



# Emmanuel News

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15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break with your family. As always, this is a very busy term with lots of fun events but also an important time for our Year 6 children as they do their SATs tests the week of 9<sup>th</sup> May. We will keep you up to date with all that happens in school in this weekly newsletter.

At the end of term we enjoyed Diamond's class assembly and their cake sale which raised £281.10! Well done everyone and thank you to all the parents/carers for their support.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards, Miss Fitzsimmons

CLASS	PUNCTUALITY	ATTENDANCE
<i>For the week ending 24<sup>th</sup> March: Well done to Diamond class who will look after Pip the Hamster next week!!</i>		
Diamond	0	99.1
Ruby	2	95.2
Garnet	0	90
Emerald	3	95.8
Amber	4	94.1
Topaz	0	90.8
Sapphire	3	96.2
Quartz	3	98.3

## School Lunches -IMPORTANT

I am writing to advise you that the council is increasing the price of primary school meals from £2.30 to **£2.34**. This will take effect from the first day of the summer term, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This means the weekly cost for school meals will be £11.70.

## Polling Station – Alpha Building -EYFS and KS1 parents please take note

The Alpha Building will be used as a polling station on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. However school will be open for all children.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Diamond and Ruby class will enjoy an EYFS trip. More information to follow.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Diamond and Ruby class will be taught in Garnet and Emerald classrooms. Garnet and Emerald class will enjoy a KS1 trip. More information to follow.



## St George's House Team- Celebration on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Children in St George's House can come to school wearing RED on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to celebrate St George's Day.



## **Mr Wright's Bleep Test**

Thank you for cheering for the running club and members of staff on the last day of term. Big well done to the winner-Conor S! You raised £240 for Mr Wright's charity- thank you! Some parents are asking how they can donate; please click on the link below. Many thanks.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=SteveWright16&fald=672500&isTeam=false>

## **Emmanuel Family Initiative**

We have launched a new initiative that we have named 'Emmanuel Families'. The inspiration for this came from our desire to get to know all pupils as individuals, to show them how much they matter to us and to support them in their growth.

*We launched the initiative with the children on Tuesday so you may have heard your child saying 'Are you my school parent?' to members of staff in the playground. They haven't gone mad!*

Each member of staff in the school (teachers, support staff, office staff, senior leaders etc) is going to lead an 'Emmanuel Family'. Each family consists of approximately 6 or 7 children from Nursery to Year 6.

This links to our Rights Respecting School- Article 15:

Every child has the right to meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

### Benefits to the child:

- Opportunity to share successes; big or small e.g. neat handwriting, times tables score, swimming medal, positive friendships etc.
- Opportunity to build close relationships with other children in the school.
- Opportunity to build a close relationship with an adult who is not in their class. They may choose to talk to this adult if they have a worry or want to tell them important news.
- Create a sense of belonging.
- Develop children's sense of self-esteem.

### Role of the adult:

- To ensure each member of their family feels valued and cared for.
- To take an interest in the lives of the children in their family.
- To listen to the children in their family if they come with a worry and be a voice for them.

### Types of activities each family may take part in:

- Creating an 'Emmanuel Family' photo album/scrap book.
- Writing goodbye letters to their Y6 family leavers.
- Writing welcome letters to their new family members.
- Visits to each other's class to see displayed work/books.
- Activities such as cooking, gardening, painting together.
- Playing team games.



## Art Exhibition

We held our wonderful Art Exhibition on Thursday and it was lovely to see so many of you there! Children were very excited to show their parents, siblings and grandparents their work. The hall looked bright and colourful and I wish it could all stay up! We will leave the washing line art up for this half term and will display some of the fantastic work in frames around the schools buildings. A big thank you to our Art Leader, Miss McManus for all her leadership and effort putting this together and to all the members of staff who have supported the children.



Some of the fantastic work that was on display!



## Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, children from Emmanuel School went to the Camden Swimming Gala competition at Swiss Cottage. The experience was amazing from the moment when the cool water hit our feet as we entered the pool to the moment we heaved ourselves out at the finish line. It was such a fun day and we all did Emmanuel proud. We are especially delighted that Joseph and Eva got nominated for their sportsmanship as well as Jamie and Aidan who were awarded bronze medals.



By Issy and Sophia Quartz class

### Sapphire Trip to the Natural History Museum

As part of our topic on 'Natural Disasters', Sapphire Class were delighted to visit the Natural History Museum this week. They went to the 'Earthquake and Volcano' exhibition, the highlight of which was an earthquake simulator, which the children loved! There was also time to visit the dinosaurs exhibition, including the giant T-Rex and the mammals exhibition.

The children said:

*"It was enjoyable because the exhibitions were fascinating!" Dylan*

*"The earthquake simulator was a very interesting experience!" Daniel*

*"There were lots of screens that showed how an earthquake happened. I learnt so much!" Conor L*

Thank you to our parent volunteers who made the day such a success: Aidan's mum, Judy's mum and Amber's mum.



### Royal Academy of Music Performance

We were very lucky to have two young competitors from the Menuhin Competition at the Royal Academy of Music come in to perform for us. Our two guests were Hina and Elli. Hina is aged 13 and comes from Japan and Elli is 14 and from the USA. They both wowed us with their performance and we enjoyed having the change to ask them some questions. We found out that Hina practices for 6 hours every day! Maiko and Mia made our visitors feel especially welcome by translating a welcome video that Emerald Class had made into Japanese so that Hina could understand it as well. If you would like to follow Hina and Elli through the competition, you can see the live stream on [www.menuhincompetition.org](http://www.menuhincompetition.org).



### Rocket Science

Rocket Science has given 10,000 UK schools the opportunity to contribute to our knowledge of growing plants in space and Emmanuel school is one of them! Two kilograms of rocket seeds were launched into space on 2nd September 2015 with astronaut Andreas Mogensen and his crew, arriving on the International Space Station (ISS) two days later. British astronaut Tim Peake took charge of the seeds while on the ISS for his Principia mission starting in December. After being held for about six months in microgravity, the seeds have returned to Earth with astronaut Scott Kelly.



Children will be planting the seed next week and will enter their results in a bespoke microsite so that results from schools across the nation can be collated and analysed by professional biostatisticians. How exciting! We will keep you all updated with pictures and news from our experiment, so keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter.

## PFE

### PFE: Dates for your Diary

#### Quiz Night - Thursday 28th April

Tickets now available from your class rep!! For more details please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

#### International Evening - Wednesday 29th June

More information to follow

*If you would like to get involved with the PFE but are unable to attend meetings please email [j.vo-ta@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:j.vo-ta@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk) for more information.*

### Celebration Assembly

	15/04/16	
	Name	Reason
<b>Diamond</b>	Pyo	For being a star in music class!
	Anna	For great effort in PE.
<b>Ruby</b>	Emily	For explaining her knowledge and understanding during P.E.
	Jessica	For making fantastic progress in her reading.
<b>Garnet</b>	Seito	For being helpful, kind and very friendly in the playground. He is always inclusive and polite.
	Keira	For being very enthusiastic about our new topic on Florence Nightingale and asking very inquisitive questions.
<b>Emerald</b>	Mia R	For excellent work on telling time to the nearest 5 minute.
	Theo	For showing great problem solving skills using money in Maths.
<b>Topaz</b>	Rayaan	For his amazing attitude and participation towards his learning.
	Erin	For her dedicated approach to all areas of her learning.
<b>Amber</b>	Eva	For her excellent confidence and determination in the swimming gala this week.
	Miku	For all the extra work and practice that Miku does at home, it really pays off in her learning in school.
<b>Sapphire</b>	Lucca	For exemplary behaviour on our class trip to the Natural History Museum this week.
	George	For showing such enthusiasm on our new topic of the Ancient Greeks. George has lots of information to share with the class!
<b>Quartz</b>	Kyle	For his thoughtful responses in PSHE this week.
	Daniel	For excelling in his singing exam with a 90% pass mark.

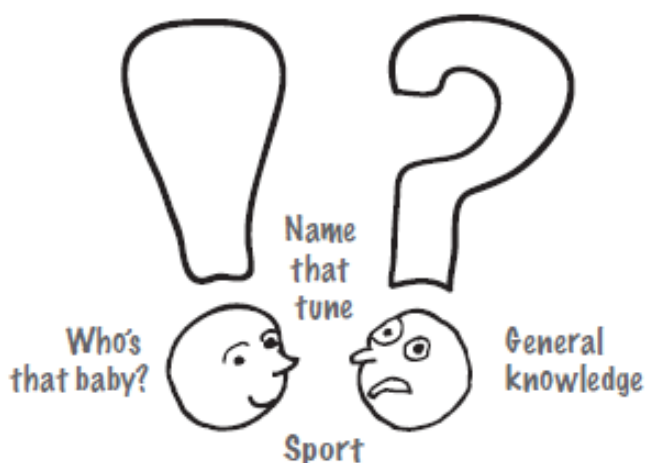
### Summer 1st Half Term

More dates to be added after the holiday- please continually check the newsletter

What is happening?	Where?	When?	Who is involved?
Garnet class trip	Florence Nightingale Museum	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Garnet class
St George's Day- pupils in this house can wear <b>red</b> this day	na	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Pupils in St George's House Team
London Marathon	Central London	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr Wright is running for the charity 'Get Kids Going'
Camden Careers Conference	British Library	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Group of Year 5 pupils (see separate letter sent to individuals)
PFE Quiz Night	School Hall	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	All welcome
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May – Bank holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED			
Local Election- Alpha Building used as Polling Station. Children in	Alpha Building EYFS Trip location tbc	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupils in Diamond and Ruby

Diamond and Ruby will be on a trip this day.			
Key Stage 2 SATS Week	Omega Building	Every day of the week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 pupils
Choir trip	Manor House Special School	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Selected members of the choir (see separate letter to be sent to individuals)
Quartz class trip	London Aquarium	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupils in Quartz class
School Journey- residential trip		Week of 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pupils in Year 6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Break Up for Half Term (normal end of day)			

**The PFE proudly presents**  
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# QUIZ NIGHT

**THURSDAY 28th APRIL**

Doors open 6.45pm • Quiz starts 7.30pm • Close 10pm

Tickets only £5! Buy in advance to get a free drink!

Bring a team or join one on the night (max 6 per team)

Come hungry! Hot meals and bar available all evening

Raffle tickets £1 • Prizes donated by: Pro Arte • GBK • The Skiwear Service  
Bombay Nights • The Hampstead Butcher & Providore • The Eye Cube • Art 4 Fun

**See your class reps for tickets**

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## Swimming Lessons

Do you want to learn to swim or improve your swimming technique? We have limited free spaces available.

Date: Week commencing 18th April

Time: Ask for details

Cost: FREE (£10 refundable deposit)

Venue: Spaces are available across Camden at Oasis, Pancras Square, Swiss Cottage and Kentish Town.

For more information contact [andrew.gilbert@camden.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.gilbert@camden.gov.uk) or 020 7974 6595



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