



# QM Newsletter



'Strive, Believe, Achieve'

 @QMPrimary

Friday 6th January 2017

Dates for your diary	
Event	Date & Time
Y1 Assembly	Fri 13th January, 9.10—10.00am
Rhyme Time starts	Tues 17th January, 9am
Reception Assembly	Fri 20th January, 9.10—10.00am



On Tuesday all of the Brightwells staff participated in an INSET course aimed at improving attainment in children's writing. Many ideas were shared during the session and all the staff are very excited to put them into practice in the classroom.

On their first day back Nursery all worked together to create a class '5 Sentence Story' using a story mountain. The story mountain gives the children the opportunity to internalise a story format, in this case they have included a familiar opening, a build-up, a dilemma, a resolution and an ending. We are very impressed, particularly with the sophisticated language at the start of the sentences, and we are sure that this will give even our youngest children a solid foundation to build upon:

**Once upon a time there was a brown bear.**

**One day the bear was eating green leaves.**

**Unfortunately he got a tummy ache because he ate lots of leaves.**

**Luckily somebody came and took him to his house and made him better.**

**Eventually he got better and could run again.**



## Welcome back!

Spring Term is going to be packed with events, in-school and with our Brightwells partner schools, including:



Arts Week, Dragons' Den, World Book Day, Brightwells Junior Leaders events and Penpal activities, as well as a host of class trips and visits and visitors to us at school.

We will hopefully see the start of the planned building works on site, including the SEN unit re-build and upgrade to the outdoor landscape.

We have welcomed Afeez to the QM team; Afeez is the new caretaker and has been busy ensuring the school is ready for the new term. He is going to put up the plans for the new build in the KS2 playground for you all to admire!



**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](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk) for more information

## Star of the week

Reception	Charlie
Year 1	Alys
Year 2	Nathan
Year 3	Millie
Year 4	Asmaa
Year 5	Harry
Year 6	Adisa
Class 2	Farah
B' Club	Anika
Q' Club	Ernesto



## Calling all KS1 parents

Potential changes to primary school funding have been well publicised recently and we want to make sure that we are as well-resourced as possible, in order to maximise opportunities for all children. If you haven't heard of the **Pupil Premium**, take some time to read this section on our website, under the 'Our School' tab. Since the introduction of universal free school meals (FSM) in KS1, we have seen our Pupil Premium funding drop quite significantly.

Therefore, we would urge all parents of children in KS1 to consider whether they may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. It will involve filling out a form to assess your eligibility, which we can assist you with. If your child is eligible it will mean more funding is available to support greater outcomes.

There are details of how we use this funding in our Pupil Premium Strategy, also on our website. If you would like more information, please ask Alda in the office.



## Talk homework

Have you set yourself a goal for this year?