



# QM Newsletter

'Strive, Believe, Achieve'



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Dates for your diary	
Event	Date & Time
International Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas / winter performance	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
School finishes for Christmas break.	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

### Weekly attendance figures:

Reception	92.5%
Class 1	90.0%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	95.9%
Class 2	97.0%
Year 5	90.0%
Year 6	94.2%
Whole school	95.9% - need to pick it up again team!

**'Be in on time at 5 to 9' Punctuality Cup: Y2**



### Star of the week

Reception	Sara
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Amir
Year 3	Izabel
Year 4	Adam
Year 5	Yusra
Year 6	Freddie
Class 1	Omar
Class 2	Sara
B' Club	Alice C (Y1)
Q'Club	Dylan W (Y3)



**Remembrance Day**  
Following a number of poems read by children about remembering those

who fell in WWII, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 2015, Queen's Manor fell silent to honour those who died as a result of war and conflict.

### International Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Two weeks to go until International Day 2015 and we are well underway with our preparations. Once again we have a very exciting range of activities for children to undertake including dance, cooking, music and arts that we hope will enrich their learning in geography, history, the arts and their social and cultural knowledge and understanding. Look out for invitations to the events (showcase and marketplace) and get planning what you are going to make and donate in terms of food for the marketplace.



### DT Day

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, children across the school enjoyed a fabulous day focussing on Design & Technology (DT) and designed and created some wonderful products. In year 6, children participated in a 'Dragons Den' activity where they were organised into teams and given the challenge to come up with a product, a purpose, a clear idea of who would buy the product (the customer), the unit price and the features of the product. One group designed the 'Glitz and Glam' a travelling tooth cleaning experience complete with mini sink, other groups designed a first aid product that is simple and easy to use, a backpack that has a hood and lights up, shoe accessories that clean the floor, a retractable pencil that is controlled by a teacher to prevent cheating (!) and a special sports sock that attached to your trainers. The winning product was a water purification system for people to use in developing countries to clean water, expertly designed by Shante, Ella-May, Nicole and Jada. Below is a photo of



children from Year 3 sharing their Roman inspired catapults during our DT focussed assembly on Friday morning.

## International Day Lunch Menu



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November QM School Council met with Alison from Eden and top chef Margaret from the school kitchen to set the menu for International Day. After much discussion they decided on a menu that the whole school will enjoy on International Day.



Winners of our 'Silly Ears' competition – Tasuku in Reception, Chioma in Year 2 and Adam in Year 4. Thank you for all your support for our Children in Need appeal – we'll let you know how much we have raised in next week's newsletter.

## Royal Mail



It was very exciting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November as we received a letter from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in response to the letter and photo sent following the longest reigning British monarch celebrations in September. A copy of the letter that we sent to Her Majesty is displayed in the children's entrance. The letter that we received was addressed to Charlotte, William and the children at QM. Charlotte and William were called to the Headteacher's office where they were handed the letter. Charlotte commented that she was extremely nervous to open the letter and recognised that they had to be very careful. The Queen's lady in waiting had actually written the letter within which she commented that Her Majesty was delighted to receive the letter from Queen's Manor with the photos of all the children dressed in red, white and blue. The letter went on to say that due to the Queen's very busy schedule, she would be unable to pop in but she greatly appreciated our invitation nonetheless. Charlotte and William read the letter out to the children during assembly this morning and we will very soon display the letter within school



## Value of the week: creativity

See DT Day and our 'silly ears' competition as evidence of our creativity this week – we think our children have 'bucket loads' of creativity from which to build on.





## Flu vaccinations

### Help protect children from the flu with the free Children's Flu Vaccination

Flu season is here again; it is extremely infectious and is especially common in children. The World Health Organisation estimates that each year flu affects 20-30% of children worldwide. However while flu makes most healthy people feel unwell and unable to continue their daily activities for up to a week, it can be very serious for babies, older people, pregnant women and those who have an underlying medical condition. The complications can include bronchitis and pneumonia, and each year in England an estimated 8,000 deaths are caused by flu.

The flu vaccine is important both to help prevent children catching flu (and reducing missed school time as a result) and to prevent them spreading flu to their classmates, families and other people they come into contact with. Most children receive the vaccine as a simple nasal spray (no needles required). The flu vaccine has a very good safety profile; it has been used in the US for many years and it was used in the previous two flu seasons in the UK where hundreds of thousands of children were successfully vaccinated. Serious side effects are uncommon but children may commonly develop a runny or blocked nose, headache, general tiredness and some loss of appetite for up to a few days following the vaccine.

This year children aged 2-4, school years 1 and 2 and those with long term medical conditions who are aged six months or over are eligible for their flu vaccine. There are very few children who cannot have the flu vaccine, and parents will be asked questions to check for contraindications (either by a form or by the person giving the vaccine). Further information about the children's flu vaccine, including contraindications, can be accessed at the [NHS choices website](http://www.nhs.uk/choices/flu).

**We will be inviting the Flu Vaccination Team into school to undertake flu vaccinations for children in years 1 and 2.**

## LBHF Tag Rugby competition

It was a windy morning on Tuesday as our Yr 5 and 6 tag rugby team set off from QM to attend the inter schools tag rugby competition. "We studied the form of the other schools during their warm up to see what their players were like. Our first match was against St Johns and despite our best efforts we lost. In spite of this we still had good spirits as support from children and staff kept us going into our second match where we pulled it together and drew 2:2 against Sullivan. Our next match was Melcombe and we think may have become complacent because we had beaten them the previous week – in the end they won 2:0. Next up was St Peter's and we drew 4 all, then Larmenier and Sacred Heart which we drew 4 all. Finally we played John Betts and they beat us 5:3 – we were very disappointed as we knew that Mrs Harrison would not be happy with this match score! At the end of the tournament, we received a special Rugby Ball in recognition of our great sportsmanship and behaviour. The teachers said that we were superb ambassadors for the school". **Inas and Michael Y6.**



## Yr 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Team



**Have a great weekend!**