



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 11th October
2024

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



We have had another really busy week. The weeks are going so quickly and I can't believe we are nearly at the end of our first half term - it will soon be Christmas!

Supervision

I have been contacted by a concerned parent. At pick up time this week, a younger child (not currently at our school) ran into the road and was almost hit by a car. A parent had to intervene to prevent something awful happening. I have been informed that the child's parent was unaware. The last thing anyone wants is a child to be hurt in any way. It is so important that you keep hold of your children at pick up time. It is extremely busy at the front of school and Rivington Road is a busy road. Please be vigilant and thanks to the Dad who intervened to stop this child getting hurt.

OPAL - we are still collecting and don't forget every child needs a pair of wellies when they return in November.



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

World Mental Health Day



We had a 'sea' of yellow in school yesterday to support World Mental Health Day. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain the different things we do to support Mental Health in School.

- Mrs Hughes is our Senior Mental Health Practitioner
- We have five trained Mental Health First Aiders - Mrs Leadbetter, Mrs Hughes, Miss Bailey, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Wilmott
- We employ a counsellor to work with our children if needed
- Mrs Hughes runs a programme of different groups to support nurture, well being and mental health such as Lego therapy and Desty
- Mrs Hughes collects the pupil's wishes and feelings if needed to ensure we are acting on their voice.
- Every child has a daily check in. They come into school and let their teachers know how they are feeling through placing a 'lolly stick' in a labelled cup. The staff can then see if there are any issues that need addressing
- We are working towards 'the Therapeutic Schools Award'. We have trained our staff to be more trauma informed, we have reduced the stimulation in our classrooms and altered our behaviour policy to include more restorative work.

As you can see, we are extremely proud of our offer and are committed to the wellbeing of our children and staff.

PTFA News



We are so lucky to have a wonderful PTFA who are committed to supporting our school. We are so appreciative of the time and support that is given to our school from this group. They are always looking for new members. Their next meeting is on **Wednesday 16th October at 3:15pm** in the community room. All welcome!

They have organised a '**PTFA Pop In**' on **Thursday 17th October 8.40am onwards** - please call in to the **main office when you drop your child off in the morning**. This is an informal opportunity to come in and have a coffee in school. Please pop along if you can.

Date for the diary - PTFA Christmas Fair - **Friday 13th December**

Staff in the Spotlight



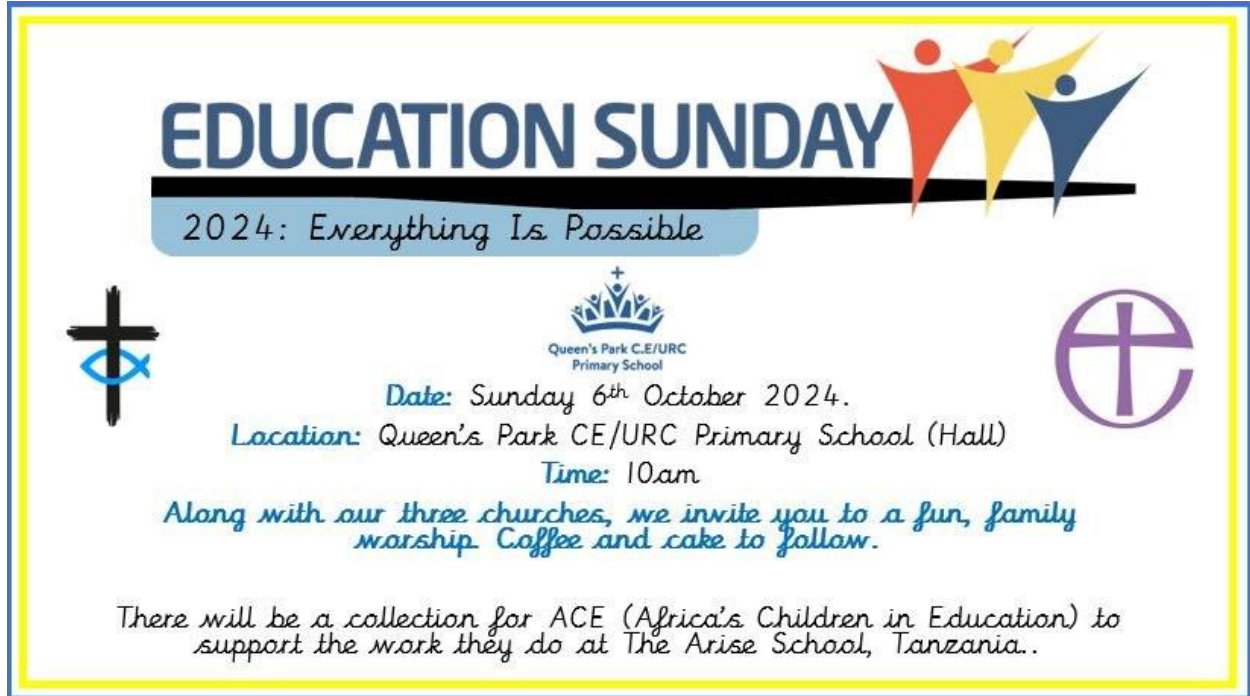
This week , I have the pleasure of telling you all about Miss Hughes. Miss Hughes is one of our Deputy Headteachers. Miss Hughes leads curriculum and English across the school. She is passionate about reading and is dedicated to ensuring our children leave Queen's Park as confident readers. She is known for her sunny disposition and her endless positivity. Everyone loves Miss Hughes!

Thankfulness - featuring Y3 and BTales






We were treated to an amazing performance from our Year three children on Wednesday. They worked with BTales to create a 'Play in a Day' all about thankfulness. They reminded the school about the Creation Story in the Bible and how we need to be thankful for everything we have. Well done to Year Three - we were all super impressed

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..

Thank you to everyone to come to help us celebrate Education Sunday last week. It was a lovely service led by our three Churches, our school council and supported by Pop Shop. We also had a chance to support Sharon and Hopeman - the two children we sponsor from Arise School in Tanzania. We raised £229.63. This will be sent to ACE charity to send over to the school. Thank you especially to Mrs Forbes for pulling everything together.

Autumn Disco

Monday 14th October is our Autumn Disco

What time? 3:15-4:15 for Reception, Y1 and Y2

4:30 - 5:30 for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

How much? £2 per ticket = disco entry, drink and snack

Please bring £1 to the disco if you would like your face painted!

Reception, Y1 and Y2, please bring your party clothes to school with you. You can get changed at the end of the day.

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6... please return to school in your party clothes ready to party at 4:30.

Please pay £2 via the school office or on Parent Pay if you wish for your child to attend our Autumn Disco.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: Your child MUST be collected from the disco. We appreciate that you may have given permission for your child to walk home HOWEVER we will not be dismissing children at 5:30. It is too dark at this time.

**QUEEN'S PARK C.E/U.R.C.
PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING
2024- 2025**

- • Our Open Evening is on **Monday 25th**
- • **November 4pm - 6pm.**
- • Come and see our wonderful school
- • and make Queen's Park your first
- • choice.

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**TO BOOK AN
APPOINTMENT,
PLEASE CALL THE
SCHOOL OFFICE ON
01744 678202**

1 - Open Day Information. Please share with family and friends

Asda Cashpot Rewards



*Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Asda reward app. You have raised **£448.81** for our school. There are **51 days left** of the scheme. If you shop at Asda, please download the free Asda reward app so we can access the funding.*

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!



2 - Poppies for sale at the school office

Other merchandise available for a suggested donation of 50p and £1 for snap bands

Parental Engagement Dates - Reading



Thank you to our Y2 parents who came to join in a guided reading session this week. We hope you found the session useful.

Wednesday 16th October - Year 1/EYFS

Attendance Matters



In August 2024, the Government released new legislation linked to school attendance. There have been some important changes that I will communicate with you over time so you are fully aware of the implications for families. I will give you 'bite-size' facts each week to ensure you are fully up to date with the expectations.

Working together to Improve School Attendance

Why do pupils need to have regular attendance at school?

- The school environment, where pupils can regularly interact with their peers and engage with teachers, offers the best opportunity for pupils to learn and reach their full potential.
- Regular attendance helps keep pupils safe and offers access to pastoral care and extracurricular opportunities.
- Attendance at school is important for a child's overall achievement, wellbeing and wider development, with government data showing a link between higher attainment and lower levels of absence.

- The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education that is suitable for their age, aptitude and any special educational need they may have.
- It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives the education they are entitled to, either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly



3 - You have to be in it to win it! Cozy night in hamper up for grabs this half term for 100% attendance

325 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 - **95.4%***

Individual Class Attendance

PR 94.8%

QR 90.7%

P1 98.3%	Q1 92.4%
P2 93.1%	Q2 96.8%
P3 97.7%	Q3 92.8%
P4 95.1%	Q4 96.4%
P5 96.7%	Q5 95.7%
P6 89.7%	Q6 93.2%

Dojo Winners



PR Ruben J	QR Ayva S
P1 Ethan E	Q1 Charlotte R
P2 Thea P	Q2 Olivia -Mai G
P3 Phoebe C	Q3 Ilaisia PP
P4 Amber C	Q4 Lucas H
P5 Samuel B	Q5 Jayden G
P6 Oliver E	Q6 Daisy B

Star Badge Winners



PR Leon L	QR Billy D
P1 Mason A	Q1 Jack H
P2 Lilith DG	Q2 Lyla O
P3 Poppy A	Q3 Alfie C
P4 Angelica L	Q4 Aamir A
P5 Tatum H	Q5 Giulia M
P6 Evelyn D	Q6 Lexie BB

Important Dates for your diary this half term



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

Don't forget to book via School Spider. Any issues - please contact the office.

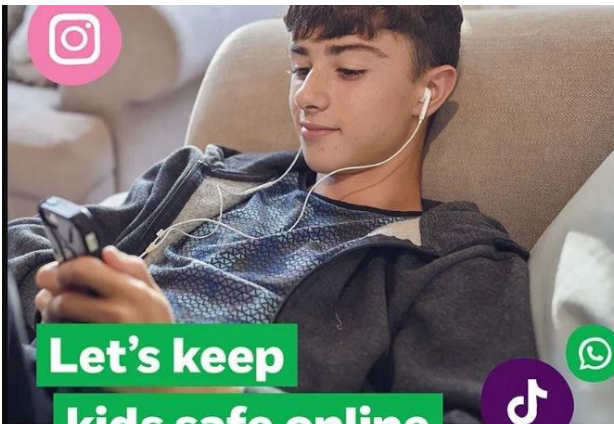
Y3 Class Assembly - Wednesday 9th October at 2:30pm - Y3 Parents invited

School closes for half term on Friday 25th October

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

PTFA Christmas Fair - Friday 13th December

Safeguarding tip for the Week



Let's keep kids safe online

The online world is an important part of kids' lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.

The next workshop is Wed 21 June, 6-7pm on Zoom

To book a spot please email: Hannah at hkaira@wrhs1118.co.uk

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





4 - Isabella sharing her Halloween decorations she's made this week.



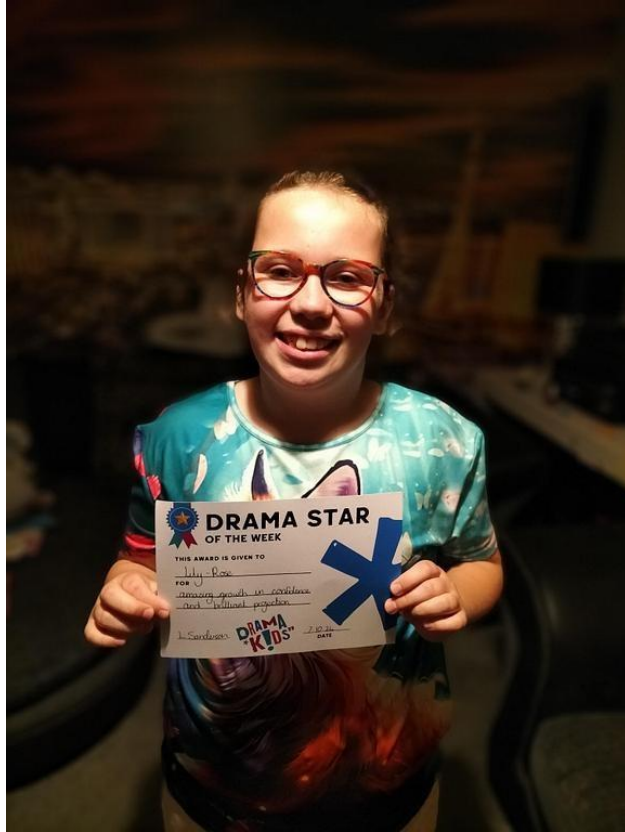
5 - Ivy has been awarded her first gymnastic achievement in her new club. She has only been with them 4 weeks and gained a certificate for hard work!



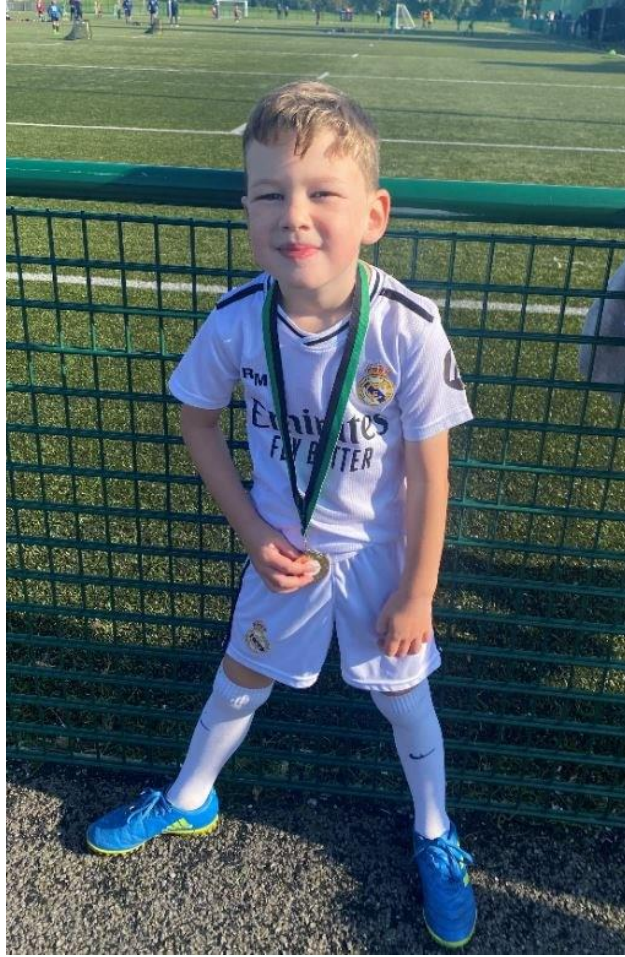
6 - Lucas James was named 'Player of the Match' last weekend.



7 - Jenson played at Monkey Fest 2024 with his rugby team.



8 - Lily-Rose was awarded star of the week at drama group this week. Well done



9 - Theo has received 'coach's award' at football training, on Saturday.



10 - Stefan's and Evie's photo of their grading - well done to you both



11 - Elliot and Gwendolyn received their white belt - well done to you both



12 - Lola getting her blue/white belt at Ju-Jitsu.



13 - Nathaniel was awarded 'Coaches Player of the Match'



14 - Jake and Madison posting leaflets to help raise money for school



15 - Carter got his blue and white belt in ju-jitsu



16 - Wow - what a photograph. Jessica spotting the wonderful Northern Lights

We hope you have a restful weekend

HAVE A SAFE
& RESTFUL
WEEKEND!