



Emanuel School

Community Spotlight

A snapshot of Emanuel's community and outreach activities

July 2022

Coffee and Conversation Hub for Ukrainians connecting our community

In May, we launched our Coffee and Conversation Hub at Emanuel School. Typically 60 Ukrainian adults and children meet with Emanuel parent and pupil volunteers (including Ukrainian speakers) to network and hone their English skills. Our pupils have organised games on the mini astro for some of the older Ukrainian children as well as staff a creative arts station for the younger ones.

The Hub has run weekly from 10.00 am to 11.30 am on Saturdays. It is open to everyone in our Wandsworth community. We are planning more formal English lessons, a jobs fair, a running club, access to community and cultural activities and potentially a Ukrainian choir.

We will pause for the summer and restart on the 10th September. During the summer break, we have organised a number of activities including a Houses of Parliament tour through a wonderful Emanuel parent volunteer; free places with Activ camps for 5 weeks over the summer for 4 children; day visits to the Wetlands Centre; and a get together at Skylark Café.

If you are interested in volunteering - it's a great opportunity to involve multiple family members - we would love to have your help. Ideas for activities and job opportunities are most welcome!

Emanuel's DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our appeal. We have raised over £14,000 so far. Please keep giving - if you can - and help us reach our £20,000 target.

Please see the link to the appeal [here](#) to donate.



Ascent programme scaling new heights



Over the course of this term, we have been running Ascent, a Saturday booster programme for 35 of our primary school partners' Year 5 pupils. The aim of the programme is to support Year 5 children from disadvantaged backgrounds who are failing to meet national standards in the core subjects of literacy and maths. We provide small-group booster curriculum-linked sessions supplemented by interactive, fun hands-on science sessions and co-curricular lessons (Drama, Art and Sport). Our aim is to help participating children to catch up then to solidify their basic knowledge/skills, build their confidence and empower them to exceed national standards. Sessions are led by Emanuel staff supported by a fabulous contingent of Emanuel pupil volunteers from Years 9 to 12. It's high impact for the primary school pupils and hugely rewarding for our pupils. Also, Ascent is a great DofE volunteering option!



Year 4 Football tournament for partner schools

On 24 May, we hosted a 7-side football tournament for Year 4 pupils from our partner schools. Fulham Football Club Foundation, one of our community partners, joined us to run the tournament providing referees and organisers, the goals, the balls, the cones and multiple prizes. Referees gave out wrist bands as spot prizes for teamwork and sportsmanship too.

The standard of football was impressive - we had some stunning goals and two nail-biting penalty shoot outs. There was great team camaraderie and enthusiastic fan support (including Emanuel pupils at break time). For many of the children it was their first experience competing for their school - and they loved it!



Football tournaments are a regular feature within our community partnership calendar. In addition, we provide over 1000 pupil-hours of swimming over the year, weekly disability football and hockey as well as rowing and rugby workshops.

Flyerz hockey at Emanuel

We launched Flyerz hockey at Emanuel in September this year. Sessions run for children aged 8+ with any disability on Thursday evenings and are action-packed and fun. Participants engage in a variety of hockey-focused activities aimed at developing their individual and team skills. We have up to 30 children and young people attending sessions weekly, which is brilliant.

Emanuel pupils, often as part of their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering activity, support the Flyerz coaches in the sessions. All find it incredibly engaging and rewarding. If your children are hockey enthusiasts and would like to get involved in the Autumn, please have them get in touch.



Be Kind film project with John Burns Primary

Emanuel's media coordinator, Mr Skinner, is working on an exciting new short film project with one of our partner schools in partnership with Be Kind Productions and the Wandsworth-based educational charity Be Kind Movement.

Current year 6 pupils from John Burns Primary have participated in several modules of our community partnership project, Primary Ambitions, including Filmmaking. The John Burns pupils showed a strong talent for both filmmaking and acting, so Mr Skinner approached the school with the view of working with them on a short film project.

Mr Skinner says: "This talented group of pupils demonstrate incredible kindness to one another whilst having fantastic (and sometimes cheeky) personalities. The culture of kindness that I have witnessed in this primary school and many others that I want to capture in our short film 'Newbie'."



Not only will the film be distributed through international film festivals, but it will also be included by Be Kind Movement into their Kindness in Schools Programme™ and be screened to thousands of schoolchildren through Kindness Workshops. This programme aims to build emotional intelligence skills in children using short films and the transformative power of kindness. Current films in the programme include James' award-winning short film 'Fabulous' (<https://www.depict.org/2020/fabulous/>). If you would like to find out more, please contact Mr Skinner (james.skinner@emanuel.org.uk).

Sleep out for homeless charity, Ace of Clubs

On Saturday, 18th June, a group of intrepid pupils from years 7-10, along with Mr Shetzer, Mrs Irwin and Mr Turner, slept out in the Dacre courtyard to raise funds and awareness for Ace of Clubs, a local charity that supports homeless people.

With only cardboard boxes and sleeping bags as protection against the elements, the evening began with a discussion led by our charity prefect on the reasons for homelessness and the actions that individuals can take to support those who find themselves in such circumstances. This was followed by toasting marshmallows over a fire, games of Uno and football and lots of chat before the rain arrived and encouraged us to 'bed' down for the night. Aside from some visits from local wildlife, the aforementioned rain and the snoring of the deputy head, everyone involved managed to get some sleep!

It was a memorable experience for everyone who participated and raised much needed funds for the Ace of Clubs. We aim to make this an annual event so look out for further details in the Spring term.



Volunteer reading programme – thank you to our parent volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers reading with Falconbrook Primary children. The school is thrilled with our help and overwhelmed by your commitment.

Volunteers attend an induction session and are then assigned to pupils who need additional support. We ask for a weekly commitment of an hour during the primary school day during our term time. Volunteers are DBS-checked; have safeguarding training and reading tips and techniques. Key requirements are a love of reading and a sense of humour. A willingness to give out stickers is a definite plus!

We will be expanding our programme in the Autumn. If you are interested to find out more, please get in touch.

Community Partnerships in Numbers

32

partner schools

1140

primary pupils participating in Primary Ambitions

2320

swimming hours over 2021-22 for 6 schools

216

GCSE booster hours for 2 partner schools

84

Year 4 children participating in our partner schools football tournament

10

schools participating in Ascent

35

children participating in Ascent

Over **60**

Ukrainians attending our weekly Coffee & Conversation Hub