



Queensgate Primary School Newsletter 31.3.23



Well, here we are at the end of the Spring term already. It has certainly been a busy one and I hope that you enjoyed hearing about your child's achievements so far this year at Parents' Evening last week.

Today, we finished on a high with our Annual Talent Show. We are very proud of everyone that took part and performed in front of their friends and our panel of MPs. It is brilliant to see our children shine in this way and we love discovering their hidden talents. Over fifty children took part from Year 1 to Year 6 and as you can see the scores were very close, hence the joint places!

First place: Euan Courtney, Emily Ormiston, Harper Philpott

Second place: Mae Cooper, Frankie Laurie

Third place: Michy Chen

This morning, our MPs also had the tough job of judging the PTA Easter Bonnet and Egg Decorating competition. Well done to everyone that entered- they looked beautiful! Thank you to the PTA for organising this and providing the prizes.

Bonnet: Joint First prize Tabitha Miller and George Matthews, 2nd place Neve Chapman

Decorated Eggs: First prize 1st Maddie Power, Isaac Miller, Wilf Titiloye



PE Kits

After the holidays, we are asking that children (Reception to Year 6) **come into school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE**. Many schools do this and have found that it helps maximise the amount of time that the children are active in school and engaged in PE (instead of spending time getting changed). It also means that less items of clothing go missing and PE kits can be washed more regularly at home. We will be trialling this for the Summer term. Please remember that whilst we do have branded items of PE kit and school uniform, we are also happy for children to wear nonbranded items in the correct school colours i.e. black/white for PE kits.

Your child/ren do not need to bring in their uniform on PE days, they should come in dressed in...

- PE t-shirt – short sleeved – white
- Black sweatshirt
- Shorts or cycle shorts – black
- Black tracksuit bottoms/ leggings
- Footwear – black slip-on or black/ white laced trainers

Artists wanted!

If you have a love of art, we would like to invite you into school to share this love with our children. It could be that you paint, draw, make pottery as a hobby or maybe you work in graphic design or the fashion industry. There are lots of different ways in which you might help, such as, giving our children feedback on their pieces of art at the end of a unit of work, sharing some helpful tips before they embark on a new project and telling them about a piece of art of project that you have worked on. If you would like to know more, please email the school office and we will be in touch. Thank you.

***** Well done to Nightingale House for earning 3661 House Points this term. They certainly have been a winning streak! We look forward to seeing everyone in Nightingale, (green House) in their own clothes on Friday 21st April *****

Guitar lessons in school

There are currently spaces for guitar lessons in school on Tuesdays with Ed Billingham from Stockport Music Service. Ed is a professional classical guitarist who trained in London and Manchester at RNCM. He specialises in teaching music reading as well developing a solid foundation in playing the guitar. Lessons can be individual or in small groups from Year 3 upwards (Year 2s if their hands are strong enough). If you would like to sign a pupil up for lessons and already have a child taking lessons or playing in a Stockport Music Service group, then you can add additional pupils to your existing Music Service account. Please use this link to sign in;

<https://ukstockport.speedadmin.dk/> if you do not currently have any lessons with the music service then please register as a new user via this link; <https://ukstockport.speedadmin.dk/registration#/> You can also contact the office on 0161 483 7636 or music.service@stockport.gov.uk

Attendance this term

It goes without saying that regular attendance is essential to your child's progress and success. We aim for all children to attend well above the national average of **92.4% (2021/22)**. This term I am pleased to say that our overall whole school attendance figure is **96.1%**. Thank you for your support with this and prioritising your child's attendance. Well done to Year 2 for topping the leader board with 97.6% this term.

Rec 96.7%	Year 1 Oak 94.1%	Year 1 Elm 97.2%	Year 2 97.6%
Year 3 97.1%	Year 4 Birch 96.2 %	Year 4 Ash 95.9%	Year 5 Pine 96.6%
	Year 5 Cedar 95.59%	Year 6 94.2 %	

Important dates coming up

Monday 17th April: School re-opens

Friday 21st April: Own clothes day for winning House (Nightingale/ Green House)

Friday 28th April: Y2 trip to Dunham Massey

Monday 1st May: School closed for May Bank holiday

Friday 5th May: 8.45- 9.30AM- Open morning for current parents/ carers. Please pop in to look at your child's books with them and let them tell you about everything they have been learning this year. As this will be a very busy event and the classrooms will be extremely full, we can only allow 1 parent/ carer per family.

Monday 8th May: School closed for the Coronation Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May: Y6 SATS

Thursday 15th June: Clean Air Day 2023

Tuesday 16th May: Class photographs

W/B Monday 22nd May: Eat Fit Keep Fit Week

Wednesday 24th May: 9.30AM Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

Thursday 25th May: 9.30AM Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day

*****Friday 26th May: School closes for two weeks*****

Sunday 18th– Wed 21st June: Y6, Castlehead residential trip

Wednesday 28th June: 2.30PM Year 3 Ancient Civilisations workshop

Monday 3rd July: Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for beginning of the week children)

Wednesday 5th July: Year 5 Shakespeare performance at the Lowry theatre in the evening

Thursday 6th July: Y6 transition day at new schools across Stockport

Friday 7th July: Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for end of the week children)

Wednesday 12th July: 2.30PM Year 2 Design and technology workshop

Friday 14th July 11.15AM – 11.40 Year 4 (both classes) ukulele performance

Thursday 20th July: 6.00PM Year 6 Leavers' Play

Wednesday 26th July: 9.10AM Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

*****Wednesday 26th July: School closes*****

*****Wednesday 6th September: School re-opens*****

Thank you for your support for the school this term. I hope that all our families have a happy Spring break.

Mrs Hitchcock

Headteacher