



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter 3.2.23



Future NEU Days of Action

As you are aware, three future strike days are planned in the coming weeks: **Tuesday 28 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023.** I will consider each of these days in isolation and assess whether there are sufficient staff available for the school to remain open, or partially open, on each individual strike day. Based on the information I have been given by staff, I will promptly let you know the impact that this will have on the school.

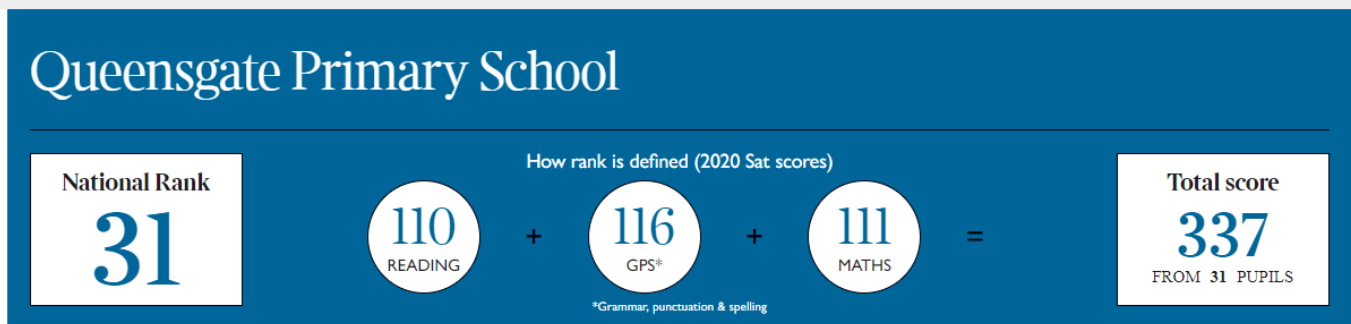
Has your child been talking about their brain growing?

Hopefully the answer to this question is **YES!** We regularly talk to the children about how we all learn new skills by practising and trying hard to strengthen the connections in our brain, allowing messages to travel more effectively and efficiently. They all know that the brain can grow and develop.

Having this Growth Mindset has so many benefits, as it allows us to stretch ourselves, seek out feedback and persist for longer. Research shows that parents can have a very powerful impact on their children's mindsets. The language you use and the actions you take, show your children what you expect. Giving process praise, talking about the brain, accepting mistakes as learning opportunities, and understanding the role of emotions in learning are all beneficial practices. Please try to reinforce the Growth Mindset messages at home with affirmations such as...

- ✓ **Mistakes are opportunities to learn from**
- ✓ **I can learn from hard things**
- ✓ **Lots of practice helps me to improve**

You could ask your child what they found challenging at school today and then celebrate the learning that took place when they had to persevere and review their work.



Northwest - state primary schools

Male Female Mixed sixth form 50 results

Regional rank	National rank	School	Town	Reading (averaged scaled score)	Grammar (averaged scaled score)	Maths (averaged scaled score)	Total	Entry gender
1	17-	Yarlside Academy	Barrow-in-Furness	111	116	112	339	● ●
2	31-	Queensgate Primary School	Stockport	110	116	111	337	● ●
3	34-	Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Primary School	St Annes-on-Sea	113	113	111	337	● ●
4	38	St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Liverpool	Liverpool	112	113	112	337	● ●
5	46-	Bowdon Church School	Altrincham	110	114	112	336	● ●

Did you know that Queensgate is ranked 31 out of all the state primary schools in England in the Sunday Times 2023 Best UK Schools Guide and League Tables?

We are also the only Stockport state primary school to be in the Top 10 in the North West!

Well done everyone.

A GROUP OF YEAR 5 GIRLS WILL BE HOLDING A SWEETS/TOY STALL AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PLAYGROUND ON 14/15/16/17th FEBRUARY. THEY ARE FUNDRAISING FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT



Here we are celebrating Chinese New Year in Nursery and working with our peers in Year 4 to proof read our writing. Year 2 are busy starting an investigation into whether bigger seeds grow into bigger plants



Inspiring a love for life and learning!

Important dates coming up

Mon 6th Feb: Children's mental health week

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Tues 7th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Thurs 9th Feb: PTA Valentine's disco after school (details from [PTA](#))

Fri 10th Feb: Own clothes day, "Dress to Express" for children's mental health week. No donation requested.

***** Friday 17th Feb:** School closes for one week ***

Mon 27th Feb: INSET day for staff

Tues 28th Feb: School re-opens for children

Tues 28th Feb: National Education Union industrial action day (more information to follow)

Wed 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd March: Year 5, 3-day residential trip to Robinwood Activity Centre

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day (details to follow)

W/B Mon 6th March: British Science Week (STEM)

Thurs 9th March: 2.30PM Parent Partnership meeting- all welcome, held in school (TBC)

Wed 15th March: National Education Union industrial action day (more information to follow)

Thurs 16th March: National Education Union industrial action day (more information to follow)

Fri 17th March: Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Wed 22nd March: Parents' Evening (booking details to follow)

Thurs 23rd March: Parents' Evening (booking details to follow)

Fri 31st March : Queensgate Talent Show

***** Friday 31st March:** School closes for two weeks ***

Monday 17th April: School re-opens

Have a lovely weekend and please remember that I am available before and after-school most days.

Mrs Hitchcock
Headteacher