



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.



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A Message from Ms Stroud

Dear Queen's families,

We ended last week with the amazing singing of year 3 at Kew Sparkle (a big thank you to Mrs Noyes for leading this) and The Christmas Fair – a very big thank you to the PSA team and all the parent volunteers and also all the families that joined us for such a fun, well organised day.

It has been a busy week at Queen's with the year 4/5 enjoying an author visit from David Baddiel, year 6 visiting The Rose Theatre for a production of 'A Christmas Carol' and rehearsals for the KS1 Nativities and our carol service next week. Reception classes shared their Nativity today, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. They told the Christmas story with such enthusiasm, wonderful singing and amazing stage presence – well done to Holly and Willow classes.

Outside, our Eco team have been busy sorting out the weedy area on the edge of the playground where they will be re-using tyres and planting some bulbs - see Our 'Vision in Action' section below.

Our prayer ambassadors have set up the outdoor crib in the prayer area and classes are invited to visit and share a prayer or carol.

Thank you to all the new parents that came to our coffee morning – it was lovely to meet everyone and as a result of discussions we are improving our induction for new families to Queen's, both parents and pupils.

Our Educational psychologist Alicia Crane, held a parent workshop this week on **positive behaviour** and explaining our approach in school and how this can be shared at home. The slides will be on the website, next week including a google form for feedback from those parents that attended.

We also had an **Online Safety workshop** for year 5/6 parents and pupils. It was a very useful session in which Peter Cowley the AFC lead advisor for online services shared helpful guidance for parents on managing parental controls (see below). We have also added information from the [workshop](#) to our website for all parents to access.

We are now in the season of Advent, the season of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We have been lighting a candle each week. The 4 candles of Advent, usually lit each Sunday preceding Christmas, represent the virtues Jesus brought us: **hope, peace, love and joy**

Advent Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus in to our world to bring us light and peace

Help us to find times of stillness during this busy Christmas time

Help us to recognise your powerful love

And keep us in perfect peace

Amen

Our annual Parent questionnaire went out last week. Thank you if you have already completed it, if not please take the time to give us feedback - both on what we are doing well and areas for improvement.

<https://forms.gle/gYi4dyRqco2YCikP8>

We will continue to update parents on information regarding Scarlet fever, please see the latest advice, received today from Public Health sent out by ParentMail earlier today.

We wish all our families an enjoyable weekend,

Best wishes,

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

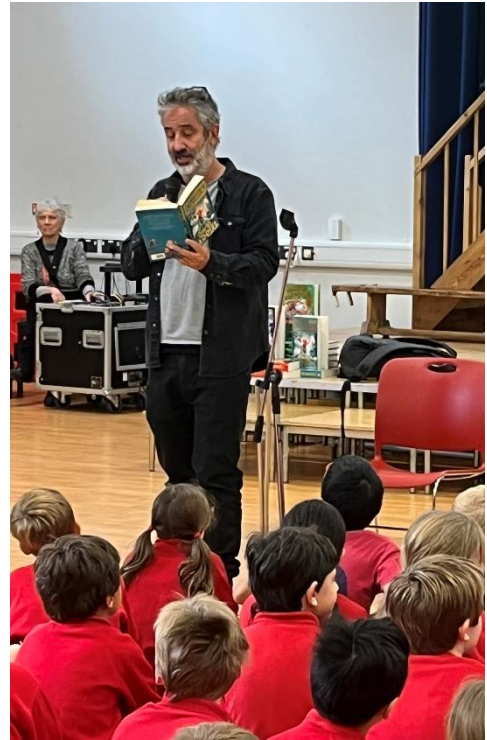
Harvest Update

We thank Queen's families for their generous donations to our Harvest Appeal earlier in the term. As a result we were delighted to hand over **£700** to SPEAR housing Association, who support homeless people in Richmond, which we have had links with for many years.

SPEAR
homelessness to independence

David Baddiel sharing his new novel

We were delighted to welcome author and comedian David Baddiel to Queen's on Wednesday to share his new book and answer some of our questions. The event changed venues several times due to unforeseen circumstances, but we were the ultimate winners when he agreed to come and talk to our Year 4 and 5 children. As an extra bonus during this World Cup Frenzy we all joined in a rendition of 'Football's Coming Home' for which David is also famous.



Kew Sparkle



Year 3 were out in force at Kew Sparkle this year. They performed a repertoire of songs from the music halls and of course some festive songs enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you to Mrs Noyes for all her efforts.



Dates for Your Diaries

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

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

School Calendar
November 2022

Our Vision in Action



Year 5 made good use of their playtimes to prepare and organise a series of performances for the rest of the school. They even made posters to advertise it and 'sold' tickets.

Sustainability - Environmental

A keen band of gardening volunteers are weeding and preparing the ground for a planting project.



An Eco crew helping to clear up the playground after the windy weather

The Woodland Trust have donated 105 trees to be planted soon. Our Eco Team are going to teach their classes how to plant and care for the trees to screen off the Mortlake Road, thereby reducing pollution from the traffic and hide our compost heap.

UPDATE – the holes have been dug. Here's hoping the weather gives us a little bit longer to get the trees planted.

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Online Safety Resources – NEW UPDATED RESOURCES

New devices? Be Safe Online

Christmas is the time for gifts and as some of these may be electronic, we ask parents to look at the new parental guidance on controls, on our [website](#), and the many other new resources we have added recently.

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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.

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



Emotional Health and Wellbeing for all

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](#)



EYFS have been busy preparing their Nativity play which they enjoyed sharing with the school on Thursday before performing to a packed hall of proud parents on Friday.

Year 1



In English Year 1 have been recreating scenes from their story 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs.

The Busy people in our nativity rehearsing their steps.

Year 2

Y2 enjoyed the Spirit of Christmas during their trip to Southwark Cathedral. They gained insight into the Christian story behind the celebrations and also had a lot of fun!



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Year 3

The Travelling Crib

Year 3 visited the 'Wintershall Travelling Crib' at Lambeth Palace on Thursday. We travelled around the gardens meeting characters from the Nativity and collecting items in our pilgrim bags. Although it was a chilly day, once we set out on our journey, we all enjoyed bringing the story to life.



What on earth?

We dug up some soil samples from all around the school so that we could compare and analyse them. The compost heap was the most interesting as it was full of worms and woodlice!



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Step inside our Anglo Saxon maps



As part of our History topic this term, Year 4 has designed and made 3D Anglo Saxon Villages. Thinking about what life and the environment was like during this time, the children created their own miniature worlds, including fields, rivers, buildings and landscapes.

They used a variety of different materials from boxes to foil, cardboard to cotton wool, plasticene to lollisticks to sculpt realistic creations, which represented the settlements of that time.





Year 5 had a visit from the Explorer Dome this week and had an awe-inspiring time learning about the Solar System and the wider universe. We loved looking at the incredible projections on the dome, finding out staggering facts about everything from Mercury and Saturn to nebulae and black holes. We were also taken on an amazing tour of the night sky and shown some planets and constellations to look out for – we hope you get to enjoy some family stargazing this weekend to share this wonderful knowledge!

Year 6

As a finale to their Victorian topic, Year 6 visited the The Rose Theatre in Kingston to see an amazing performance of A Christmas Carol.





Our prayer ambassadors have set up our Nativity Scene under the Olive tree in our reflection area for everyone to share.

We are your Prayer Ambassadors

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
John 13:34

We read prayers, related to the theme, in Eucharist.

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."
Ephesians 6: 19-20

We call the whole school to Collective Worship by ringing a bell.

We monitor prayer boxes in classrooms and choose prayers for the website.

We lead school prayers.

We choose and write up a scripture of the week in our classroom.

We are responsible for the prayer area in the classroom.

Sport & Extra Curricular activities

Boys Football Tournament Winners!

Having entered the Richmond Borough tournament, involving all of the Richmond primary schools, The Queen's Boys came through to win the Plate competition! The path to the final saw them win 6 games, draw 1 and lose 1, conceding just 2 goals and scoring 15. The final was deadlocked at 0–0 with St James' of Twickenham and the boys held their nerve in the penalty shootout, to win 5–4. I have to commend our boys for their outstanding teamwork, attitude and sportsmanship throughout – they did The Queen's School proud.



Boys Football League Success

In recent weeks, the boys have played a series of league matches, winning 12-0 versus Kew Riverside, 7-1 versus Sheen Mount and, most recently, 14-1 versus Darell. The quality of the football and team play has been incredibly high and the boys are on a roll that will hopefully take them far this year.

Girls Football Tournament Success

In mid-October, our girls competed in the Richmond Borough tournament in Teddington. In their morning games, they won 3 and drew 2 finish joint top of their group. In the next round, they drew 0-0 with East Sheen Primary School but unfortunately lost the match in a penalty shootout. The fact that they played so well and didn't concede a single goal in the competition suggests that they were rather unlucky! Nevertheless, they have a great deal to be proud of.



Girls Football League Success

In recent weeks, the girls have played two of their league matches, winning 12-0 versus Darell and 4-0 versus Sheen Mount. The team play, spirit and skill on show have been outstanding, as the girls' football here at The Queen's goes from strength to strength.



Richmond Borough Cross Country

Action photos from the cross country competition. We are still awaiting results although we counted Keira in as 7th in the girls competition.

Early morning running and Fitness club are loving The Twelve Days of Fitness!



M:Tech Music Technology – Spring 2023 Term

M:Tech is an extracurricular music technology and creative composition course for children aged 7-13.

They teach the fundamentals of music composition theory, with young learners composing soundtracks to fun and engaging multimedia projects like movie trailers and TV adverts.

In the Spring 2023 term the children will be working on Project SPACE:



Explore rocket boosted beats,
cosmic chords and
galactic sound effects,
as we journey into -

Project Space!

After completing a term of lessons, learners will have created and completed their own unique piece of music to add to their growing M:Tech portfolio. This is sent home and certificates are awarded to mark their improvement and progress on the M:Tech course.

This course is administered directly by M:Tech and to register your child's interest please sign up online www.mtechonline.co.uk or call The M:Tech team on 01483 578114.

Fees are £14.90 per weekly sessions of 60 minutes. Your bill will be adjusted to reflect the exact number of lessons in a term.



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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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.

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Early Bird Tickets On Sale Now for Pub in the Park Chiswick 2023!

Pub in the Park is returning to Chiswick House & Gardens for a weekend full of feasting and partying! Gather your mates and get ready to devour mouth-watering Michelin-starred dishes, enjoy delicious cookery demos, shop till you drop, enjoy a tipples or two and dance to iconic tunes! Main stage line-up includes McFly, Squeeze, Ronan Keating, Hoosiers, Judge Jules and Simon & Oscar from Ocean Colour Scene. Early bird tickets available at their 2022 price freeze for limited time only. [Book today:](https://www.pubintheparkuk.com)

Holiday Camps & Activities

Pleiades Leisure are offering their ever-popular **Funsport Christmas Camp** at Queen's during the week of 19-23 December.

Places cost £28 per day or £120 for all five days. Please book online at <https://www.pleiadesleisure.com/courses/Christmas-Camps/>

The outline programme is below:



The table is titled 'CHRISTMAS CAMPS' and is set against a blue background with white snowflakes and a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. On the left side, there is a decorated Christmas tree, and on the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus. The table is organized into columns for each day of the week (Monday to Friday) and rows for specific time slots. The activities are color-coded: blue for standard activities, red for 'CHALLENGE DAY', yellow for 'NERF WARS', and green for 'TOURNAMENT DAY/ SPORTS DAY'. The 'Funsport Leisure' logo is visible in the top corners of the table area.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30	REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTION	REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTION	REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTION	REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTION	REGISTRATION & INTRODUCTION
8.45 - 9.30	WARM UP GAMES	WARM UP GAMES	WARM UP GAMES	WARM UP GAMES	WARM UP GAMES
9.30 - 10.00	PARACHUTE GAMES	CAPTURE THE FLAG	PAC MAN/ LINE GAME	DODGEBALL-MEDICINE MAN/ULTIMATE	TOURNAMENT DAY/ SPORTS DAY
10.00 - 10.30	TIME BOMB	FINDERS KEEPERS	TENNIS SKILLS	ZOMBIE DODGEBALL	TOURNAMENT DAY/ SPORTS DAY
10.30 - 11.00	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
11.00 - 12.00	POPCORN/BASKETBALL CHALLENGES	NUMBERS FOOTBALL	CHALLENGE DAY	DANCE/GYMNASTICS	TOURNAMENT DAY/ SPORTS DAY
12.00 - 12.30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12.30 - 1.30	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
1.30 - 2.30	MIDNIGHT	RUNNERS & GUNNERS	CHALLENGE DAY	NERF WARS	TOURNAMENT DAY/ SPORTS DAY
2.30 - 3.15	DODGEBALL/ BENCHBALL	SCATTERBALL/T-TIME	CHALLENGE DAY	NERF WARS	TOURNAMENT DAY/ SPORTS DAY
3.30 - 4.00	DEBRIEF/ REWARD CARDS/SIGN OUT	DEBRIEF/ REWARD CARDS/SIGN OUT	DEBRIEF/ REWARD CARDS/SIGN OUT	DEBRIEF/ REWARD CARDS/SIGN OUT	DEBRIEF/ REWARD CARDS/SIGN OUT



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December
19-23 | 9am-3pm



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