



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

Queen's Park Post Friday 15th
November 2024

Our value this half-term is - **perseverance**. 'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' Hebrews 12:15



A message from Mrs Kellett



Photos, Odd Socks and Wellies have been the topic of conversation in school this week. We opened the welly sheds for the children and I have to say, they have been amazing. They have been so sensible retrieving their wellies and placing their shoes in the shed. It was slow to begin with but we are definitely getting quicker and learning how to put wellies on- standing up!

Thank you to Mrs Leadbetter for sourcing the sheds - they are amazing!

We had our individual photographs this week. The children all looked super smart! You child should have brought home a slip with a QR code on and the instructions to order. If you order before 24th November, there is a £5 discount.

It was lovely to see the array of colourful odd socks on Wednesday to recognize Anti-Bullying Week. Our school council delivered a wonderful assembly on 'Choose Respect' this year's theme.

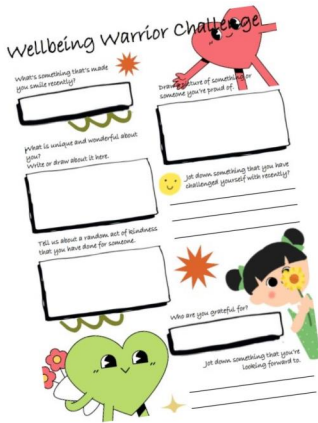
Parent Pay

We wrote to everyone who hadn't activated their account back in February and have since sent individual dojo reminders twice, but we are still only on 78% activated.

Christmas Dinner Orders

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 12th December! Children are also invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day. For children in EYFS, Y1 & Y2, on Universal Free School Meals, we will automatically order you a lunch. Please let the office know asap if you wish to opt out, or if you require the vegetarian option / have any other special dietary requirement. For children in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 – if you are on Free School Meals, we will automatically order you a Christmas dinner. Please let the office know asap if you wish to opt out or if you require the vegetarian option / have any other special dietary requirement. For all other Y3-Y6 children, please order via School Grid by 30th November. Please note: there will be no alternative menu available on this day, so if you do not wish to have Christmas dinner, you must bring your own packed lunch.

Wellbeing Challenge



Wellbeing Warrior Challenge!

We know how important it is to look after our wellbeing and making sure our minds, bodies and health are happy and strong. Our wellbeing ambassadors have been given the important job of delivering wellbeing sessions to each class to help our children to focus on their wellbeing, be more mindful and encourage gratitude and acts of kindness both in school and at home.

Would you like to be in the chance of winning a wellbeing hamper for you to relax with at home? Then complete our wellbeing warrior challenge sheet at home and bring it in **with your name and class** written on the back and give it to your class teacher. You can draw or write in each section.

Challenge deadline: Monday 25th November. Winner will be announced on Friday 29th November. Good luck! 🍀



OPAL



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...



SANDPIT

1 - Our next 'Bring it in Bingo' for our sandpit

Tutoring



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Kip McGrath tutoring company contacted school and has donated high-vis jackets for our children. We are extremely grateful. I have attached some information regarding the services they offer. Please contact them on the number attached for more information.

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!



In scrabble - 9 points
In school - Priceless

Who we are?

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends and Family) is part of a vital role in raising funds to enhance the education, mental health and well being of all at our school. Our fundraising has provided each child with a variety of items that have benefited each child over the years including, year 6 leavers hoodies and SATs breakfast for year 6 children on a yearly basis.

PTFA Through the years

Over the years the PTFA have raised money through a variety of events including Easter fair and bingo, Summer and Christmas fayres.

Each event has raised enough funds that have helped to purchase rugs for Year 1 classrooms, puddle suits for EYFS children to engage in outdoor play in all weather's, water bottles for each child in class and Year 6 hoodies. Money raised allows children to benefit from an item that will enhance their education, support their mental health and wellbeing.

Every penny raised supports every child within school and we appreciate all your support. Without you we couldn't run these events and our extremely proud to be part of an amazing school.

PTFA Members

Meet the team:

CHAIRPERSON - GEORGIE TRAINER
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON - SANDRA SHAW
SECRETARY - KAYLEIGH LEYDEN
DEPUTY SECRETARY- DEBBIE RIGBY
TREASURER - JAN CAMPBELL

The other members of our PTFA are teachers, friends and family members who all have children, grandchildren, staff members and volunteer readers and other school staff, that help to organise and run events that we are amazing proud to support to benefit all children at Queen's Park.

Give a helping hand

We appreciate that everyone has busy lives, so we welcome any support to enable our amazing events to run. If you can spare any time no matter how small to help run a stall at events, spare an hour to enjoy a brew and meet the team or even support to make and sell items at home. Please get in touch with us.



PTFA contact information can be found on school website or newsletter.
We can also be found on facebook. Our email address is queensparkptfa@gmail.com.



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**

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**



Asda Cashpot Rewards



*Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Asda reward app. You have raised **£734.19** for our school. There are **18 days left** of the scheme. If you shop at Asda, please download the free Asda reward app so we can access the funding.*

School Spider App

Guide to our app for parents & carers

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.

Select your school to get started!

How to get started

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school!

Take a look around...

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child

Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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2 - Every time we send a text message, it costs school as we have to buy a texting service however, if everyone had the school spider app, we could send messages for free. Out of 608 parents and carers linked to our school, only 120 contacts are active. I have attached some information on how to download the app. It would be much appreciated and allow us to spend the funds in different areas of school.

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!

Parental Engagement Dates - Maths



Thank you to Y5 and Y6 parents who attended our Maths workshops this week. We hope you found them useful

Dates for Autumn 2

Wednesday 20th November - Year One

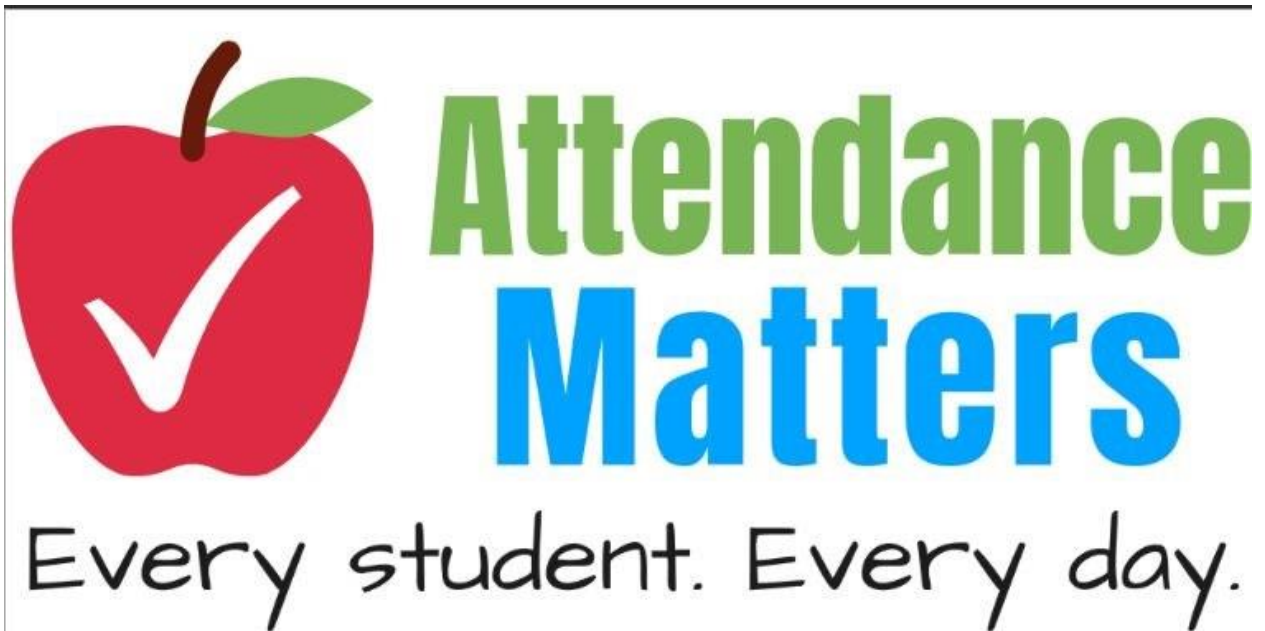
Wednesday 27th November - EYFS and Year Two

Wednesday 4th December - Year Three

Wednesday 11th December - Year Four

These sessions start at 9am.

Attendance Matters



338 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%

Our Attendance this year so far - 94.6%

Individual Class Attendance

PR 88.4%	QR 92.2%
P1 95.5%	Q1 98.3%
P2 92%	Q2 96%
P3 96.3%	Q3 91.4%
P4 98.3%	Q4 93.5%
P5 96.3%	Q5 96.3%
P6 95%	Q6 86.7%

Dojo Winners



PR Tobias B	QR Billy D
P1 Erin J	Q1 Malakai M
P2 Darcie M	Q2 Tara A
P3 Stefan T	Q3 Alex M
P4 George T	Q4 Lucas H

P5 Ethan H

Q5 Noah G

P6 Alisha H

Q6 Holly W

Star Badge Winners



PR Izzy W

QR Paisley B

P1 Freya N

Q1 Bradley Q

P2 Amelia W

Q2 Macy-May B

P3 Ivy R

Q3 Faye M

P4 Archie P

Q4 Xiomara M

P5 Lewis D

Q5 Alexa L

P6 Casey M

Q6 Laisie R

Important Dates for your diary this half term



Monday 25th November 4pm - 6pm

EYFS Open Evening for new or prospective parents

Monday 2nd December

Christmas Movie Night

Wednesday 4th December

Pop Shop Christmas Sing at the Town Hall

Christmas Dates for your diary



Friday 6th December - 9am

EYFS Nativity for Parents

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 13th December

Y2 Nativity for Parents - 9am

PTFA Christmas Fair

Monday 16th December

KS1/EYFS Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December

LKS2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December

BTales Christmas Performance

Thursday 19th December

Safeguarding tip for the Week- linked to Anti-Bullying Week

At The National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](#) guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

- ### 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.
- ### 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can disagree to disagree. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.
- ### 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even for perhaps especially if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn makes it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.
- ### 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel..." or "I think..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.
- ### 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on outlining and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I don't like how you interrupted me" is better than "you're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inform the situation.
- ### 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.
- ### 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.
- ### 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.
- ### 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something harmful.
- ### 10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert
The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinates Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation at individual and supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.

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



3 - Well done Liam on his new karate belt!



4 - Isla proudly carried the Brownie Flag at the Remembrance Service in Church last week as well as doing a fantastic reading. We are so proud of you Isla



5 - Rhys and Harry laid wreaths at the Chantry last week for remembrance Sunday



6 - Millie and Eric enjoyed the zoo last weekend!



7 - Millie at the Remembrance Service last Sunday



8 - Katie won gold and silver in her first jujitsu tournament. Amazing work Katie



9 - Violet carried a wreath to the cenotaph on behalf of the Guides on Remembrance Sunday



10 - Charlie with his medal from football - well done Charlie





11 - Last week April received her 2-year badge and made a remembrance poppy tealight holder at Brownies



12 - Isla taking on Snowdon! Wow. It looks freezing!



13 - Isla taking part in the Remembrance Service last week

We hope you have a restful weekend

