



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 25th 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



Well... that is the first half term of 2024 finished! It has been a long but busy term. We have had lots of wonderful reading meetings, a very busy parents' evening, a trip to Kaspas, Y3's Play in a Day... I could go on! The children (and staff) have worked so hard and are ready for the half-term holiday.

Thank you to parents who have already completed the 'Acceptable Use' survey. I have copied the link below for your convenience.

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Don't forget we are closed to the children on Monday 4th November as we have staff training. School will be back open on Tuesday 5th November for Autumn 2.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term.

## Reception and Y6

EYFS had a beautiful morning spending time in the library and meeting our buddies! Our buddies were so kind to us, and we enjoyed sharing a story with them.



















## PJ Day



PJ day was a huge success. We held a celebratory assembly recognizing all the children who have been in school every day since the start of term. Nastya from Y5 won the 'Cosy Night in Hamper' Well done Nastya!



## Young Writer of the Year Competition



Friends of Victoria Park have asked our school to be involved in a writing competition. The focus of the competition is to write to Santa - how lovely! He loves to visit St Helens and he would like to know more about Victoria Park. He would love to learn about its history, its trees, flowers and animals and all the things you can do when you visit Victoria Park. If you are interested in seeing your wonderful writing in print, come to the office for an application form.

## Y6 Athletics



The Y6 children that attended the sports hall athletics event last week were superb and worked incredibly hard at every station, Lucas received a medal for star effort and attitude.



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
  - EYFS - Black
  - Yr 1 - Blue
  - Yr 2 - Green
  - Yr 3 - Red
  - Yr 4 - Silver/Grey
  - Yr 5 - Purple
  - Yr 6 - Yellow
- 29th Nov** A Hamper Item by colour ---->
- 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**

## Spotlight on Staff



This week Mrs Trainer is in the spotlight. Mrs Trainer wears so many different hats at our school. She works in Y3 as a teaching assistant but she is also the Chair of our wonderful PTFA and a school governor. She goes above and beyond for our school and gives up so much of her own time to help our school with different PTFA events and Governor meetings. Thanks for everything you do Mrs Trainer!

**Open Day Information. Please share with family and friends**





# 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.



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



## Do you want to learn to tap dance?

### *DO YOU WANT TO DANCE?*

Mrs Horabin (School Governor)

Is giving 2 TAP DANCING Lessons on

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

1.30 until 3.00pm

and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

9.30 until 11.00am

Phoenix Dance Academy  
6 YMCA Buildings North Road St Helens

£3.00 for 1 session £5.00 for both

Please ring 07731 599 570  
for information and to reserve a place

## 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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## Junior Librarians





Meet our lovely librarians! Our librarians have the special job of helping pupils take a book from our school library. They love to offer book recommendations and ensure that our library books are well taken care of and that the school library is a welcoming place for everyone, to help promote a love of reading! 😊

*1 - 151 Fiction books and 141 Non-fiction books have been checked out this half term by pupils, so a total of 292 books! Well done Library monitors and a big thank you to Miss Cook and Mrs Thelwell for getting the library organised. The children have a fortnightly visit to our library where they can spend time browsing and can select a book to loan.*

## Poppies for sale at the school office











## 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

Every student. Every day.







*2 - Well done to Nastya from Y5 for winning the 'Cosy Night In' hamper because she was in every day in Autumn One.*

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*312 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 - **92.8%***

*Our Attendance this year so far - **95%***

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#### **Individual Class Attendance**

PR 94.4%	QR 93.8%
P1 91.4%	Q1 90.7%
P2 95.5%	Q2 95.5%
P3 81.3	Q3 93.1%
P4 92.1%	Q4 93.9%

P5 90%

Q5 96.3%

P6 94%

Q6 98.7%

## Dojo Winners



**PR** Belle M

**QR** Lillie B

**P1** Ethan E

**Q1** Ivy W

**P2** Mara P

**Q2** Olivia Grace T

**P3** Oliver G

**Q3** Alfie-Jay C

**P4** Florence L

**Q4** Tianna BB

**P5** Ethan K

**Q5** Cordell H

**P6** Ruby B

**Q6** Harlie H

## Star Badge Winners



**PR** Anderson O

**P1** Daisy-Mae P

**P2** Nettie W

**P3** April H

**P4** Kate D

**P5** Joseph M

**P6** Lucas A

**QR** Kodie G

**Q1** Mason B

**Q2** Antonella DO

**Q3** Skyla G

**Q4** Curtis S

**Q5** George F

**Q6** Cameron R

## Important Dates for your diary this half term



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*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**



# WhatsApp safety guide for parents



**13+**

WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

**58%**

Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

**37%**

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp



## 5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp



**1** **Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to help you protect your child's life. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.



**2** **Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.



**3** **Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



**4** **Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.



**5** **Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.



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







3 - Joseph's squash club had a tournament at the weekend and Joseph won his grade. He has now moved from C to B grade



4 - Ivy and Maggie loved watching their sister in the Little Shop of Horrors show at Cowley



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6 - Lucas carving his pumpkin



7 - Don't you just love this photograph. Orla performed with her dance school RDS in tap modern and ballet.





*8 - Billy and Cordell enjoying spotting aeroplanes last weekend*



9 - Theo got 'trainer of the week' on Saturday,



10 - Amelia won first place and received a gold medal in her squash competition



11 - Eveline's carved pumpkin from the weekend when we came home from pumpkin picking





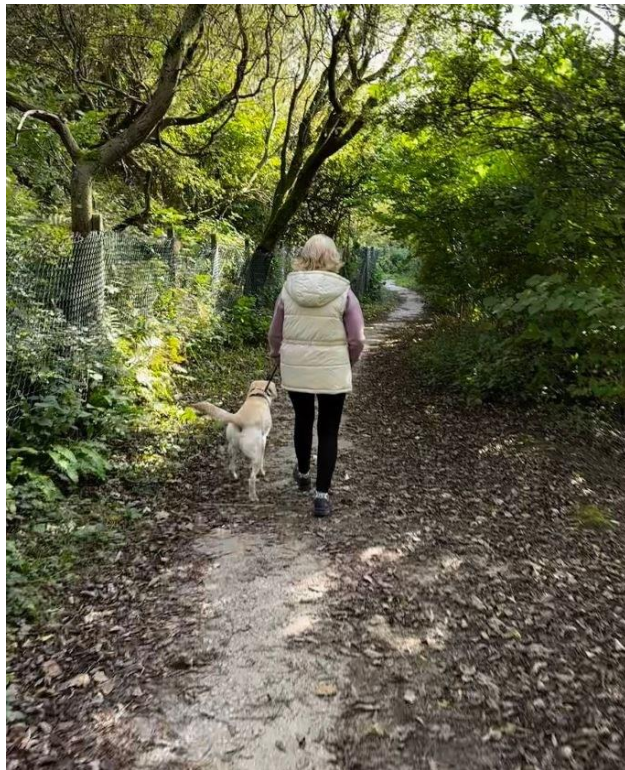
*12 - Eric had a fabulous time at the weekend doing a pumpkin letter search. He did well finding them and using his phonics! He wrote them all by himself too*



13 - Amber looking fantastic in her Brownie uniform. She joined last week.



*14 - What an incredible photo of the Northern Lights from Florence's back garden*



*15 - Helen - our lollipop lady loving the Autumn walks*





16 - Florence and April enjoying an evening with Taylor Swift tribute act



17 - Georgia and Scarlett completed the Halloween mystery trail.



*18 - Well done on your 2nd swimming badge Orry*



*19 - Matthew moved to white in his reading book bands. We are all so proud of you - clever boy!*





20 - Mason was awarded 'Trainer of the Week' Well done Mason



*21 - Natalie loving pumpkin picking.*



*22 - Mason with his rainbow pumpkin*



*23 - Lily learning how to ride her quad. What a truly happy photograph.*

## 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)

We hope you have a restful weekend

