



# QM Newsletter

'Strive, Believe, Achieve'



Friday 6<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	95.9%
Class 1	98.0%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	97.2%
Class 2	97.0%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	95.9%
Whole school	96.9% - well done; keep it up team!

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



### Star of the week

Reception	Adrien
Year 1	Aniah
Year 2	Phoebe
Year 3	Zoe
Year 4	Loxanne
Year 5	Ethan
Year 6	Lilly
Class 1	Rafik
Class 2	Ashton
B' Club	Nyah (Rec)
Q'Club	Rufus (Y2)



### Welcome to autumn term 2.

We hope you all had a restful break and that you were able to enjoy some quality family time together. As ever this half term is set to be a very busy one with events such as International Day and the Christmas production. We are determined that the usual scourge of winter illnesses won't upset our attendance and ask that wherever possible, children are in school every day on time. Can we advise that children should be encouraged to wash their hands at regular intervals to avoid picking up germs and to use tissues to catch sneezes.

### Value of the week: friendship

We have been focussing on friendship this week and during assembly thought about how to be a good friend and the rules of friendship. Essentially the rules all come back to QM's Golden Rule which is 'Treat others as you wish to be treated'. However, inspired by one of the discussions, Yr. 3 girls came up with their own set of rules

- You can play with everyone and share your differences
- Ignore silly behaviour and speak to an adult to help out
- You don't all have to like the same games – you can make up a new game
- Friendship is not based on your looks
- Make more friends – have more friendships

(Colleen, Zoe, Maryan, Izabel)

### Yr 5 assembly

We had a fabulous start to the day as Yr 5 took to the stage this morning for their first assembly of the year. Their topic title 'The final Frontier' focuses on space. The children told us facts about the planets, constellations and astronauts and showcased some of their space projects undertaken as 'home learning' through the half term. Ethan Loiza produced a particularly excellent project, a motorised model of the solar system (that also lights up) made out of junk modelling – the audience was very impressed! A highlight of the assembly was when the children came together to sing the classic – 'Star trekking' – they certainly looked liked they were having lots of fun.





**ZIP IT**  
Keep your personal stuff private and don't share what you're doing and thinking.



**BLOCK IT**  
Block people who send bad messages and don't share information like and comments.



**FLAG IT**  
Flag anything you see on the internet that you think is bad or inappropriate. You can report it to the internet police.

## E-Safety

We have been made aware that some children are accessing an app

called *Vine*. *Vine* is a social media app that lets users post and watch looping six-second video clips. Many of the videos are harmless, but parents need to be aware that *Vine* is full of content that is inappropriate for children. Some videos contain inappropriate language and graphics. As with most social networks, *Vine's* terms of service specify that the service is not intended for those under 13. Therefore no child at QM should have access to it. The app might not be blocked by parental controls that you may have on your tablet and therefore we recommend that you check your devices and remove it.

## Road safety

Key stage 1 enjoyed a theatrical performance based on road safety and how to keep themselves safe. As the photo depicts below, the show was lots of fun, very interactive and saw many of the staff brought up to the front to help convey the important messages of how to cross roads safely and to be seen to be safe.



## Joint working with All Saints Primary.

The teaching staff did a return visit to All Saints this week to undertake school to school moderation of writing. We took samples of writing from QM and compared our assessment outcomes with books of children at All Saints. Once again the staff found the joint working insightful and enjoyed working with counterparts at another local school.

## Talk homework

**My answer is 100. What is the question?**

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

**3 weeks to go until International Day and the staff are getting their ideas ready to plan another exciting day for the children.**

**International Day is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate the diversity within school and learn about countries and cultures across the world. As always we need your help to make it an event to remember so please start collecting your artefacts, costumes and recipes in preparation. We will be in touch next week with further instructions.**



## Photos for new website

Tuesday was a very lively day with photos being taken left, right and centre. We wanted to say a very big thank you to the staff and children for being positive and flexible and special thanks to Rose Tomlinson and Nicole Trehy for all their help on the day. We look forward to sharing the photos with you when our new website goes live in January.

## Miss Holliday's weddings

Congratulations to our old friend Miss Holliday who enjoyed not one but two wedding celebrations over half term. The first was a traditional Hindu wedding that was a riot of colour, sound and vibrancy and the second, a traditional white wedding that was full of energy and entertainment. We wish Jen and Gaj a lifetime of happiness and joy together.



**And finally... Good luck to our tag- rugby team who will be competing in an LBHF tournament early next week!**



As a parent at Queen's Manor you are automatically a member of Friends of Queen's Manor (FoQM). Our purpose is to organise and run events that are fun and engaging for the children, create a strong sense of community and belonging for everyone within the school environment and raise money for any additional equipment that adds to the children's development and learning experience.

With all your help this year, parents and staff have so far raised £4,700 and we wanted to thank you and share the activities we have organised and how the money has been spent.

As well as the regular garden parties and cake sales, popcorn sales and second hand uniform sales, we have organised Easter egg decorating, the Summer Fair (who can forget Sporty Spice!), Movie night, Pumpkin carving, Christmas disco and the up and coming Bonfire night hotdogs and the children's Christmas cards.

In and around the school, we have helped to sort and tidy the Library and mum Christina Fitz kindly continues to keep it that way! We have sorted out and tidied the costume cupboard, and the garden and conservation area has had a complete overall, Fairy house included! We continue to provide flowers for the planters and mulch for the trees. The funds that we have all helped raise has gone towards equipment to enhancing playtime, with new Ping Pong tables and chess and draughts sets on the tables.

# THANK YOU!

We also purchased 'Lego Education WeDo' to enable pupils to construct models and bring their ideas to life. Already, pupils in Year 2, 5 and 6 have used it in Literacy (bringing stories to life), Maths (creating random number sequences that result in movement) and Computing (learning how to program an output). The children have loved using the equipment and the teachers have learnt lots too!

The House sports teams have a new sense of identity with the purchase of team flags and bibs, which the children help design, these look very impressive and can be seen hanging in the middle hall. We also have provided football socks and extra sports kit for any child representing the school in sports. The chickens also are also the lucky recipients, as they have had a new chicken feeder, we are also looking into a chicken-cam, so everyone can see what they get up to!

To achieve all of the above we could not do this without everyone's help and the time that they give for free, so a big thank you to everyone. We are always in need of volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out in anyway or you would just like to be kept up to date with the events we are planning, then please send an email to Emma or Elaine at [friendsofqm@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofqm@gmail.com)

Don't forget to use the EasyFundraising website when you shop online (it is so easy, and takes just 2 mins to set up), so when you start your christmas shopping, you can raise money for the school at the same time! Most big retailers donate to us in exchange for you shopping with them. What's not to like!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foqm](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foqm)

Best wishes, Elaine and the foQM team x