

Quinton House Junior School

*Bi—Weekly Newsletter
w/e Friday 25th November 2016*

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Well, the Christmas rehearsal season is now upon us and I am already hearing the multitude of practices that are occurring in preparation for the many events that will be taking place in school over the next few weeks. We start next week with the Christingle Service for QR to Q2, which takes place in St Michael's Church here on the school site. We would like to remind all of Q2 parents, that you are warmly invited to attend.

I will soon be off to the theatre for our two Christmas visits. The children always enjoy these performances and I thank you all for supporting these. This year I get to see *Wind in the Willows* and *Snow White on Ice* which will be an education for me.

Can I please make a plea to all parents when approaching and when on the school site. We have many pedestrians leaving, entering and crossing the site, both adults and children. It is not possible to floodlight the entire site and so can I ask that you are extra vigilant when dropping off and picking up from school.

Earlier this week, the Year 6's pointed out to me that it was only 32 days to Christmas! So as I pointed out to them that still gives me 31 days before I have to start my Christmas shopping!

Mr S Pape

CONTACTING MRS RIHAL— PA TO HEAD OF JUNIORS

To contact Mrs Rihal or to book an appointment to see Mr Pape please call her direct on

01604 684829

CONTACTING AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you need to contact the after school care team for any reason between 4.00—6.00pm please call them direct on:

07815 693051

HEAD'S AWARD—MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2016

- RCB Timi Ogunsola** for working hard to form letters correctly.
- 1PW Zayn Shah** for sharing his excellent knowledge with the class during our new science topic on the seasons.
- 2PP Autumn Harley** for her enthusiastic and excellent verbal and written work on the Gunpowder Plot in history.
- 3AU Savannah Golden** for working hard to reach her writing targets.
- 3MC Evie Martin** for answering questions in science and using scientific words relating to our topic.
- 4DH Jack Buckingham** for trying his very best at bettering his organisation skills.
- 4KM Olivia Crane** for an impressive mark in her science assessment.
- 5MH Panashe Mukono** for consistently making a fantastic effort in French and consequently achieving a very high standard of work.
- 5JS Oliver Tyrrell** for his continued endeavours to be organised—perseverance.
- 6SW Henry Gjoka** for working so hard on his organisation skills in each lesson.
- 6MW Hemish Rajguru** for singing so well and clearly in the Remembrance assembly

HEAD'S AWARD—THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2016

- RCB Ria Sharma** for excellent progress in reading.
- 1PW Ali Syed** for always trying his best and being a great role model for others in his class.
- 2PP Lola Soto** for her outstanding letter writing in Big Write.
- 3AU Khushi Praveen** for the amazing knowledge she shared with us in RE and for all she taught us about India.
- 3MC Finley May** for showing perseverance with his handwriting which resulted in a huge improvement.
- 4DH Romano Metaj** for always showing commitment and determination towards his maths work.
- 4KM Matthew Bees** for excellent progress in Grammar Hammer.
- 5MH Alex Arnold** for using good manners all the time when interacting with adults and making a much better effort in class to stay focused and working hard.
- 5JS Harison May** for his effort and achievement in science.
- 6MW Yana Southern** for concentrating hard in French and showing good independent work.
- 6SW Megan Ransford** for her outstanding contributions to not only the year 5/6 hockey team but also the 7/8 hockey team.

HEAD'S AWARD—THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2016

- RCB Olivia Soto** for gaining a good understanding of addition in maths.
- 1PW Jeevan Sehmi** for his cheerful attitude and trying his best in his learning.
- 2PP Libby Doughty** for her outstanding story in Big Write.
- 3MC Bodie Hamilton** for always producing outstanding homework and exceeding expectations.
- 4DH Elsa Qu** for trying particularly hard with her reading and comprehension this half term.
- 4KM Alexander Giddens** for a positive approach and determination in swimming.
- 5MH Jack Emanuel-Longthorn** for fabulous effort on his history project which was used as an example to show others how it should have been done.
- 5JS Myles Rowley** for excellent general knowledge that contributes to the learning of the class.
- 6SW Henry Gjoka** for completing a piece of independent writing in French that was challenging and where you could see the time and effort he had made to make it the best he could do.
- 6MW Aiden Munien** for the efforts he makes to do his best across the curriculum.

School uniform shop

opening hours during the Christmas break

Thursday 15th December 2016
8.30—10.00am

Wednesday 4th January 2017
10.00am —1.00pm

Thursday 5th January 2017
10.00am—1.00pm

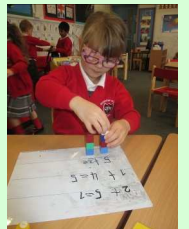
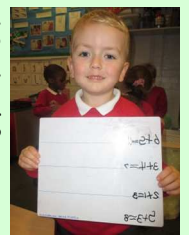
QR NEWS

Last week Reception marked Anti-Bullying week by being Superheros to celebrate how we are kind to our friends and help each other. Children enjoyed writing lists of items that Superheros need and making their own masks and capes for their costumes. We dressed up as our Super-



heros and enjoyed going outside to complete a range of missions including rescuing cats from trees, putting out fires and stopping trains from crashing. We then wrote about our Superheros and tried hard to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

This week we are learning about Birthdays. In maths we have been adding candles on cakes and recording our number sentences using the symbols + and =. We have been planning a party on Friday by writing invitations, making decorations and organising games to play. The role play area has turned into a Post Office and children have been busy writing and delivering cards and letters to each other.



Rehearsals for the Nativity are going well and I would like to thank parents for their support with helping children to learn their lines.



Operation Christmas Child

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas shoebox appeal this year. As usual, there was a fantastic response and it was lovely to be able to send off 60 boxes last week. Many thanks again for all your generosity.

Miss P Reeves

TABLES BADGES

Congratulations to the following who have been awarded their tables badges over the last two weeks.

Two star

Charlie Phillips
Alfred Darby
Myles Rowley
Ollie Tyrrell

Three star

Yana Southern
Frances Brough
Sasho Lockey

Silver star:

Thomas Johnson

CHRISTMAS FAYRE CHOCOLATE DONATION



A reminder that at our Christmas Fayre on December 9th Year Six have very kindly offered to run a chocolate tombola. There is still time support them set up their fantastic stall by donating a chocolate bar. Please hand these in to Mrs Rihal in the front office.

Many Thanks.



Q5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Q5 will be performing their class assembly on Thursday 1st December. Parents/guardians of the children in Q5 are warmly invited to come and watch. Their performance will start at 3pm.

Mrs J Saghri/Mrs M Herbert

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



We would like to warmly invite you, your friends and family to our Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December from 4.15pm until 6pm. Each year group throughout the Junior School will be running their own stall, as well as some external crafts coming to join us. There will be seasonal refreshments, a raffle, a visit from a "very special person", and a performance from the choir.

After school care and tea on this day will be in our Reception classroom, and children should be collected from the external door leading to the Reception class.

Children may only visit the fayre if accompanied by an adult and we respectfully ask that you do not arrive at the fayre before 4.15pm in order to ease traffic congestion.

Many thanks.

Mrs T Davies



National Poetry Day

The theme for this year's National Poetry Day was 'messages'. Students enjoyed creating their own 'message in a bottle' poems. Here are a few of our creative minds at work...

Dear Lauren,
I am stuck on an island in the big blue sea.
Can anyone come and rescue me?
The trees are tall and brown.
Please send some help to me!
The sand is yellow like the corn,
The bright sun is so hot in the morn.
The salty sea sparkles sop bright,
I feel so lonely when it turns to night.
Please send some help to me!

By Adam Luke

I'm having a party,
You can eat lots of smarties,
Please come
And you will have lots of fun!
The theme is Halloween,
But don't act like Mr Bean.

You can bounce on a trampoline,
Whilst eating ice cream.
You can watch lots of movies
And have a boogie.
We can eat lots of donuts
And eat blood and guts!

By William Otter

*I'm stuck on an island,
I ain't got no food.
I ain't got no water,
Please help me dude.*

*I'm stuck on an island,
There's massive rocks.
My Ship? It sank,
And I didn't get to dock.*

*I'm stuck on an island,
There's no-one here.
This island is dangerous
And I'm full of fear.*

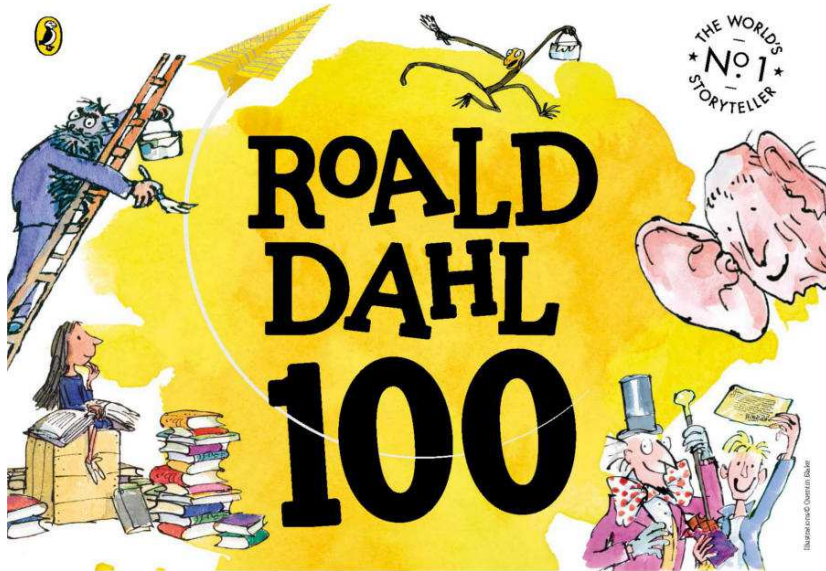
*I'm stuck on an island,
A shady place.
This ain't a magic mountain.
It's a place of disgrace.*

*I'm not on that island,
Somebody saved me.
They gave me a biscuit,
Which is really tasty.*

*We are now sailing back,
But guess what happened to me?
I fell off the boat,
And now I'm back in the sea.
Why does this always happen to me?*

*I'm back on that island,
I ain't got no food.
I ain't got no water.
Please help me dude.*

By Daniel Toouli



Roald Dahl Day!

Students celebrated 100 years since the birth of Britain's favourite storyteller, Roald Dahl by creating their own Roald Dahl character.

Here are some of their marvellous creations...

Purple Plumetta

In the town of Plumhampton lived a pleasant little girl called Purple Plumetta. She had the most sparkly amethyst eyes and long, brown, wavy hair with purple streaks as colourful as a sunset after a sunny day. She wore a shimmering sparkly bow and an identical dress with shoes that had bows that matched her bow in her hair.

By Jessica Hewitt

Nibbler

He glides through the sky, picking up children one by one with his long, horrible black claws.

He has ugly wings stolen from a bat and he has a long devil tail that feels like it has thorns on.

He has red devil eyes and looks like an innocent bunny with short grey hair.

By Jessica Adams

Woopsy Plunkers Hornswagler

Woopsy Plunkers Hornswagler is an absolute nutcase! He lives in a hole under a rock. He puts people in danger, including himself. His eyes are as small as marbles. He eats wood and when he sneezes he makes the whole place shake! He stinks so much he sometimes makes people faint. He's a trouble-making 378-year-old, fat, small and hairy human, believe it or not!

By Daniel Marland

Max

Max was tall for his age with acrobatic, long, bony legs which allowed his body to move in incredible ways... Some days he would somersault like a firework, flying through the air at top speed or he would jump as high as a jumbo jet! He had hair as orange as a carrot, his eyes were as dark as wolf fur. A face as white as snow. Max definitely had a face you would remember.

By Felicity Hamilton

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

We are coming up to a very busy time of year for everyone and I thought it would help to have as much notice as possible for the performances that your child may be involved with at school this term.

Wednesday 30th November 9.30 –10.30am Q2 Christingle Service

Thursday 1st December 3.00 – 3.30pm Year 5 class assembly

Tuesday 6th December 2.30–4.30pm Senior Citizens concert involving;

Junior recorder group
Quinton Singers
Junior Quinton singers
Senior Quinton Quintet
Individual players

These groups will be performing in school

Friday 9th December 4-6pm Christmas Fayre
Quinton Singers and Junior Quinton Singers will be singing in this.
Little African Drummers (Q1-3)

Monday 12th December 2.30-3.30pm Nursery and Reception Nativity

Tuesday 13th December 9.30-10.30 am Q1-Q4 Christmas production
2.30-3.30pm Q1-Q4 Christmas production

Wednesday 14th December 6 – 8 pm S9 – S13 Carol concert involving;
Jazz Group
Quinton Quintet
All GCSE and A level music students
Some Q9 – Q13 readers
Individual players
Woodwind group

Thursday 15th December 6 – 8pm J5 – S8 Carol concert involving
Quinton Singers
African Drummers
Brass group
All GCSE and A level music students
All children in Q5 and Q6
Individual players from Q5-Q8
Readers from Q5-Q8

This is such a lovely time of year to share with the students and we look forward to seeing many of you at the different events that are taking place.

Miss J Stone

NURSERY NEWS 18TH NOVEMBER



I can't believe it's already time to start practising our Christmas songs for the play. We only started on Monday but already the children have picked up the words and have sung beautifully. We will be sending out more information on the play and costumes soon!

Thank you to all of you that contributed today for Children in Need. We certainly had a spotacular day as we had forecast! On Thursday afternoon we watched Percy's 'After the Storm', this is of course after we had watched our own storm in the garden and following on from our new role play area.- 'Percy's shed'



Please bring in any cardboard boxes and plastic lids for two up and coming projects!

NURSERY NEWS 25TH NOVEMBER



Have you seen our sleigh? The children (or should I say Elves) have been working very hard to build a sleigh for Nursery. It has been amazing listening to their wonderful suggestions about what the magical construction needs.

The Nursery has been buzzing with Christmas songs and plenty of actions to go with them this week—the children are doing brilliantly. I hope they have been giving you a taste of what is to come!

We need to make the reindeer too.

It needs an engine!

We could make some snow. You have to use white paper and scrunch it up.



Please don't forget to have your say on the PULSE survey for Parents.
Closing date—Tuesday 29th