



NEWSLETTER

The Queen's C of E Primary School

Encouraging every child to reach their full potential, nurtured and supported in a Christian community, which lives by the values of love, compassion and respect.



27th January 2023

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A Message from Ms Stroud

Dear Queen's families,

Despite the cold and rain we have managed to continue with outdoor PE lessons, playtimes, outdoor learning and competitive sport. It is always a pleasure to see the fantastic learning children are doing across the curriculum, celebrated below in all the photos. The virtual reality geography has been a great addition to our geography curriculum, bringing geographical physical features to life and was enjoyed by KS2 pupils.

This week has been Christian Unity and in school we had a service with Rev Melanie from St Luke's & The Barn, Father Giles from St Anne's and Father Brian from St Winefride's. The focus was peace, unity and justice. Our prayer ambassadors shared some thoughtful prayers.

We share this prayer written by Tessa in Year 3.

Dear Lord,

Please help bring everyone together to make peace in our world.

To make everyone happy and to stop the war in Ukraine and Russia.

We can accept anyone from anywhere.

You made us, God, in your own image, and then became one of us, proud of those you have made.

Make us proud of being part of that worldwide family,

eager to discover and celebrate your image in every person, every culture and every nation that we are privileged to encounter.

Amen

We remind parents that our Admission to Communion Course starts on Thursday 9th February. Faith is nurtured in the home, so parents or guardians are invited to attend the course with their child. For more detailed information see below in Faith Zone.

In response to our recent parentmail regarding celebrating being a multilingual school, we have received some beautiful prayers and welcome messages from pupils who speak another language at home, if you haven't already done so, please encourage your child to complete the template and bring their welcome message and prayer in to school.

The Kew gardener has done a fantastic job in re-organising our compost area. This means we can use our compost in the grow beds and ensure we separate our green waste into the correct areas, making more compost for next year.

Please ensure you read the parentmail sent regarding the strike action and plan alternative arrangements for childcare on 1/02/23.

We wish all our families a relaxing weekend,

Best wishes,

Ms Stroud-Turp – Headteacher, Ms Verge - Deputy Head & Ms Demir – Assistant Head

Dates for Your Diaries

Click here to see our [website calendar](#)

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School Calendar

November 2022

Our Vision in Action – Community- Inclusion- Local - Global



Our Christian Unity Service on Tuesday welcomed visitors from all of Kew's Churches.



Our Vision in Action - Sustainability - Environmental – Outdoor Learning



Despite this week's freezing temperatures, Year 4 were more than happy to wrap up and draw their intricate Paisley Designs on the playground showing our commitment to Outdoor Learning.

Our re-organised compost area, ready for adding to and using for planting soon!



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Safety at drop-off and pick up

We have had a number of near misses already this term with adults and children riding bikes and scooters at speed around the site. Last year an adult was hospitalised after an incident with a scooter. At peak times there are simply too many people around for it to be safe to ride bikes, scooters or skateboards. Please **walk all bikes and scooters** as far as the Cumberland Road gates. Thank you



Online Safety Resources – NEW UPDATED RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE

Online Safety

There are a number of useful resources on our [website](#) to support you and your children in being safe online. There are some new documents available that we ask you to look at: [Top Tips for Parents](#) poster along with the [Children's Commission Digital 5 A Day](#).

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Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Ms Jenny Stroud-Turp - Headteacher & Ms Karen Verge – Deputy Head

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: - Ms Demir - Assistant Head) & Ms Dionne Hurst (SENDco)

SPA

If you are concerned about a child's well-being you can make a referral or seek advice from Richmond Single Point of Access - **0208 547 5008**

Out of Hours Duty Social Worker

0208 770 5000

National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247

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Volunteering in school

There are a few ways you can volunteer:

Reading – we have many children across the school that would benefit from daily reading to an adult. (30 minutes after drop off or before pick up)

Times tables practise – activities provided

Lunchtimes – supervising children collecting and eating their lunches (12-1pm)

We value and appreciate any time that parents/carers can offer to the school.

If you are able to volunteer regularly, we would be grateful for any time that you could spare. Please contact Mrs Demir at info@queens.richmond.sch.uk

All adults in school and on trips are required to have a current DBS check. Please ask your reps or contact the school office to find out more.

We will offer an induction session for all parent/carers helpers to ensure you understand the role and expectations.

Please find the induction information [here](#) , where you will be required to read information and complete the **Induction Form**.

When you have completed your Induction form please bring it to the school office.

All parent helpers will need to complete the induction, even if you have previously done so. I am sure that you all realise the importance of this safeguarding procedure. If you require any support in completing this induction please contact the school office.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to welcoming you as a parent helper at The Queen's School.

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Richmond Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Online workshops

Monday 6th February 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 8th February 9.30-10.30am

Helping your child with their emotions: a workshop for Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents and carers

This online workshop is aimed at parents/carers of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who would like to receive some support with helping their children in understanding and regulating their emotions. We will talk through some key information and include lots of practical tips and tools.

The MHST will be delivering this online workshop on two dates, taking place during Children's Mental Health Week:

Monday February 6th 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday February 8th 9.30-10.30am

If you would like to attend this workshop, please book your ticket using the Eventbrite link below:

[Monday February 6th](#)
[Wednesday February 8th](#)

You will then be emailed a Google Meet invite with instructions on how to join one working Day before the event. If you have any queries, please email mhstbusiness.support@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Please note that this event is space limited therefore please register as soon as possible should you want to guarantee yourself a place.

AfC Online workshop library: (anxiety, low mood, sleep, transitions)

[AfC Info website - Kingston and Richmond :: Community Information / Community Information and Advice / Emotional Health Service / iThrive - Emotional Health Service Resource Hub / Getting advice and signposting / EHS online workshop library](#)

Growth Mindset programme (includes some good emotional literacy resources)

[AfC Info website - Kingston and Richmond :: Community Information / Community Information and Advice / Emotional Health Service / iThrive - Emotional Health Service Resource Hub / Getting advice and signposting / Growth Mindset Programme / Primary - Growth Mindset Programme](#)



In maths this week, we have been exploring capacity. We filled different containers with different amounts of blue water. Afterwards, we labelled the cups using the new vocabulary we have learnt.

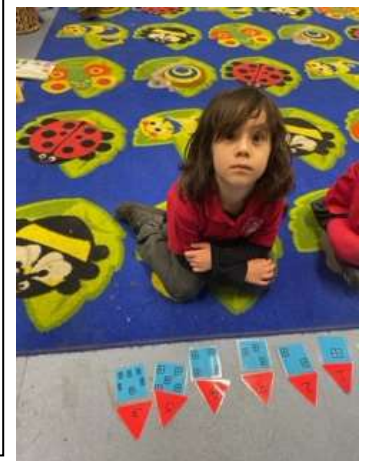
Empty, full, half full or half empty, nearly empty, nearly full.



In RE this week, we read the story called Jesus feeds the 5000. We then worked in our bug groups to sequence the story using pictures of the key events.



We have also been reading the story Six Dinner Sid in maths. It's a story about a greedy cat who lives at 6 different houses! To help us match numerals to quantities we were given roofs with numbers and houses with different amounts of windows, which we had to match together.



Year 1

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As part of our science topic 'materials', we have been testing a range of everyday materials to see which are waterproof. We felt like real scientists using beakers and pipettes.



Year 2

Y2 have been enjoying the story of Traction Man and in one of the activities children painted a setting. In Maths, they had a fantastic time learning division using cubes.





Acting out some scenes from the bible.
Can you spot Ruth and Daniel?



We really enjoyed our Virtual Reality Workshop on Volcanoes as part of our Geography topic. "It's as if we were standing on top of a volcano and looking down into the lava!"

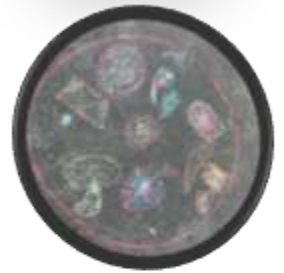


After a few aches and pains from last week's yoga, we were keen to try again!

Year 4



Despite the cold weather, Year 4 enjoyed an outdoor art lesson using chalks to design Paisley patterns.



Year 4's Virtual Reality Workshop

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Year 5



Year 5 have been getting their teeth into the Ancient Greeks and, this week, had two lively debates over the pros and cons of the Athenian and Spartan lifestyles and ruling systems. Interestingly, the outcome of the post-debate vote in both classes was Pro-Sparta, with the general feeling being that, even though the Athenians introduced the concept of Democracy and enjoyed more arts and culture, the Spartans supported a freer way of life for women.

Year 6

Year 6 have been busier than ever this week with a STEM Workshop hosted by the Royal Air Force early in the week, VR workshops and many of them representing the school at the Young Voices Concert at the O2 (see photos below).

The sky's the limit for Year 6!



Key Stage 2



Around the world via Virtual Reality!

All KS2 classes travelled to all corners of the world via Virtual Reality where they saw volcanoes erupting, sloths climbing and jaguars prowling in the Amazon Rainforest, arctic foxes playing in the snow of the Arctic and famous monuments such as the Statue of Liberty and Christ the Redeemer. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their VR sessions which helped them to see their geography topics in a different light. Thank you Ms Doran for organising the workshop. They got a big Thumbs Up from everyone!



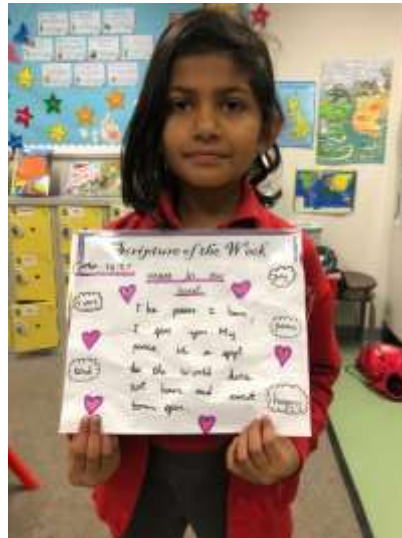
Year 5 and 6 Choir join in with Young Voices at the O2



What have you done today to make you feel PROUD?

On Monday 23rd January, the Year 5 and 6 Choir headed to the O2 for Young Voices - an absolutely unforgettable experience where 9,000 children all came together to sing. During the day, one huge rehearsal was led by the Young Voices conductor and joined by all

the artists performing that night. Not before long, it was show time and the O2 came alive. The Queen's choir sang to a huge crowd of parents alongside children from hundreds of other schools as well as Heather Small, Urban Strides and the Beat Box Collective. Every child sang and danced their hearts out with huge smiles on their faces. It is certainly a night that they will never forget! Thank you to Mrs Noyes for making it all happen and to Ms Doran, Mr Samuel and the accompanying parents for their help on the day.



Celebrating Christian Unity week of Prayer



We were delighted to welcome congregation members from Kew Churches to join us in our Unity Service this week led by Father Brian from St Winefride's, Reverend Melanie from St Luke's and The Barn Churches and Father Giles from St Anne's. Some of our Prayer Ambassadors wrote and read out prayers.

Admission to Communion 2023 Years 3 and above

One way that children can enter more fully into our worship is by starting to receive communion, which can happen after a short course of preparation. This year the Kew Churches of St Anne's, St Luke's and St Philip & All Saints (the Barn Church) will be offering an admission to communion course. We will run the course for children in Year 3 and above. Faith is nurtured in the home, and so we will ask parents or guardians to attend the course as well. This will enable you to support your child as they are admitted to communion and might also give you an opportunity to think through some of your own questions about faith. The expectation would be for attendance at all three sessions as well as a special admission to communion service where your church family and worshipping community can welcome each child to their first communion. For further information and to register please contact the **Parish Office at St Luke's** at: office@kewparishes.plus.com by **Tuesday 7th February**.



Session 1: Baptism & Belonging – St Luke's – Thursday 9th February 5pm

Session 2: Being a Christian – St Philip & All Saints (the Barn Church) – Thursday 23rd February 5pm

Session 3: Communion. Followed by bring and share meal - (St Anne's) – Saturday 25th February 5pm

Sunday 26th February – Admission to Communion Service (at your church in Kew)

Rev Dr Melanie Harrington-Haynes

Vicar, United Benefice Kew, St Philip & All Saints with St Luke's

Sport & Extra Curricular activities



This week, Queen's headed to Christ's School for a league match against Marshgate. After a slightly slower start, Queen's found their form and didn't let the wet and incredibly muddy conditions get in their way. All players were slipping and sliding their way around the pitch and getting a taste of real rugby conditions! Queen's came off the pitch not just as winners but caked in mud with huge grins. And so they should after a 1-13 win! Congratulations!



Young Artists' Summer Show 2023

Queen's is delighted to share that we are now registered and your child could be part of the Young Artists' Summer Show to showcase their incredible creations.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

What's it all about?

Taking inspiration from the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists.

The project is generously supported by Robin Hambro, a passionate advocate for the importance of access to art, and the benefits of encouraging the arts, for children and young people.

How can you enter?

Submitting artwork is completely free and is done online. Our school is now registered so you can go online and upload your work.

For children under 12 years old, a parent/guardian will need to enter and submit artwork.

Each student can submit one piece of artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, you'll be asked for an image of your artwork, plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it.

These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

The deadline to submit artwork is 29 March 2023 at 5pm. You can save your submission as a draft and submit it at a later date, if you need more time.

Submit your artwork here: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/artworks>

Frequently asked questions: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/faqs>

Good luck to you all!

Key Dates

Submission: January 2023 - 29th March 2023

Judging: May 2023

Online exhibition opens: 18 July 2023

Display at the RA open: 18 July - 13 August 2023

Please join the PSA team for a coffee morning - 2nd February at Torelli

Hi everyone. As you may know, the current PSA team's tenure is coming to an end at the end of this academic year, and we are keen to recruit the next generation.

Just to point out- every PSA team has had a different approach, and there are different ways of achieving fundraising goals. So it's each team's prerogative to decide how to organise it.

We'd love to meet anyone interested, explain what we do, how we do it and how the collective efforts of an active PSA team, combined with willing volunteers, benefit our school with much needed extra funds.

We'll be at Torelli in Kew village from 9am to 10am on 2nd February. Drop in and join us.

10th February- Valentine's Bake sale (details to follow)

Super Saturdays!

Do your Saturday afternoons drag on? Does a high-speed, action-packed afternoon with video games and snacks appeal to you? Have you been looking for a way to entertain your child for £5 or less? The Queen's PSA hopes to run our first-ever Mario Kart Tournament but we need your help!

Please fill out the below form so that we can gauge interest and availability

<https://forms.gle/BnAZTHjxBonVc92H7>

Raise Money for The Queen's School Whilst Shopping Online

Thank you to those of you who signed up to *Easyfundraising* and used *AmazonSmile* for your Christmas shopping. Just a reminder that these function throughout the year so please continue to use them.

The PSA & School Governing Body

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The link below will set you up immediately with Queen's as your chosen beneficiary.

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/queensprimary/>

Follow the link above.

Click on 'Support this cause.'

Then you need to set up an account, and shop via the home page from then on

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Community News & Events

New Year volunteer appeal from Kew Neighbourhood Association

With the hustle and bustle of Christmas, New Year resolutions can feel a long way off. But if the community spirit of the season of goodwill has inspired you why not look into volunteering opportunities you can start in 2023?

Local charity Kew Neighbourhood Association is looking for volunteer drivers, companions and administrators to support older people in the local area and maintain their independence and wellbeing. Your commitment is flexible with roles from 30 minutes every week or two to joining a rota to give a morning every fortnight. All volunteers need to have a DBS for adults and references in place before they can start and starting this process now you could be ready to start in the new term. There is no charge to volunteers for your checks to be undertaken.

Here's what Juliette, who joined KNA in 2022 says:

"I followed up a school newsletter item in the summer term about volunteering with KNA and started as an office volunteer this Autumn. The role is quite busy but I am enjoying it and love that I'm making a difference to local people who remind me of my own parents, who may one day need a service like Kew Neighbours provide. My volunteering fits around school hours well and I can see how our driving and companionship roles could also be perfect for other parents, including those working flexibly from home, particularly with companies that are supportive of employee volunteering."

To find out more about the roles available please contact Gail Adams gail.adams@kna.org.uk / or call to leave a message and we will call you back 020 8948 8054

Pensford Field Environmental Trust

It's time to gear up for Spring in Pensford Field. The work days are generally the second Saturday of every month from March to October between 10 and 12 noon and are as follows (we may need to change for events but we will let you know):

11 March
15 April (third Saturday because of Easter weekend)
13 May
10 June
8 July
12 August
9 September
14 October

We very much look forward to seeing you there and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits to keep your spirits up.



Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have **parenting experience**, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. **Free volunteer course** runs in **Whitton** on Tuesdays

9.30am-2.30pm from 31 January to
21 March 2023 (not 14 Feb).



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CAMP DATES **FEBRUARY 2023: MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023*** **CAMP DATES**

Queens (Kew) 🚗 | Surrey Hills (Parking) 🚗
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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 2023 Information

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- **Dates:** Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb 2023 (5 days)
 - **Open to Children:** ages 5-12 years - Only.
 - **Venues:** across London (look right->)
 - **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs).
- Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm
- **Day Places:** limited day-places available to book online

Early Booking Discount Available!

Science Investigators! - New for 2023

Day 1> Fabulous Forces!

Viral Viruses!
Ready, Steady, Go!
Car Friction!

Day 2> Living It Up

Brilliant Bodies!
Super Slime!
Heart Beat!

Day 3> Super Structures

Strong House!
Marble Maze Run!
Tallest Tower Investigation!

Day 4> Magic Materials

Tough Ropes!
Clean Water!
Insulation!

Day 5> Journeys!

Neuron Networks!
Chunnel Games!
Air Journey!

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