

11th December 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians

On Saturday our school hosted our annual Christmas Fair to over 400 parents, children, friends, families and local residents for an afternoon of Christmas fun! Our school was wonderfully decorated in a 'Winter Wonderland' theme and all enjoyed the food, drink and entertainment - from reindeer racing to visiting Santa. This year the children shared beautiful Christmas boxes with 50p of every box purchased going to Jewel School in Sierra Leone. We also saw the return of The Emmanuel School Bake Off with many beautifully decorated cakes entered - many congratulations to Francesca Cutolo for making the winning cake and to Harriet Collins for coming second.

At the Christmas Fair we raised a fantastic £4,758, and an amazing £896 from the Christmas cards and shopper bags. This incredible total of £5,654 will go towards supporting and extending our children's education; including this years fundraising project 'Enrichment Opportunities'.



Emmanuel School Christmas Fair



This wonderful event would not have been possible without the hard work from many people leading up to and during the Fair - a big thank you to the PFE Committee who have been working hard on this project for many weeks - Monika Parker, Sonia Deveney and Jennie Goldberg for organising the Winter Wonderland decorations which our children created, Tim Gardner and Bethania Antunes for producing so many entertaining children's games and Bernadette Dear for taking on the huge task of the bric-a-brac.

In addition many thanks to those who gave up a lot of time to organise key areas and to support the whole event - Francesca Cutolo for donating the delicious baguettes, Sarah Logan and Mark Gill for organising the drinks, Tracy Knight for helping Jennie with the money, Heather Blewitt and Magdalena Kwiatkowska for running the cake stall, Clare Barton for a spectacular tombola and the class reps and other parents who collected donations from our local community - Elizabeth Groat, Jo Motahammadani, Jilly Morris, Ivana Radenovic, Jane Marshall, Lorraine Watkins, Allie Mintz, Anna Baldursdottir, Melissa Temple, Eileen MacCallum and many others.

We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who helped before, during and after the Fair. Thank you to: Sarah Trueman and her marvellous husband Mark aka Santa, Lisa Povey, Kerry Finch, Sonia Deveney and Soa Hwang for their amazing face painting skills, Claire Bodanis, Yoshiko Iwasawa, Denise Sellers, Jonathan Sellers, Priscille Falconer, Fr Jonathan, Valentina Krasniqi, Nicky Papadakis, Antony Edwards, Marco Mongiello, Alex Airey, Melissa Brookman, Susie Steiner, Priya Malik Bhatt, Pamela Irving, Casey Hammett, Adriana Powlowicz, Julie Sanders, Clare Tanner, Karen Ling, Nadia Malik, Isabel Ron-Pedrique, Fenella Nicholas, Orelvis Masa Perez, Dominique Berndorfer, Jungyoon Choi, Zofia Das-Gupta, Shama Goyal, Antoine Frange, Matt Parker, Kelly Green, Bukurije Font, Helena Rodrigue, Mary Shepherd, Kinga Salgado, Mariella Ricagni, Caroline Mis-Zeitoun, Erica Lien,



Corine Hari-Edwards, Lauren Sager Weinstein, Jacob Sager Weinstein, Patrick O'Connor, Anna Chen, Masako Riley, Girlie Sounthonevichit and everyone else who stepped in and assisted where needed. Thank you to those that baked delicious cakes and biscuits for the cake stall.

We would also like to thank the fantastic Emmanuel staff, who gave up their free time to help man the stalls during the Fair, especially to Miss Granger and the Choir for their festive entertainment, and to Mr Gerardo

for his ongoing help and support. We all really appreciate the continuous commitment of the staff to the school and to our children – thank you!

This year we were fortunate once more in having the sponsorship of **Dutch & Dutch** - so thank you to them, and to all parents who allowed an advertisement board outside their property. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our local businesses for their tremendous support such as Costa Coffee who provided tea and coffee at the Fair and Locanda 311 for the delicious baguettes. We are so grateful for the many prizes, which the PFE will be able to use to fundraise throughout this year. Please show your appreciation to:

JW3	The Arts Depot	Camden Arts Centre
Art 4 Fun	Odd Bins	Brooksby Wines
The Eye Cube	Locanda 311	Smyths Hairdressers
The Skiwear Service	Zizzi	Crystalise Salon
Virgin Active (O2)	Scavolini Store	Jump Up!
Thou Art	Holistic Health Lab	Bernardita Beauty Clinic
YO! Sushi	Event! Merchandising	Nando's
The Nail Suite	West End Lane Books	The Village Haberdashery
The Curled Leaf	Mill Lane Barbers	Vini Vivi
Mill Lane Vets	Apostrophe Coffee	Oliver Bonas
Bo Concept	Explore Learning	Mill Lane Bistro
Monsters of Art	Hampstead Butcher & Providore	Banana Tree
Central Pharmacy	Cycle Surgery	GBK
Hullabaloo	Insight Opticians	Bombay Nights
Cocoa Bijoux	Mamako	Pro Arte
Bake-a-Boo	The Alliance	La Brioche
Ramco Pharmacy	Lanka	The Kitchen Table
Costa Coffee	The Life Goddess Restaurant	Pizza Express
Alison Davidson Opticians	West Hampstead School of Dance	West Hampstead Fruit & Veg

Thank you to Bernadette Dear for organising the personalised Christmas cards, tags and shopper bags. If you missed out on purchasing a shopper bag and would like one, please speak to your class rep.

We have lots of exciting social events planned for the New Year so please keep an eye out in the schools newsletter and also on the PFE noticeboard for updates.

The next PFE meeting will be on Friday 15th January, at 9am in the Alpha building. We look forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of the PFE thank you all for making the Christmas Fair such a success and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Joanna Vo-Ta & Nadia Zaoui Co-Chairs of the PFE and the PFE Committee