

# Newsletter

## February 2025



# WELCOME!



It feels strange to say in February but...  
Happy New Year!

We began 2025 in typical BiG KIDS fashion,  
jumping headfirst into new projects and themes and picking  
up where we left off in clubs, churches and schools.  
We even had a bit of a road trip...

So read on to find out more; including ways that YOU can  
get involved in the coming weeks and months!



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# School

Typically, January can be a tricky month to get into school...not this year!

We've been in Park End and Whinney Banks each week with a top secret project (that we'll tell you about next month...)

In Newham Bridge Afterschool Club we have a new cohort of children, all full of beans and excited to play games and learn more about Jesus.

Green Lane Scripture Club continues to involve some excellent questions and lovely conversations.



Great news - St Clare's Bible Club is to restart after February half term! (It had taken a small break due to school staffing clashes!)





# Church

St Chad's Kids Club have continued to find their way through the A-Z of the Bible - with some more obscure characters this month (Uzziah and Xerses!)

In EXPLORE at St Barnabas, we are venturing into the Mountains of Matthew! So far we've heard about the temptation of Jesus, the sermon on the mount, and pondered Jesus' miracles.

As always, great fun with great kids who are eager to know more about God and the Bible! What a blessing!

Each month at St Barnabas, we're asked to lead the creative prayers at their All Age service. In January, Sam made a big shoe (!) to help us learn to be okay with "untied laces" and trusting Jesus, whose shoelaces we are not worthy to tie (to paraphrase John the Baptist!)







# Community

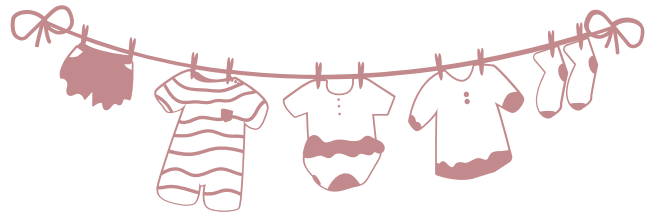
Barney's Baby Bank has really taken off in January, thanks to the wonderful staff at Sacred Heart and Ayresome schools. They have promoted us to their families, not only about how to use us but also that they can give back to help others. We have been able to provide a lovely family a wonderful bundle of items for their baby who is due any day! (well actually 5 days ago!) We wish them well.



Barneys Baby Bank is part of the Baby Bank Alliance, who are a fantastic support and able to advise us on a whole range of things from safety checking buggies and cots, to helping with fundraising and getting some lovely items too. In return, we provide some stats - and we thought you'd like to know them too! Please keep in mind that we have only been open from October (stats are October 24-December 24)

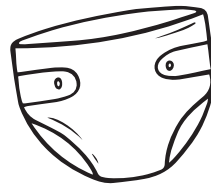


20 families  
helped



740 clothing items

6 prams/buggies



1,512 nappies



3 highchairs

We are so grateful to everyone who donates, whether it's with pre-loved items of things from our wish list.



# Walk

We are looking for new and exciting ways of fundraising as we move into 2025.

We are delighted to announce that we are setting up a volunteer fundraising team as part of our mission to "join the dots" for the children of Middlesbrough.

The team would look to:



Be BiG KIDS ambassadors (promote the charity, encourage people to sign up to the newsletter, inspire others to support BiG KIDS)



Help to organise and run fundraising events in a variety of locations (e.g. coffee mornings, quiz nights etc.)



Come up with new fundraising competition ideas (like the Christmas card competition we ran last year)

If you would like to volunteer to be part of this new fundraising team, please contact Abbie on the link below





# Coffee Morning

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Cuppas, Cakes and Stories!

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Sat 8th March

10am - 12pm

St Barnabas Church Hall

TS5 6JR

If you would like to help by making cakes or serving on the day, please contact [finance@bigkids.org.uk](mailto:finance@bigkids.org.uk)





# Prayer requests

We kindly ask that over the month of February you keep BiG KIDS in your prayers in the following ways.



For upcoming projects and ideas - that doors will be opened and partnerships continue to flourish in the 16 schools we met at Christmas time.



For the children we meet in our various groups. That they would continue to engage creatively and open heartedly and parents continue to encourage their learning at home.



For Barney's Baby Bank and its users. That the generosity of our community continues and this ministry can grow sustainably.



For our upcoming coffee mornings and networking events. That people will attend eager to hear more about the work of BiG KIDS and to partner in any way they can.