



Queen's Park Post

1st March 2024

... keeping school and parents in touch

Our value this half-term is

Forgiveness

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Luke 6:37

Dear Parents,

How is it March already! It has been nice to see the lighter mornings and evenings coming even if I did get a shock this week with the frost—UK weather at its finest. We had our 2nd week of computing and it has been a delight to see how excited the children have been about their work. I hope you have managed to get some great feedback from them at home. Thank you for the lovely family photos that have been sent in. The children have loved learning about the make up of different families through our topic of Different families—Same love.

Parental Engagement Dates for next term.

Thank you to year four parents for coming in to see computing in action. We have had lots of lovely feedback—'we would have loved to stay longer' We can't argue with that! Dates for the next sessions are below.

- **Wednesday 6th March—Year 3**
- **Wednesday 13th March—EYFS**
- **Wednesday 20th March—Year 2**
- **Thursday 28th March—Year 1—Amended date**

Year Six

Year Six have worked tremendously hard this week as they have completed their 'Mock' Sats. We could not be more proud of how they have applied themselves to these tests. We will be collating all the information from the tests and will share this with you at Y6 Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 6th March**.

We are going cashless!

As you know, we have Dojo and Parent Pay apps in school. You may have received a letter this week from the office to encourage you to download the app and log on. Both apps are fantastic in terms of communication. I would encourage you to download these apps and connect with our school. If you have difficulties downloading these and logging in, please let a member of staff know and we will happily support.

Year Four Multiplication Meeting for Parents.

Every child in Y4 have to take a multiplication check in the summer term. We will be holding an information session for parents next week at 5pm. It is really important that you attend so you are aware of the expectations and how you can support your child at home.

Supervision on school site.

I have had some reports from our staff that once the children have been dismissed, there have been some issues with children pulling up the daffodils playing in the road and climbing of the walls/fences. The last thing we want is any child getting hurt so can you please ensure that your child is with you if you are waiting on site for an older child. It goes without saying that we would all love to enjoy the daffodils and would appreciate you not allowing your child to pick them from the ground.



Well done Noel on your swimming certificate

Well done Esme and Amy

Football League Winners

Hightown Winder League
Champions

Well done Faith

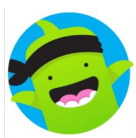
Golfer of the Day,
Chipper Competition
winner



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How good and how pleasant for us to live together in unity Psalm 133

Reading Plus Level Awards—Jonathan B (Y2) Jaxon A (Y3) Poppy L, Violet W (Y5) Kamila B (Y6)

Dojo Winners



QR	Erin J	PR	Stephen P
Q1	Macy-May B	P1	Jidenna M
Q2	Oliver B	P2	Ilaisia PP
Q3	Finnley S	P3	Caleb R
Q4	Aster W	P4	Lily-Rose P
Q5	Elesha C	P5	Amelia RT
Q6	Tiele L	P6	Ethan Y

Star Badge Winners



QR	Alfie M	PR	Eric L
Q1	William W	P1	Samerah A
Q2	Stefan T	P2	Isla R
Q3	Jenson C	P3	Alex C
Q4	Rhys W	P4	Noah G
Q5	Oliver E	P5	Maggie-Mae T
Q6	Tyler S	P6	Eva B

Important Dates for Spring 2:

Wednesday 6th March	Y4 Parents Meeting—Multiplication Check
Wednesday 6th March	Y6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 28th March	School closes for the Easter Break
Monday 15th April	School re-opens for Summer



1st march **1968** Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" first performed

Safeguarding tip of the week

Reducing Screen Time



According to latest statistics, people between the ages of 8 and 17 spend an average of four hours on devices during an average day. This can be detrimental to a child's development and mental health. I have attached a guide to this newsletter on how to actively reduce screen time for your family.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.'"



Whole School Attendance			
PR	83.8%	QR	92.1%
P1	84.3%	Q1	91.3%
P2	98.3%	Q2	95.5%
P3	97%	Q3	95.2%
P4	96.3%	Q4	92.3%
P5	95.2%	Q5	96.8%
P6	98.1%	Q6	93.1%

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

We can do it!



Attendance Update

We work really hard each and every week to make sure every class beats our **school target of 97.5%** - this will help us to success

Our attendance last week

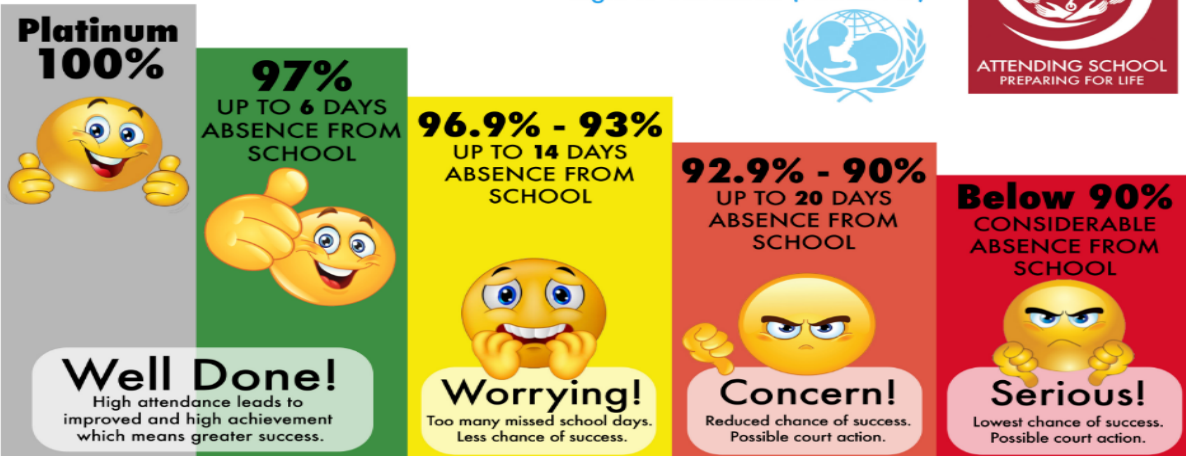
94.8%

Our attendance this year so far

94.7%

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

Right to education (Article 28)



There are 175 non school days a year.
That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

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QUEENS PARK PTFA PRESENT

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

READY FOR OUR EASTER BINGO
EVENT!

**1st
March**

**Chocolate Items
(Whole School)**



**8th
March**

**Easter Eggs
(Whole School)**



**15th
March**

**Easter Eggs
(EYFS + KS1)**

**Refreshments
(KS2)**



**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A
NUT-FREE SCHOOL! THANK YOU!**

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Year Three Den Building

Year 3 took part in a Den Building workshop last Friday. It was a brilliant day that developed team work, maths reasoning, building skills and fun...in the rain....and the mud. Thank you to the grown-ups who came along to join in the fun!



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