



### Reaching out to our school community

Over the past two weeks, we have been reaching out and offering families new school uniform. We still have a number of PE shirts and other items left. The PTA have also kindly donated some money for the

school to buy additional new uniform. Please do contact the office, if you need any items. We are also ready to open our school food bank 'The Pantry' on **Thursday 1st December**. Ms Feryal Clark, the MP for Enfield North, will be officially opening The Pantry, along with the local press. From this date, our food bank will be open on

**Mondays & Tuesdays 3 p.m. - 3:25 p.m. Thursdays & Fridays 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**



All families are welcome. Just buzz the gate during those times.

### Sportshall Athletics

This month, 17 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Indoor Sportshall Athletics at Chace Community School. They participated in a number of field events, including javelin, speed bounce, a standing long jump and track races. Every child competed extremely well. Many thanks to Coach Romaine and Mrs Dilieto for their support with this event.



### Parking problems - a message from Mrs Statham

This week, I have been outside both of our school entrances, to observe how safely our children are coming into and out of school. I was surprised and dismayed by the number of parents and grandparents, who are choosing to park on double yellow lines, on 'no parking' zig zags, on a private road and in front of driveways. I know that parking is not easy around the school, but this needs to improve. Enfield Council Parking Enforcement Officers have been issuing parents with tickets this week. Please be respectful and help to keep all our families safe.

**Leave earlier, park further away and walk with your child - it is that easy.**

### What's been happening around the school

There has been lots of learning outside the school over the past couple of weeks. **Year 4** went to the British Museum, to look at the fabulous Ancient Egyptian exhibits. They also took the opportunity to ride on the Elizabeth Line! In **Year 5**, as part of their learning in geography, the children went on a local walk around Enfield, looking at changes to the local area.



### Year 1 and 2 Spelling Bee

Over the past few weeks Mrs Meekin & Miss Jones have run a spelling bee competition in **Y1 & Y2**. Lots of children took part and it was an extremely tight competition with a 'spell off' to decide the class winners:

1B 1st Theo, 2nd Jackson & 3rd Amelia

1W 1st Sophie, 2nd Cara & 3rd Eliza

2B 1st Hiba, 2nd Arabella & 3rd Jasmine

2W 1st Gordon, 2nd Max & 3rd Zachary N



We then had a final round to decide on the children who would represent St. Andrew's in an inter-school competition. Gordon & Hiya (Y2) and Cara & Theo (Y1) were chosen and did an amazing job! Our children were superb spellers and only made a couple of mistakes in their heat. We managed to reach the semi-finals, well done!

### Parliament Week

Every year, our children in Years 5 and 6 take part in Parliament Week. This year, the theme was *Make a Difference* and this gave the children opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding about British Values, the role of Parliament and local current affairs. The **Year 6** children researched significant people who have brought about social change, such as Elizabeth Fry and Sophia Dulep Singh. In **Year 5**, they wrote and delivered speeches about local and global issues, such as litter, climate change and traffic. Children were also able to make their voices heard on 'Speakers' Corner' every lunchtime and our school referendum was carried out at the end of the week. A very full and exciting week!



Running alongside Parliament Week was **Anti-Bullying Week**; a national awareness week organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Teachers and senior leaders led assemblies every day, which focused on what bullying IS and IS NOT, as well as reminding children of all the trusted adults in our school. Children can approach any school adult, if they want to talk about a problem or an issue. This discussion was continued in the classrooms and gave children the opportunity to speak up, and or listen to others. Teachers used circle time and PSHE lessons to reinforce the message that bullying will not be tolerated and that everyone has a part to play in ensuring children have a happy time at school. The week ended with **Odd Socks Day**, sharing these messages of kindness and acceptance with their buddies. **Year 2** and **Year 6** buddy classes worked together to spread this message.

### Important dates and events

**Mon 28th Nov** - Y2 Workshop on The Great Fire of London

**Thurs 1st Dec** - Official opening of The Pantry

**Fri 2nd Dec** - **St. Andrew's Christmas Market** after school on the playground. Please help support our wonderful PTA in raising lots of money for the school. Check emails for posters and how to buy Christmas boxes, wreaths and raffle tickets. Many items can now be bought using QR codes. Go on to the PTA Facebook page for up to date information.

**Christmas Concerts** - information has been sent out regarding tickets for Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas performances.

