

# Quinton House Junior School

*Bi—Weekly Newsletter*  
*w/e Friday 9th December 2016*



## A WORD FROM THE HEAD:

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, as the song goes, “Christmas is all around us” and it certainly is. We have already had a wonderful Christingle Service presented by Q2 pupils which took place in St Michael’s Church and I know from those parents who witnessed it what a success it was.

We went to see ‘Wind in the Willows’ in Birmingham earlier this week. The trip was a huge success and the children enjoyed writing about the production on their return. All preparations are now in swing for the various productions, concerts and events next week and we look forward to seeing you in the audience celebrating the success and abilities of your children.

I would like to remind everyone that next Wednesday is the Junior School Christmas Lunch. The children and staff will be following tradition and are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers for this event.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*Mr S Pape*

### CONTACTING MRS RIHAL— PA TO HEAD OF JUNIORS

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**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—THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2016

- RCB** **Charlotte Reading** for excellent participation and progress in phonics.
- 1PW** **Jake Dye** for working hard to improve his handwriting and presentation.
- 2PP** **Shaun Bell** for his efforts and dedication in maths.
- 3AU** **Sapphire Hodges** for always being positive in her attitude to work.
- 3MC** **Freya Davies** for always challenging herself in maths.
- 4DH** **George Donlevy** for being enthusiastic and willing throughout all of the Christmas production rehearsals.
- 4KM** **Lydia Whitby** for setting a good example to others by consistently demonstrating our school values.
- 5MH** **Lachlan Frame** for consistently scoring full marks in his weekly spelling tests and using those words consistently in all his writing.
- 5JS** **Adam Luke** for perseverance with tackling very challenging mathematical calculations.
- 6SW** **Isabelle Phipps** for a focused approach to her learning in computing.
- 6MW** **Athena Heeley** for working well in art.

## HEAD'S AWARD—THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2016

- RCB** **Jack Ingram** for excellent independent writing in the Post Office role play area.
- 1PW** **Arina Sipavolova** for sharing her super sentence ideas in Read Write Inc lessons.
- 2PP** **Oscar Goody** for his dedication and improvement in maths.
- 3AU** **Charlie Jackson** for increased confidence in his learning.
- 3MC** **Shai Joshi** for writing an excellent opening to a story.
- 4DH** **Amber Stanley** for fully embracing the Stone Age theme and making a weapon out of limited supplies.
- 4KM** **Blake Ransford** for excellent progress in maths.
- 5MH** **Daniel Toouli** for consistently showing a positive attitude in trying to talk less and work harder in all lessons.
- 5JS** **Jack Wilch** for always demonstrating the Quinton House School values of kindness, co-operation and perseverance.
- 6SW** **Luca Maddison** for the improvements and effort now made in food technology lessons.
- 6MW** **Oliver Pragnell** for showing a caring and helpful attitude both in and out of the classroom.

## QR NEWS

Christmas preparations are well underway in Reception, the classroom is decorated and the glitter is out! Last week we learnt about Christingle and what each part of the Christingle represents. Children really enjoyed visiting the church on Wednesday for the Year 2 Christingle service and joined in with the songs that they had been practising during singing assembly.

This week we have read 'Santa's Sleigh is on its way to Northampton', children then made maps of Santa's journey on Christmas Eve. We looked at an atlas and children included different countries that would be visited before Santa comes to visit us in Northampton. We have also been learning about the Christmas Story and children have been retelling the story using the Nativity scene.

The children have been working very hard during rehearsals for our EYFS Nativity next week. I would like to thank parents for their support providing costumes and learning lines and we look forward to performing this for you on Monday.

The children have worked extremely hard this term and I am very pleased with their progress. After Christmas our topics will be Winter, Artists and Chinese New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On Tuesday parents, friends and family were invited to attend a ballet open morning to watch the QR ballet class.

*Miss C Billington*



## TABLES BADGES

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

### Three star

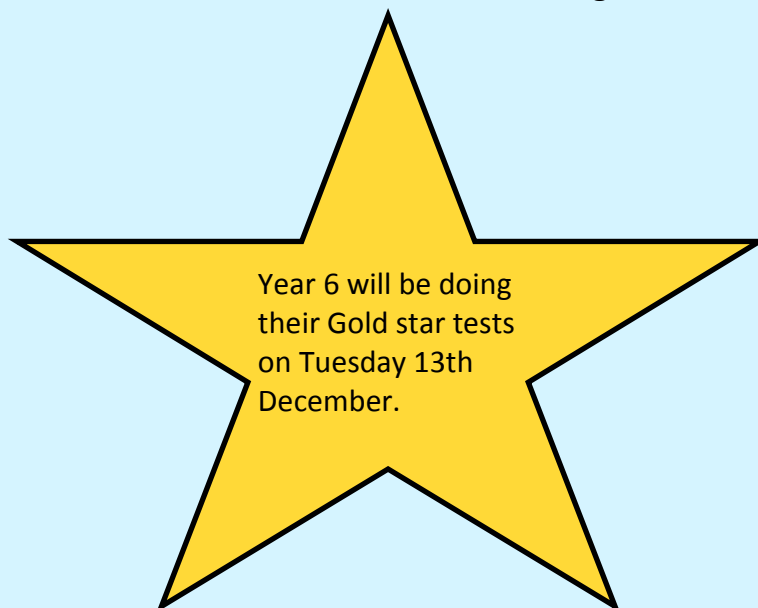
Daniel Marland  
Jessimae Crane  
Matthew Bees

### Silver Star

Haiden Battison  
Harrison May

### Gold Star

Finn Shardlow  
Khaled Hammad



## ENRICHMENT CLUBS



Please note that the clubs for this term finish on Friday 9th December. The children will sign up for their Spring Term clubs on Wednesday 11th January. The clubs will then re-start on Monday 16th January 2017.



## School uniform shop

opening hours during the Christmas break

Thursday 15th December  
8.30—10.00am

Wednesday 4th January 2017  
10.00am —1.00pm

Thursday 5th January 2  
10.00am—1.00pm

## Stone Age Day

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Q4 travelled back in time to The Stone Age! Our day began with foraging around the school grounds to find suitable natural materials for building our settlements, which we then brought back to our 'cave'.

After a cold and busy morning outside, we sat around our campfire to drink some Stone Age hot broth, eat berries and listen to our cave mates tell stories of their hunting and gathering adventures! The broth was generally welcomed by our foragers, but less so the sour berries!



Our next tasks involved making clay jewellery (necklaces and bracelets) and crafting weapons (spears, alongside bows and arrows). Both tasks were enjoyed by all and we were amazed at how inventive the cave children were at this task, considering they had only very basic materials to work with; no modern resources like Sellotape or glue!

Our afternoon was spent decorating the walls of our 'cave' with paintings, similar to the ones we have seen in lessons. Again, we used traditional methods- painting with sticks or hands- to apply our crushed chalk, charcoal and berries to our cave.

Throughout the day, we had the opportunity to listen to many of the cave mates' wonderful stories around our campfire, before returning to 2016! The day gave us a true insight into how difficult life was in The Stone Age, and the children really appreciated the fact that everything involved hard labour! What a fantastic day we all had!

*Mrs S Kelly*



## ROMAN DAY

Q3 pupils have today fully embraced Roman Day. They have dressed up in togas, designed and painted Roman shields, created their own Roman mosaics, learnt a Roman dance, enjoyed a Roman banquet for lunch and seen Roman coins and a Roman ring. The children have had a brilliant day. Today's activities have supported the History, literacy and art curriculum.



## Christmas Concert for Local Senior Citizens

The Senior School ballroom and conservatory were the venues for a very special event yesterday.

Eighteen senior citizens from care homes and sheltered housing developments in Northampton were welcomed to an afternoon of entertainment, a home baked high tea and festive celebrations at the annual Quinton House School Senior Citizens' Christmas Concert.

Now in its fourth year, guests enjoyed a full programme of magical musical performances by children aged 5 to 16 (Year 1 to Year 11). The schedule included traditional Christmas carols and more contemporary pieces performed by music ensembles, soloist singers and duets, the Quinton Quintet and the Quinton Singers. The senior citizens, their carers, activity co-ordinators and staff joined in with familiar tunes. A wonderful atmosphere was enjoyed by all.



The guests were served a high tea with sandwiches prepared by Mr Davies and a selection of delicious cakes baked by pupils in their Food Technology classes. Our sixth formers prepared wonderful hampers generously donated by the school's parents and staff which were distributed to all guests. We would like to thank our Quinton parents for their generosity and this sentiment was echoed loudly by our guests.

The guests had a wonderful afternoon and all commented how much they enjoyed the children's performances and the delicious tea.

Mary Brown, Residents Support Worker at St Christopher's Home said, 'Residents and staff look forward to coming to the concert at Quinton House every year. It is such a pleasure to see all the children perform.'

A huge thank you to all the pupils, staff and parents involved in this tremendous, worthwhile event.

*Mrs E Mesquita*



## NURSERY NEWS 2ND DECEMBER



Christmas has arrived!

The children have loved helping to decorate the tree and make the Nursery look magical. Even our jungle friends on our 'Rumble in the jungle' display have been showered with the Christmas transformation. We now have 'Merry Madagascar' on our display. Next week we will be full steam ahead on the Christmas Express train with lots of festive activities taking place.



# NURSERY NEWS 9TH DECEMBER



Christmas letters posted  
 Christmas decorations  
 Santa's sleigh



Quinton House Nursery is well on its way to being ready for Christmas!  
 Please see below the schedule for next weeks festivities. The children and staff are excited to celebrate this wonderful time of year!



## Party Week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Party Games	Christmas Baking	Christmas Jumpers Father Christmas	Elf dress up Talent Show	Disco
Afternoon	Christmas Performance	Cinema & Popcorn	Christmas Lunch Story Elves	Christmas crafts	Early Finish

A bigger version of the timetable can be found on the parents' notice board. Also we have sent out a letter