



We say goodbye to Cindy who hands over her schools work to **Donna Gwilliams**. Cindy and her family relocated to Kent—we pray they settle in with their new schools and their new community. We will miss Cindy's unique contribution to FIS — especially at meal times! Whenever we tell Spirited Play stories using the props she made with such care we will think of her. **We welcome Donna**, now responsible for the Stratford and Manor Park schools as well as **Rich Barton**, our new manager.

Alice writes: We were awarded 3 successful grant funding bids this term towards our new staff and training project costs, which is greatly appreciated. The schools work highlights have been “It's Your Move” plus 2 new lessons with Street Pastors & Manor Park Christian Centre. We are looking forward to the start of our national training project, *Sharing Faith in Schools*.

UPCOMING DATES

5/10/18 Breakfast & Prayer Meeting, 9-12, @ Reginald Rd, Forest Gate, E7 9HS

12/10/18 Volunteer and Assembly Training, 9-12, @ TBC

20/11/18 Celebrating Faith in Schools @ Highway Vineyard Church 6:30-8:30pm

TEAM NEWS

Jannine writes: Last term I reached my goal of being in 1 secondary school per term, working with both Rokeby (page 2) and Plashet. My next challenges are connecting with more churches in East Ham and Plaistow and producing a video for young people called ‘Faith For Real’.

Cindy writes: The schools have been very supportive which gave me confidence to encourage the children and make the lessons my own. At my last ever lesson the children were buzzing with questions about the Bible even though the last bell had gone. That was a very proud moment for the volunteers and I. It was in that moment we knew that God was working with us!

150 CAMPAIGN

Over the last **15 years** we have reached **thousands** of children of different faiths and none, in **more than 42** primary and secondary schools in Newham.

We have a growing demand from schools for our work, and we continue to **step out in faith** to ensure that all of what we do continues to be **FREE**.

There are more than **280 churches** in Newham. If every church gives a **one-time gift of £150** to Faith in Schools, we will be able to meet our financial need for this year.

The 150 campaign **invites you** and your church to support us as we continue to effectively reach the children and young people with **the authentic Christian gospel**.

Text FAITH to 70660 to give £10 monthly to our work or donate via our website. Contact Rachel for more info.



Our aim is for every child and young person in Newham schools to have the opportunity to meet local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century

AUTUMN TERM 2018



**FOREVER
BLOWING
BUBBLES?**

SUMMER TERM AT A GLANCE

301 lessons delivered
422 hours volunteered
9,030 pupils taught
5.6/6 average lesson rating

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The Power of Partnerships

Sharing the Christian experience with children and young people is what we do. Working together with local volunteers and other charities is how we do it well.

Last term, Year 6 pupils at Ravenscroft rated our visitors "11 out of 10" on their session about 'what happens in a church?' (above) Newham Street Pastors were a blessing to the Yr10 students at Rokeby School (bottom left), and Selah Theatre complemented our annual 'It's Your Move' offering to dramatic effect at Dersingham and Nelson Primary (bottom right).



Cindy, one of our most artistic schools workers, recently moved away (see page 4 for more).

As a tribute, we highlight some of the pupils' most creative work over the term.

"I think I have become the 'Colours in Christianity' [RE topic] expert. All schools loved the lesson, and were especially glad that every single child was proud of their work and able to explain the meaning of it."

Cindy

During *It's Your Move*, we visited more than 510 Year 6 pupils. The drawing activities were very popular,

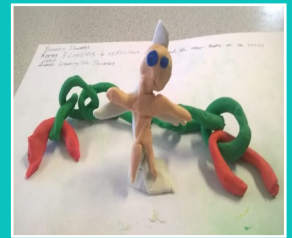
"The storyboards were great and gave them a chance to work out how they might deal with situations..."

Teacher, Shaftesbury

Alice and Rachel also got arty with 50 local children at the Woodgrange Baptist Holiday Bible Club in July by making fish to help us recall Acts 20:35.

Inspired again by the importance of creativity in faith and learning, we designed imaginative team resources which our new schools workers can use to showcase their creative side.

Are you artistic in some way? Contact us to volunteer, and we can train you to come into schools!



Breaking shackles?



Got the whole world...



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IN OTHER NEWS

In May we trained 6 new volunteers at Memorial Church, and 4 will be joining us, coming into schools this term. Welcome **Luke, Carey, Ben and Ryan!**

We joined with **Transform Newham & Mahabba** networks @MPCC for prayer for our Muslim neighbours in Ramadan.

June saw "bubble-ologists", Alice and Cindy, once again at **Love Stratford Family Fun Day**. This



was even bigger and better than last year (see cover).

Do you hear wedding bells? Yes, if you are a pupil at **Ellen Wilkinson, Gallions, Winsor or Dersingham Primary** who visited St Marks, Beckton and Little Ilford Baptist for a pretend wedding (photo left).

We prayer walked with Youth for Christ against knife crime and thanked our volunteers with sausages and salad at our **"Bless U BBQ"** to complete the year.