



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter November 15th 2024



We've certainly had a few busy weeks at Queensgate!

Our **whole school writing week** focussed on the beautiful book, *Midnight Panther*, by Poonam Mistry. This stunning fable is about courage and finding your place in the world. All the classes used the text as a writing stimulus and they have produced some fantastic responses that will be on display in the school entrance area.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at our **Parents' Evenings** next week

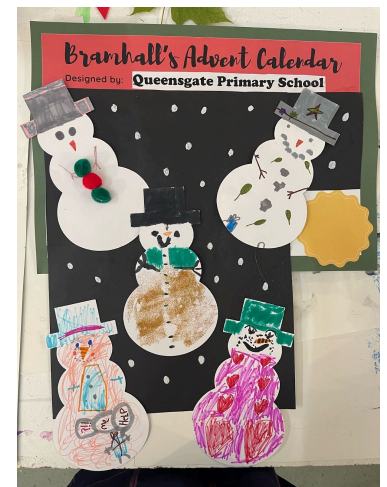
(Wednesday 20.11 online, Thursday 21.11 in person.) The purpose of this meeting is for staff to celebrate with you the areas in which your child is making progress and any next steps for their development. All appointments, whether online or in person, are **limited to 9 minutes** and staff have to adhere to these times to avoid long delays and inconvenience for other parents. Please be mindful of this.

Bramhall Advent Trail

In the coming weeks, keep an eye out around Bramhall for the Advent Trail. Local shops and businesses will be displaying advent calendars in the windows to form a trail for the children to follow. Our children in Art club have created a lovely selection of advent calendars. Once the trail has been completed, entries should be posted in the post box at Simply Books.

Christmas Lunch arrangements

Christmas will be here before we know it! On **Friday 13th 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.)**



National Anti-bullying Week

Every week at Queensgate, we actively promote values of respect and equality, through our 3R's (Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Reflective) and we strive to ensure that difference and diversity is celebrated within our curriculum and school community. The theme for national Anti-bullying week is "Choose Respect". All our classes have reflected on this in assemblies and their PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Economic education) lessons.

Recent trips



Every year our Year 6 children have the “Crucial Crew” experience. This is a multi-agency event organised by the police and supported by the fire service. They aim to raise awareness of safety issues to school children in Year 6.

The event takes the form of a range of 20-minute interactive scenarios which cover a wide range of topics, each educating the children about a specific risk.

This year, we were very proud to hear that the organiser of the event stated that the children from Queensgate were the best behaved that he had ever seen! Well done Year 6.

Below are pictures of Year 2 at Staircase House Museum in Stockport and learning about the Jewish faith at Sharson Synagogue. As always, thank you to our parents/ grandparents for joining us on these trips. Without your support, we would not be able to provide these memorable learning experiences for the children.



Dates to remember

- Monday 18th November Year 4 trip to Crowden River
- Wednesday 20th November Parents' Evening (book appointment online)
- Thursday 21st November Parents' Evening (book appointment online)
- Monday 25th November Year 6 Ash to Bramhall Methodist Church
- Tuesday 26th November Year 6 Birch to Bramhall Methodist Church
- Wednesday 27th November Year 5 to Bramhall Methodist Church
- Friday 29th November Non-uniform day, donations for the Christmas fair tombola
- Wednesday 4th December Reception to sale Waterside Theatre
- Wednesday 4th December PM Year 3 to St Michael's Church
- Wednesday 4th December AM Year 4 Carol Concert rehearsal in Bramhall
- Thursday 5th December Christmas Fair after school, Friends of Queensgate
- Tuesday 10th December 9.30AM Nursery, Reception Christmas Show (ticket required)
- Tuesday 10th December 2.00PM Year 2 Christmas Play (ticket required)
- Tuesday 10th December 6.30PM Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol Concert in Bramhall
- Wednesday 11th December Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
- Wednesday 11th December 2.45PM Year 3 "Twas the night before Christmas" in the Hall
- Thursday 12th December 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas Play (ticket required)
- Thursday 12th December 2.00PM Nursery, Reception Christmas Show (ticket required)
- Friday 13th December Year 5 and Year 6 Declamations Final
- Friday 13th December Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- Friday 13th December 2.45PM Year 1 mince pies and carols in the Hall
- Monday 16th December Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Christmas parties
- Tuesday 17th December Year 3 and Year 5 Christmas parties
- Wednesday 18th December Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas parties
- Thursday 19th December School closes for 2 weeks
- Monday 6th January School re-opens

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss any school matters, I am available before and after school most days.

Mrs Hitchcock,

Headteacher