



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 18th 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 haven't let the wet weather dampen our spirits and efforts this week at Queen's Park. Wednesday was an awful day but we powered through and the classes were all still buzzing with Science activities. We are near the end of our first half term and it has been busy but really successful. We raised over £700 at the disco - all money raised will go towards our OPAL projects. Thank you so much for your continued support.

We have our autumn term parents evening on Wednesday next week. This is an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher and see how they have settled into their new year group. To book an appointment, please log onto school spider. If you have any issues, please see one of the ladies in the office. The Book Fair will be at parents evening as usual. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Thank you for attending our reading sessions this term. I hope you found them useful. I have included the dates for next term with a focus on Maths.

We try really hard to organise lots of after school clubs. We rely on staffs good will to deliver these sessions. We have children that are signing up and not coming. Can you please let us know if your child has changed their mind and we can allocate the space to someone else.

Queen's Park C of E / URC Primary School

# Book Fair

OPEN  
FROM  
MONDAY

*Your Next Adventure Is  
Just a Book Away.*



Monday 21st Oct - Friday 25th Oct  
At Queen's Park main  
reception

Book Fair will also be available on Wednesday evening in the hall during Parents' Evening.

Every purchase made supports our wonderful school.  
Thank you in advance for your continued support x

## PJ Day



On Monday 21st October, we are holding a celebratory PJ day for our attendance award. Mrs Leadbetter promised the children a PJ Day if they did their best to come into school every day. We have over 350 children who have excellent attendance and we think they deserve a celebration.

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**

# PTFA News



From Queens Park PTFA:

## NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS

Children can come into school in their own clothes on the following dates in exchange for these donations:

- 15th Nov** Unopened/Unwanted Gifts or Toys 
- 22nd Nov** Bottle Donations 
- 29th Nov** A Hamper Item by colour ---->
  - EYFS - Black
  - Yr 1 - Blue
  - Yr 2 - Green
  - Yr 3 - Red
  - Yr 4 - Silver/Grey
  - Yr 5 - Purple
  - Yr 6 - Yellow
- 6th Dec** Refreshments for Christmas Fair! (Wrapped Biscuits/Cakes) 

All Edible Donations need to have a date after the 13th Dec 2024, must be unopened and Nut-free.  
Thank you for your donations to help support our school!

We are getting organised for the Christmas Fair - dates are below



Own clothes day and items to be collected in preparation for our Christmas Fair

**Friday 15th November** - bric-a brac

**Friday 22nd November** - bottles

**Friday 29th November** - items for colour hampers

EYFS - white and black

Year One - Blue

Year Two - Green

Year Three- Red

Year Four - Silver and Grey

Year Five - Purple

Year Six - Yellow

PTFA Christmas Fair - **Friday 13th December**

## Staff in the Spotlight



This week , I have the pleasure of telling you all about Mrs Hughes. Mrs Hughes has been a member of staff here for nearly 18 years. She started here as a teaching assistant. She has been a staff governor and now works as our pastoral assistant and is an integral member of our team. The work she does is so valuable to our children. She works with small groups and individuals to support their mental health and wellbeing. She is our senior Mental Health Practitioner as well as a Mental Health first aider. She deals with everything to do with medicines and inhalers. We really would be lost without her!

**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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Good  
Provider

**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



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*Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Asda reward app. You have raised **£513.14** for our school. There are **43 days left** of the scheme. If you shop at Asda, please download the free Asda reward app so we can access the funding.*

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## Uniform



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*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!*

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## Reading Volunteers



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*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!*

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*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 - Maths



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*It has been lovely to hear how well received our reading sessions have been this half term. Next term, our focus will be Maths. Please come along as it really gives you a flavour of what your child experiences every day in school and also helps to help you support your child at home.*

### ***Dates for Autumn 2***

*Wednesday 13th November - Year Five and Year Six*

*Wednesday 20th November - Year One*

*Wednesday 27th November - EYFS and Year Two*

*Wednesday 4th December - Year Three*

*Wednesday 11th December - Year Four*

*These sessions start at 9am.*

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## 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

#### £80 fines and Improvement Notices

Absence fines charged to parents will rise from £60 to £80, or £160 if not paid within 21 days. From Autumn term 2024, only two fines can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period. Any notice thereafter will automatically be charged at £160. Parents will also receive "improvement notices", where they are informed that this is their last opportunity to engage with education and improve their child's attendance before a fine is issued.





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

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*342 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 - 95%*

*Our Attendance this year so far - 95.4%*

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#### **Individual Class Attendance**

PR 94.8%	QR 93.8%
P1 91.4%	Q1 91.4%
P2 98.6%	Q2 96.8%
P3 87%	Q3 97.9%
P4 95.5%	Q4 99.6%

P5 97.8%

Q5 92.7%

P6 95.7%

Q6 98.4%

## Dojo Winners



**PR** Arabella M

**QR** Billy D

**P1** Mahy Y

**Q1** Ava W

**P2** Noah M

**Q2** William W

**P3** Paige C

**Q3** Faye M

**P4** Tommy W

**Q4** Kiki A

**P5** Ava S

**Q5** Isla-Grace E

**P6** Ellie M

**Q6** Laisie R

## Star Badge Winners



**PR** Evelyn W

**QR** Lillie B

**P1** Erin J

**Q1** Charlotte L

**P2** Hunter R

**Q2** Knox PP

**P3** Sultan A

**Q3** Tommy B

**P4** Rory M

**Q4** David D

**P5** Tyvon-John R

**Q5** Kian H

**P6** Ollie F

**Q6** Amy S

## Important Dates for your diary this half term



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

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

***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***

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# Safeguarding tip for the Week

What you need to know about...

# SEARCH ENGINES

Part of our Online Information Series

**NOS** Online Information

Brought to you by **National Online Safety**

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## What is it? 'Search Engine'

A search engine is something that helps you find what you're looking for on the internet. By far the most used and well-known search engine is Google, which powers more than nine out of ten internet searches in the UK, according to Statista.com. Search engines can be used to find results such as websites, images and videos, which is where the dangers start to arise.

## Know the Risks

### Bypassing SafeSearch

Although Google has SafeSearch, which is designed to filter out explicit content, even by keyword, inappropriate content can still occur. Inappropriate content can still appear in search results, and SafeSearch is very easy to bypass. It's important to know how to bypass it.

### Accessing blacklisted content

Search engines can be used to access content that is blocked by parental control software. For example, parental control software might block access to certain websites, but search engines can be used to find other sites that provide the same information, without the user having to visit the site first.

### Niche search engines

Google isn't the only search engine out there - there are many niche search engines, some designed specifically to hunt for pornography. It's worth noting that these sites are always obviously marked or blocked by parental control filters, making it difficult for parents to monitor.

### Misleading information

Search engines merely reflect what's on the internet - not necessarily what's correct. For example, search engines might be used to find solutions to a health problem, for example, which might be directed to dangerous treatments.

## Keep an Eye on...

### Browsing habits

Google and other search engines often have a list of terms that they track. For example, search terms entered into Google can be used to identify the interests of a user. Similarly, a browser's history will reveal which terms a child has been entering into search engines, unless they've been using a private browser mode. If there is no browser history, and the time and date has been written, then you might ask why.

### Accessing VPNs

Although not strictly search engine related, VPNs are used for privacy, being installed on a family's mobile devices. Although they are legitimate and innocent uses for VPNs, they can also be a sign that a child is attempting to hide their internet activity or access content that is blocked by parental filters.

### SafeSearch settings

Check that Google's SafeSearch settings are turned on family computer browsers. Click Settings in the bottom-right corner of the Google Home page and select SafeSearch. It's important to check the status of the SafeSearch filter. It may also be wise to implement protective measures on children's personal devices to ensure they don't stumble across something they shouldn't.

## Safety tips

### Understand the code

There are ways to force Google to always have SafeSearch on, even if a child opens a browser in a child's account. These require a copy of a child's account code on the computer in your household, but Google provide detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to set this up in their support pages.

### Set controls

If your child has their own device or app on a smartphone or tablet and you're worried they're accessing stuff on Google they shouldn't be, you can use Google Family Link to set up controls on the child's device. As well as SafeSearch, other safeguards such as controls over YouTube, and app use on Android devices.

### Encourage open dialogue

No matter how many technical barriers you put in your child's way, there will come a time when they come across something inappropriate on a search engine. It's important to let them know they can come to you if they find something that upsets them online and not to feel that they will get into trouble for asking.

### Promote critical thinking

Children place a lot of faith in 'facts' they've found online and often aren't savvy enough to question the source of information. Encourage children that not everything they read online is true and guide them towards reputable sources of information. For example, websites that they should seek your advice for issues such as medical problems and be wary of what they read online.

## Our Expert

**Barry Collins**

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as The Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the TV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues over the years.

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





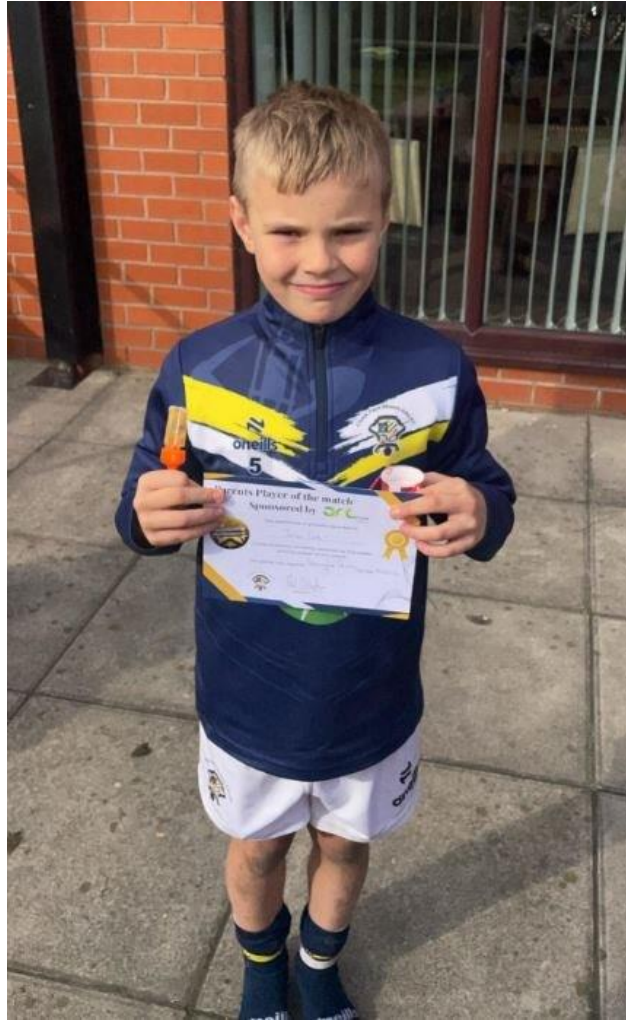
*4 - Coaches Player of the Match for Curtis*



5 - He is getting quite the collection of trophies, medals and certificates



6 - Thea received a certificate at gymnastics for perfect high kicks on the beams.



7 - Jenson scored 4 trys and was awarded 'Player of the Match'





8 - Level 3 swimming for Liam.



9 - Millie and Eric's chocolate strawberries



10 - Millie and Eric's crafting creations



11 - Theo spotting the seasonal changes linked to his learning in science.





12 - Mason working so hard on his reading - we are all very proud. Keep up the great work



13 - Rueben got 'Player of the Week' at rugby training



14 - April was awarded her Live Smart, First Aid, Painting and Charities badges at Brownies



15 - Gwendolyn very proud of her baking skills





*16 - Robyn getting busy at home.*



*17 - Jack practising his maths at home!*



*18 - Bradley with his scary pumpkin*

## Adult and Community Learning Course

**Little Children, Big Feelings!**  
New Course starting 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Do you want to...

- help your child develop the skills they need to deal with challenges or change?
- learn how to support your young child to deal with big emotions in a calm, constructive ways?

1 session per week for 5 weeks  
**Reserve your place today!**

**Contact us to find out more:**  
Call or Text: Teresa Slee 07749709715 or call 01744 677328  
Email: [teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk)  
OR  
Call our Admin team: 07702 959814  
Email: [adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk)

 **SCAN ME!**    

We hope you have a restful weekend

