

# QHS Newsletter

End of Summer Term 2017



QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents

For many people the academic year finishes on the last day of the summer term, when excited pupils who are looking forward to long summer days without uniforms or lessons, are collected from the school. However, for me the academic year does not finish until the A level and GCSE results are opened by the pupils at the end of August. The public examinations have all now been done, the Senior Prom has taken place, and now is the time of waiting. As a teacher there is nothing quite so rewarding as seeing a pupil who has worked really hard achieving their potential and their just reward for years of effort in your subject. Knowing that you have in some way helped a young person to achieve their best is one of the most satisfying things for teachers.

There is always much to celebrate at the end of the summer term, with Musicals, Sports Days, Awards afternoons and evenings, the many and varied achievements of pupils at Quinton House School are recognised. It has been wonderful to see so many parents supporting these events, it is not possible for our pupils to achieve what they do without the support of parents and we are very thankful for the support that our pupils receive.

This newsletter tries to highlight just some of the many events that have taken place over the past 6 weeks. There has been so much going on. One highlight for me was seeing the donations that were brought in for our recent mufti day in support of the Lewis Foundation, from my office desk I could see the pupils packing up the bags in the Ballroom ready to be taken to patients in our local hospital.

I will miss Quinton House School and wish you and your families all the best for the future.

Ms Cozens



*School Council pupils packing bags for The Lewis Foundation*

# News from Nursery

This final half term of the year Nursery children have been growing their own strawberries and tomatoes with the help of Quinton House chefs, Richard and Neil.

The children have also been keeping cool in the hot weather by playing with ice, 'lights off' cinema and taking lots of trips to the paddock.

We also put in some practice for our Lower School Sports Day.

As part of our 'people who help us at school' topic the children also made cards to give to our guests at our tea party in the final week of term.

In the last week we have been getting sticky and glittery while making lots of decorations for the Nursery.

The older children also took part in their graduation ceremony which was a wonderful celebration of their time in nursery. We wish them all the very best as they prepare to move up to Reception.

Miss Parker



# QR Fairytales Topic Work

This term QR have been learning about Fairytales. We started by looking at the story the Three Little Pigs. Children enjoyed acting out the story using character masks and confidently used language from the story such as 'Once upon a time', 'I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down' and 'They lived happily ever after'. We also carried out a science experiment to find out which of the pigs' houses were waterproof, children wrote a list of equipment they needed, made predictions and recorded what they did.

We then read the story of Aladdin. We went on a magic carpet ride and children wrote about their own adventure in literacy. Children also had fun making and decorating their own little magic carpets. In Art lessons children made a pair of shoes after completing activities related to the story The Elves and the Shoemaker. To support our Fairytales topic, we also learnt about Castles. Children used non-fiction books and the internet to learn about different features of a castles and were very excited to make their own shield.

In maths we have been learning about doubling, halving and sharing. Children have been using a range of resources to support their learning including dominoes, playdough blocks and craft materials.

Miss Billington



# From Field to Jar: Q2 go Strawberry Picking Before Making Jam!

On June 30th Q2 had a fabulous morning picking strawberries. This was followed by making jam in the senior school Food Tech room. The children have learnt about plants this term, and this session enabled them to see for themselves what can be done with plants that we eat. They have also learnt about hygiene in the kitchen. It was a most enjoyable experience, and the children enjoyed both picking and eating the strawberries! Thankfully Mr Muskin and Mr Capuano were on hand to save the day when the jam making ingredients got locked into Mrs Pearson's car! Thank you to Mr Muskin for driving us there, and thank you to Mrs Goody who helped us in the kitchen.

Mrs Pearson



# Update from Q3

Q3 have had a very busy final term! We began the term with a wonderful trip to Holdenby House. The children dressed up as evacuees for the day. They participated in activities such as cooking with rations, make do and mend, first aid and read poems out that they had written to the Governess. The children looked brilliant in their costumes, many thanks for supporting us with this.

In Science the children have been learning about the parts of a flower and have investigated the best conditions needed for a plant to grow. They also have learnt about seed dispersal and enjoyed making their own 'Paper-Copters' to investigate how far a seed can travel.

The children have all worked incredibly hard throughout the term and the Q3 teachers are all very proud of their achievements.

Miss Miller-Chalk/ Mrs Woods/ Mrs Kelly



# Q4 Explore the Castle and Grounds of Rockingham Castle

On 20th June, Q4 travelled to Corby to visit a traditional landmark; Rockingham Castle. During their topic lessons, the children discussed what makes a landmark significant and why people would choose to reside in a particular place. The children investigated areas in Europe as well as the UK. Our recent trip to Norfolk aided their geographical skills and the current trip to the Castle embedded their existing knowledge.

Whilst at the castle, the children explored the grounds which included a panel room where Charles Dickens spent time in his favourite chair putting on plays for his friends and a royal forest where Kings & Queens entertained their guests. Finally the children observed a viewpoint from a moat wall that enabled them to see five different counties all at the same time.

It was a really enjoyable day, the sun shone brightly and we all had so much fun!

We cannot wait to visit again soon.

Miss Howard

**Here's what the pupils thought!**

*"The trip was brilliant, I would recommend visiting the castle."* Joseph

*"We had a great time together, we loved the tour and the sun made our time in the Royal forest even more enjoyable."* Itohan

*"I learnt so many facts about the Kings & Queens of Rockingham, I couldn't believe a family still live in the castle!"* Ryan



# Q6 Take a Trip Through the Harry Potter Studios

Q6 had a fantastic day out at Harry Potter Studios on Tuesday 13th June. We were lucky enough to be able to see the newly opened Forbidden Forest and the large spiders within (although some preferred not to!). The pupils were enthralled by the Great Hall and wowed by all the sets we were able to see, especially the castle at the end of the tour. A break in the middle provided the perfect opportunity to try Butter beer, which most did with varying degrees of enjoyment. We were delighted to see that the pupils all had the chance to have their photos taken on a broomstick while there and we hope parents have enjoyed the chance to download these and see how pleased they look.

The trip was followed by a persuasive writing competition about Buckbeak as a follow on from our trip. Faith A won the first prize of her very own cuddly Buckbeak with her speech to persuade us to keep him safe.

Miss Stone



# Mystery at Magpie Manor: Q5 & Q6 Production

Q5 and Q6 began preparations for the performance of "Mystery at Magpie Manor" straight after the Easter holidays and since then the Junior School Courtyard and the Ballroom have been ringing with the sounds of the Charleston and other melodies as well as yells of the teachers as we attempted to put the production together.

As always, the children did us really proud and we were able to put on an excellent show which was proof of the hard work and effort put in, mostly by the children, but also the adults involved. For the first time, we had an orchestra to accompany us, (many thanks to Mr White for the arrangements) including a number of children from the senior school which really made it feel like a whole school effort.

Thanks to everyone who took part. Can't wait until next year!

Mrs Herbert



# Q7 Geography Field Trip

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June the Year 7 pupils, accompanied by Mr Plummer, Mr Roe and Mrs Marshall, spent the day at Everdon Field Studies Centre investigating characteristics of Snorscomb Stream. Pupils really enjoyed having the opportunity to get in the river and develop their fieldwork skills by collecting data to help them calculate river velocity, measuring depth along a transect to allow them to draw river profiles, as well as drawing field sketches of one of the meanders (where it became apparent that with have some very artistic Year 7s!). These skills and the data collected are now being used within lessons to help further pupil's understanding of the current 'Rivers' topic. However, the skills learnt will also be extremely beneficial to pupils as they continue with their learning in Geography over the next few years. Pupils returned to school in the afternoon, where they continued working in teams, and we had a very enjoyable (and rather competitive) quiz to finish the day and allow pupils to show off their knowledge of local and global rivers.

Mrs Marshall



# Q7 Food Tech Pupils Create Pizza Company

This academic year has seen Year 7 students develop a wide range of practical skills and gain confidence in the school kitchen. They have practised safe knife skills, used all parts of the oven accurately and are now beginning to demonstrate some independence in their practical lessons.

This term, we have looked at food manufacturing, investigating how food is produced on an industrial scale. Students have created a pizza company and planned and produced a batch of identical pizzas. We have also worked alongside the DT department with students designing boxes to put their finished pizzas in!

On a separate note, can I please ask parents/guardians to once again keep hold of any cake/sweet/biscuit tins they may not need over the summer and donate them to the school to use as spare containers for students who may forget one. It really is useful to have a supply of these on hand.

Many thanks and enjoy your summer break.

Mrs Jeffery



# Q7 Running Wild Writing Competition

Students recently enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see the production of 'Running Wild', which was based on the story of Amber Owen, a former Quinton House School pupil. As part of their preparation for this, students entered a creative writing competition with the theme of 'Saved from danger by a wild animal'. We had some fantastic entries and the winning stories from each English class are here for your enjoyment...

Winners: Noah P and Raphael P-C

Mrs Russell

## **ALPS! By Noah P**

It was a cold, wintery morning. As James stepped into the snow to fetch the huskies to go trekking, he saw the ski slope. He said 'I'm going to go up the mountain today.'

So he did. He woke the dogs and got the sled out. As he reached the bottom of the slope, the dogs kept trying to pull James away. They knew something he didn't.

As he started to climb, he saw men with signs saying 'Don't go up the mountain!' but he did. As he went further, he stopped. It was getting dark and he had to make camp.

He dug out a flat piece of land for his tent and strapped the dogs down. As he went to collect firewood, he heard a rumble. He thought nothing of it at the time. As he ate his tea and went to bed, he heard the rumbling and it was louder than before. However, he ignored it and went to bed.

He woke suddenly. The dogs were barking as he went outside. He untied the dogs and they started to run down the slope, James ran after them. Luckily, he grabbed the sled. By that time most of the dogs had run off but one had stayed on – that was Benji – James' favourite.

James heard the rumbling again and turned round to see... a huge, white cloud thundering towards him. He was shocked. He called out to Benji and said 'Faster boy, faster!'

The white cloud grew larger and enveloped more and more trees. The avalanche enveloped the back of the sled. They were nearing the bottom of the slope but the whiteness surrounded them – they tumbled through buildings and homes before coming to a standstill. James and Benji were left for three days before they were rescued and lived happily after the avalanche.

## Raphael P-C

“Harry,” John called, “Breakfast is served.”

Harry was one of the many unfortunate animals to be abused at Hindulum Zoo. The Zoo used to be run by a caring man called Ben Hindulum who founded the zoo but he had died three years ago, age 89. His nephew, Igor Hindulum, took over running the park and was the reverse of his uncle; putting his profit before the animals. Animals couldn't roam around their large enclosures, they were kept in cages, abused and the safari park section was shut down, sold to property developers and half the animals sold on the black market. Anyone who tried to go to animal cruelty protection societies were fired and threatened so they kept their mouths shut. This kept happening until John was the only caring zookeeper left.

“I'm going into town so I'll be back soon. Don't let Igor's men get you down,” John whispered to Harry while stroking him. John turned to go. Harry jumped in front of the door so John couldn't leave, which was perfectly normal but what wasn't normal was for him to get his claws out and growl aggressively.

“Whoah!” John yelled, “Calm down it's ok.”

When John finally got passed he hopped in his car and drove off not knowing that Harry would soon be following him. As soon as John left one of the abusive zookeepers, Zack Marross, saw him leave so he went to bully Harry. As he shook the poor animal's cage door and jeered he noticed that the tiger was lying at an odd angle and didn't seem to be breathing so he cautiously opened the door. He slowly walked towards the beast when suddenly Harry jumped up and knocked the man to the floor, slashing Igor's chest in the process.

John was in GAP when the first explosions were heard. Out of nowhere, three men appeared on each floor immediately after 3 bombs were set off in the 2 storey shopping centre. They opened fire as everyone ran to the exits only to find them locked from the outside. John stood there in horror but the terrorists stopped firing and ordered everyone to lie down, hands behind their heads.

“Get down! I ain't asking twice,” one man yelled at Harry. Harry was frozen in shock. The other man came over and shot Harry in the knee at point blank range. Harry rithed in pain before laying still.

10 minutes later the men had made their demands of £28 million and they started executing hostages and blowing the shopping centre to hell with everyone in it. They weren't lying; as one of the two men on each floor (there were 6 men in total) planted plastic explosives and other homemade bombs around the centre.

While all this had been happening John had felt something dragging him through a fire exit and looked up to see...

“Harry!” John exclaimed. Harry nuzzled him while whining quietly as though he was trying to tell John to shush. Harry licked him then went back inside, John was too weak to protest. Two minutes later Harry appeared with someone else being dragged by the collar. In 40 minutes Harry had saved 28 people not including John. After that Harry went around the corner and got the police and ambulances' attention. They tried in vain to catch him and chased him around a corner to find the 28 people + John lying there in shock. It had been an hour since the terrorists had made their demands and had stolen everything of value. As promised the men started a skype call with the head of the army.

“These people will die,” the men's leader said, showing four adults and two kids lined up and blindfolded, “they are the first to die and won't be the last to if we don't get our cash. 3, 2...”

He never got to 1 as out of nowhere Harry had leaped at the leader before he could shoot and at the same time the SAS burst in and shot the men instantly. In ten minutes they had the building under control. The death stats were 139 dead, 143 injured with 27 in critical states adding up to 309 victims. They hadn't completely failed in their goal to cause panic. The bombs and shooting had done that.

Harry and John quickly rose to fame and soon John had finished writing a book about earning him enough to buy a farm. This way John could grow crops and milk cows and goats while Harry had the run of the fields.

Igor Hindulum was charged with animal cruelty and John was put in charge of Hindulum zoo.

# Q8 Adventures at Bushcraft

In May, Year 8 ventured into the Oxfordshire forest to experience a three day camping residential with the Bushcraft Company. We arrived at school early on Wednesday morning, with the heavens pouring down on us! It was the wettest day Northampton had seen in months, and the rain was forecast for the entire day. After a relatively short journey, we arrived at Cornbury Park ready for our hike into camp. We trekked through the muddy forest, being very careful where we walked so as not to lose our balance or risk ending up face planting in the mud! The hour long walk was worth it though when we arrived at our beautiful camp site – big white tee-pee style tents surrounded the camp site, a bonfire under a giant parachute was the centre piece, with a kitchen to the side of the site. The pupils sat around the camp fire, ready to be briefed for their three days in the woods.

The rain continued to pour down! However, our pupils worked their socks off! They started off by getting into their tribe groups, and created a tribe identity. They attempted to build fires – some being successful, others not so, but all enjoyed the experience. They played woodland games – predator and 21 soon became favourites. These games were made even more exciting when it was time for camouflage and concealment. This involved the pupils covering themselves in face paint and mud, and diving into long grass, ditches or hedges, or ducking behind trees.

After a quiet night in the tents, the next morning brought sunshine – perfect weather for a swim! The pupils hiked down to the nearby lake. Although freezing cold, and having to be squirted with a toy water gun before entering the water, most of our Year 8s braved the conditions and enjoyed jumping in and having a swim. While some swam, others enjoyed the weather and sat at the side, with their feet in the water. Some even ventured to a stream nearby and had fun cray fishing. When we went back to camp, it was time to prepare lunch. Miss Macken and Mrs Goody had a lesson in filleting a salmon, while the Year 8s watched in amazement, as the teachers popped out the fish's eye balls and removed the bones, ready for it to be panassed over the open fire. Six of our Year 8s tried their very own "bush tucker" trial and had to chew and swallow an eye ball. All succeeded!

In the afternoon, pupils learnt how to correctly use a knife and use it to create a tent peg. Pupils then had the opportunity to watch and learn how to successfully skin a rabbit. They watched our tribe leader Jodie perform this, learning about the internal organs of a rabbit also. Then it was the pupils' turn to give it a go! Many of them did, and despite the smell, they learnt a huge amount and found the experience very interesting. Rabbit skinning wasn't everyone's cup of tea, and while that was taking place, many pupils made tribal bracelets which they got to take home as a memento of the trip. That night was pizza night, after an extremely busy day. This was welcomed by the pupils, as they chose their own pizza toppings and watched their pizza cook in outdoor pizza ovens – very cool! Following pizza night, it was time for Tribes Got Talent. Each tribe had been rehearsing and it was their opportunity to perform in Tribes Got Talent. The teachers were the judges and were treated to some interesting performances!

The final day brought first aid skills and survival SOS. The pupils learnt about the different skills needed to perform basic first aid. They put their partners into the recovery position and learnt what to do in a real emergency. The pupils were then taken on a hike through the woods. However, while walking they stumbled across a makeshift "accident" in which some of the teachers had been injured. The pupils were able to put their first aid skills to the test, rescuing the teachers and bringing them to safety. They returned to camp for their final meal and ensured the camp site was left spotless, performing a "leave no trace" activity. More predator and 21 were played and then it was time for the hike back to the bus.

Despite it being a muddy and very wet first day, the Year 8s threw themselves into all of the activities. They enjoyed learning the various outdoor skills, listening to and attempting to solve riddles, playing outdoor woodland games and experiencing the outdoors. A very successful trip and well done to our Year 8 pupils!

Miss Macken



# Q9 Visit Ypres in Belgium to Support Study of WW1

Just before the last half term holidays Q9 pupils travelled to Ypres in Belgium to support the history curriculum on World War 2.

Tapi K wrote the following reflective piece on their return:

*On 26<sup>th</sup> May 31 Year 9s left at 7am for our 3 day residential to Ypres. It was a fascinating and informative trip and exposed us to the happenings of the First World War.*

*On day 1 we travelled to Ypres through Calais, France, and had a tour round the Canadian memorial and trenches at Vimy Ridge.*

*On day 2 we spent our day at Ypres Museum and three cemeteries including one German memorial at Langemarck. That had to be the most moving of the day. We visited the largest British memorial in the world at Tyne Cot. I cried at the amount of people that lost lives, even though nobody in my family would have fought in the war as I come from Zimbabwe.*

*Day 3 was the best fun as we went to the town of Bruges and took a boat ride giving a brief tour of some of the town. We then went shopping around the small shops, cafes and restaurants.*

*The room arrangements and travelling were really good. The trip as a whole was the best one I've been on.*



# Q10 Pupils Visit Overstrand Hall for Geography Field Trip

Year 10 pupils worked extremely hard during their recent trip to Overstrand Hall in Norfolk. Whilst there, pupils investigated coastal environments and processes by measuring beach profiles, longshore drift and analysing pebbles. Pupils also completed a days urban fieldwork exploring the regeneration of Norwich by visiting different areas, completing land use maps and questionnaires. When at the centre, pupils used GIS software to identify patterns and begin to analyse their data. There was also some recreation time for pupils to try new activities, and the 'Nightline' (a blindfolded assault course) was really enjoyed by all and caused much amusement! A really successful and enjoyable trip where pupils developed important skills required for their GCSE.

Mrs Marshall



# A Level and GCSE Art Exhibition



Morgan W



Ashleigh I



Lucy H



Isabella L



Jing L



Bethany W



Eve W



Terran V



Cameron D



Hannah H



Luke E & George F



Tia C



Isobel O



Vritika M



Ella M



## Senior School Careers Talks: Law & Journalism

### **Fri 28th April 2017 - Year 9 to 13 careers talk from Emma Haughton (Associate) and Olivia Lasonos (Trainee) from Denton's Solicitors**

Following Emma's very interesting talk to the Year 8 students last term, Emma kindly agreed to come back to talk about the opportunities and career pathways into the legal profession. Speaking passionately about their love of the legal profession, Emma and Olivia stressed the importance of academic performance at school to get the highest grade possible in order to get to the best universities to study law (after all getting a job in law is very competitive!). They also referred to other skills and qualities required to be a good solicitor and the choice between the university and apprenticeship routes. [www.dentons.com](http://www.dentons.com)

### **Thurs 15th June 2017 - Year 8 Careers talk on Journalism from Marc Webber**

For their second careers talk Year 8 were treated to a very engaging, interactive presentation from Marc Webber (see photo below). Marc is a lecturer in journalism at the University of Northampton, a sports reporter for BBC1 TV's Final Score programme on Saturdays and a writer for various magazines. He showed us examples of the variety of events he has reported on, both home and abroad, discussed the skills needed to be a good reporter and the best qualifications to get.

Mr Chapman



*Please look in the 'Extra-curricular' section of the VLE, in the Careers section for the full presentation from Denton's Solicitors and Marc Webber (as well as all the careers talks and other activities going back over the last 3 years).*

If any parents are willing to volunteer to give a careers talk in the 2017-18 academic year, please contact Mr Chapman via email at [paul.chapman@quintonhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:paul.chapman@quintonhouseschool.co.uk)

## Pupils Receive D of E Bronze Awards

In today's final assembly D of E Leader, Mrs Bailey, presented Jack D, Michael H and Harry B with their bronze awards. Congratulations to all three for completing their award. This is a fantastic achievement.

For more information about the D of E award, visit [www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk/duke-edinburghs-](http://www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk/duke-edinburghs-)



## The Hope Centre Visits Sixth Formers

Earlier this term two volunteers from the Hope Centre in Northampton came to talk to the Sixth Form about being homeless. They talked about the reasons why people end up sleeping on the streets and they gave some statistics on how many of these people have mental health issues. Surprisingly their advice was to not give money to the homeless, but rather to buy them a hot drink or sandwich; this was so that the money would not be spent in a negative way. The Hope Centre is only open during the day and provides hot meals, tea, coffee and food bags for the evening, but these items are not free, although people only have to pay a small amount for them. This is so that they don't get too dependent on hand-outs from the centre and that they learn to budget with any benefits they receive from the government. The Hope Centre aims to rehabilitate people and to do this they provide job training with lots of success. To provide funds, they organise many ways to raise money through sponsored activities such as abseiling off the lift tower. One of their main needs is for clothing donations - they also need smart clothes so that people can go for interviews.

All in all it was a very interesting and eye-opening talk for Year 12 students.

We are grateful to the volunteers for giving up their time to come and talk to us.

Thank you to all parents and pupils who have contributed clothes for the Hope Centre.

Ms H. Weir and Mr R. Knox



## Sixth Formers Organise Scholastic Book Fair

This year the Book Fair was organised by two sixth form students, Luc Murphy and Seb Leonard, as a business enterprise challenge and a test of their organisation, teamwork and initiative.

The pupils had the chance to browse through the books during their break and lunchtime and choose their favourites from a great range of new titles... perhaps for a bit of summer reading.

The fantastic display of books certainly caught the eye of the students and parents on Sports Day resulting in over £200 of sales (the exact amount is still to be confirmed as the boys are still taking orders as I type this article). In return for their efforts the school will receive several free books which are then used in English lessons, to increase the range of reading material available in school.

Mr Chapman



## **QHS Wins Sporting Achievement Award at the Northamptonshire Education Awards**

QHS is delighted to have won the Sporting Achievement award at the 2017 Northamptonshire Education Awards, held at Wicksteed Park on 28th June, with the u16 netball team who made it to the National Schools finals earlier this year. Well done to all the girls and Miss Power. This is an amazing achievement of which we are very proud.

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& ECHO

### **Rising stars of netball scoop honour for Quinton House School in Northamptonshire Education Awards**



Mick Spittle, from Qube Modular Buildings presents the Sporting Achievement Award to Under 16 Netball Team, Quinton House School

## Senior Prom 2017

Here is a selection of photos from this year's Senior Prom held on 1st July. Our pupils all looked absolutely splendid and a great time was had by all.



## Parent Ball Marks 70 Years of QHS as a School

24th June saw our 2017 Parent Ball at the Hilton at Collingtree in celebration of 70 years of QHS as a school. Parents turned out in their finery to enjoy an evening of good food and live entertainment, playing music from the 1940s to the current day. Parents also had chance to see a display of the history of Upton Hall and Grounds. Generous parents raised over £400 from a raffle in aid of the Grenfell Tower victims.





## Family Fun Day!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Fun Day on Saturday 17th June. We were blessed with a glorious day and great fun was had by all! Visitors enjoyed fabulous demonstrations from Gymnastricks, Liberty Drum Marching Band and taekwondo. Children also had a brilliant time meeting and petting animals in the small animal cuddle experience, including a bearded dragon, a giant rabbit and a majestic giant tortoise who enjoyed roaming the grass! Fete games, go karting, face painting, ceramic painting, BBQ, homemade cakes and wonderful stalls made for a wonderful afternoon! A staggering £810 raised at the event and subsequent cake sales has been donated to the local branch of the RSPCA and is likely to help fund open heart surgery for a puppy they're currently caring for.



## QHS Supports Work of The Lewis Foundation



On 28th June Quinton House School pupils supported The Lewis Foundation, a charitable organisation that provides comfort and happiness to cancer patients receiving cancer treatment on all wards within Northampton General Hospital, by holding a mufti day and in return donating items to be included in gift bags for patients. The School Council worked with the Lewis Foundation on 30th June, organising the very generous number of donations into categories and creating a variety of different gift bags.

**Read all the winning poems at: <http://bit.ly/2sWGs6S>**

Lorraine Lewis of the Lewis Foundation sent us this response below:

*“We were so pleased when Quinton House School wanted to get involved with our charity. We wanted to get the younger community of Northampton involved in some way with our charity.*

*So we were completely amazed by the kindness and generosity when we saw how many items had been donated for our gift bags. It was more than we would ever have imagined.*

*So from Lee and I we would like to say thank you to all the parents and students who donated an item. The amount received will keep us going for a few months and will make a massive difference to someone who is hospital receiving treatment for cancer.*

*Also thank you to (names of students who made up the bags Friday) for the fantastic team work in putting the bags together on Friday.*

*Finally thank you to (names of student who wrote the poems). They are a perfect addition to the bag and will brighten up someone's day.*

*We started handing out the packs on the Friday and people on the ward were delighted to know that the items and gift bags were down to Quinton House School.”*



School Council Pupils Creating Gift Bags



The Lewis Foundation distributing gift bags at NGH on 30th June

## End of Term Events Roundup

The end of the year is always a busy time with a host of celebratory events. See below a selection of photos which capture the last few weeks of term. Check out our photo galleries on the school website for even more highlights! [www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk/school-life/photo-gallery/](http://www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk/school-life/photo-gallery/)

### Sports Days: From Nursery to Seniors



### Nursery Graduation



# End of Term Events Roundup

## Junior School Awards



## Senior School Awards



## Senior School Sports Awards



## Staff vs Pupils Cricket Match

### Cricket Scores:

**Staff 135-6**

**Pupils 136-6**

In the closest match ever played in this historic match, the pupils braved the unbearable tension and, with the last pair at the crease, Honor Austin scored the winning runs and gained eternal glory for the pupils. Star players were Mr Plummer, Mr Clarke and Miss Macken for the staff and Tom Hughes, George Hudson, Ben Jordan and Honor Austin for the pupils. A great match and a lovely way to finish the school year. The staff are already planning their revenge for next year's encounter. Well done, pupils, you deserved it!

Mr Knox



## Farewell to Mr Pape

As you all know, Mr Pape is leaving us to pursue new opportunities. He has been a much-loved member of the teaching staff at Quinton House for 26 years. We thank Mr Pape for all his hard work, dedication and expertise over the years. He will be sorely missed but we hope he will stay in touch!

