	Year 5	Gurdwara
Wb 27 th May	Half term	All	
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day – school closed	All	
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 4 trip	Year 4	CLC
Friday 7 th June 2pm	Year 6 Quiz	Year 6	School hall
Monday 10 th June	Year 5 trip	Year 5	CLC
Friday 14 th June 2pm	Year 5 Quiz	Year 5	School hall
Saturday 15 th June	PFE Summer Fayre – families invited		Omega playground
Monday 17 th June	Class photos	All	
Friday 21 st June 2pm	Year 4 Quiz	Year 4	School hall
Wb 24 th June	Diversity Week	All	
Wednesday 26 th June	Express Yourself dress down day	All	
Monday 24 th June	Year 6 trip	Year 6	CLC
Thursday 27 th June 2 – 3pm	Emmanuel's Got Talent	All	School hall
Friday 28 th June 2pm	Year 3 Quiz	Year 3	School hall
Wb Monday 1 st July	International Week	All	
Thursday 4 th July 10.30am	Brass Concert	Year 5 and 6	Hampstead Heath Bandstand
Thursday 4 th July 2pm	Country Dancing	All	MUGA
Thursday 4 th July 5pm	PFE International Evening – families invited		Omega playground
Friday 5 th July 2pm	Year 2 Quiz	Year 2	School hall
Friday 12 th July 2pm	Year 1 Quiz	Year 1	School hall
Tuesday 16 th July 2pm	Year 6 Production performance	Year 6	School hall
Tuesday 16 th July 5pm	Year 6 Production performance	Year 6	School hall
Thursday 18 th July 2pm	Reception Graduation	Reception	School hall
Friday 19 th July	School disco	All	
Tuesday 23 rd July 2pm	Leavers' Service and Prize-Giving	Reception to Year 6	Emmanuel Church
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term (12.30 finish)	All	

*Please note that some trips may be added over the course of the term

Events:

'A k a day' fundraiser: A fundraising initiative led by the School Council to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital and for golden time games. The children will be asked to collect sponsorship money for every kilometre they do in the month of May. More information to come soon.

Quizzes: A new event for each year group from Years 1 to 6, designed to be a round-up of the learning for that year. It'll be set out like a pub quiz, with children in teams with their parents and a range of questions, to see what learning from the year has stuck!

Country Dancing: Each class from Years Reception to 6 will perform their take on a traditional from around the world. This takes place in the MUGA (in the Omega playground).

PFE Summer Fayre: Our annual summer bonanza; a chance to relax, build connections and raise some money for Emmanuel School, organised by our fabulous PFE.

Emmanuel's Got Talent: An event for Years 1 to 6. The finalists of the auditions from the previous weeks will perform in front of the school and a panel of judges, and their parents. An overall winner will be selected from each key stage.

PFE International Evening: A celebration of the diversity within our school. Families prepare and share dishes from around the world; a time to come together and celebrate all that makes Emmanuel the special place that it is.

Reception Graduation: A chance for Reception class to share what they are most proud of from their first year at school, and to reflect on all the amazing learning that has taken place.

Leavers' Service and Prize-Giving: Our end-of-year service for Years Reception to 6, at Emmanuel Church, to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children this year, with a particular focus on Year 6, where we mark the end of their journey at Emmanuel School.

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To keep up with all our events, do subscribe to our calendar. Find it on our website and click the 'subscribe' button to link it directly to your phone's calendar.

Regular Giving

As we come to the end of the financial year, we wanted to provide parents and carers with a bit of an update on our financial position and the regular giving scheme.

As costs continue to increase across the sector, we know that the vast majority of one-form entry primary schools like us are predicting deficit budgets for 2024-25. Whilst we are also predicting a deficit, with careful management of our finances and contracts and a keen eye on the efficiency of the school buildings, we are in a better position than many.

Our predicted 2023-24 deficit has also been reduced in part by the generosity of our parents via the regular giving program; a big thank you goes to all of the families who have donated over the past ten months. We currently have 35 families signed up to monthly direct debits, with a total commitment of £1182.85, meaning that the average is £33.79 per family per month. This has meant that we have been able to just about keep provision at the same high level in 2023-24 that Emmanuel has always enjoyed.

Whilst it feels deeply uncomfortable to continue to ask parents for money as the Executive Headteacher and Business Manager of a state school, and also given the very uncertain economic times for many families, if you are in the position to afford a donation, whether that's a one-off or a more regular donation, we would be deeply grateful for your generosity and support to safeguard long-term the additional opportunities that make Emmanuel so special.

We currently have 168 families at Emmanuel with 35 signed up for regular giving. If we doubled the amount of donating families and got close to 50% take-up, then the total annual income to the school would amount to nearly £30,000 (£37,500 with Gift Aid added) which would go a long way to helping us maintain a balanced budget.

If you are a UK tax payer, you can supplement your donation by 25% by completing a Gift Aid declaration when making your donation.

1. **[Make a regular donation:](https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/22695#!/DonationDetails)**
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/22695#!/DonationDetails>
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Kind regards,

Laura Hall and Andrew Bloomer

Emmanuel Express pupil newspaper

The latest edition of the Emmanuel Express is available on Google Classroom and the school website. Well done to our Class Reps this term who collected articles from their class friends and wrote them as well - especially to Aida and Khamillah who did an amazing job of collecting a bumper number of articles and games from year 3. The Class Reps are: Year 2 – Maeve and Leon O, Year 3 – Aida and Khamillah, Year 4 – Clara and Eric, Year 5 – Anthony and Adam and Year 6 – Nadine, Micah and Emma



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School Council at Camden Green Dragons' den by Natalie, Y6

On Thursday 21 March, the KS2 School Council team went to something called the "Camden Green Dragons' Den" and we presented a pitch to ask for money to buy new recycling bins so that we can do more recycling at school. As a team we researched ideas, what we needed and costs to be able to write a speech. We spoke to the 4 rather serious-looking dragons about how we wanted to help with the recycling in Camden and how many new bins we will need. We would like to help Camden do a little more recycling.



We also got to take part in some workshops - we made seed bombs in the rewilding and biodiversity one, and took part in quizzes about Clean Air in Camden, reducing clothing we buy and recycling with Veolia.

It was a really fun event. We are now waiting to find out how much money they will give us!



Some things to look out for in this Easter edition

History of Easter



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The Emmanuel Kitchen!



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What's out there?



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Year 2 trip to the British Museum



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Reception Open Classroom



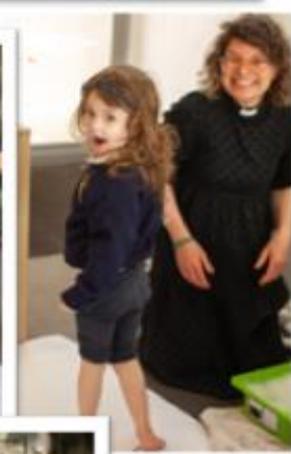


Reception trip to Kentish Town Farm



Holy Week





Feet washing in Holy Week, with Revd. Trin and Mother Helen in Nursery



Year 5 Easter Play



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)

Ava and Aurora in Nursery
Hugh and Eliza in Year 1
Elsi and Samar in Year 2
Tiana and Tessa in Year 3
Clara and Oscar in Year 4
Mia and Shayan in Year 5
Alexa and Artham in Year 6



Holy Week & Easter at Emmanuel

Palm Sunday 10:30 All Age Eucharist

Procession & prayer stations

Monday–Wednesday 20:00 Mass

Reflections from the congregation

Maundy Thursday 20:00 Mass

Foot washing & stripping of the altar

Good Friday

Children's activities 10:00

Liturgy 14:00

Holy Saturday 20:00 Vigil &

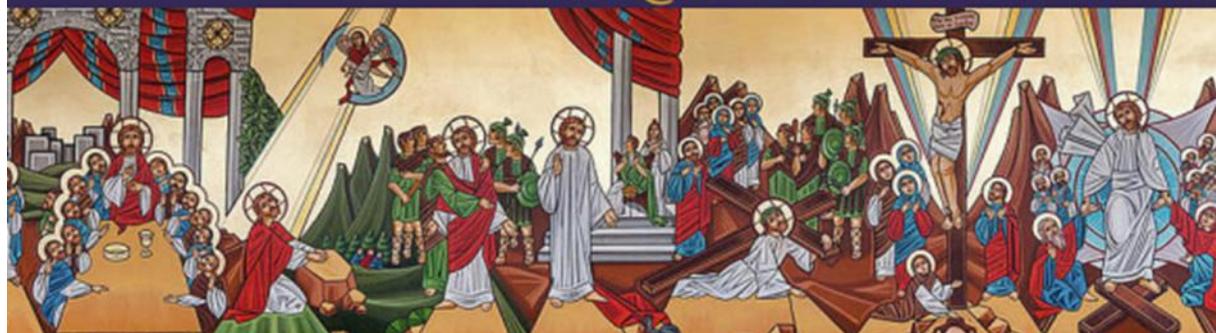
First Eucharist of Easter

Fireworks and fizz to follow the service

Easter Sunday 10.30 Festal Eucharist

Followed by an Easter egg hunt

info@emmanuelnw6.com



Parents' guide: Gaming advice to support pre-teens

internet
matters.org



What to think about:



Ways games can benefit children

If your child is a keen gamer, **steer them towards games that will help them to develop life skills** like problem-solving or supplement their learning.



Be aware of game content and themes

It's important to **stay on top of what themes are featured in the games** they play so that you can be aware of how these might influence their view of the real world.

What to talk about

Discuss what they enjoy playing

Have regular conversations about the games they play so you can create an environment where they feel they can come to you if something goes wrong.

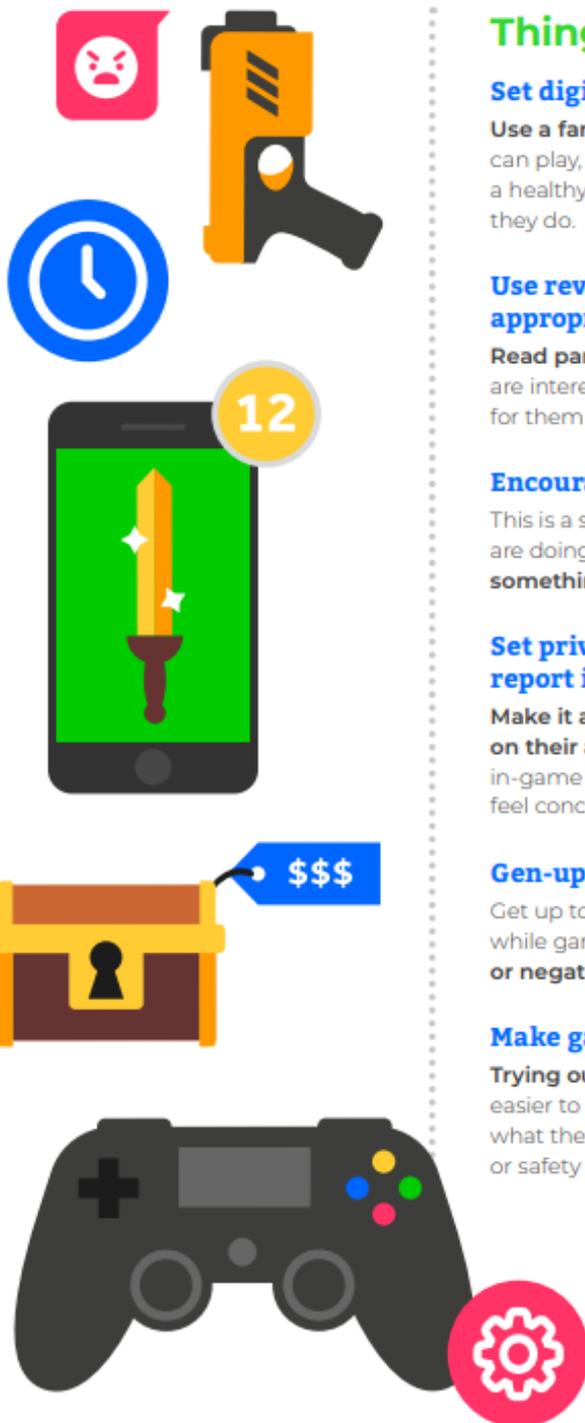
Talk about potential risks

Help them understand the **importance of keeping personal details private** and tell them that not everyone online is who they say they are.

How to cope when things go wrong

If they see something that upsets them or are targeted by another player in a game, it's important to talk about how to handle this situation. **Advise them to come and talk to you or a trusted adult for support.**





Things to do

Set digital boundaries

Use a **family agreement to set rules** on what they can play, when and how long for to help them strike a healthy balance between gaming other activities they do.

Use reviews and sites to pick appropriate games

Read **parents and expert reviews of games** they are interested in to help you choose the right games for them to play.

Encourage them to play in shared spaces

This is a simple way to stay engaged in what they are doing while gaming and **step in if you feel something's not quite right**.

Set privacy settings and learn how to report in-game abuse

Make it a habit to review their privacy settings on their account and teach them where to report in-game abuse so they can take action if they feel concerned.

Gen-up on the lingo

Get up to speed on how players communicate while gaming to **spot the signs of cyberbullying or negative behaviour**.

Make gaming a family affair

Trying out new games with children makes it easier to relate and can give you a better sense of what the game is about and prompt conversation or safety measures to help them stay safe.



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Swiggle
www.swiggle.org.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Thinkuknow

www.childline.org.uk

ChildLine

Websites to help you keep safe online!

CBBC

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe

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Cybersmile

Call their Helpline or send them an email if you or somebody else is being cyberbullied

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