

# Community spotlight

A snapshot of Emanuel's community and outreach activities | March 2023

## Emanuel Syrian and Turkish earthquake appeal

As you know, we have set up a campaign for donations to support the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. DEC charities and their local partners are among the first responders providing urgent aid. Following the search and rescue operation, immediate priorities are access to healthcare, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heating in safe spaces, blankets, warm clothes and ensuring people have food and clean water.

We have raised almost £10,000 so far which includes an extremely generous donation from the Emanuel Parents' Association following the recently held Quiz night. A huge thank you to everyone who has given so generously. We set an ambitious target of £20,000. If you would like to help us reach our target, please see the link to the appeal [here](#).



A series of devastating earthquakes have hit southern Turkey and north-west Syria killing over 50,000 people and injuring many more. Guided by the Turkish Consulate we organised a drive for blankets, tents and sleeping bags to help the thousands of people left homeless by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. A team of parent volunteers sorted, packed, labelled, and delivered the packed bin bags to the Turkish Airline Cargo depot at Heathrow to ensure that our donations were transported quickly to those in desperate need of help.

We collected 39 blankets, 16 sleeping bags and 2 tents. Thank you to all who donated and volunteered to sort and deliver. A huge thank you to everyone who donated.

## Blanket, warm tent and sleeping bag drive - Turkey earthquake appeal



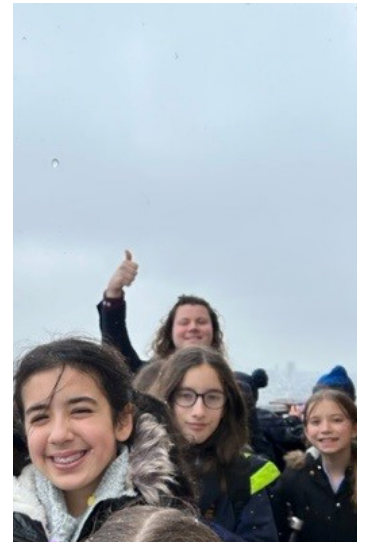




## Year 6 enrichment day at St Paul's Cathedral

Twenty-nine Year 6 pupils from Christ Church CE Primary joined 6USC pupils on 8 March on a trip to St Paul's Cathedral as part of our partnership enrichment programme. We enjoyed a fabulous tour of the Cathedral's mosaics including 'reading' the mosaic floor surrounding Admiral Horatio Nelson's tomb to identify him and lying on the Cathedral floor to analyse the creation story told by the glittering saucer-dome mosaics in the Quire ceiling. Children worked in groups to design their own glass-based mosaics in the Cathedral's learning centre which we all took home at the end of the session.

Following lunch, we climbed single file up the ever narrowing 528 steps to the renowned St Paul's galleries. First was the Stone Gallery (53 metres above the Cathedral floor) and then the Golden Gallery, the smallest gallery that encircles the highest point of the outer dome. Once we reached the viewing area of the Golden Gallery, where we were all struck by the breath-taking views of London as well as the snow! The snow added to the magical experience.



## Emanuel School's Law, Government and Politics Careers' evening

Arranged by our wonderful Head of Careers and Employability Miss Maclean, twenty-six parents, Old Emanuels and friends joined us on the evening of 6 March to share their career experiences with our Year 11 and Sixth form pupils. Forty pupils from our partner secondary schools – Westminster City School, St John Bosco College, Ernest Bevin College, Burntwood School and The Hurlingham Academy – joined us for the event. They were thrilled to have the opportunity to network and ask questions about education options, career choices and more.

The careers' event is one of a number of activities we undertake with our partner secondary schools.







## Ukrainian Coffee and Conversation Hub

Our Hub continues to be well-attended by our local Wandsworth-based Ukrainian families and supported by a regular cohort of Emanuel parent volunteers. Conversations are lively, ranging from topical news stories, must-see sights in London and beyond to Ukrainian recipes. Plans are in process to have a bring-and-share lunch – featuring delicious Ukrainian dishes – and a picnic in Wandsworth Common over the Easter holidays including an Easter egg hunt.

Our last Hub session this term is 25 March. Provisional dates in the Summer term are 22 April, 13 and 20 May; 10 and 17 and 24 June; and 1 July. Hub sessions run from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. There is always plenty of tea and coffee and delicious treats from our wonderful catering team. The Hub provides a great opportunity for parents and pupils to get involved in a high impact, rewarding way with our local community. We would love to have you involved.



## Save the date

### Winter coat drive

**27 April 2023**

Our Charity and Community Partnership Prefects are organising a second-hand clothing sale on 27 April. This is planned as a fundraiser for the charities we are supporting this year – Giant Strides, Teenage Cancer Trust, The Climate Coalition and St George's Hospital Charity.

In addition, we would like to collect winter coats and shoes – all in gifting condition – for West London Welcome, a charity supporting local refugees, and the Ace of Clubs, our homeless charity partner. If you are spring cleaning, please save your coats and shoes for us. We can ensure they reach people who need them. Please look out for further details.

For more information on our community partnership and outreach activities, and to volunteer for any of the initiatives, please contact Mrs Irwin, Head of Community Partnerships and Outreach at [Lisa.irwin@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:Lisa.irwin@emanuel.org.uk)



## Ascent

### Emanuel School's summer term booster programme volunteering opportunity

We will be running our Summer term booster programme, Ascent, again this year. The programme is designed to help our partner schools' Year 5 children from disadvantaged backgrounds who are failing to meet national standards in the core subjects of literacy and maths.

We are looking for Middle School and Sixth form pupil volunteers to play a hands-on role within the Saturday sessions including helping to run a games session for the 30 girls and boys involved on a weekly basis. Pupils don't have to commit to every Saturday but it would be great for them to volunteer for at least a few sessions so they have the opportunity to get to know the children.

Dates for this year's programme are 22 April; 13 and 20 May; 10, 17 and 24 June; 1 and 8 July. Each of these sessions will run from 8.45 am to 12.30 pm (8 sessions). There will be two additional full day sessions on 10 and 11 July from 8.45 am to 4.00 pm.

Ascent is a great opportunity for Year 10s to fulfil their volunteer requirement for their DofE. For our Lower Sixth, it's very useful as an addition to their UCAS portfolio. We will share this opportunity with pupils too.

### Ukrainian Concert

**4 June at 3.00 pm**

There will be a Ukrainian concert at St Mary The Boltons Church in Chelsea on **4 June at 3.00 pm** to raise money for the DEC Ukrainian appeal. Several of our regular Coffee and Conversation participants will be performing. It will be great fun and a wonderful way to further support our Emanuel-linked Ukrainians.

More details to follow.