



QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – 4th January – 9th February 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest addition of the school newsletter in a week that has seen us celebrating International Day of Education during which the children were encouraged to think about the lives of people living in other places with different values and customs. In both our key stage 1 and 2 assemblies it was great to hear the children discussing the importance of education and all children's access to it as a human right. We have had a couple of busy weeks full of wonderful achievements and much to look forward to during the remainder of term 3.



Pokemon Football Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 footballers who competed in the finals of the Wiltshire Pokemon Cup. All of the children did fantastically well to reach the finals and played with a huge amount of determination, resilience and sportsmanship doing the school proud.

Safer Internet Day 2023

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

In the UK, we are celebrating by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

Children's Mental Health Week 2023

This year's event will take place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme is Let's Connect. 'Let's Connect' is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond. For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging the children to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways.'

A video link from Place2Be's webpage: https://youtu.be/wb8SDnS-M_M

Be Kind Online: It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face.





Dr Linda Papadopoulos (Internet Matters Ambassador) provides tips on how you can help your child to be kind online in this YouTube video such as teaching them how to be inclusive and think about how they would like to be treated online themselves:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BqKi3J7g6Q&t=9s>

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages (or see something that worries them) then they should not reply or engage in conversation with them, but that they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Unicef have a comprehensive area on their website, which talks about what Cyberbullying is and how to stop it:

<https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-to-stop-cyberbullying>

Childline also have a lot of information about Cyberbullying, including advice to those that might be bullying:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>

School Dinners



Unfortunately, we have started to see an increase in children not having their school meals booked online in advance. This is resulting in arrears appearing on the system. If the arrears remain unpaid, we will have to ask that the child is sent into school with a packed lunch from home, until the balance is cleared. If you are having problems logging into School Money, please contact the school office.

Term 2: Writers of The Term

Congratulations to the following students who are the Writers of Term 2;

Acorn	Tabitha R
Conker	Sylvie S
Bluebell	Izzy W
Bramble	Isabelle C
Otter	Sophie R-H
Newt	Emily B
Fern	Imogen W
Willow	Poppy W
Heron	Arianna C
Kingfisher	Sherlin G
Starling	Brooke J
Wren	Joy L
Raven	Maja P
Lark	Harley R





Any Old Wellies



We are on the look out for any old wellies that are no longer needed at home. We would like to get the gardening areas around the school looking tip top once again ahead of the spring months and with the wetter weather creating rather muddy conditions we are after any unwanted wellies for the children to use in school. In particular we are after wellies from infant size 8 upwards. Please bring any donations to the school office which will be gratefully received.

Young Voices



What an amazing experience our choir, teachers and parents had at the Young Voices concert at Resorts Arena Birmingham on Friday 13th January. Our school joined with other schools from across the country to sing with professional artists to an extremely large audience. The children enjoyed the opportunity to sing in the biggest choir they had ever seen, it was certainly an exciting day and provided life long and lasting memories that the children will remember for years to come. Thank you to Mrs Guest for organising the day and Mrs Boddington, Mrs Woodman, Mrs Say and Mrs Bayliss for accompanying the children. Also thank you to all of the parents who attended the event and helped out on the day.

Bags 2 School

Our next bags to school collection will be Tuesday 14th March. If you decide to have a clear out over half term then please remember that we can take the following:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags/Hats/Bags
- Scarves and ties/Jewellery
- Lingerie/Socks/Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen/Curtains/Towels/Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



Please bring your bags in when you drop off in the morning. The van will weigh the collection and hand FOQC a cheque, so it really is the easiest way to raise money for our school.



Nut Allergies

Could we please ask that you **DO NOT** put any form of nuts in your child's lunchboxes as we have several children within school that suffer with serious nut allergies, thank you.

Mr J Essam
Head of School



DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 3 - 2023

Wednesday 1 st February	- National Strike Action - Bramble & Kingfisher classes in school only
Thursday 2 nd February	- FOQC Coffee Morning
Monday 6 th February	- Y6 Dance Festival- Raven Class
Tuesday 7 th February	- Y6 Dance Festival- Lark Class
Tuesday 7 th February	- FOQC Y2 Bake Sale
Thursday 9 th February	- School Reports Home
Friday 10 th February	- TD Day - no children in school

DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 4 - 2023

Monday 20 th February	- First Day of Term 4 - All children in School
Monday 13 th March	- FOQC Y1 Bake Sale - 2.50pm
Tuesday 14 th March	- Bags 2 School



**Celebrating out of School Achievements
Congratulations to:**



Thomas W	-	For winning Gold in the Doubles Under 12 Badminton Competition
Ruby A	-	For winning 1 st place in her Gymnastics Competition
Alex W	-	For being awarded a football trophy for excellent effort
Chip G-	-	For achieving his Aquatic Skills Swimming Certificate

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