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“We want to unlock the learning potential of every child in our school, remove any barriers to learning and offer every child opportunities to develop the skills they need for a happy and successful life”

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Only a few weeks left and another school year will be gone. We are very proud of the behaviour of the children at Quinton and visitors to the school always comment on how calm it is and how engrossed the children are in their work, as we look into the classrooms. However, we must never rest on our laurels and for this last half term, we are having a real push on good manners, morals and respect for others. The impact your support has on this is huge and we would ask you to reinforce these messages at home - by working together, we can all make the school a better place for your children. Thank you.

David Skelcher, Headteacher

Safeguarding

All teachers and support staff have now received the latest safeguarding training and three members of staff have also had CAF training. A CAF (Common Assessment Framework) is set up to support a family for a number of reasons but the key idea is that whatever expertise may be needed, the external agencies involved all meet together with the school and parents, to ensure that all information is shared and that there are no gaps in the communication of evidence between parties.

Just remember - **Stranger Danger** is a myth. 85% of child abuse is committed by a family member or friend of the family.

Consortium

Our consortium (15 schools working together) has been awarded some funding for the 2015-16 academic year and will be working together in a variety of areas to raise standards across all of the schools involved. One of the benefits is the better buying power we have, when funding training and courses.

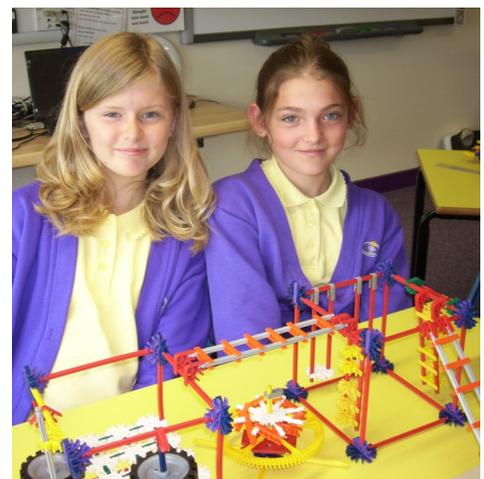
When it comes to intervention and support for children, the earlier the better, so, as a group, we are investigating ways of ensuring that the children are getting the best possible provision and looking for suppliers to deliver tailored packages to meet our needs.

Sports Day

SPORTS DAY WILL TAKE PLACE

**ON FRIDAY 10TH JULY
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

School lunch will be as normal, just a little later
Nursery children will be able to stay for lunch until 1.30



Under Scrutiny

It's that time of year where the school is held to account and it's fairly hectic at the moment. Trevor Davies, our external advisor was in school for a day to check us out, and update our SEF (School Evaluation Form) where everything we do is put under the microscope. From that, we produce a LIP (Learning Improvement Plan) which lays out our plans and strategies for the future to ensure that we continue to improve.

The Local Authority LIO (Learning Improvement Officer) also spent a day in school with a sharp focus on Leadership and Management plus our Special Needs provision and intervention.

The final area is Local Authority Moderation, where trained moderators spend about 4 hours in school and examine children's work to ascertain if the teachers' judgements are accurate. This takes place in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6. The last visit will be on Friday 12th June.

With all staff, this has been more nerve-wracking this year, because the whole assessment system has been in a state of flux as we move away from levels. However, there is no doubt that the new curriculum is raising standards, our new in-house assessment system seems to be working and it is looking very positive.

KNEX Challenge

Year 5 and 6 had a great morning with the annual KNEX Challenge. Josh Evans and Joe Pinnock were our winners this time in a close contest. Later in the year, they will represent the school in an area final.



Attendance

We are now monitored more rigorously by ACE (Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service) and attendance can be difficult to maintain for a whole range of reasons but I'm delighted to report that our most recent monthly figures show attendance to be at 96.2%, clearly above our 95% target, our best figure for some time. Let's keep it up!

Starting in September, we will be presenting 100% attendance certificates each half term.

Bikeability

Year 6 children have been taking part in the Bikeability road safety scheme over the past few days. This involves 5 sessions of instruction and will give the children the skills they need to ride their bikes safely and considerately in the future.

End of Year Reports

This year, for the final time, Year 2 and Year 6 will still have their attainment measured in levels. Children in Years 1, 3, 4, and 5 will be either **D** (DEVELOPING), **S** (SECURE) or **E** (EXCEEDING).

Reminder: We finish the school year on Friday 17th July and return on Tuesday 8th September.

Next Year's dates will be in the July Newsletter and on the website.

Important Bits and Pieces

- Change of contact details? - Let Mrs Maxwell know;
- Are you registered for Parent-mail?
- School Lunch costs **£2.10**;
- Don't forget sun cream and hats for the sunny weather;
- Please label your child's school uniform;

Experienced Handyman/woman Required

One day a week for 5 hours to maintain our school during term time. If you think you may be suitable, apply, in writing, to Mrs Maxwell, in the school office.

Applicants will be thoroughly vetted and need to supply two referees. Deadline: Friday 26th June.

Cygnets News

With the summer holidays fast approaching we have been very busy at Cygnets with our theme of animals under the sea and are excited about upcoming events including our 'Tappy Toes' musical workshop and photography day. We have also started practising our running as we are very much looking forward to joining in with Sports Day soon and will be keeping our fingers tightly crossed for good weather!

