

QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest addition of the school newsletter. Term has started well and it has been fantastic to see the children settling back into the new school term so quickly.



Staffing News

We are delighted to announce that our lovely Miss Wicks is expecting her first child. Miss Wicks is expecting over the summer holidays and is excitedly beginning to prepare for her new arrival. We know that you will all join us in wishing her well for the remainder of her pregnancy and will be delighted to hear her happy news.

Basic Skills Quality Mark Award

We are delighted to be able to tell you that the school has successfully regained its Basic Skills Quality Mark during our interim assessment. The Basic Skills Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy. It is awarded to a setting or school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy. Well done to all those involved in the successful resubmission for the award.

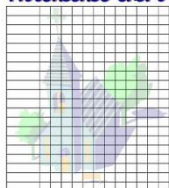
ECO WEEK 6TH-10TH MARCH 2023

Queen's Crescent School is taking part in a competition across Wiltshire to raise awareness around the importance of environmental issues. If you would like to take part and be in with a chance of winning, send us photos of you being ECO at home, in school and around the local area! Let's raise awareness together!

Send your photos to admin@queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk or tag us on twitter @QueensCrescent

Attendance

Attendance Chart



We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our duty to ensure that all children attend school during term time whenever they are fit and well enough to do so. Leave of absence requests will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. We felt it important to remind our families that Wiltshire Council may issue Penalty Notices for truancy (unauthorised absence) as well as for unauthorised leave of absence (holiday). If a pupil accumulates 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence or unauthorised leave of absence within a specified 6 month period the school must notify the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice will be issued to each parent for each child where that applies.



A penalty of £120 will apply, if paid within 21 days this is reduced to £60. £120 21- 28 days. If after 28 days the penalty has not been paid, legal proceedings will be taken through the magistrates' court for the unauthorised absence.

A Message from Mrs Kibble (Pastoral Manager)

Mrs Kibble does a wonderful job as our school's Pastoral Manager and over the year has built up brilliant working relationships with many of our families. In order to improve opportunities for Mrs Kibble to communicate with our families she now has a direct mobile telephone number that she can be contacted on during school hours to discuss issues linked to pastoral support. Her direct mobile number is 07733466915. Mrs Kibble is available on this number by phone, text message and even WhatsApp during School hours. Alternatively, she is available on email at pastoral@queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk

Any Old Wellies



We are still on the lookout 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.

Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Sainsbury's for donating bunches of flowers to Otter and Newt class to allow them to explore a range of flowers up close and look inside them too. It will really help to bring their scientist and artist learning to life!



Birthday Books



Thank-you to the following children that have contributed birthday books to the school, they are much appreciated.

Ahana E

E-Safety - TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child can approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>



Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on TikTok, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing and to ensure they know not to try challenges they see online.

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Bullying on TikTok

This article makes suggestions on appropriate settings as well as how to deal with bullying: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/bullying-prevention/>

Tech Tips Live with Parent Zone

You can watch back this 13-minute broadcast from Parent Zone (originally broadcast Jan 2023) which discusses what you need to know if your child is using TikTok. It's an excellent overview including how algorithms work on social media. You can access it here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/tech-tips-live>

MDSA post

We are currently advertising for two MDSA (Midday Supervisory Assistants). The position is for 7.5 hours per week. If you are interested in joining our team please pop over to our vacancy section on our website for more details: <https://www.queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies>

Mr J Essam
Head of School

DATES FOR DIARY - TERM 4 - 2023

Friday 3 rd March	- Y5/6 Bee Netball
Friday 3 rd March	- Yesyes Day
Friday 10 th March	- Y5/6 Tag Rugby
Monday 13 th March	- FOQC Y1 Bake Sale - 2.50pm
Tuesday 14 th March	- Bags 2 School



Celebrating out of School Achievements Congratulations to:



Isla B	-	For being awarded Cheerleader of the year
Annabelle O	-	For earning various awards and medals in Gymnastics
Lillie M	-	For earning her 5M Backstroke Certificate in Swimming
Evie M	-	For earning her 5M Breaststroke Certificate in Swimming
Ava L	-	For earning her Puffin swimming Badge
Oakley P	-	For winning 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd in Ninja Kart Racing
Harry G	-	For earning his 5m Swimming Badge

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