



# 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.*



April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

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## A Message from Ms Stroud-Turp

Dear Queen's families,

Welcome back to the first Newsletter of the Summer Term. Already so much great learning has taken place across the school. Year 6 visited Lavender Hill Magistrates court as part of their learning about democracy, Year 5 have been exploring the River Thames as part of their geography learning and Year 4 have been to Kew Gardens learning about biomes and rainforest habitats and also visited the Marianne North and Shirley Sherwood galleries – see the photos below. Already this term, there have been many sports matches and the girls' football tournament – congratulations to all our teams who are now through to the league quarter finals. Thank you parents who came to support our teams and watched some excellent games with some outstanding skills and teamwork. We are grateful to our PE staff who dedicate time and endless enthusiasm to training our teams: Ms Doran, Mr Megrah, Ms Matheson and Ms Ough.

May is the month when our year 2 and Year 6 pupils sit their end of Key stage assessments (SATS) in preparation for transition to Key stage 2 or secondary school. KS2 SATS are taking place immediately after the Coronation day (9 – 12 May) and year 2 the following two weeks (see Emotional Health & Wellbeing section below for some information to support pupils around these assessments).

'Book looks' this half term are scheduled for **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2:30pm** and the end of year parent open afternoon on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 3:30 – 5:00pm**. Please put these dates in your calendar (all on the website calendar).

### **Staffing news:**

We are delighted to announce another Queen's Baby is on its way! Ms Metla (year 2) is expecting her first child, due at the end of September. She has shared her news with her class today and I know you will join us in wishing her well. She will be in school until the end of the summer term.

### **The Coronation:**

Our plans for the Coronation are taking shape:

- Whole school Collective Worship
- planting a wild flower swathe
- biscuit decorating & eating
- Coronation art project
- Dress up as a King or Queen
- Singing Celebration

Please join us at the end of the day on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2:45pm**, when we will be celebrating the Coronation with songs on the 3G (weather permitting). A reminder that children can come dressed as Royalty on that day.

We are grateful for all the contributions to Bishop Christopher's Lent Call Projects for this year, we raised a Total of £561.28 – THANK YOU.

Our focus in collective Worship from the start of this term has been 'Eastertide', the resurrection and the importance of sharing of good news and children have also enjoyed sharing their Eid celebrations with their classes.

We share a prayer:

*Lord,  
The resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new people and spread the good news.  
Grant us the wisdom to know what we must do,  
The will to want to do it,  
The courage to undertake it,  
The perseverance to continue to do it  
And the strength to complete it.  
Amen.*

**Extra Curricular clubs:**

We have a wide range of clubs on offer across the week and there are still a few spaces left in some clubs. There are also some changes to gates for pick up – see below for details.

**Parking:**

We remind parents not to park across residents driveways. We have received more complaints from residents, who rightly are upset by the lack of consideration. Going forward, we will be monitoring parking in Cumberland Road.

We apologise for the disruption over the strike days and thank you for your support.

Reminder of strike day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The following classes will be in school:

- 3KM & 3JB
- 5AM & 5SC
- 6GD & 6MS

Wishing all our families an enjoyable and hopefully warmer bank holiday weekend.

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

**Useful information from Achieving for Children:****Water Safety from the RNLI**

Summer is on its way, Please see the attachment from the RNLI with important information about water safety. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I4VF0gH6bvxy-Qn8m0YZhKBIyPf4XYsh/view?usp=sharing>

**St Mary's supplementary school for Ukrainian pupils**

St Mary's supplementary school for Ukrainian pupils is opening on Sundays. The link to register is here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScI0xmnxEygO\\_Vyjouu9yNhnu-Pifb5X9wtf5KDttSvbjOHRQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScI0xmnxEygO_Vyjouu9yNhnu-Pifb5X9wtf5KDttSvbjOHRQ/viewform)

This is a great way for pupils to maintain their home language and families to get support with emotional wellbeing and practical advice.

**World Immunisation Week 24-30 April 2023 'The Big Catch Up'**

Vaccinations help you, your children and communities stay healthy and well. Keeping up to date with routine vaccinations is the best way to prevent potentially serious illnesses in all age groups.

Use World Immunisation week as an opportunity to check which vaccines are available to you and your family and make sure you are all up to date.

Search 'NHS vaccines and when to have them' to find out more. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

## Lost Property



Please help instill our school values of Love Compassion and Respect into our children.

Our Lost Property box is overflowing with mostly un-named items. Please have a good look through these items, which are outside the Office and ensure that all school items, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly and permanently labelled.

## After School Club Information

Please note the new pick up information for after school clubs. This information has also been posted at the appropriate gates.

Gate A Club Pick Up	
<b>Monday</b>	
Drama Reception & Yr1	Gate A 4.15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Pee Wee Reception & Yr1	Gate A 3.45pm
Karate Yr2 -6	Gate A 4.25pm
Children with bikes or scooters to drop off at gate A in the morning	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Crafty Kids Yr1	Gate A 4.15pm
Boundless Dance Rec, Yr1-2	Gate A 4.15pm
All Yr2 children to drop bikes & scooters at gate A in the morning	
<b>Thursday</b>	
Crafty Kids Reception	Gate A 4.15pm
Queens Shakers & Bakers Reception & Yr1	Gate A 4.15pm
<b>Friday</b>	
Gymnastics Yr3-6	Gate A 4.25pm
All children to drop bike & scooters at gate A in the morning	

Gate D Club Pick Up	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Football Yr6	Gate D 4.25pm
Football Girls Yr3-6	Gate D 4.25pm
Harry Potter Yr4-5	Gate D 4.25pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Netball Yr3 -6	Gate D 4.25pm
Football Yr5	Gate D 4.25pm
Touch Typing Yr3-6	Gate D 4.25pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Football Yr3-4	Gate D 4.20pm
Netball Squad	Gate D 4.25pm
<b>Friday</b>	
MTech Yr3-6	Gate D 4.25pm
Tennis Yr1-5	Gate D 4.20pm

Gate C Pick Up	
<b>Monday</b>	
Football Yr1 & 2	Gate C 4.15pm
Cheerleading Yr 3 -6	Gate C 4.25pm
Chess Yr 3-6	Gate C 4.25pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Crafty Kids Yr 2	Gate C 4.15pm
Code Camp Yr1 & 2	Gate C 4.15pm
Basketball Yr3-6	Gate C 4.20pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Club Bonjour Yr1-3	Gate C 4.15pm
Art Yr2-6	Gate C 4.20pm
Science Yr3-6	Gate C 4.25pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Music Theatre Yr1 & 2	Gate C 4.15pm
Spanish Club Yr1-6	Gate C 4.20pm
Code Camp Yr3-6	Gate C 4.25pm
MTech Yr3-6	Gate C 4.25pm
<b>Friday</b>	
Mini Fun Sports Rec & Yr1	Gate C 4.15pm
Lego Yr1-3	Gate C 4.20pm
Drama Yr2-3	Gate C 4.15pm
Animatez Yr1-3	Gate C 4.25pm

Please ensure that Scooters and bikes are dropped off in the correct places to make it easier for everyone! There are still places available at the following clubs should you wish to enrol your child. Please contact Mrs Mitchell in the School Office

Mini Fun Sports Reception & Yr 1	1 Space	Run & Fitness Yr 5 - 6	4 Spaces
Football Year 5	1 Space	Lego Yr 1 - 3	2 Spaces
Music Theatre Yr 1 & 2	3 Spaces	Animatez Yr 1 - 3	4 Spaces
Drama Yr 2 & 3	1 Space	Science Yr 3 - 6	3 Spaces
Art Club Yr 2 - 6	3 Spaces	Code Camp Yr 3 - 6	3 Spaces
Netball Yr 3 - 6	3 Spaces	Crafty Kids Yr 1	2 Spaces
Football Yr 3 & 4	1 Space	Crafty Kids Yr 2	4 Spaces
Basketball Yr 3 - 6	2 Spaces	Crafty Kids Reception	2 Spaces
Girls Football Yr 4 - 6	2 Spaces	Cheerleading Yr 3 - 6	3 Spaces
		French Yr 1 - 3	1 Space

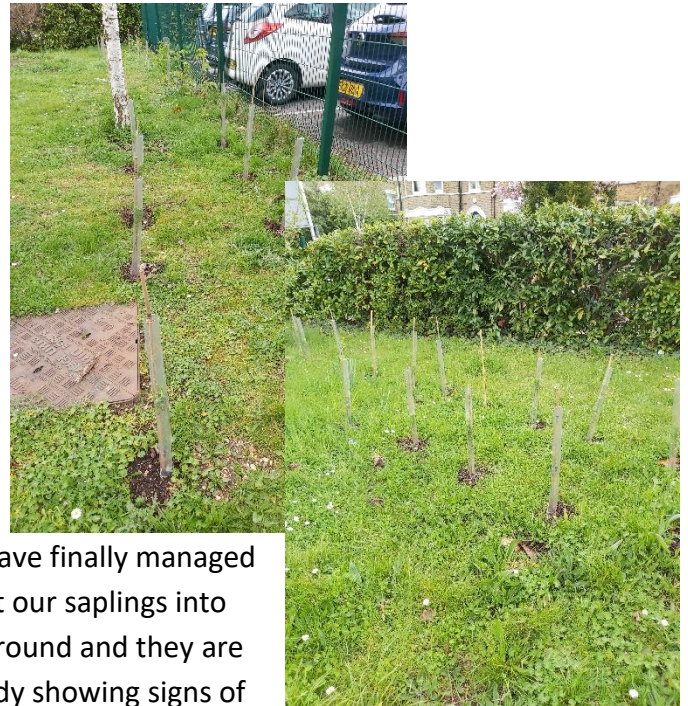
## Dates for Your Diaries

[Home](#) > [News/ Events](#) > [School Calendar](#)

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

**School Calendar**  
November 2022

## Our Vision in Action – Sustainability - Environmental



We have finally managed to get our saplings into the ground and they are already showing signs of growth. This is a way to enclose our grass area and protect us from the pollution along the Mortlake Road. We have also mowed some swathes of grass to plant some coronation wildflowers next week. We hope you enjoy looking at our year group galleries to see how much outdoor learning is emerging throughout the school.

### Eco Refill Station

We are looking to start up a refill shop led by the pupils as part of effort to create a more sustainable environment. If anyone would be interested in working with our Eco Group and is keen to help this set up, please contact Mrs Bushell in Year 3 via [info@queens.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@queens.richmond.sch.uk)



**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 Stroud-Turp - Headteacher & Ms Verge – Deputy Head

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** - Ms Demir - Assistant Head) & Ms 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](mailto: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/carer 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.

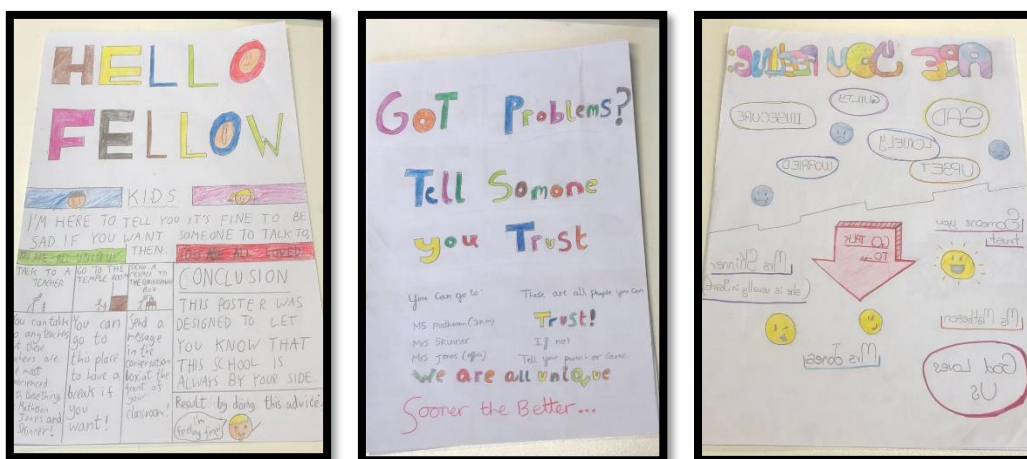
## Emotional Health and Wellbeing for all

### Navigating exam season

Exams can be a challenging time for young people, and many young people can feel worried and stressed in the lead up to exams. As parents and carers, it can be difficult to know what we can do to support them. We've shared some tips on supporting your child if they're feeling stressed about exams.

Supporting your child to beat exam stress <https://www.place2be.org.uk/media/0ttypyr0h/navigating-exam-season-guide-for-parents.pdf>

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)

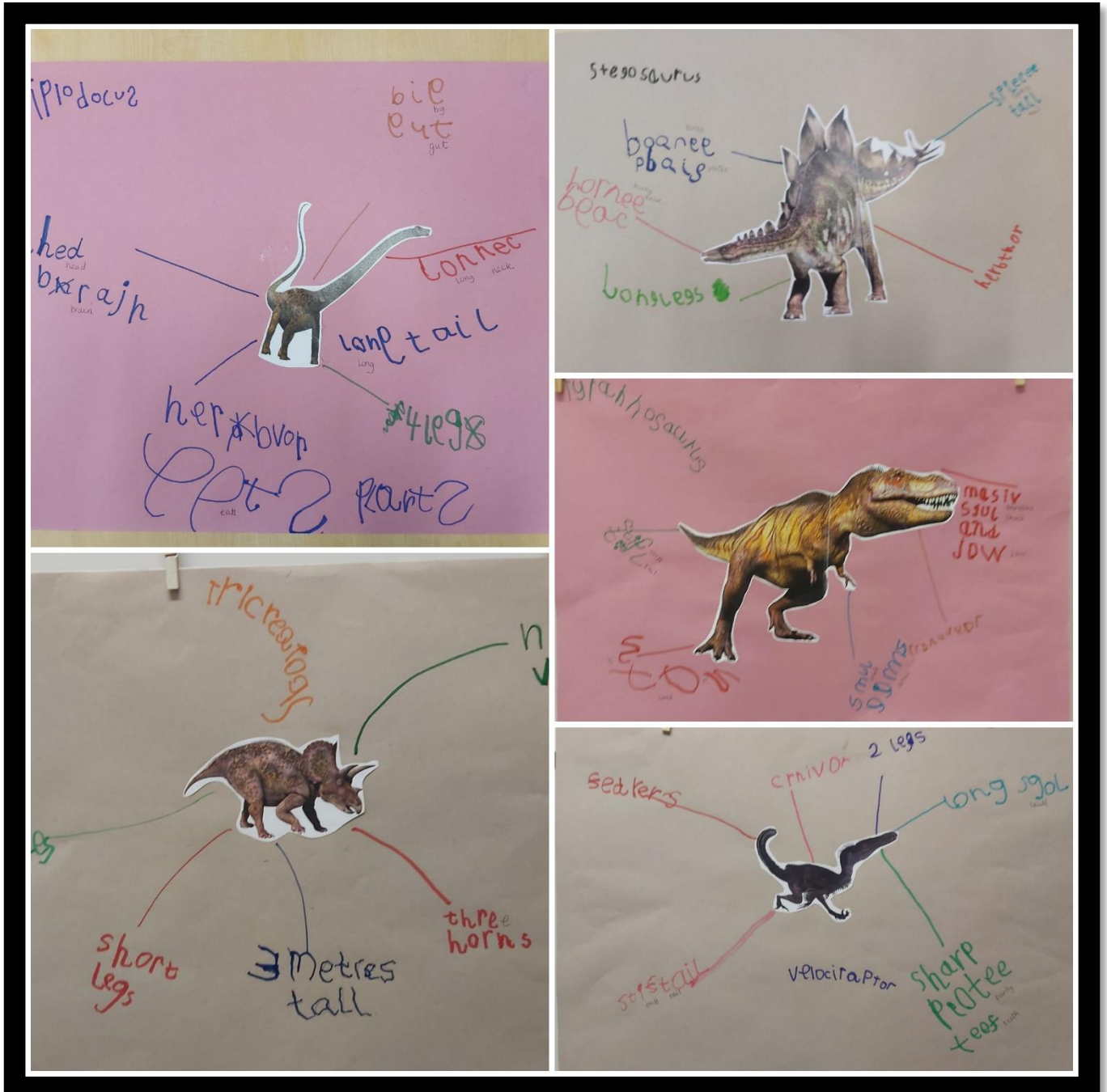
[AfC Info website - Kingston and Richmond :: Community Information / Community Information and Advice / Emotional Health Service / iThrive - Emotional Health Service Resource Hub / Getting advice and signposting / EHS online workshop library](#)

**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](#)

In Early Years we have been learning facts about dinosaurs and have written information about the different types.

Which is your favourite?



## Year 1

Exploring weight and difference using our water bottles to see whether they were heavier or lighter.



## Year 2

Year 2 have been having great fun making rainmakers and learning how to follow and write their own set of instructions as part of our English topic – “Lila and the Secret of Rain.” Let’s hope we don’t encourage too much rain around Kew!



## Year 3

Revealing our mummified oranges! As we unravelled the bandages we were amazed to see how much they had changed in 3 weeks. It really helped us imagine what mummification did to bodies during Ancient Egypt!



Ancient Egypt has really inspired us to get creative and make a cartouche out of clay decorated with hieroglyphs. I wonder what messages have been written?



We are studying Islam in RE in Year 3 and as several people were celebrating Eid, they were proud to share their celebrations and even recited some verses from the Qur'an.



Untying our human knots in PE helped us to work together as a team



In Science, Year 4 has been learning about living things and their habitats. The children went outside to explore different areas of our school, looking for living creatures hidden around the playground. They spotted a variety of organisms such as woodlice, snails, ants, spiders and many more, carefully observing what they found and recording the specific conditions of each of the habitats.



We had a trip to Kew Gardens on Thursday to find out all about the Rainforest from a scientific perspective, posing questions, taking measurements and evidencing conclusions. We also had time to relax and enjoy sketching with pastels in the Marianne North Gallery.



## Year 5

Year 5 had a wet but wonderful day at the foreshore at Kew Bridge last week. Persevering brilliantly through some rather soggy conditions, the classes had a fieldwork session measuring various aspects of the River Thames, including the temperature, current, tidal power and acidity. We also had the chance to investigate the surprising array of wildlife living in the river – mitten crabs, freshwater shrimps, baby flounders, Asiatic clams and leeches to name a few! We also enjoyed a fantastically interactive session investigating the impact of humans and urbanisation on rivers.





Lavender Hill Magistrates' Court  
Have you ever wondered how the criminal justice system works? Well, following their visit to Lavender Hill Magistrates' Court, Year 6 pupils now have a thorough understanding of the process, not to mention first-hand experience of what it would be like to be: on trial; found guilty; and trapped in a cell. Hopefully, this will be both the first and last time they experience such matters!





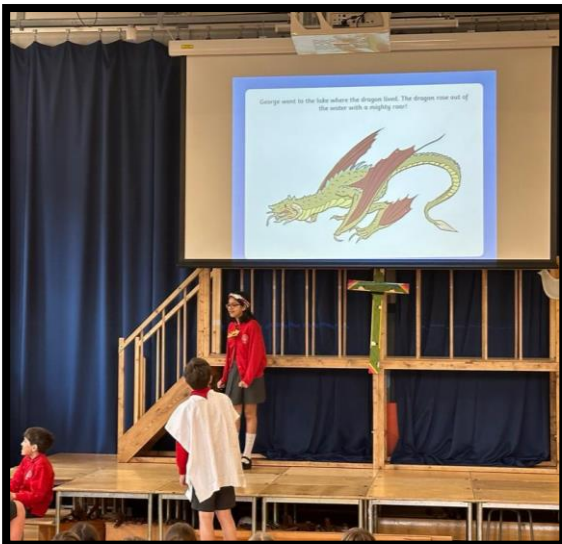
Teamwork makes the dream work!



All our music learning is coming together in Year 6 – guitars, recorder, ukuleles & voices.



Following the success of The Living Journey years 3 & 4 shared at Christmas, the Wintershall Actors visited us at school to share the stories of The Good Samaritan and The Blind Man. It has been great to experience these biblical dramas and more information can be found about future events at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/our-events>



Year 6 helped us to celebrate St George's Day recounting the story and acting it out for us.

## Sport, Music & Extra Curricular activities



### Year 5 Girls Football Tournament

The Year 5 girls took part in a football tournament at Kew Football Association in Ham last week and were delighted to come home with the Chalice Cup. Well played Emilie, Rosie, Alice, Hen, Phoebe Avesta and Emilia – a great start for next year!

The girl's football team played against St Osmond's on Monday in the first knockout stage of the league. They won 5-0 to go through to the Quarter Finals. 3 goals from Keira and one each from Jess and Eloise, strong defending from Freddie, Maddie Bea and Alice and hard work in midfield by Tilly and Helene meant they were a force to be reckoned with. The girls played well showing an excellent sense of fair play. Our next game will be against Collis. I am proud of each and every one of the girls. Mrs Ough.

Knockout league matches in Netball and boys football this week were also successful, netball 25-2 and football 3-0, both against St Richards will see both teams through to the next round.

Watch this space for more exciting news as the teams progress. Well done to all involved and huge thanks to all the coaches and helpers.



**WE NEED YOU**  
PSA EDITION

The PSA is the heart and soul of our school's social events, organizing and funding everything listed below. But if we don't get enough members for the next committee, we won't be able to manage these events and support these things which benefit our Queen's students.

Uniform Sales	Library Books	Shoe Box Appeal	SEN Supplement
WBD Costume Swap	Quiz Night	Outdoor Learning Resources	Yellow Brick Road
Thames Young Mariners	<b>SUMMER FAIR</b>	Movie Nights	Extra TA Funding
New Playground Markings	'Take a Break' Reception Welcome	New Life Easter Trail	Special Events Dinosaur
Ice Lolly Sales	Happy Half Term	Bake Sales	CHRISTMAS FAIR

We have a few amazing volunteers from Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2, but we need more to fill the new committee, starting next term. Can you help? Email [queensclassrep@gmail.com](mailto:queensclassrep@gmail.com) for more information.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/queenskewpsa/>

The PSA needs YOU to volunteer for the next committee, due to be elected this July. We have a few amazing volunteers from Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2, but we need more to fill the new committee, starting next term. Can you help? Email [queensclassrep@gmail.com](mailto:queensclassrep@gmail.com) for more information.

27 April Uniform Sale at pickup. Everything is £2, please pay with card.

5 May - Bake Sales start with Reception up first! Join us at pickup on Friday afternoon for some tasty treats. Most items are £1 and you can pay with cash or card.

Bake sales continue: 12 May Year 1, 19 May Year 2, 25 May Year 3, 9 June Year 4, 23 June Year 5, 30 June Year 6

# QUEEN'S PSA

## Yr 3 & 4 Movie Night



**DOUBLE FEATURE**

12 May 4:30 - 6:40  
£5.50 includes squash, popcorn & sweet treat  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/queenskewpsa/>

12 May - Year 3 & 4 Movie Night! Join us for Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Book your child's ticket now. All details on PTA Events.

16 JUNE

# TREAT YOUR HERO



**URBAN LEGEND DOUGHNUT SALE**

Pre-order a half or full dozen assorted Urban Legend doughnuts to celebrate a special person in your child's life or to enjoy with friends and family over the Father's Day weekend.



Order between now and 12 June on PTA Events for pickup at the school between 2 pm - 5 pm on 16 June.

--- SCAN CODE TO ORDER ON YOUR PHONE OR VISIT [PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/QUEENSKEWPSA](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/queenskewpsa/)



16 June - Treat Your Hero - Urban Legend Doughnut sale! Pre-order 6 or 12 now for collection before Fathers Day weekend. All details on PTA Events.

As always, all details about our upcoming events can be found here - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/queenskewpsa/>

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

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FOOD, SNACKS & LICENSED BAR

TICKETS £10 & £5

CALL OR MSG 07725 705092 TO BOOK



The Barn Church, Atwood Avenue,  
Kew

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May  
A Coronation celebration

Directly after Morning service, why not stay to:-

- Toast the King and sing God Save the King
- Take part in the Kids "Coronation" treasure hunt
- Pick up/ plant a "Coronation" sunflower
- Decorate a cup cake
- Decorate a pennant to add to the "Coronation" bunting

Suggested donation of £10 per adult/ kids are free  
(All donations will be in aid of the Barn Church)

**Holiday Camps & Activities**

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

AT THE QUEENS SCHOOL

FOOTBALL OR MULTISPORT  
(ON ASTRO)  
AVAILABLE 12-1PM

NERF OR DODGEBALL  
(IN HALL)  
AVAILABLE 9AM-6PM

**SATURDAYS**  
COACHING DELIVERED BY PROFESSIONAL COACHES

BOOKING INCLUDES USE OF ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND, GAZEBO & TABLES

VENUE RENTAL £50 PER HOUR\*

FOR MORE INFO:  
LETTINGS@QUEENS.RICHMOND.SCH.UK

THE QUEEN'S SCHOOL KEW  
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\*COACHING NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE



# May-June Half-Term Science Activity Holiday Camp 2023

## Weird Science! – New for 2023

Tue 30 May-Fri 02 June 2023 (4 days – Bank Holiday Mon 29 May)

### Truly International!

Every year both UK and International children fly in from all over the world for our holiday camps. All your child requires is a basic level of spoken English.

**Book with Confidence!** – Our 'Wraparound Childcare' can run as normal in any Lockdown or Tier level. All UK Childcare Vouchers, GTFC, CGPS and Universal Credit payment methods accepted. We Offer Full 'No Quibble' Refunds – in the unlikely event of cancellation for any reason you give.

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