



*From Alpha to Omega- life in all its fullness. (John 10:10)  
Wisdom, Resilience, Respect, Forgiveness, Service, Joy*

## Weekly newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

### **Quiz Night**

A huge thank you to the PFE for organising such a successful quiz night last night, where more than £1000 was raised for the school (exact total to follow next week!) Special thanks to Jess the MC, Nina, Rhian, Victoria, Roopa and Jess for the lovely food and to all the volunteers- Vasu, Anna, Grace, Daniela. Thanks to all the parents/carers who attended!

### **Fundraising**

Last night I explained to parents the difficult financial times the school is facing and I will share this information with all parents in the coming weeks. In the meantime, I am forming a working group of different stakeholders in the school, tasked with looking at different ways of generating income. If you think you may be able to help, and have experience of bid writing or corporate fundraising for example, please do drop the office an email and I will be in touch.

### **Christmas cards**

This week, the children designed a winter scene that can be used to make Christmas cards and lots of other items available for parents to purchase. If you are interested, please complete the form on the back of their design, which will be in their school bag today, and return to school on Monday.

### **Bikes and scooters**

If parents could ensure their child is riding their scooters and bikes safely to school, being careful to avoid pedestrians, that would be much appreciated.

### **Roblox**

Please see the information below on Roblox, which many of our pupils are playing at home. It includes some helpful tips for parents and carers.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

From Monday 14-Friday 18th November, Emmanuel School will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week and joining in with Anti-Bullying Alliance's 'Reach Out' campaign. This week you will have received a letter to explain more about the week, with websites and support that can help if you need further information.

We will launch the week with Odd Socks Day (on Monday 14th November) where we ask that all children and staff wear odd socks to school to have a bit of fun but with the serious message behind it: 'let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.' Children should continue to wear uniform that day. This is not one of our fundraising days, so they do not need to bring a donation.

### **Parent/ carer workshop about bullying**

On Tuesday 15th November at 2pm we will be hosting a workshop led by the Camden Learning and Mental Health team. We will be sharing information such as how to identify different forms of bullying, how to spot the signs of bullying compared to relational conflict, the impact of bullying and how to support at home. If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Watkins at [wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk). If you are unable to make the meeting, please see further information in the letter which was sent home earlier this week.

### Attendance and punctuality

Last week we had the best attendance for a Camden primary school so thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your child is in school each day. Please also ensure your child is in school on time; the gates for Years 1-6 are open from 8.45am-8.55am; Reception children are expected to be in school at 8.55am and it's 9.05am for Nursery. Letters will be sent to parents and carers next week if there are concerns about your's child's punctuality and I thank you in advance for your understanding. Congratulations to Year 5 for their attendance this week!

Class	Attendance
Nursery	95.52%
Reception	98.21%
Year 1	97.99%
Year 2	90.33%
Year 3	97.93%
Year 4	92.71%
Year 5	98.97%
Year 6	95.36%
School	95.85%

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

## Our school visionaries

Congratulations to these children for showing our school vision and values this week:  
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Sarah and Louis in Nursery  
Alex and Aurora in Reception  
Samar and Aiden in Year 1  
Yasmine and Kiran in Year 2  
Okitha and Dylan in Year 3  
Olivia P and Lauren in Year 4  
Oliver and Alicia in Year 5  
Eashan and Giovanna in Year 6



## Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8	9	10	11
Bikeability for Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency	Bikeability for Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency	Bikeability for Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency	Bikeability for Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency	Bikeability for Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency
	Years 1-6 wear PE kits to school		Year 5 to Crick Institute	Remembrance Day – Year 5 and 6 to go to Fortune Green
14	15	16	17	18
Odd Socks Day – for Antbullying Week	Antibullying Week	Antibullying Week	Antibullying Week	Antibullying Week
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### **From Mother Helen**

Dear Friends,

I hope those of you who came to our Halloween workshop had fun - we definitely did, it was a delight to welcome so many people into the church, and I want to say a huge thank you to the parents who helped out with the different activities!

All Hallow's Eve is the beginning of a time of remembrance in Church. Last Sunday we remembered and gave thanks for all the Saints, on Wednesday we remembered and gave thanks for all those we have loved who have died.

We continue this on Friday with the national day of remembrance for all those who have died in conflict. As is our custom we will be taking some of the older children to the memorial at West Hampstead cemetery at 10.45am on the 11th for a short service led by Rev Alistair of St Luke's. Please feel free to join us if you are able.

With prayers, Mthr Helen

## **Roblox Information for Parents**



### **What is Roblox?**

Roblox is a gaming platform where multiple players interact and play together online. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds, however players of all ages can use the site. Every game on Roblox is created by users, and there are a wide variety to choose from. These can vary from delivering pizzas, to roaming a kingdom as a medieval knight, to even starring in a fashion show. This variety is one of the reasons that Roblox is so popular with young people.

### **Key Features**

#### **1. Communication:**

Whilst the games are aimed at 8-18 year olds, there are no age restrictions. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other on the platform. All games are multiplayer and include a written chat feature, which is visible to players within each individual game. Users can also make and receive friend requests during gameplay and this means that they can chat to each other outside of the game.

#### **2. Content:**

The Roblox Studio is a section where players use their imagination and skills to create their own games and share these with others. The ability to create and play games can be very appealing to young people who like to create the content they see online. However, because content is user-generated it can mean that some games might not be appropriate for young children. For example, whilst the graphics are not very life like, some of the games feature weapons and blood.

#### **3. Costs:**

By creating games, users can earn Robux, the in-game currency. You can also buy Robux in the game. Players can spend money on items, such as membership to the Builders Club. If game creators attract players and in-game adverts, they can earn a lot of Robux, which they can convert into real money. To do this, players must be over the age of 13, have paid for Roblox's premium subscription, and have access to a Paypal account. This means that younger players would need to talk to an adult to be able to exchange their Robux for real money.

### **Top Tips**

Whatever gaming sites your children use, our advice remains the same. It is important to have a conversation with your child about the sites they use and carry on having open discussions. This will encourage them to come to you with any concerns they may have.

#### **1. Stay engaged and have regular conversations**

Show an interest in the games your children are playing. This could be through having a conversation about what they like to play or could be through watching them play the game. You could even have a go at playing the games yourself! If children know you have an interest in the game, they may feel more comfortable talking to you about it or coming to you for help if they need it.

#### **2. Help them understand the importance of personal information**

Check that your child understands:

- the importance of keeping their personal information safe
- that they should speak to an adult straight away if the chat goes from being about the game to meeting up offline, personal information or sending images.

#### **3. Make use of the safety features available**

##### **Block and report:**

Make sure your child knows how to find and use the report and block functions. Use the Roblox how to make a report page to learn how to do this.

**Safety settings:** Set up the parental controls that are right for your family. You can also disable chat, set up the Parent PIN and use the Account Restrictions within Roblox.

**Settings for under 13s:** There are additional safety features for under-13s, so it's worth checking your child's account is registered with the correct age. Players under the age of 13 have a <13 symbol next to their username on the game at all times, however this is not displayed to other players.

Please find the video below which has some excellent information about keeping children safe while using Roblox:  
<https://lgfl.planetestream.com/View.aspx?ID=3466~4t~UYINjBBH>



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# PFE HAPPENINGS

## ***YAY FOR QUIZ NIGHT!***

The great turnout of so many clever cookies last night made our first fundraiser of the year a success - we raised money and had fun. Thanks for the support and congrats to the winners.

Also, a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers on the night and our curry chefs in the lead-up to the event. Your contributions were invaluable!

## **CHECK THE BACKPACKS TODAY - WINTER ART**

This week, the children created winter pictures that will be reproduced by [xmas4schools.co.uk](http://xmas4schools.co.uk) on a range of items for purchase, with a portion of proceeds directed to our school. Review the info pack and return your order forms **ON MONDAY**.

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**ONLY ONE MONTH TO GO...**

Please get in touch at [emmanuelpfe.info@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelpfe.info@gmail.com) or message us on ClassList if you can help!