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June/July 2016

“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

I find it hard to believe that I have now been the head at Quinton for six years - time flies by when you are having such a great time! I mean it, I love coming to work every day and being amazed by what children are capable of doing. Never a day goes by without some WOW moments that take your breath away. I feel very honoured to be in such a privileged position.

We are due for an Ofsted inspection but it seems they are running a bit behind schedule so we will have to wait and see. We are keen for them to come and confirm that the school continues to be an excellent centre of learning for the children - always looking for ways to make it even better.

This will be the last newsletter until September and the diary dates for the year are attached. Please have an enjoyable, safe and healthy summer.

David Skelcher, Headmaster

Sports News

Just looking back at the year, we have had our ups and downs but there is no doubt that we have competed in more sports events than ever before and are improving in every area. I have a good feeling about the coming academic year. Come on, Quinton!

Safe Parking Around School

Please keep up the effort to ensure that the area around school is as safe as possible, particularly before and after school. Look out for the children and be considerate to our neighbours.



Friday Parentmail Texts

You should all receive a text every Friday during term time with any reminders or up and coming dates. Please let Mrs Maxwell know if you do not receive them, thanks.

Choir Concert (plus an Orchestra)

Please note the change of date for the choir and orchestra performance. It will now take place at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 19th July at school.

End of Year Results

Key stage 2 SATs: (End of Year 6)

Reading - 73%;
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar - 80%;
Maths - 87%;
Writing - 93%.

Key Stage 1 SATs: (End of Year 2)

Reading - 83%
Writing - 83%
Maths - 83%

Year 1:

Phonics - 88%

Reception:

GLD (Good Level of Development)
86%

Schools are measured on the above results which show the percentage of children who achieved ARE (Age Related Expectations). Our target for this year was 80% across the whole school. In the KS2 Reading exam, 14% (= 2 children) just missed the pass mark by 1%. These are a strong set of results and we will work hard to make them even better next year.



Website Update
Please have a look and let us know what you think.

British Values Day

We had a really interesting day as all the children in the school focused on “What makes Great Britain British?” We looked at it from a variety of perspectives and based it on five key themes: Democracy; Tolerance; Mutual Respect; Individual Liberty and the Rule of Law. Next time you are in for an assembly, have a look at the brilliant display they have created along with some folders containing their work. Jolly well done!

Lesson Observations

All the teachers were formally observed recently and I am delighted to report that, without exception, the quality of the teaching in school is good or outstanding.

We work hard at having systems in place that are user-friendly and uncomplicated so that the teachers use their energy, imagination and motivation to be brilliant in the classroom where it really matters.

Reports

School reports will be sent out next week. Nursery will be included in our parents’ evenings in the new academic year.

Attendance Improves

96.3% is our highest figure for a long time. Please keep it up and see if we can hit that 98% in the new school year.

Governors

The school is working more closely with the governors to ensure that they understand how the school functions on a day to day basis in greater depth.. A new Headteacher’s Report template has been designed so that the key issues at each meeting are directly linked to the Ofsted criteria. Governor visits into school will also have a more specific focus, based on Ofsted criteria. Last week, two governors came into school to go through our assessment systems to make sure that they understand how we generate the attainment and progress data.

Robot Day

The QPA funding from the Bingo was spent on a Robot Day in school. A whole school assembly gave all the children a chance to meet NOU, a state of the art robot. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 then spent the afternoon working on robotics and programming.

I think everyone was surprised at just how “human” the robot was able to be. Remarkable!

Cygnets

At Cygnets we have been making the most of the sunshine spending lots of time outside, watching the seeds we planted growing into lovely flowers and vegetables and practising our running races. It was exciting to see our bigger Cygnets going to school on Transition Day and we had a visit from the Big Red Party Bus, which was a real treat. With the summer holidays fast approaching we have lots of fun activities planned, for information about our holiday club please call us on 01789 721161.

**Well Done
Year 6
Best of Luck
for the Future!**

Goodbyes

Our thanks and best wishes to Mrs Brown and Miss Dean who are leaving us at the end of this term.

Quinton Parents’ Association

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR QPA
Although we had fewer events this year, we still managed to make a gross profit of £2,151.67. Our fundraisers this year were:

Race Night / Y6 Parents	£1,442.50
Textile Bank	£861.10
Christmas Fair	£655.25
Bingo	£426.50
Christmas Cards	£631.25
The Giving Machine	£212.51

For September the new QPA chair will be Faye Perry, supported by Dawn Bluck as treasurer and Kimberley Payne as Admin/PR. quintonpa@gmail.com

