



# Queensgate Primary School

## Newsletter **19th January 2024**

Happy 2024 everyone! We have had a busy start to the year and the children have made a very positive start. Year 5 Birch were eager to get our fundraising for **Destiny Garden School** up and running this week and raised £78 selling toast to the children and staff. Well done!

### Sporting Success



Our two Lacrosse teams were outstanding at this week's Stockport final's event. One team finished joint 1st; the other came 3rd. This means we go through to represent Stockport at the Greater Manchester games' finals - an incredible achievement. Well done, everyone.

### Success Outside of School Awards

We know that there are many children at Queensgate who not only work hard in school; they also achieve success outside school. We like to share these achievements with the children in an assembly twice a year and on a display in school. It could be a sporting/ musical achievement, volunteering at a charity event, producing an amazing piece of artwork or an extra special act of kindness. Please complete the form [HERE](#) if you would like to nominate your child for an "SOS" (Success Outside of School) Award. We will be holding this term's SOS assembly on **Wednesday 21st February**. Please ensure any nominations are received by **Friday 9th February**. Copies of relevant photos of the children in action would be much appreciated as they can then be added to the display. Please email these to [admin@queengate.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@queengate.stockport.sch.uk)

# 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.

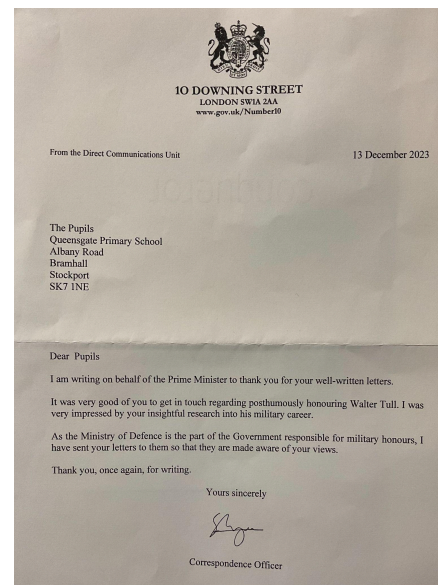
## The power of a letter

Recently, Year 6 were challenged to write a letter to the Prime Minister to persuade him to consider posthumously honouring Walter Tull the Military Cross Medal. The children wrote passionately about why they believed that Walter, as the first black British Officer to lead soldiers on the front line in WW1, should receive this.

The quality of writing produced was of a very high standard and the children were thrilled to receive a letter in response. We will let you know if we have any further correspondence from the Ministry of Defence.

## Lost School Library books

Please be reminded that if a child's reading book or Library book is not returned to school within a half-term, a £4 charge will be added to Parent Pay. This will enable us to purchase a new book and maintain the level of high quality texts that we have in school for our children.



**Thank you from Reception to everyone who donated empty  
milk bottles for our igloo. We love it!**



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## Dates to remember

- Wednesday 24th January Year 1 visit to Bramhall Baptist Church
  - Thursday 1st February Year 6 Parents SATs meeting
  - Friday 2nd February National Number Day
  - W/B 5th February National Children's Mental Health Week
  - Thursday 6th February 9.15- 10.00AM Open morning for prospective Nursery parents
  - Thursday 8th February 9.00- 9.30AM Parent Partnership Meeting- all welcome
  - Friday 9th February Non-uniform day for "Friends of Queensgate"
  - **Friday 9th February** **School closes for 1 week**
  - **Tuesday 20th February** **School re-opens for the children**
  - Wed 28th- Friday 1st March Robinwood Residential trip for Year 5
  - Monday 4th March 3.30 - 4.14PM Open afternoon for prospective Nursery parents
  - Thursday 7th March World Book Day
  - Friday 15th March Comic Relief Day
  - Wed 20th/ Thursday 21st March Parents' Evenings (further details to follow)
  - **Thursday 28th March** **School closes for Easter holidays**
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Have a lovely weekend everyone. Please remember that I am available before and after-school most days.

**Mrs Hitchcock**

