



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.



11th December 2022

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A Message from Ms Stroud

Dear Queens Families,

As we come to the end of another busy week we are, as always, excited to share all the amazing learning across the school.

We have added a new section to our newsletter, to keep parents updated on our vision and school priorities for this academic year – see ***Our Vision in Action 2022-2023***.

Many parents have already visited our new website and given positive feedback. We encourage you to take a look and follow our guide to looking at the curriculum and learning for your child's year group (see our guide below).

The PSA AGM took place this week – thank you to all the parents who attended. At this meeting we review the fund raising events for the previous year, discuss current funding bids and plans for future fundraising events.

As a school we are extremely grateful for the money raised at PSA events and know all the hard work that class reps and other parents put into fund raising for the school.

For the last four years the PSA has funded a teaching assistant post, which has been identified as a priority for our school. Teaching assistants are such a valuable asset in the classroom, working closely with the teacher and fulfilling so many roles:

- Supporting all pupils with learning during a lesson
- Supporting pupils with additional needs
- Providing learning interventions in small groups or individually
- Preparing resources
- Encouraging happy playtimes – supporting mental health & wellbeing
- Supporting children to build friendships and resolve any upsets

Having the funding from the PSA enables us to have one more teaching assistant in school, which benefits learning for all pupils and this is our greatest priority.

This week, we welcomed reception parents for a coffee morning. It was lovely to see so many parents and future pupils (babies & toddlers) and have the opportunity to share parent views on starting at Queen's.

We have added many new events to the [website calendar](#) and will ensure that this is kept up to date, please do check regularly and update your calendars:

- New parents - coffee morning
- Year 5/6 Online safety - workshop for pupils and parents
- ED psych workshops on promoting positive behaviour
- Christmas events – Nativities & Carol Service

In collective worship this week, we have been focusing on Remembrance. We shared a prayer, from The Church Of England, written especially for sharing with children. We did this while focusing on a photo of poppies and imagined we were holding the poppy in our hands, thinking about its colour, how delicate it is and its meaning as a symbol of remembrance.

Dear God

Thank you for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Please be close to those who still face danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.

Please comfort all who are sad and grieving the loss of someone they love.

Help us all in working for peace in the world.

Amen

Today, we played The Last Post and had two minutes silence, giving us all time to reflect and remember.



Next week is Anti bullying awareness week and we are asking children to wear odd socks to school on Monday **'Odd socks Day'** as a way of celebrating what makes us all unique. The theme this year is REACH OUT - 'Let's come together and reach out to stop bullying'. We will be addressing this in class learning and assemblies over the week.

We wish all our families an enjoyable weekend,

Best wishes,

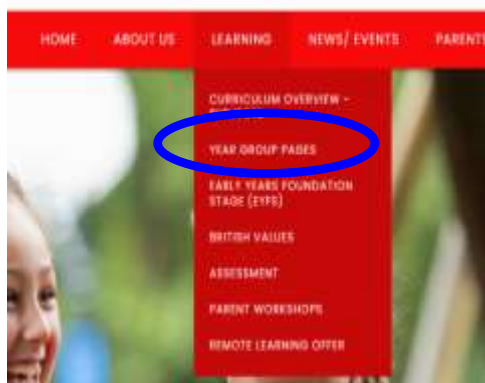
Ms Stroud-Turp - Headteacher and Ms Verge - Deputy Head

Your guide to our curriculum

Hover over the Learning tab and click on



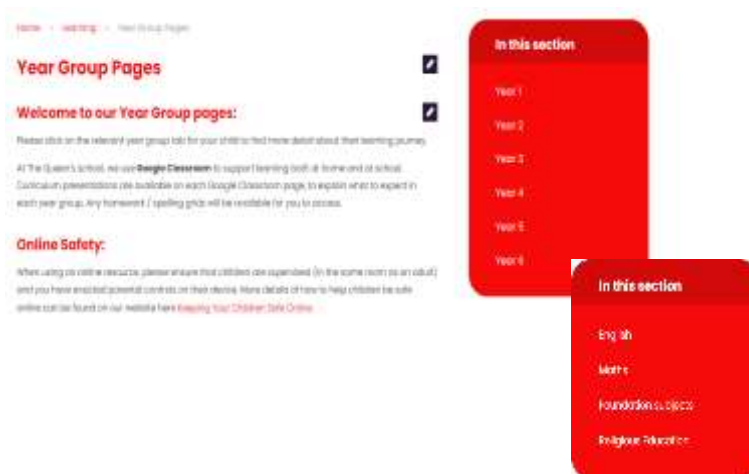
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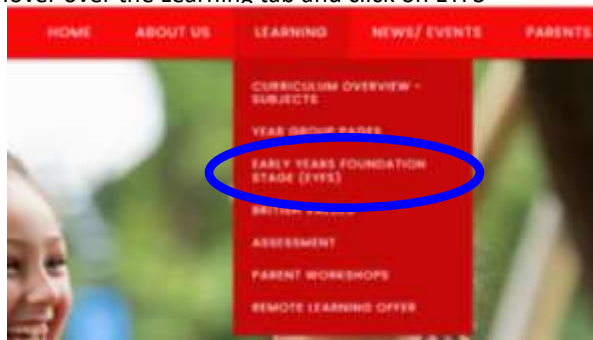
From here, click subjects to find out more, see an overview across the school and progression



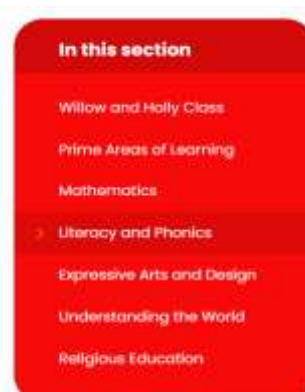
Click on a year group to find details of the learning overview, weekly timetable and



Hover over the Learning tab and click on EYFS



Click on the classes to find details of the learning overview and weekly timetable. Click on the area of learning and subjects to find more information about learning in Reception.



Sustainability - Environmental

In line with the sustainability part of our school vision, our newly appointed Eco Monitors met for the first time this week and we discussed a number of projects to look forward to this year including

- Paper recycling in the classrooms
- Tree planting / bulb planting
- Switch off Fortnight
- Our School Travel Plan



Christmas Card Orders 2022

Christmas Came Early

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards and other festive treats from our School Arts Project this year, which raises funds for our school. The children created some amazing designs, which looked fantastic as cards, wrapping paper, mugs and even tote bags. You should have received your items this week.



Dates for Your Diaries

See [website calendar](#)

Online Safety Resources

New devices? Be Safe Online –

If your child has a new internet connected electronic device, maybe a PS5, X-Box X, Nintendo Switch or a phone or tablet. The best time to set up a new device to control the access that your child has to the internet is **before** they have it. Best advice is to unbox it and set it up so that you know your child will be safer online. We have a host of online safety resources and advice to help on the school website [here](#).

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 (Senco)

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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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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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



Year 1

We have been learning 'The Bear Hunt' in English and practicing using adjectives in our writing to make our sentences more exciting. We did some excellent role play with the bear too, talking about how he was feeling. Here is us also going on our own bear hunt around the school playground, recording what we saw and then adding adjectives to the nouns.

In our Design and Technology learning, we have created some beautiful 3D firework cards where we were made springs out of coloured card to create our designs. Well done year 1, some lovely learning this week.



We've been on a Bear Hunt

Year 2

In PE, Y2 had lots of fun dancing and challenging short attention spans in the game "Hot Potato".



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Year 3

We started making marks using mud and sticks in our playground and then used Pastels to create some fantastic cave art.



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Working together really helps us share our ideas and develop our writing. We are looking forward to describing the Iron Man.



A great way to remember all about the Romans is to Sing It and Say It! Year 4 loved rehearsing their performance and sharing it with the whole school and parents and we loved it! Thank you Year 4!



Year 4 visit Richmond Museum as part of their Roman topic in our History learning.

Year 5 School Journey to High Ashurst

Year 5 had a fantastically memorable School Journey just before half term. In the full mix of autumnal weather – beautiful sunshine and pouring rain – the children completed a range of outdoor activities – archery, high rope climbing, the climbing wall, woodland skills, the low ropes challenge course and orienteering and team building skills. We also enjoyed a hot chocolate and movie night, the School Journey Quiz and an entertaining sing-a-long around a night-time campfire.

It was wonderful to see the children take on some new challenges that took them outside their comfort zones, with positivity, resilience and increasing independence. It was also great to see the children make new friendships across the year group whilst working on those all-important team-building skills. The staff were so impressed with the care and consideration the children showed for each other and how well they did on this big trip away from home. Year 5 should be so proud of themselves – well done, team!





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Our teaching has no backbone!



As part of our study of the scientific classification system, Year 6 conducted research into different types of invertebrates. Their task was to create an eye-catching, engaging and scientifically factual poster which they could use to peer teach. They presented their posters to their classmates, teaching them about their chosen topic.

The best things come in small packages!



Year 6 have planned and conducted investigations to answer the question: How does heat affect the growth of a micro-organism? Using a micro-organism (yeast), fuel (sugar) and simple equipment (test tubes, water of different temperatures and balloons), they took steps to ensure that the tests were fair and that all the ingredients were measured out correctly. They then observed the results and drew conclusions to answer the investigation question.



Pose for your portrait

Year 6 have been extending our Victorian Era learning by creating some fabulous Victorian artwork. Using charcoal, children were asked to capture a Victorian child's working day where they depicted the harsh working conditions in the mines, factories and mills.



They also tried their hand at silhouette portraits. Can you guess the children just by their portrait?!

Faith Zone

Remembering.....



Sport & Extra Curricular activities



Tag Rugby Borough Tournament at Richmond RFC

Just before half term, the tag rugby squad headed to Richmond RFC to take part in the annual Richmond Borough Tag Rugby Tournament. The morning saw Queen's play some superb rugby and win all of their four pool games - only letting in one try. This meant that we finished top in our group and headed into the cup competition in the afternoon. The afternoon saw another round of matches rather than the knock out matches of previous years. This meant that Queen's could play even more rugby! More fantastic rugby followed and we came away from the afternoon with one win, one draw and one loss.



Sadly, we didn't make it to the semi-finals but we finished the day with a fabulous friendly match in which all 10 squad members were able to play on the pitch at the same time. With over 30 schools across the Borough taking part, Queen's playing eight different schools and the sun shining throughout, we had a wonderful day with some incredible rugby being played. The standard of rugby was high and Queen's played brilliantly and worked wonderfully as a team. Well done! It definitely looks like it is going to be a great season.

Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Trial

Tuesday 15th November at 1:15pm



There will be a cross country trial for all Year 5 and 6 boys and girls ahead of the Richmond Borough's Cross Country Event in Richmond Park. Please meet Ms Doran on the astro at 1:15pm on Tuesday 15th November in your PE kit. Any child on Years 5 & 6 can attend the trial, which will involve running laps of the astro. Please note that we can only take a certain number of children to this event. Children can ask Ms Doran for any further questions.



**We are
Eco Monitors**

Please email us with any ideas
or causes that we can champion
in our school.

Look out for our poster
competition coming soon.

Email us at
eco@queens.richmond.sch.uk



Christmas Fair Saturday 3rd December. Please add the date to your diary if you haven't already done so. It will be a great day.

As always we need parent volunteers to make it happen. Please select a task and time slot via the PTA Events link below, to help out your class' booth

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/queenskewpsa/#.Y2OdqyXfXDs>

Silent Auction

Year 2 are running the Silent Auction at the Christmas fair this year; proceeds from which are always a significant source of PSA funds. If you or your employer are in a position to donate something we can auction, please let the PSA or your class rep know ASAP.

Wreath-making

Join the team to either forage for materials or make the wreaths to see it the Christmas fair. If interested, please let the PSA know!

Bake Sales

Held at pick up time in front of the Astroturf. Full Shedule of the remaining classes for this term is available on PTA events link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/queenskewpsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=50454#.Y2OgzCXfXDs>

And finally...

A huge thank-you to all Class Reps and Volunteers, that helped tremendously with our fundraising efforts last year. Below is a chart depicting how the money was raised by event. Keep up the good work, All! We really appreciate it x

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QUEEN'S SCHOOL PSA



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

AMAZON SMILE

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the chosen charity.

On your first visit to the site, you will be asked to log in to your Amazon account with existing username and password (you do not need a separate account for AmazonSmile). You will then be prompted to choose a charity to support. During future visits to the site, AmazonSmile will remember your charity and apply eligible purchases towards your total contribution—it is that easy!

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

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/283103-0>

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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Community Events

Richmond Dyslexia Coffee Morning

Fellow parents of Dyslexic children meet to discuss our experiences, ideas, and tips etc on how to raise competent, confident children and help them manage life at school, home, etc.

Next coffee morning is Friday, November 25, from 9:30 to 11:00.

Outside (so dress warmly) at the Tide Table Cafe under the arches of Richmond Bridge. TW9 1TH.

Contact [Kim Pryde](#) for more details.



**This will be delivered
virtually as a webinar on
Monday 21st November from
9.30 to 11.30am**

About the Webinar

'Understanding Autism' is one of the Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children who have received a diagnosis of autism or are on the pathway for an assessment of autism.

The webinar will help families to:

- > develop an understanding of autism
- > discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis
- > identify how autism can affect families
- > explore practical ideas for developing communication strategies

Seminar cost?

The cost is free while the seminars are being delivered as a shortened webinar during the school day and will be limited to 30 people on a first come first served basis.

How to book a place

Please complete the registration form by following this link -

<https://forms.gle/AMp8inBEuy1SdPQ97>

or contact the webinar facilitator below for more information.

Name: **Jane Pidduck**

Email: **jpiddle2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk**

Telephone: **020 8399 5344**

As places are limited please only book a place if you are able to attend and let me know ASAP if you know that you can no longer attend, so that I can give that place to someone else.

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£60 for 60 mins per session

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