



Queensgate Primary School Newsletter

25.11.22



Thank you to everyone who attended our **Parents' Evenings** this week. We hope that you found the meeting informative and you now have an even better understanding of how your child is getting on in school and what their next steps in learning are. In January, we will be again inviting current parents/ carers into school between 8.30AM – 9.15AM to look at the children's books with them. No doubt, they will also tell you about everything they have been learning so far this year.

National "Reach Out" Anti-bullying week

At Queensgate, we actively promote values of respect and equality, through our 3R's (Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Reflective) and we strive to ensure that difference and diversity is celebrated within our curriculum and school community. Anti-bullying has a specific focus at this time of year and all classes have reflected on this in assemblies and their PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Economic education) lessons. They have been considering how to reach out to support others and that we can care and protect each other when we stand together as a team.



Here are Year 2 reflecting on what we can do to reach out to others

External views of our school

We regularly invite external advisers into our school to quality assure the quality of education that we are providing for the children. Often these advisers are current or ex-OFSTED inspectors. Recently we asked advisers to focus on Maths provision at QPS and SEND learners. After spending a day with us, it was concluded that, **"that there is very good practice in teaching, learning and assessment in maths at the school. The leaders are effective in their roles and very supportive of their colleagues. Pupils clearly enjoy maths and this is something to be celebrated."**

In addition, **"the evidence gathered through discussion with leaders, analysis of data and the paperwork which is in place indicates that provision for pupils with SEND is highly effective in meeting the pupils' needs. The leaders understand their roles and responsibilities and their commitment to improving provision for pupils with SEND and making the school fully inclusive is very evident."**

It was pleasing to receive such positive recognition as we continue on our on-going cycle of school development.

Well done to...

- ✓ 3 members of Class R recently attended an inter-school boccia tournament. Very well done to Edwin, Tristan and George who won the tournament and demonstrated fantastic boccia skills and exemplary behaviour.
- ✓ Mrs Bebbington and her team in our school kitchen for maintaining Queensgate's 5 star ***** rating from Environmental Health.

Keeping safe when out and about

Following an incident in Stockport this week involving a stranger approaching a school age pupil, I would like to remind you of seven key messages that can help protect your child. These tips have been sent from the LA Safeguarding Lead.

Statistics show that crime against young children by strangers is rare. Even so, these seven tips can help protect your child:

- *tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know, unless you are with them to say it is ok.*
 - *make sure your child knows never to walk away with people they don't know/know well*
 - *make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if someone they don't know approaches them, and never to keep this secret*
 - *if your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus*
- *if your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop*
- *have your children learn their address and telephone number by heart*

Can you help?

For a number of years, an ex-parent has kindly volunteered to audit our School Fund accounts on an annual basis. Sadly, they are no longer able to do so. If you are a qualified accountant and would be willing to undertake this task for school, please email admin@queensgate.stockport.sch.uk. It is not an onerous task, as this account is not used very often. Thank you very much!

Free club at Bramhall Baptist Church

THURSDAY CLUB

FOR FAMILIES TO HAVE A WARM SPACE FOR A DRINK, SOME CAKE A CHAT AND BOARD GAMES

EVERY THURSDAY TERM TIME FROM 1ST DECEMBER 2022

3PM TIL 4.30PM

@BRAMHALL BAPTIST CHURCH

Free to come along to
no need to book
More info:
minister@bramhallbaptist.org

 **Bramhall Baptist Church**

Respect Policy

At Queensgate we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and nurturing environment.

Stockport LA have recently updated the Respect Policy and this has been adopted by our school. Fortunately, it is rare for there to be an incident in school, or on the school grounds, that would be classified as unacceptable behaviour (e.g. shouting- either in person or over the telephone, using offensive or aggressive language in emails or texts, swearing or name calling or inappropriate posting on social networking channels, which could bring the school into disrepute or may be damaging to individuals). If and when this behaviour is identified, the action steps detailed in the policy will be followed. Please take the time to read the policy.

[Respect Policy](#)

RESPECT

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Respect and positive behaviour – we're in this together!

Raising children can be challenging, yet it is also the most rewarding job in the world. Every day parents are navigating previously uncharted territory.

At school we also play an important role in supporting parents to raise children who are kind, courteous, respectful, and happy.

Working together is mutually beneficial. After all, we are all working towards the same goal: to enhance the learning experience for the child.

We want to ensure school is a happy, safe, and respectful place

When you are in school and talking to us, we appreciate that you speak to us as you expect us to speak to you.

K I N D

Are your words kind?

Will your words help improve things?
Are they inclusive?

Is it necessary to say what you are saying?
Could you say it differently?

Think dialogue, dignity, diversity, and difference!

Important dates coming up

- 29.11.22:** Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
- 1.12.22:** 6.00PM Christmas Musical Performance for instrumentalists
- 2.12.22:** PTA Christmas Fair in Hall. 3.15- 5.30PM
- 6.12.22:** 6.30PM Y4, Y5, Y6 Carol service at Bramhall Methodist Church
- 7.12.22:** Year 6 trip to Stockport air-raid shelters
- 8.12.22:** 2.30PM Parent partnership meeting in school
- 12.12.22:** 2.45PM Nursery Christmas production
- 13.12.22:** 9.30AM Reception Christmas production (tickets via ParentPay)
2.00PM Year 2 Christmas production (tickets via ParentPay)
- 14.12.22:** Reception Theatre visit to see "The Man who wanted to be a penguin"
1.45PM Nursery Christmas production
- 15.12.22:** 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas production (tickets via ParentPay)
2.00PM Reception Christmas production (tickets via ParentPay)
- 16.12.22:** Nursery/ Reception Christmas party day
Christmas lunch for the children
Christmas jumper day
2.45PM Years 1 and 3 Carols and mince pies in the playground
- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
- 19.12.22:** Year 1, Year 2 Christmas party day
- 20.12.22:** Year 3, Year 4 Christmas party day
- 21.12.22:** Year 5, Year 6 Christmas party day

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Hitchcock
Headteacher