



**Queen's Park C.E./U.R.C.
Primary School**

Queen's Park Post Friday 27th
September

Our value this half-term is - **thankfulness**. **'In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God'** Thessalonians (5:18)



A message from Mrs Kellett



Our changes to lunchtimes are really starting to take shape. It has been wonderful to see the children in the mud kitchen and dressing up in old clothes. Who knew what fun could be had with old suitcases and crates. I have copied the 'plea' from last week below as we are looking for some skilled parents to come and help create some amazing things for our children.

*We will be looking for lots of different and random resources like pallets and tyres. We will also be looking to enlist the skills of our parents to help 'build' play structures outside like a mud-kitchen. If you have the **'joinery/construction skills'** to help and can spare your time, please get in touch with myself or Mr Weatherby and we can let you know what we need. Likewise, if you work for or have contact with any company that could donate any resources, please let me know.*

*Please complete the parent survey on our playtime and lunchtimes below. I will collect all results on **Friday 27th September.***

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WELLIES AND WATERPROOFS



As we begin on our OPAL journey, it is essential that each child has their own pair of wellies and a waterproof coat.

Wellies and waterproofs will help us to allow the children access across our wonderful school grounds (even if it is a bit wet and muddy!)

Fancy coats are fantastic looking... but we don't want them to get full of mud or get too wet, so a plain waterproof coat is best.

Children will need to bring in their pair of wellies with them into school for Tuesday 5th November (at the latest).

Bring-it-in BINCO

**We need your help! We are looking for donations.
Can we get them all?**

Please send them in with your child.

As we develop our outside area, we are in need of the following items...



Frying pans



Large
Spoons



Cake Tins



Saucepans
(no lids)



Baking
Trays/Racks



Whisks



Cutlery
(no sharp knives)



Spatulas



Metal Bowls

MUD KITCHEN



1 - Happy Healthy Lunchtimes




Just a reminder that we are Nut-free school. Can you please check the ingredients on popcorn? We have found that some contain nuts or are cooked in peanut oil. Thanks for your co-operation with this.

Education Sunday



EDUCATION SUNDAY

2024: Everything Is Possible



Date: Sunday 6th October 2024.
Location: Queen's Park CE/URC Primary School (Hall)
Time: 10am

Along with our three churches, we invite you to a fun, family worship. Coffee and cake to follow.

There will be a collection for ACE (Africa's Children in Education) to support the work they do at The Arise School, Tanzania..

You are all invited and very welcome to attend a worship session at school led by our children and our three churches.

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Asda Cashpot Rewards



*Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Asda reward app. You have raised **£336.43** for our school. There are **65 days left** of the scheme. If you shop at Asda, please download the free Asda reward app so we can access the funding.*

Junior Leadership Team



Let me introduce you to the new members of Junior Leadership Team. Oliver and Daisy have been selected as Headboy and Headgirl with Jaxon and Evelyn supporting them as their deputies. They will join Isla and Laisie, our pupil governors, to make up our JLT. I meet with these children on a weekly basis and we work together to make decisions for our school. Well done and I am looking forward to working with them this year.

Uniform



I am really proud of our uniform and how smart our children look. We started this term really well with the children in full school uniform but we are seeing some children starting to come into school without ties or without appropriate school shoes. We have plenty of spare uniform to help so please ask if there is an issue. I have asked the teachers to start sending letters home to parents of children who are not following our policy - this includes wearing earrings.

*We changed the PE timetable this year to help parents. We had feedback from you that having PE on different days was problematic for some families. We expect the children in full school PE kit on the days they have PE. This includes a yellow t-shirt or jumper and blue shorts or joggers. **Black leggings and black shorts are not part of our PE kit.** Can you please ensure your child has the correct kit for their lesson? This is an important life lesson especially in preparation for high school where a detention would be issued if a child is not prepared for their lesson. Again, we have plenty of spare so come and ask if you need anything at all!*

Reading Volunteers



Do you have a spare hour? Helping a child to read is such a rewarding experience. We are always looking for volunteers to come in and listen to our children read. It can be any day for as long as you have spare. We really would appreciate the support and you would be making a huge difference to our children and their reading journey. Please contact the office if you can help!

Parking



I have had reports from concerned parents about parking. We do our best to put out signs and cones and support a School Crossing Patrol however, some parents at pick up are still parking irresponsibly. We are lucky to have the huge car park at the side of school that we can use. I have contacted St Helens Council and requested support to ensure we keep our children safe.

Parental Engagement Dates - Reading



Thank you to our Y4 parents who came to join in a guided reading session this week. We hope you found the session useful.

Year three** is next week at **9am

Wednesday 2nd October - Year 3

Wednesday 9th October - Year 2

Wednesday 16th October - Year 1/EYFS

Attendance Matters



335 children had perfect attendance last week! Can we beat this next week?

Attendance Update

We work really hard each and every week to make sure every class beats out school target of 97% - this will help us to succeed

Our Attendance this week - 94.5%

Our Attendance this year so far - 95.7%

Individual Class Attendance

PR 89.6%	QR 95.5%
P1 95.2%	Q1 83.8%
P2 93.8%	Q2 98.2%
P3 95%	Q3 96.7%
P4 97.8%	Q4 92.7%
P5 95.9%	Q5 93.5%
P6 98%	Q6 98%

Dojo Winners



PR Ava P	QR Athena H
P1 Gwendolyn R	Q1 Finlay C
P2 Ivan PT	Q2 Lillian N
P3 Faith G	Q3 Lavin M
P4 George T	Q4 McKenzie T

P5 Caysie S

Q5 Cory H

P6 Cathrine MO

Q6 Esmee G

Star Badge Winners



PR Ava T

QR Delilah J

P1 Eric L

Q1 Ava-Mae W

P2 Ismail A

Q2 Olivia-Mai G

P3 Ansell O

Q3 Oliver G

P4 Amelia F

Q4 Jessica-Rose LW

P5 Aster W

Q5 Oliver C

P6 Lexi A

Q6 Katie M

Important Dates for your diary this half term



Autumn Parents' Evening - Wednesday 23rd October 3pm - 6pm

Y3 Class Assembly - Wednesday 9th October at 2:30pm - Y3 Parents invited

School closes for half term on Friday 25th October

School re-opens for Autumn 2 on Tuesday 5th November

Safeguarding tip for the Week

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

National Online Safety **7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety** #WakeUpWednesday
Publish date: 07/11/18

1 Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THEY THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICES. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

2 Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITE, AND ASK AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY. ALSO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.

3 How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, WHILEST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM. IT MIGHT UNLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

4 Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THAN IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE, "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

5 Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHOSE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

6 Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN BE SHARED IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTENT ONLINE OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

7 Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HOW IT MAY AFFECT THEM AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEY SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

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2 - Tips on how to talk to your child about online safety

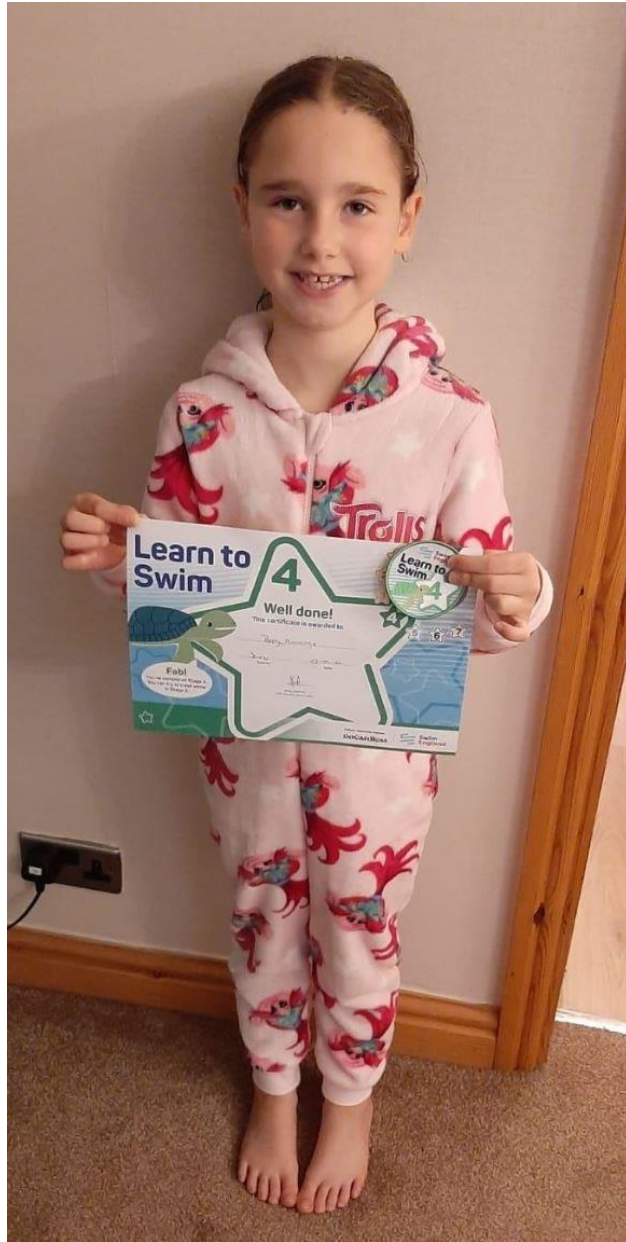
Some examples of the lovely adventures and achievements of our children over the Summer break.



3 - Belle and Phoebe received their Summer Reading Challenge certificate today from the Mayor of St Helens



4 - Noah was awarded a silver medal in karate.



5 - Well done Poppy on your level 4 swimming award



6 - Elliot was the superstar at St Helens Ju-jitsu & kobudo Academy



7 - Florence as a 'Stick Man'



8 - Millie completed the Park run - well done



9 - Eric at his very wet and windy match on Sunday

We hope you have a restful weekend

**HAVE A SAFE
& RESTFUL
WEEKEND!**