



# Queensgate Primary School

**Newsletter 13th March 2024**

## Comic Relief this Friday



We will be joining in the fun on Friday 15th March to raise money for Comic Relief. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for the day and a red nose if they have one. We do not unfortunately have any Red Noses to sell in school. Donations can be made at the [Queensgate Comic Relief Donation page](#).

## Staffing news

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Clough will be returning to Queensgate after the Easter break, following her maternity leave. We are fortunate that Mrs Armstrong will also be staying with us in order that the class can be taught by Mrs Clough at the beginning of the week and Mrs Armstrong at the end of the week.

We would also like to wish the lovely Mrs Gorton in the office a very happy early retirement. Sadly, she will be leaving us at Easter to enjoy travels and time with her family. Mrs Gorton has been a kind, friendly face in the Queensgate office for twenty years and I know that she will be missed by us all.

## World Book Day



Thank you for all your support with our 2024 World Book Day celebrations. We had a great day, jam packed with reading with our friends!



# Year 5 at Robinwood

Mr Berger-North, Mrs Dyson, Mrs Cooper and myself had a fantastic time with Year 5 on their 3-day residential trip to Robinwood Activity Centre. On numerous occasions we were told how polite, respectful and positive the children were by members of staff. They really represented Queensgate brilliantly. They faced the physical and mental challenges brilliantly, showing excellent support for each other. Well done!



## Summer 2024 statutory testing (SATS)

All schools in England will be required to administer statutory assessments in specific year groups again this year. The table below is a reminder of when, and for whom, these tests are applicable. Please note that Year 2 SATS are no longer compulsory.

Who?	When?	What tests do the children sit?
Year 1	June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics screening check</li> </ul>
Year 4	June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiplication tables check</li> </ul>
Year 6	Monday 13th May 2024 – Friday 17th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English (reading, grammar/ punctuation/ spelling)</li> <li>Maths (arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving)</li> </ul>

For children in Year 1, 4 and 6 the upcoming checks for your child will be discussed in the Spring Parents' evening and staff will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

We always tell the children that these checks/ tests are an opportunity to celebrate their learning and not something to worry about.

## What's happening next week?

It is **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** and the first of our **Walk/ Wheel to School** weeks. Let's hope we have some dry weather so that lots of our families can take the opportunity to ride a bike/ scoot/ cycle or walk to school. **Let's Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel** inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

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## Dates to remember

- Thursday 14th March Year 2 local area walk
- Friday 15th March Comic Relief Day
- W/B 18th March Sustrans "Big walk and Wheel" week
- Monday 18th March Year 3 Easter Experience at St Michael's Church
- Tuesday 19th March Year 2 Easter visit to Bramhall Baptist Church
- Wed 20th/ Thursday 21st March Parents' Evenings (please see email with booking details)
- Friday 22nd March Queensgate Talent Show Heats in classrooms (Reception- Y6)
- Tuesday 26th March 2.30PM Year 1 Learn Together Time - parents/ carers welcome
- Thursday 28th March 9.00 - 10.00AM Easter crafts & coffee morning, Class R parents
- Thursday 28th March Queensgate Talent Show Final
- **Thursday 28th March** **School closes for Easter holidays**
- **Monday 15th April** **School re-opens**
- Friday 19th April 8.30 - 9.30AM Open AM Y1- Y6 parents/carers. **1 adult per child.**
- **Monday 6th May** **School closed for Early May Bank holiday**
- Tuesday 7th May Class photographs
- W/B 13th May Year 6 SATS week
- W/B 20th May Eat Fit, Keep Fit Week
- Wednesday 22nd May 9.30 - 11.00AM Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
- Thursday 23rd May 9.30 - 11.00AM Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day
- **Friday 24th May** **School closes for two weeks**

Kind regards, Mrs Hitchcock, Headteacher.

