



QM Newsletter

'Strive, Believe, Achieve'



@QMPrimary



Friday 8th September 2017

Dates for your diary	
Event	Date & Time
Parents and Teacher Meet and Greet - curriculum and class expectations	3.45pm Y1-5 and Class 1 and 2 Tuesday 12th Sept Y6 Thursday 14th Sept Reception Tuesday 26th Sept
Y6 Secondary Transfer meeting	4pm Thursday 14th September
Clubs start	W/B 18th Sept
Harvest Assembly	Friday 13th October
Parent Learning Reviews	Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October
The QM Factor	Friday 20th October



QM Building Works Update

There has been a great deal going on at QM over the summer and we are a matter of weeks away from the upgraded loo facilities opening in the front playground. The slab is down for the SEN unit where we're soon to see the steels being erected, and the foundations are in for the disabled centre. The multi-use games area (MUGA) is coming along nicely, underneath which we have attenuation tanks to improve surface water run-off and drainage. At some point during the Autumn Term, we will be switching the children from the front playground to our new playground at the rear of the building; we will provide more details nearer the time, as we will also have to amend the drop-off and collection procedures before and after school. Keep an eye on QM Building Cam on the website and follow us on twitter for all the latest pictures of the build.

Home/School Contract, Acceptable Use Policy and Media Permissions

You will be receiving several forms in the coming days which you need to read carefully before signing and returning. The forms provide permissions for the school to use your child's image, to take children on local area outings and they highlight expectations of parents, staff and pupils. These permissions are vital in supporting us to safeguard all children effectively and we do not want any children to miss out on any activities because their forms have not been returned.



We hope you all had a lovely holiday—the children have been talking about their adventures over the summer break and by all accounts they've had a fine time.



The children all look very smart, too. We are hoping that their pristine uniforms and readiness to learn are going to stay with them all year. We'll be keeping our eyes peeled!

We're all set for another exciting year at QM and have attached a calendar of dates for you to see what we have lined up. These dates are provisional and may be subject to change so keep checking the weekly newsletters and school website. Don't forget that you can follow us on twitter: up-to-date messages and information can be found at @QMPrimary

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM CLEARLY!

School Development Priorities 2017—18

Each year the school leaders, staff and governors agree a set of school development priorities, to support the raising of progress and attainment for all children. We produce the QMEIP (Queen's Manor Evaluation and Improvement Plan) which sets out not only the priorities in each subject, but also the ways in which we will be working towards the set targets.

This year our whole school focus is on:

- ◇ Writing
- ◇ Spelling
- ◇ Handwriting and presentation in all subjects

We will, of course, be expecting you to support the school with these priorities! We will be running workshops and information sessions for parents throughout the year and we are going to set out the homework expectations very clearly, which your children will be able to talk you through.



★ STAR BAKER ★

For those who think that nothing really happens in the first few days of term, think again! The children and teachers have hit the ground

running and some fantastic learning has been happening. Class 2 have got off to a flying start with their topic about the artist Marc Quinn. Quinn used a range of very interesting media to create fascinating sculptures, including bread! The children had a wonderful time making their own bread hands, which they will glaze and display in their classroom. Whilst the children were making their sculptures the school was filled with the most wonderful aroma of baking bread. Delicious!

Didn't We Do well!

Congratulations QM, we now have Silver School



Sustainable Travel Accredited & Recognised
higher standards level

Travel Plan status! Our Silver status (also called higher standards level) means that when Miss Nolan led the school in reviewing last year's plan there was a decrease in car use. We were also able to demonstrate a higher level of involvement of pupils and a greater participation in sustainable travel initiatives. We think that even with the current building works (and very limited bicycle space) we can set our sights on gold for next time! What do you think?



ATTENDANCE

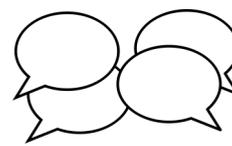
The attendance race starts next week! If you would like to be in a with a chance of going on the Big Attendance Trip you need

to aim to be in school every day. Have a look at the table below, which shows the impact of missing school:

Attendance during one school year	Days Absent...	Weeks Absent...	Lessons Missed...
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 Lessons
60%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	270 Lessons

WATER BOTTLES

A text message went out at the beginning of the week to let you know that we will no longer be providing water bottles for the children. Please can you make sure your child brings a bottle of water from home each day, clearly marked with their name.



Let's Talk!

In order to ensure clear and effective communication between school and home

please can we ask you to take a moment to ensure your contact details are up-to-date in the school office. We often send information and reminders home via text message and we are keen to email the weekly newsletter to families. As well as phone and email details we need to ensure we have up-to-date details of emergency contacts, should we need to contact you urgently.



Please can you also make sure we have the most up-to-date details of any medical needs your child has, including any changes to medication. This information allows us to ensure appropriate health and safety measures are in place and is treated as confidential and is shared with the school nurse.



Good luck to all in our Mayor's Cup Friendly this afternoon at Fulham College Boys' School, against Fulham Primary (fingers crossed that it isn't rained off).

Year 2 had loads of fun at the farm when they won the attendance cup last year!

