



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter 28th March 2025

Science week 2025

- You might have heard that we had great fun during our recent Science week! The egg-drop competition, which involved launching eggs from the top of the stairs in the Library, generated a lot of collaboration, planning and drama! Well done for some very creative entries.
- Thank you to the parents who joined us in school to talk to the children about their jobs in the STEM field. The children loved hearing first hand about these jobs and they are never too young to start developing their



understanding of different careers.



- We finished the week with our Science Fair in the playground. The children proudly shared their projects with their friends and staff. This opportunity to orally share their knowledge with others was a great opportunity to consolidate their learning.

- Thank you to Mrs Sturman, our Science Leader for organising this week for the children.



Author visit and Children's Book Club

Simply Books have let us know that they are running a brand-new series of children's book clubs. Each club will be run by one of the Simply Books team, all of whom are DBS checked, and on hand to make sure everyone can get involved. The book, refreshments and biscuits (the grown-ups don't get biscuits!) will all be thrown in with the sessions.

Click here for more information... <https://www.simplybooks.co.uk/bookclubs>

Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome the author Claire Hatcher-Smith to Queensgate. She shared her book, "**The Mizzy Mysteries**" with us. With a SEND protagonist and themes of inclusivity, Claire explored how we can challenge preconceptions as well as explore how to become a detective. The children were a fantastic audience and Claire commented how respectful and engaged they all were.

School Library

Our library, which is very much the heart of our school, is about to have a little refresher. As a result, we are going to be closing the library from Thursday 3rd April until after the Easter holidays.

Please could all children return their loaned books to school before the 3rd April so that we can carry out a full stock take.

We are keen to ensure that everyone keeps on reading and therefore are suggesting that the children choose books from their class libraries whilst we are carrying out this refresher.

After Easter, we will reopen our newly replenished library with many new books. We are excited about sharing these with our Queensgate family.

Mrs Lee, Mrs Griffiths and the Queensgate Reading Ambassadors



We raised £283 for Comic Relief. Thank you!

Dates to remember

- Tuesday 1st April Parents' Evening Children are not permitted to attend these
- Wednesday 2nd April Parents' Evening meetings as we do not have adults to supervise children or the space to accommodate them
- Wednesday 9th April 8.45- 9.15AM- Open morning for Y3, Y4, Y5 and 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 9th April 2.30PM Year 1 Learn Together Time in the Hall
- Thursday 10th April 2.30PM Class R Easter afternoon tea for parents/ carers
- Friday 11th April Queensgate Talent Show (see email for details)
- Friday 11th April School closes for 2 weeks
- Monday 28th April School re-opens
- Wednesday 21st May 9.30- 10.45 AM Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
- Thursday 22nd May 9.30- 10.45 AM Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day
- Friday 23rd May School closes for 2 weeks
- Monday 9th June School re-opens
- Friday 20th June 8.45- 9.15AM- Open morning for Year 1 and Year 2 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.
- Friday 27th June 9.00AM Reception parent/ carer session
- Wednesday 2nd July 2.30PM Year 3 Elm Learn Together Time in the Hall
- Thursday 3rd July 2.30PM Year 3 Oak Learn Together Time in the Hall
- Wednesday 9th July 2.15PM Year 2 Learn Together Time in the Hall
- Wednesday 16th July 1.45PM Year 6 Play for parents/ carers (ticket info to follow)
- Thursday 17th July 6.00PM Year 6 Play for parents/ carers (ticket info to follow)
- Thursday 24th July School closes for summer break
- Wednesday 3rd September School re-opens for the children

Have a lovely weekend in the Spring sunshine everyone.

Mrs Hitchcock, Headteacher.