



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter 9th February 2024

Invitation to share in your child's learning

We are pleased to be able to invite you into school in the coming months to share learning opportunities with your child/ren. During your child's time in school, these will include: practical Forest school sessions, musical performances, plays and workshops with the children to allow you to share in their learning.

The dates are as follows:

- **Monday 4th March:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for beginning of the week children)
- **Wednesday 6th March:** Reception 9.15 - 9.45AM Collaborative Tales Toolkit session for parents
- **Friday 8th March:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for end of the week children)
- **Friday 22nd March:** 2.30PM Year 1 Learn Together Time
- **Thursday 28th March:** 11.00AM – 12.00 Class R Easter crafts and coffee morning
- **Friday April 19th:** 8.45- 9.30AM- Open morning for Y1 - Y6 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 busy event and the classrooms will be extremely full, we can only allow **1 parent/ carer per family.**
- **Wednesday 22nd May:** 9.30- 10.45AM Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
- **Thursday 23rd May:** 9.30- 10.45 AM Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day
- **Monday 17th June:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for beginning of the week children)
- **Wednesday 19th June:** 2.30PM Year 2 2.30PM Year 3 Learn Together Time
- **Friday 21st June:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for end of the week children)
- **Tuesday 25th June:** Year 5 classes perform in the evening at the Lowry (Shakespeare project)
- **Monday 3rd July:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for beginning of the week children)
- **Friday 5th July:** 8.45- 9.30AM- Open morning for Y1 - Y6 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 busy event and the classrooms will be extremely full, we can only allow **1 parent/ carer per family.**
- **Wednesday 17th July:** 2.30PM Year 2 Elm Learn Together Time
- **Thursday 18th July:** 2.30PM Year 2 Oak Learn Together Time
- **Thursday 18th July:** 6.00PM Year 6 Leavers' Play
- **Friday 26th July:** 9.10AM Year 6 Leavers' assembly

**** THESE DATES WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS ****

Preventing and Dealing with Racist Incidents

At Queensgate, we are committed to ensuring that our school community is a place where all of our children and their families feel safe, represented and listened to. By working with children, staff, parents/carers and governors we want to ensure that we have a school community where racism is not accepted. Sadly, racism is evident in wider society and therefore will occasionally occur within schools, including at Queensgate.

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What is a racist incident? Schools are required to use the following definition for recording and responding to racist incidents: *“any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person.”*

Preventative measures in place:

- Our curriculum has been designed to be inclusive. We consciously study significant people who represent the diverse world in which we live. Carefully selected texts are used in lessons/ class library/ school library to ensure that all children can see themselves and their lives represented in the images/ texts around them.
- From Nursery to Year 6, the children have weekly PSHE lessons (personal, social, health education) that addresses issues of racism and bullying in an age-appropriate manner. Details of our Relationships education can be found on the PSHE pages of our school website [PSHE website](#).
- One of our school values (3Rs) is Respect; therefore, we frequently discuss what this means and the importance of embodying this value at all times.

Responding to incidents : In responding to incidents that may occur we aim to:

- to provide appropriate support to the children
- to deal with any unacceptable behaviour
- to prevent racism and discrimination and to re-establish good race relations

An investigation will look into the details of what has occurred. All incidents that meet the above definition are recorded electronically on our central recording system (CPOMS). By recording all incidents this allows us to demonstrate how the incidents have been dealt with, monitor any trends/ patterns of behaviour if they exist and take preventative action.

Children who have experienced racism and their parents/ carers will be kept informed throughout the investigation and resolution of the incident. The parent/carer of the child who caused the offence will be informed (whether the offence was intentional or unintentional.) Where offence was intentional, children will be subject to disciplinary procedures as detailed in our **Behaviour Policy**. Where offence was unintentional children will need to understand how offence was caused and be supported to make any changes necessary in their behaviour.

How can I support my child at home?

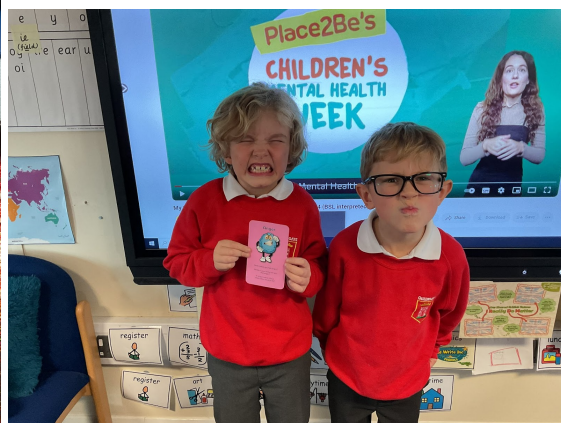
Reinforce the message with your children that racism affects everyone and it is everyone’s responsibility to challenge racist bullying together. Throughout their time in school the children are part of many discussions about race and racism as it is part of our planned, sequential curriculum. However, as a parent it could feel uncomfortable to have these conversations. The [NSPCC Parent’s Guide To Talking to Children about Racism](#) has been written to support parents with these conversations and is a very useful guide.

Safer Internet Day

It was Safer Internet Day on the 6th February. Across the country, the aim of this day is to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. All the children have focussed on this within their e-safety lesson this week.

We are aware that many of our children play the popular video game, Roblox. This guide [Roblox safety guide](#) for parents/ carers outlines the risks associated with this game and the steps that can be taken to help children enjoy this game safely.

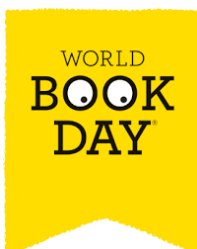
As you can see below, there have been lots of other activities in school this week. Nursery and Reception children have been celebrating Chinese New Year. It has also been Children's Mental Health Week and Class R loved their visit from the Sensory Bus!



Science Week 2024

We are looking for members of our community who work in science, technology or engineering to come into school to explain how they use science as part of their job. This event will be taking place as part of British Science week, which begins on **Monday 11th March**. If you are a scientist, and are available to have a short question and answer session with a class, then please get in touch via admin@queensgate.stockport.sch.uk. Thank you!

World Book Day



Our Reading Ambassadors have been busy planning WBD 2024 (Thursday 7th March) with Mrs Lee. Children are invited to...

- come to school in their comfy loungewear/ snuggly clothes
- bring their favourite book into school with them
- bring an item relating to their favourite book e.g. a cloak for Harry Potter fans

Dates to remember

- **Friday 9th February** **School closes for 1 week**
- **Tuesday 20th February** **School re-opens for the children**
- Wednesday 28th February Year 3 trip to Pooles Cavern (details to follow)
- Wed 28th- Friday 1st March Robinwood Residential trip for Year 5
- Monday 4th March 9.00 - 9.30AM Stay and Play for current Nursery parents
- Monday 4th March 3.30 - 4.15PM Open afternoon for prospective Nursery parents
- Wednesday 6th March 9.15 - 9.45AM Collaborative Tales Toolkit session for parents
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day
- Friday 8th March 9.00 - 9.30AM Stay and Play for current Nursery parents
- W/B 11th March British Science Week
- Monday 13th March Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM
- Friday 17th March Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM
- W/B 18th March Sustrans "Big walk and Wheel" week- please scoot, cycle, walk
- Wednesday 13th March Bags2School
- Friday 15th March Comic Relief Day
- Wed 20th/ Thursday 21st March Parents' Evenings (further details to follow)
- Friday 22nd March 2.30PM Year 1 Learn Together Time
- Thursday 28th March 9.00 - 10.00AM Easter crafts & coffee morning, Class R parents
- Thursday 28th March Queensgate Talent Show Final (details to follow)
- **Thursday 28th March** **School closes for Easter holidays**

Have a lovely half-term break everyone. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **TUESDAY** 20th February.

Mrs Hitchcock

Headteacher