



Weekly newsletter Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed celebrating our love of reading this week. Reception and Year 1 listened carefully to a local author who visited us, whilst all the other classes participated in 'buddy reading', where younger children shared their favourite books with older children in the school. Thank you to parent and carers for reading regularly with your child/ren at home, which is so important in both developing a love of reading and helping all children become fluent readers. There are some pictures below for you to enjoy and teachers are also uploading photos to your child's Google Classroom; please do take a look.

Assemblies

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to see their child's class assembly. We begin on Wednesday 9th March with Year 2. The assembly will begin at 2.30pm in the school hall and the back gate will be open for Year 2 parents and carers from 2.20pm. If parents and carers can wear a face mask in the school building if they are able to, that would be much appreciated.

Ukraine

I am aware that some children may have seen the upsetting scenes from the news this week on the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Where children have been asking questions in class, the adults have tried to address their concerns whilst remaining impartial at all times. It is important to remember that many children will find the concept of war very difficult to understand and may have worries that it will affect them too. Parents and carers may find the following websites from [Childnet](#) and [Newsround](#) of use if you would like to speak to your child about what is happening. We are thinking of our families who are affected at this time and if there is anything we can do to help, please do let us know.

Parent-teacher consultations

Parent-teacher consultations will take place on Thursday 24th March and Tuesday 29th March from 3.40pm to 6.20pm. Each appointment lasts for 10 minutes and parents can choose whether they would prefer the meeting to take place via Zoom or in person at school. Appointments can be made from Monday, 7th March at 6pm using the online system for booking: please visit <https://emmanuelce.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointment/s and login with the information that is requested on the front page. Please see the letter that was emailed this week for more information.

Admissions Consultation

You may remember the governors ran a consultation on the school's admissions policies for 2023-2024, which began in December. The outcome can now be viewed by following this link and the policies for 2023-2024 are on our school website:

<https://www.emmanuel.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/School-Admissions-Consultation-for-year-2023-24-Final-Decision.pdf>

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend,
Miss Burns and the Emmanuel team

From Fr Jonathan, Vicar of Emmanuel Church

Dear parents and carers

I hope that this finds you well. It was lovely to see a number of you at our pre-Lent children's workshop last Sunday and to see the beautiful craft activities undertaken by the children, as well as to witness the pancake race before we shared in delicious pancakes together. Many thanks to Mother Helen and to Claire for all their hard work organising it.

We are now fully in the season of Lent, following Ash Wednesday earlier this week. It was great to give the School Eucharist on Wednesday, rather than Thursday this week, so that we could keep Ash Wednesday properly. Lent is often associated with the giving up of things, but it is also about creatively taking on other positive things. If we haven't seen you in church for a while, we'd love to see you soon. This coming Sunday at 1030 is our All Age Eucharist, when the children will play a full part in doing the readings, leading the prayers, singing in the choir, serving at the altar and there will be a special talk for them. It would be lovely to see as many of you on Sunday as possible. Please be sure of a very warm welcome in your Church.

For this and for all the other news about Emmanuel Church, including some extra things for Lent, please see our weekly newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/9cef8b82be2d/this-first-sunday-and-week-of-lent-at-emmanuel-church?e=d21046e17a>

Diary Dates

7	8	9	10	11
	Wear P.E. kits to school – Years 1 – 6	Year 5 and 6 Trip to see 'The Lion King' 2.30pm Year 2 Sharing Assembly		
14	15	16	17	18
Applications close for school-run clubs Year 6 trip to the RAF museum Hendon	Wear P.E. kits to school – Years 1 – 6	Y5 trip to Kenwood House 2.30pm Year 6 assembly	St Patrick's house wear green	

World Book Day



Year 6 Bikeability

The children in Year 6 participated in cycle training this week as a team of accredited instructors from Camden came into school to give the children the skills and confidence to ride their bicycles on today's roads. The children took part in 3 levels of 'Bikeability': the first level took part in the MUGA while the second and third levels took part on both quiet and busy roads in West Hampstead. By completing Level 3, the children demonstrated the skills and understanding needed to be able to make a trip safely to school or for leisure on busy roads, using complex junctions and road features.



Aspire Award Winners

Congratulations to the following children in each class, who have worked really hard this week to show our school's Christian and learning values.

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Value		Name		Reason
1Z	Christian	Peace	Baldur	Thank you for being polite and calm, especially when we go to church. You are an excellent role model to others!
	Learning	Engagement	Kim	Well done for working hard and trying your best with your learning this week!
2W	Christian	Service	Vivienne	For always showing enthusiasm for singing in our class assembly practise. It makes the whole class try their best. Well done!
	Learning	Engagement	Tomiwa	For his fantastic attitude to writing tasks during World Book Week. Keep it up!
3C	Christian	Inclusion	Sebastien	For always looking out for his peers during play times and ensuring that no one is left out.
	Learning	Ambitious	Nicole	For really challenging yourself in all your work and ensuring you set yourself high standards. Well done Nicole, keep it up!
4R	Christian	Peace	Natalie	For your sensible, mature and peaceful nature. You can always be trusted to do the right thing and therefore are a wonderful role model in Year 4. Thank you, Natalie!
	Learning	Ambition	Oscar	For showing real ambition in your approach to your learning this term, even when faced with a difficult challenge. Well done for always working hard and challenging yourself.
5P	Christian	Service	Ethan	For being such a supportive learning partner, explaining ideas, asking questions to check understanding and praising effort!
	Learning	Engagement	Grace	For trying EXCEPTIONALLY hard all the time, but especially in her maths this week with her learning partner.
6W	Learning	Ambitious	Charlie	For his excellent motivation and work in Maths!
	Christian	Inclusion	Evie	For her kind and caring attitude towards all her peers and always being such a lovely friend.