



# Queensgate Primary School Newsletter 15.11.23



Last week, all the children studied the book, **Change Sings**, by Amanda Gorman in our Whole School Writing week. This beautiful book encourages children to persevere, work together and to respect one another. We certainly felt that this was a book that would resonate with our children as it embodies our 3Rs - **Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Reflective.**

We were so impressed by the passionate speeches that our oldest children produced in response to this book. Keep an eye out for the new display in the Entrance Hall, showcasing the children's learning produced this week.

**Nursery singing  
about how  
they can make  
a difference**



**Great ideas  
from Y3 about  
how they can  
be the  
"Change"**

**Y6's published  
speeches**



## **Fundraising for Destiny Garden School**

Well done to **Y6 Cedar** for their fundraising for Destiny Garden School in Mombasa. The children completed a sponsored run in school and raised a fantastic **£607.40**. This total was significantly helped by Lily, who single-handedly raised **£252!** Thank you to all our families for your generous support at home with this. Each month a different class will be holding a fundraising event. We know that the money we raise will help provide the very vulnerable children in Destiny Garden School with basics such as; food, shelter, clothing, education, and access to proper health care. Click [here](#) to find out more about the school.

## How can I support my child in maths at home?

We often get asked this question and for the vast majority of our children, the answer is simple... get them to go on **TTRockstars** for 10 minutes at least three times a week!

This will give them enough dedicated time to significantly improve their quick recall of times tables. This is so important as times tables are fundamental to many maths topics. When children recall times tables quickly, it frees up their working memory allowing them to develop their reasoning skills.



All the staff regularly promote TTRockstars in school and we celebrate success in our Friday assemblies, but we are still finding that not enough children are accessing this resource at home.

Here are a few tips...

- Ensure that you are using the latest version of the app and website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that your child will be missing out on key updates. If using the website at home, please visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version in your browser or update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.
- Ensure your child has gone on the website at **least three times per week across the week** - the earlier the better.
- Ensure that they practise in the “**garage**” section to complete their ten games before practising in other areas.

## The Big Ambition Survey

The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England. **The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children’s Commissioner wants to take children’s thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people’s voices on what they think needs to be done to make children’s lives better in England. **The Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

or scan the QR code



## Christmas Lunch arrangements

It is a long way off, but Christmas will be here before we know it! On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** the children who have school meals will have the option of a traditional Christmas lunch (**please pre-order early** to help the cook plan ahead). Children who have packed lunches are welcome to bring in a nut-free Christmas themed lunch on that day e.g. turkey sandwich, mince pie etc.

Children can also wear **Christmas jumpers to school on this day (normal school trousers/ skirts etc.)**

## Parent partnership meetings

We regularly hold an informal Parent Partnership meeting on the school premises and all parent/ carers are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is for parents to meet members of staff, to share information about areas of the curriculum or initiatives that we are reviewing and to gain your views and suggestions. It is also a good way for parents/carers to meet other parents and be part of the Queensgate community. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 23rd November at 9.00AM in Larks and Owls**. Refreshments are provided and we would love to see you there.

### Important dates coming up

- 22.11.23 & 23.11.23:** Parents' Evenings (**book online at [School Cloud](#)**)
- 23.11.23:** Flu vaccinations in school for Reception to Year 6  
9.00AM Parent partnership meeting in school. All parents/carers welcome.  
Dr Bike – Children can bring their bike to school to be checked by a professional
- WB 27.11.23:** Year 6 Bikeability course (for those who have booked on)
- 29.11.23:** 9.15 - 10.45 Open morning for prospective Reception 2024 parents (*fully booked*)
- 1.12.23:** Non-uniform day in exchange for Friends of QPS tombola donations
- 5.12.23:** AM Y4- Y6 Carol Service rehearsal, Bramhall Methodist Church  
6.30PM Y4- Y6 Carol Service, Bramhall Methodist Church, parents/ carers welcome
- 6.12.23:** Reception trip to Sale Waterside to see "The Snow Queen"
- 7.12.23:** Year 6 trip to Stockport air-raid shelters
- 8.12.23:** 4.00- 6.00PM Friends of Queensgate Christmas Fair
- 12.12.23:** 9.30AM Reception and Nursery play for parents/carers  
2.00PM Y2 play for parents/carers
- 13.12.23:** Year 1 visit to Bramhall Baptist Church for a Christmas themed event  
Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
- 14.12.23:** 9.30AM Y2 play for parents/carers  
2.00PM Reception and Nursery play for parents/carers
- 15.12.23:** Christmas jumper day (Nursery – Y6)  
Christmas lunch for the children
- 15.12.23:** 2.45PM Y1 and Y3 Carols and mince pies in the playground, parents/ carers
- 18.12.23:** Nursery, Reception parties
- 19.12.23:** Y1, Y2 Christmas parties
- 20.12.23:** Y3, Y4 Christmas parties
- 21.12.23:** Y5, Y6 Christmas parties

**\*\*\* 22.12.23: School closes for Christmas holidays \*\*\***

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Thank you for your on-going support.



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