



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.



10th February 2023

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A Message from Ms Stroud

Dear Queen's families,

As we reach the end of a short half term we reflect on the breadth of learning that has taken place across the school in all areas of the curriculum – see photos below. Year 6 pupils have been developing their knowledge of personal safety, undertaking their Bikability training which includes road safety, safe attire and essential checks on their bikes for roadworthiness. This week, the whole school have been engaged in Online Safety week, focusing on how to stay safe when online.

Last week, our prayer ambassadors led our Candlemas service, marking the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to be presented to God and Simeon held up baby Jesus, naming him 'the Light to the world'. It marks the end of Epiphany, 40 days after Christmas day. The children held candles reminding us of the light and warmth that Jesus brought to the world and read prayers they had written.

We share a prayer written by Reia Year 5.

Dear God,

Thank you for shining over us you are the light of the world.

You provide source of light

In our life that no one else can provide.

You are the only God, thank you for sending your son Jesus Christ.

Amen

Our Ofsted inspection took place this week and we thank all the parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaire and for all the individual emails to the school. The pupils and staff also completed questionnaires to give a rounded picture of our school. We are very appreciative of all your views and how many parents took the time to do this. The inspection was an ungraded Section 5 inspection and we will hopefully be able to share the report with parents in 5-6 weeks, around the Easter break. The process takes time due to the quality assurance and checking process. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and were praised for their behaviour, courtesy and confidence in sharing their ideas – exemplary models of our school values.

The postponed parent 'book looks' will now take place on **Friday 24th February 2:30 - 3:10pm** when we look forward to seeing parents in school.

We wish all our families a happy and restful half term.

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

Dates for Your Diaries

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

School Calendar
November 2022

Our Vision in Action – Sustainability - Environmental





We enjoyed planting hundreds of bulbs just in time for spring. Let's hope they survive the frosts

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

Parent/Carer Helpers Needed

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**.

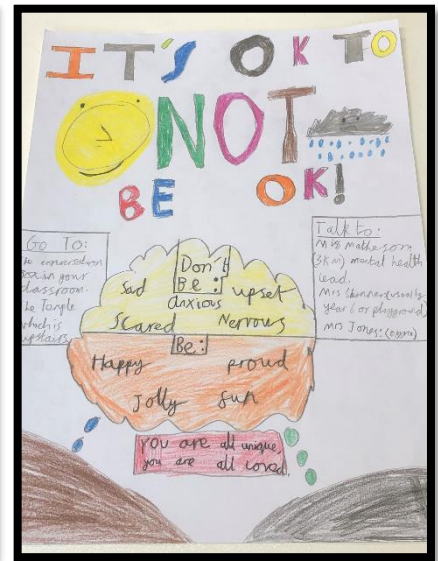
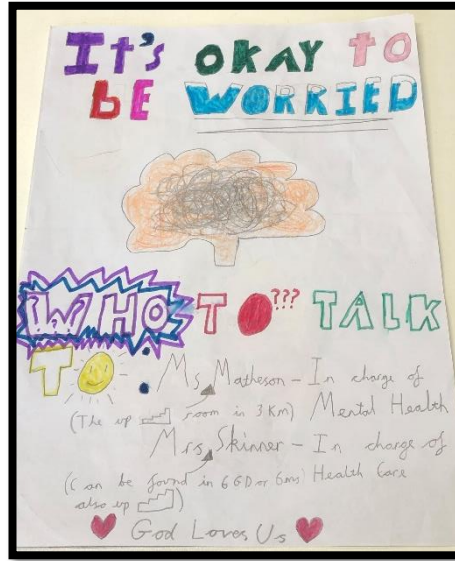
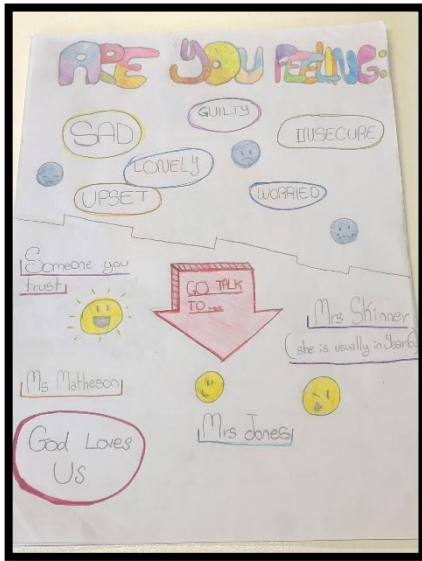
When you have completed your Induction form please bring it to the school office.

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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Emotional Health and Wellbeing for all



Year 6 pupils designed posters to remind children of trusted adults in school and the importance of talking about feelings and sharing any worries. These posters are displayed around the school.

Our Mental Health lead is Ms Matheson
Our Youth Mental Health first Aiders are:

- Ms Matheson
- Ms Sesay
- Ms Jones

- Our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) is Ms Skinner

Our adult Mental Health First aiders are:

- Ms Verge
- Ms Kodja

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](#)

Exploring our new outdoor layout.



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Year 1

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Year 1 have been creating their own musical instruments made out of the recycled materials.

We made some great rhythmical sounds and shared our knowledge of different groups of instruments.

Y2 had an amazing outdoor Art session drawing a very familiar building



Year 3



Year 3 welcomed Alex in PSHCE this week who helped us build our resilience.

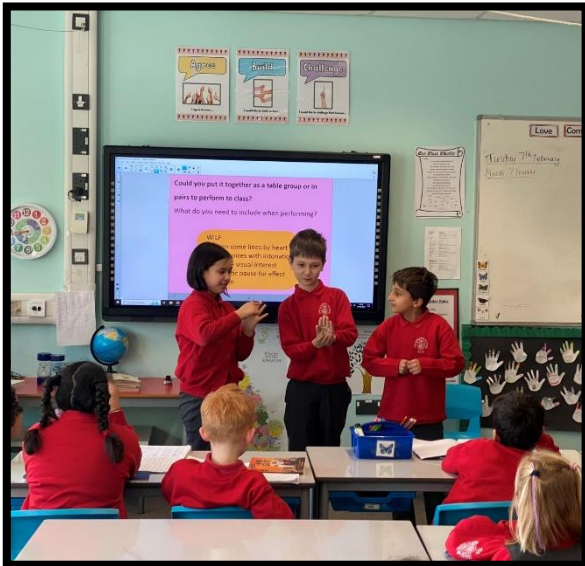
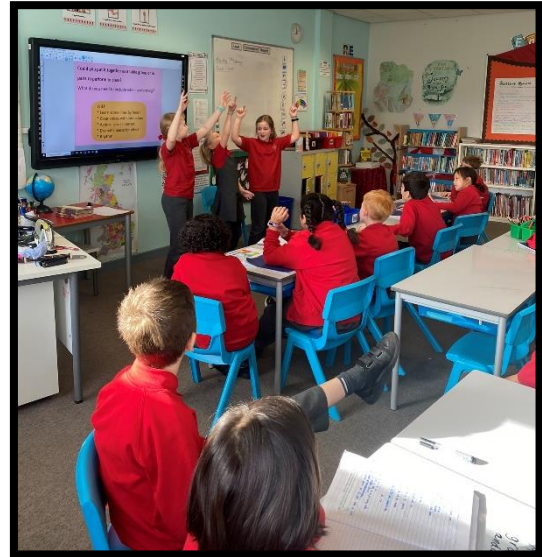
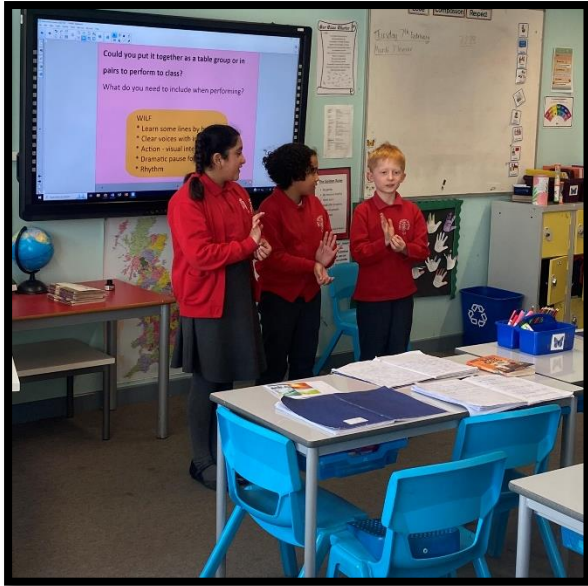
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Year 4

Year 4 Performance Poem

In English, Year 4 has been looking at poetry and different elements that contribute to a successful performance. The children wrote their own part of a poem that we had been looking at, then performed for the rest of the class, thinking about expression, intonation and actions.





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Year 5 Blast Off with Helen Sharman



Year 5 rounded off their Space topic by joining a live Q&A session with the first British astronaut, Helen Sharman. She shared lots of anecdotes about her time in space, including what her training was like, growing protein crystals to develop medicine on earth and that she missed feeling the weather changing!

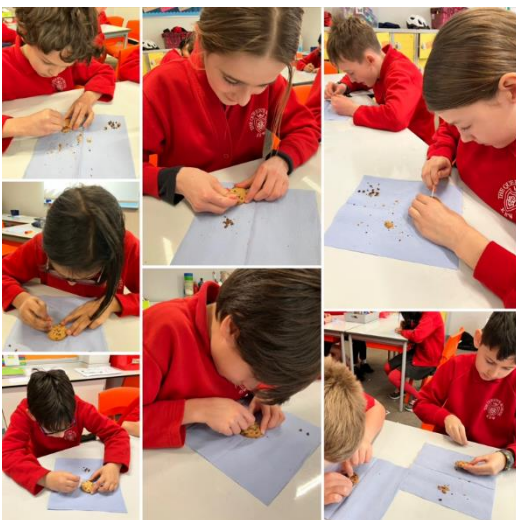
All Zen in Year 6!

After a term of learning many different yoga poses as part of our PE curriculum, Year 6 created their own yoga routine incorporating poses such as dog, dancer, dolphin, eagle and the very impressive crow.



Year 6 Fossil Fun

To complete their topic on Evolution and Inheritance, Year 6 became archeologists for the day and excavated fossils (aka chocolate chips) from the ground (a cookie). Using nothing only highly specialised paleontological tools (a toothpick), they earned "money" for every fossil excavated and had money deducted for any damage made to the ground!



Year 6 cycle into half term!

Over the last two weeks, the Year 6 children have been taking part in their borough led Bikeability course. During their sessions, the children have not only practised their cycling on the school playground but have also learnt about road safety, looking after their bikes and how to ride safely on the road. They have also gained confidence cycling out on the roads of Kew.

"Bikeability was really exciting and fun but we also learnt a lot about road safety. I now know more about turning at junctions."

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and can confidently cycle on the roads. Thank you to the Bikeability Team.





Our Candlemas Collective worship, led by Year 3 and the Prayer Ambassadors, celebrated the end of the Christmas season.

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**.

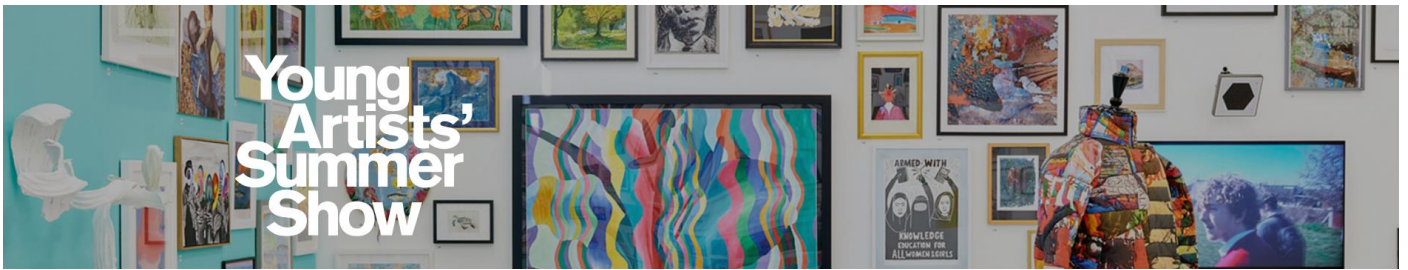


- Session 1: Baptism & Belonging – St Luke's – Thursday 9th February 5pm**
- Session 2: Being a Christian – St Philip & All Saints (the Barn Church) – Thursday 23rd February 5pm**
- Session 3: Communion. Followed by bring and share meal - (St Anne's) – Saturday 25th February 5pm**
- Sunday 26th February – Admission to Communion Service (at your church in Kew)**

Queen's swim to success!



An amazing performance from the Queen's swimming squad at the Borough Swimming Gala! With some incredible, strong swimming and excellent support for each other, every child should be very proud of themselves. Results will be released after half term but we did very well with many top placings. Well done to our super swimmers!



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

To learn more about our upcoming fundraising events and volunteer opportunities, please visit our PTA Events page <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/queenskewpsa/>

Raise Money for The Queen's School Whilst Shopping Online

Thank you to those of you who signed up to *Easyfundraising* Just a reminder that these function throughout the year so please continue to use them.

The PSA & School Governing Body

EASYFUNDRAISING

This site works in a similar way to AmazonSmile but for many more online retailers such as John Lewis (2% transaction value), M&S (1.5%), Argos, Sainsbury's, eBay, booking.com and many more. So long as you enter those sites via *Easyfundraising* the PSA will get a % of your transaction value.

<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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BARN NURSERY OPEN DAY

COME AND MEET US!
Monday 20th February
Friday 24th February
Wednesday 8th March
10AM-10:30AM

BOOK YOUR PLACE
Email enquiries@barnnursery.co.uk
Tel: 0208 876 6910
Atwood Avenue, Kew, TW9 4HF

Places available from Sept 2023



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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FERNHILL - 20% for Fern Hill pupils	• Packed lunch (no nuts)
SURREYHILLS - 20% for Surrey Hills pupils	• Plenty of non-fizzy drink
WESTFIELD - 20% for Westfield Primary pupils	• Sunscreen (dependent on weather)
WOKING - 15% for Woking Town & Woking Geogars players	• Trainers and indoor shoes
<small>15% sibling discount will be applied automatically when you make a multiple attendee booking.</small>	<small>All medication to be clearly marked and handed to the head coach on arrival.</small>



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TENNIS

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

DATES Queens (Kew) | Surrey Hills (Dorking) **DATES**
Westfield Primary (Woking) | Notre Dame Astroturf (Walton/Cobham)

*Dates, registration and pick up times vary, please check our website for such venues information







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Unfortunately the **Mother Nature Science** camp planned for half term had to be cancelled because of the withdrawal of a large group booking. The science camp will be back in the [Easter Holidays](#).