



QM Newsletter



'Strive, Believe, Achieve'

@QMPrimary

Friday 13th January 2017

Dates for your diary	
Event	Date & Time
Rhyme Time starts	Tues 17th January, 9am
Reception Assembly	Fri 20th January, 9.10—10.00am
Parent Learning Reviews	Mon 7th and Tues 8th February

Wasted Opportunity

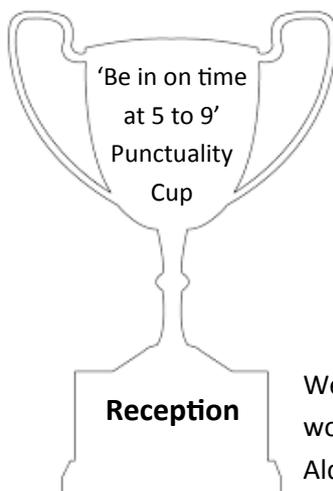
On Wednesday Y6 went to Fulham Primary for 'Wasted', a drama-based approach to drug awareness. Alex recalled how the performance told the story of a group of teenage friends and their experiences with drugs:



There were three friends, who were 14—15 years old. They started smoking and then taking drugs. One of the characters was became unwell and the police were involved.

The children were also involved in discussion around the difference between medical and non-medical use of drugs, as well as the possible health and social consequences of drug misuse.

Weekly % attendance	
Reception	96.9
Year 1	95.6
Year 2	97.4
Year 3	94.1
Year 4	92.3
Year 5	93.3
Year 6	98.9



Welcome to Caroline Timlin, who is working in the school office alongside Alda and Daniella. Caroline has a wealth of school experience and will be at QM three days per week (Weds—Fri). Caroline is looking forward to getting to know all of our families, so do be sure to introduce yourself!



Whole School	95.4% This simply isn't good enough. We will be introducing a new - termly - attendance award in Monday's assembly, which aims to raise overall attendance.
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Talk homework
What impact do your actions have on others' feelings?

Before Christmas Wendy organised a staff collection—in place of Christmas cards—for Crisis at Christmas. We are very proud to say that we were able to fund 3 places, offering homeless people the chance to shower, freshen up and get clean clothes, three nutritious hot meals including Christmas dinner and a health check and treatment from a doctor, optician and dentist. Thank you to Wendy for organising this and for making the donation in our name.

Star of the week	
Reception	Jack
Year 1	Alfie
Year 2	Penn
Year 3	Megan
Year 4	Adam
Year 5	Tasharn
Year 6	Yusra
Class 2	Jeremiah
B' Club	Mateo
Q' Club	Kyan



Save the Children

Well done QM; by wearing your Christmas jumper to school on the last day of the Autumn Term you raised an impressive £137 for Save the Children.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The closing date for September 2017 Reception admissions is **SUNDAY 15th JANUARY**—please check the **Primary School Admissions** page at www.lbhf.gov.uk for more information.



Queen's Manor Knits!

At QM we like to help others and make a positive difference in peoples' lives. We also like working together, particularly to create something spectacular! This week's value has been empathy and we thought it would be the perfect time to introduce a project to the whole community.

As the weather moves in from colder climes and we experience a drop in temperature, particularly overnight, we have been thinking particularly about the homeless and how they are affected by the freezing temperatures.

What are we going to do? We would like to create a blanket (or blankets, depending on how many people get involved!) that we can donate a charity which supports homeless people. Our aim is to provide a bit of warmth for at least one person; a gift from the QM community.

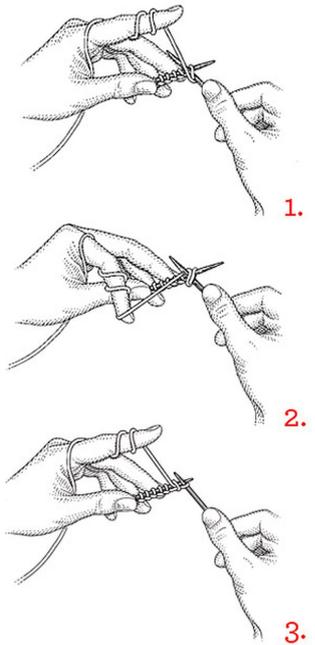
How are we going to do it? By encouraging people to knit squares, which will then be sewn together to make the blanket.

When are we going to do it? We will begin this project immediately, with the intention to have the blanket completed and ready to donate at the end of the summer term.

Who will knit the squares? EVERYBODY! Whether you are an accomplished knitter, or if you don't know one end of a knitting needle from the other we would like you to have a go. Not only is knitting an excellent way to hone your fine motor skills, it can be done in a variety of different places: in front of the television, on the bus and in the dentist's waiting room, to name just a few! You can get everyone you know involved, too; grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends; the list is endless!

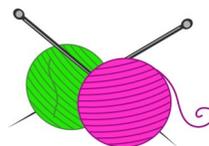
What if I don't know how to knit? You need to find someone who can teach you! Miss du Parc is enlisting the help of her two knitting nieces, both of whom will be knitting squares for this project. We may also be able to organise some in-school training.

****IF YOU CAN KNIT AND YOU WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOST A MASTERCLASS OR TWO AT SCHOOL, PLEASE LET US KNOW (we will reward you with tea and biscuits)****



Instructions for knitting the squares:

- ◇ Cast on 20 stitches
- ◇ Carry on until you have enough rows of 'plain' stitch to form a square (this will differ from person to person, depending on your tension)
- ◇ Use acrylic, as real wool tends to take much longer to dry and also tends to shrink (charity shops and Wilko tend to have acrylic at very reasonable prices). If you are buying acrylic wool from Wilko, the size is 'double'
- ◇ Use any colour(s) you want!
- ◇ Use 4mm needles



We want this project to be a success and we really do want as many people from our community involved as possible. There is no limit to the number of squares you knit—the more, the better!

If you are able to support with stitching the squares together at the end of the project (in the summer term), please let us know!

