

Quinton House School - Spring Term Newsletter

A Touch of Spring

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The Spring Term ended with each class voting for their 'Good Egg' Award Winner. The children voted for the child that best embodies the school ethos.

Next year children from Q5 to Q8 will be able to earn their QHS Diploma for demonstrating aspects of Quality, Harmony and Success in upholding the ethos and expectations of the school.

Person Specification for the QHS 'Good Egg'

Personal Characteristics	Essential	Desirable
Passion and enthusiasm for learning and helping others learn.	✓	
Supporting the ethos and expectations of the school.	✓	
Striving to the best of their ability in all aspects of school life.	✓	
Valuing their own achievements and taking pride in our work	✓	
Taking care of the school environment.	✓	
Being respectful and demonstrating good manners at all times.	✓	
Valuing each other and caring for one another.	✓	
Responsibility for their actions and consequences of their choices.	✓	
Respecting other cultures.	✓	
Working as a member of a team.	✓	
Celebrating the achievements and success of others.	✓	

Qualifications	Essential	Desirable
Record of good behaviour around school	✓	
Good attitude towards all lessons	✓	
A good record of completing good quality homework on time	✓	
Evidence of involvement in school activities	✓	

Congratulations to all QHS 'Good Eggs' on their award

H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire Praises QHS

H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, David E. Laing, wrote to the Headmaster requesting a guided tour of the school for his Deputy Lieutenant “in order to learn more about its work and achievements and to recognise your contribution to the County”. A copy of the letter is on display on the Headmaster’s noticeboard in the entrance to Upton Hall. Mr Gaskell described the school as “a hidden gem”.

The picture shows Deputy Lieutenant Martin Gaskell with our Head of School Edward Wilde.



A colourful Art & Photography Exhibition

St Michael’s Church was the venue for the Quinton House School Art and Photography Exhibition displaying the excellent work of children from across the school.





**The Inaugural House
Performing Arts Festival
produced some wonderful
performances in a wide range
of activities including drama,
voice and instrumental music.**



We are delighted to have negotiated access to St Michael's Church for a whole series of educational activities through the next academic year. The children in the Junior School have thoroughly enjoyed 2 days of workshops provided by Holly from the Churches Conservation Trust. The pupils studied features of a church and compared them with other places of worship QR, Q2 and Q5 have studied warm and coloured light, whilst Q6 to Q8 visited the church to compose poetry.



Year 1 studied Travel and Transport this half term and have made some fantastic boats! They have also been studying Toys for their Topic and made Teddy Bears.



The Q1 and Q2 Recorder Group provided their first public performance at the latest Teatime Concert.

The concert also featured some wonderful solo performances from Senior School and Junior School musicians.



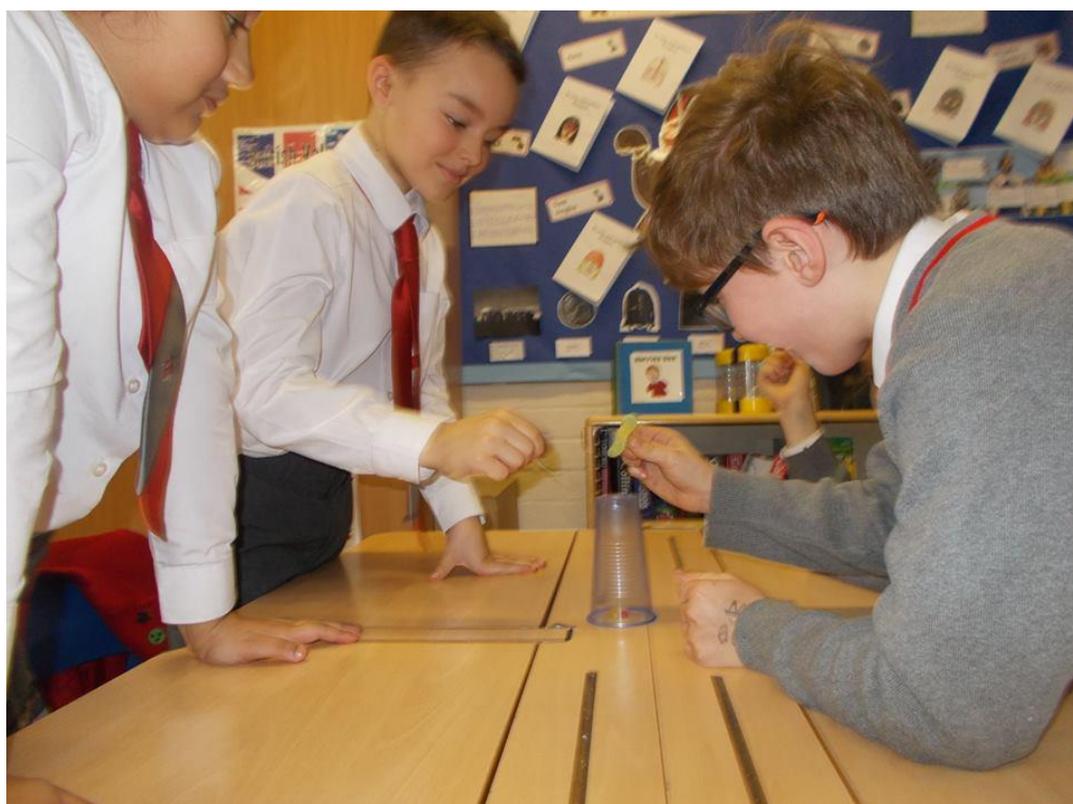
Although 'The Beast from the East' arrived to close down the school at midday, the Junior School children enjoyed reading about The Gruffalo and other fictitious beasts on World Book Day.



Keba and the Bees family taught Q2 about a different part of Africa (Keba the West and the Bees the South). They experienced African drumming, tasted cured beef and a dessert, danced the gumboot dance, listened to traditional music and learnt lots of facts along the way.



Developing a Growth Mindset is a key feature of a Quinton education. The Junior School participated in challenging activities on Growth Mindset Day where they needed to persevere, work collaboratively and not give up.





Q6 visited Cadbury World to learn about cocoa production, Fairtrade and the Cadburys family, as well as almost emptying the shop of chocolate



After learning about the Parable of the Talents as part of their Christianity topic, Q6 children have been busy using their skills, talents and abilities to the best, investing £1.00 to maximise returns. It was wonderful to see the entrepreneurial talents coming to the fore and a total of almost £200 was raised over a week which will be going to the Teenage Cancer Trust. Well done Q6 for your sterling efforts!



Quinton House School National Success:

The year 4 rugby team from Quinton House School have finished in the top 5 of the country this year following their successful run in the National School Rugby Tournament. The team overcame a variety of local schools during the Midland regional round and managed to qualify for the overall national finals at Epsom College. Unfortunately, due to the adverse weather conditions the tournament was cancelled this weekend and therefore the squad were unable to challenge the remaining preparatory schools for number 1 spot in the country. The squad should be very proud of their achievements and not underestimate a top 5 finish in such a prestigious national tournament featuring some of the best independent schools in the UK.

Comments of Mr Clarke:

"I am very proud of the team's achievement this year and they have been a pleasure to work with and teach. Every member of the team has played a pivotal role in the overall success of this squad and their dedication, character and unity has ultimately enabled them to gain national recognition. It is a clear sign of the excellent sporting development that is taking place at Quinton House and is testament to the hard work of every individual involved. I would like to congratulate every pupil in the squad for what has been an outstanding year and thank the support network of parents, without whom none of this would have been possible".

News Update: The Senior School Sports Relief Afternoon raised more than £700 with a House team dancing competition involving all pupils and a charity 1 mile fun run. Brilliant!



Junior School pupils wore their Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Rainbows uniforms with pride for World Thinking Day, which takes place every year on 22nd February (Lord Robert Baden-Powell's birthday).



Nursery children began their spring spruce up in the nature garden. The children enjoyed safely removing some of the bushes to open up the area to the sunshine. The Nursery staff all kindly came in over the half term to put up a little village of bird houses and insect hides. They also cleaned out the miniature pond, hopeful for some spring life.

One of Nursery's many highlights of this half term has been British Science Week. We filled every room with science experiments, new vocabulary and extending learning.

A selection of experiments were; friction and materials, chemical reactions (vinegar and baking soda) and experiments with sound.



The Easter Bunny could not be found, but had clearly visited the Nursery Forest School!



The March celebration of Birthday Cake with the Headmaster allowed our children to celebrate their birthday with Mrs Sparrow and Mrs Tipler.

The most popular present of the month was a drone and go-karting seemed the most exciting party!



QR enjoyed a Stick Man day in the woods at Holdenby Education Centre. We started by following the clues and answering questions to find Stick Man in the woods and then used picture cards to help retell the story. We then made our own Stick Man and created furniture and play equipment for Stick Man's garden. Enjoying hot chocolate and popcorn around the campfire was the perfect way to end a great day.



The Q6 boys finished second in the annual Spratton Hall football competition narrowly losing to Bedford Prep in the final. Q6 A Team won our local invitational competition with our B Team finishing runners-up. Well done to all!

The Freshwater Theatre Company visited the Junior School for a morning of storytelling in National Storytelling Week whilst a Q10 GCSE English group performed their version of 'A Christmas Carol' for J2.



Having had a morning of Maths related activities, which really pushed a growth mind-set with much perseverance required, Q5 were taken on a fun and informative tour of the Saints stadium.



The Year 11 Rugby Sevens team won through to the Semi Finals in the ISA National Sevens Competition at Maidenhead. A fantastic achievement!



Year 11 enjoyed a trip to Whitechapel and the Clink Museum as part of their Crime and Punishment unit. Students enjoyed learning about the lives and murders of the Whitechapel victims, especially Catherine Eddowes who we discovered loved fire engines. We were reminded to consider the lives of those who became victims. Year 11 also enjoyed a spot of lunch at Borough Market



The Year 10 Geography students travelled to Overstrand Hall in Norfolk for a 3 day residential trip. During the trip, pupils investigated processes occurring along the local coastline and urban regeneration in Norwich. Pupils also had the opportunity to take part in several fun and challenging activities including bouldering, a blindfolded obstacle course and orienteering. The trip proved to be extremely successful and enjoyable for all involved and has allowed pupils to begin their preparation for fieldwork element of the GCSE course.





We're delighted to share the news that Honor in Q9 has been selected for the Northamptonshire Under15 Girls Cricket squad for the 2018 season.



QHS hosted a parents' guide to social media use evening. Pupils shared how they use social media and parents learned about the positive and not so positive applications. A great, informative evening.



We welcomed parents from across the school to sample the delights of a typical school lunch in the Upton Hall Conservatory. Parents enjoyed the same options on the school lunch menu as their children and also completed a light-hearted table quiz aimed at gifted and talented children. Comments from parents included, “great experience, super food, good to see the school from the other side, delicious meal” and “lovely insight into school life”. Parents also gave some useful thoughts and ideas for improving our meals service and in making sure that we are environmentally friendly.



Ever wondered what you can find in one square metre of land at QHS? Our GCSE Biologists can tell you!

The Quinton House School Charity Committee has now been formed to co-ordinate the charity events of the school for each academic year. The Committee will nominate a local charity and a children's charity to support for the year alongside the national campaigns that we regularly follow.



Stephen Ssemyalo, a sixteen year old pupil at Outspan School in Uganda, who is sponsored by Quinton House School, sent a heart-warming thank you letter to all members of the school community. His letter tells how grateful he is that we are supporting his studies and giving him a brighter future through education. Our own Junior School pupils will be writing to the pupils at Stephen's School and we hope to share their replies after they have been delivered in March.

On Wednesday 16th May our Q3 and Q4 children will be joining with other Cognita Schools in Singapore, Thailand, Chile, Brazil and Spain in building solar lights that will be sent to children in parts of the world where they do not have electricity. The Solar Light Project will also involve the children writing to their 'solar buddy' to exchange information on their school.

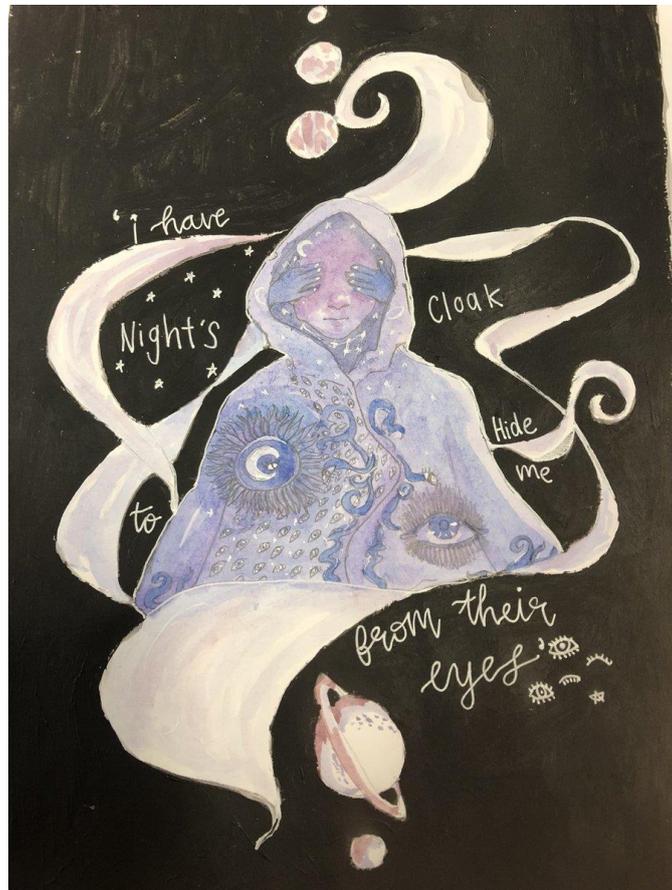
On Friday 25th May we will have our Sleep Out. Children from Year 6 to Year 9 will be invited to pay £25 for bed, breakfast and evening meal as they spend a night under the stars in only a sleeping bag and cardboard box. The proceeds will go to help both a local homeless charity and the township charity to be supported by our sports teams touring South Africa next year.



Year 9 enjoyed an amazing workshop at the Royal Derngate with RSC actors in the production of Hamlet which even featured Jude helping out on the stage!



Having already had students collect awards in the Poetry by Heart Competition, our students at all ages will enter ISA competitions for poetry, essay writing and reciting Shakespeare monologues. Q10 are pictured working on their essay entries.



Crystal in Year 9 produced this wonderful watercolour painting based upon a Shakespeare quote.



Q7 are pictured enjoying their poetry workshop from the Churches Conservation Trust in the beautiful Grade I Listed church on the school grounds.



Our youngest 'bookselfie' on World Book Day came from Mrs Russell's baby, George. We look forward to Mrs Russell returning to QHS in September.

Special congratulations to our first ever Year 11 Senior School Prefects. The current Year 10 applied for Prefect status and voting took place from their peers and the school staff. The Prefects will perform their duties from the start of the Summer Term until Easter next year when they will stop to focus on their GCSE examinations. The Senior School Head Boy and Head Girl from this cohort will be selected at the end of the school year.

Congratulations to the Quinton House School Head Boy, Mansher Randhawa, and Head Girl, Sarah Grove, for next year. We also have an excellent Prefect Team that will provide leadership responsibilities for a range of Action Groups.

Rising to the challenge!

In February 43 of our students from years 9, 10 & 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths challenge, which is a national competition, and by no means an easy competition.

The following students have gained recognition by achieving gold, silver or bronze and will be awarded certificates at the end of term assembly

Silver Award

Millie Warren (Q11)
Clara Oo (Q9)
William Carter (Q10)
Emily Jordan (Q11)
Cindy Deng (Q10)

Bronze Award

Grace Wild (Q10)
Tabitha Quine (Q10)
Theanie Baskevitch (Q10)
Fadi Moghrabi (Q11)
James Mcleod (Q10)
Jessica Horton (Q11)
Eliza Evans (Q10)

You are all invited to attend...



The poster features a central graphic with balloons and a school building, surrounded by photos of children at various activities. The text is centered and includes the school name, event title, date, and a list of attractions.

QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL
Spring Fayre

The Headmaster has the pleasure of inviting you to join us for our Spring Fayre at Quinton House School on Saturday 28th April 2.00pm-4.00pm

Events & Attractions

Small animal cuddle experience	Traditional fete games
Maypole dancing	Crafts
Music demonstrations	Ice cream van
Ceramic painting	Refreshments

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Notes:

Quinton House Facebook Page

You don't need to be on Facebook to view the Quinton House Facebook page. Simply click on the facebook icon on the school website and this will take you there!

Schoolcomms

Quinton House does not use the schoolcomms app. Our schoolcomms system provides an e-mail that is automatically sent out to the e-mail contacts registered on our database. A text facility is soon to follow!

Firefly

We will be recording homework on Firefly after the Easter Holiday. Parents and pupils will be able to check on their homework each day by logging on to the pupil's account.