



MP opens 'The Pantry' at St. Andrew's

Last week, Ms Feryal Clark MP for Enfield North and James Cracknell, Editor of the Enfield Dispatch joined us for our official opening of The Pantry. We also asked two of our Vice Captains, Isaac and Albie to represent the school. They spoke confidently to Ms Clark and to Ms Theresa Davis, our Chair of Governors, about their part in helping to get the food bank ready for our families. We are pleased to say that a few families have visited this week. However, we

would like even more! We have butter, yogurts, cheese, pasta, cleaning products, biscuits, cereals and much more. To read the whole article in Enfield Dispatch, please click the link:

<https://enfielddispatch.co.uk/enfield-primary-school-launches-foodbank-to-help-struggling-families/>

The Pantry open Mondays and Tuesdays 3pm – 3.25pm Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 9.30am

What's been happening around the school

Over the past two weeks, a number of year groups have visited St. Andrew's Church, to meet with Fr. Steve. This has linked with their RE unit on Christianity. Fr. Steve has also been in to support the RE learning in Y5 and Y2 this term.

Last week in **Reception** we have been enjoying reading and talking about the story 'A Best Friend for Bear'. We used the story plot as a stimulus for discussion about how to engage with each other, how to make new friends and how to include others in our play. Everyone loved making their collage bear!



Making history come alive. One area in which we have been keen to re-build in our history units is our workshops, trips and visitors. So, we were thrilled to invite Theo's grandma Gaby, who came to talk to the **Year 1** children about her childhood. She brought lots of old toys and artefacts for the children to look at. It is amazing to think that our young children have never seen a record player! They really did learn so much.

In the same week, our **Year 2** children went back in time when they took part in The Great Fire of London workshop. The workshop leader completely immersed every child into the day itself in 1666, while developing their understanding of a significant event in history. Thank you to the parents for contributing towards this workshop.



Making links with our local secondary schools.

Some of our **Year 5** boys have started their reading mentor programme at Enfield Grammar. Year 9 and 10 students link with our boys to study a challenging novel. We first took part in this initiative last year and it proved so successful, that we decided to do it again. We also welcomed some of the Y7 Ambassadors to school this week, where they worked with all the Y5 boys on some activities.

Our **Year 6** pupils were invited to watch a drama performance at Chace Community. It was lovely to see so many of our ex pupils involved in the performance. We work very hard to form links with our secondary schools and in a year, we have shared learning experiences in French, English, Science, Technology and Drama.

Christmas Dinner

It is always a special day on Christmas Dinner Day. The tables are covered with festive tablecloths and the children are served by teachers and teaching assistants. Christmas songs were sung, gravy was poured and everyone enjoyed the lovely lunch. A huge thank you to our Head Cook, Beatrice and her team, for making a delicious lunch for all.



Our Fabulous PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA for their amazing efforts with the Christmas Market last week. We all loved the new way to buy raffle tickets and other gifts, using QR codes! So easy and it helps to raise even more money for the school. It was a really lovely atmosphere on the playground, listening to the singers, watching the dancing and enjoying a hot chocolate. We will reveal the total amount raised in the next few days.



Important dates and events

Mon 12th Dec - Y2 Christmas Performances

Tues 13th Dec - Y1 Christmas Performances

Tues 13th Dec - Y5 and Y6 Christmas parties

Children come to school in party clothes £1 donation for party nibbles

Wed 14th Dec - KS2 Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church 10am.

Y3 parents are welcome to attend

Thurs 15th Dec - YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 Christmas parties.

Children come to school in party clothes £1 donation for party nibbles

Fri 16th Dec - End of term **School finishes at 2pm**

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Mon 2nd Jan 2023 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY School Closed

Tues 3rd Jan 2023 - SCHOOL INSET DAY School Closed

Wed 4th Jan 2023 - **School starts back at 8.55am**