

## **Quainton C of E School – Newsletter Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

The value for this half term is:

### **Forgiveness**

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.*

### **Hymn: Risen**

### **Message from the Headteacher**

Dear Parents,

Last Friday Comic Relief Day raised £331.03. What a fantastic result! The Glow Disco was also a resounding success. Teachers who had stayed on the evening were full of comments at how well the children enjoyed themselves. So a big, big thank you for your generosity for Comic Relief and to the PTA for organising the disco.

The week started with previously laid plans coming to fruition. On Monday Year 1 children went to Warwick Castle. I have to admit I was concerned about the weather after last weekend with the gales and lashing rain. I didn't need to, they had a wonderful day. The Year 5 children visited the Ashmolean museum in Oxford. They also had a good day and I didn't worry about them – they were inside and they are big and tough anyway.

During the week, some parents also had a trip! The PTA organised a visit to see the Bodyguard musical at the Milton Keynes theatre. Another resounding success. The PTA have also been sorting out a new uniform provider after the company used previously ceased trading. This has taken them a lot of time, finding companies meeting them, sampling the quality, comparing service on offer and of course prices. I am delighted to say that they have now secured a contract and will be able to inform you of the details really soon. So again, a very big thank you to the PTA committee for the hard work and dedication they have to bring all those peripheral enhancements to the school.

Onto an exciting future. Next week the sails are being put back onto the windmill. We realised that as they were removed 6 years ago, our eldest children would have only been 4 or 5 years old, and therefore probably have no actual memory and yet they proudly wear the school logo with the windmill with sails on their uniform. We have therefore arranged with the Quainton Windmill Society to have all the children visit on Monday or Tuesday to see the event and celebrate the windmill being restored to its full glory again.

More exciting news. Miss Hamish-Wilson has secured the STEM Kids team to come and run a 10 week after school club, for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, next term on Fridays. In case anyone is not aware STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Miss Hamish-Wilson together with Mrs Nolan ran an after school science club last summer and the children loved it. They conducted live experiments, the sort that are not always possible in a full class of 30 during normal lessons. Details of this will be coming out next week.

Today you will hopefully find in your child's bag the latest Parent Questionnaire, we hope you will find time to complete and return as soon as possible. I believe that we really have turned things around since the last Ofsted and I am really hoping that your comments will reflect our journey. But, if you have things which you think could be even better, then we want to see if we can make that happen – thank you.

Finally a heads up that the children in Years 3 and 4 are busy rehearsing the play "Olivia" which they will perform during the last week of term. As always, we will be delighted if grandparents, neighbours and friends of yours or in the village would like to come for the dress rehearsal on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April in the afternoon and then we have two performances for you on the evenings of Tuesday 3 April and Thursday 5 April. To help us cater for numbers (you would probably like there to be enough chairs for you to sit on .....) we will be making it a ticketed event and details will come next week. I keep peering into the hall from the mezzanine windows outside my office and it's looking really good.

Wishing you a really lovely weekend (no gales and lashing rain)

Kind regards  
Krys Kuzminska

### **HOUSE COMPETITION**

<b>KLEE</b>	<b>BRETT</b>	<b>CAUTLEY</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>120</b>

### **OUT AND ABOUT**

#### **EYFS**

We started the week with the Julia Donaldson story Zog. The children then made their own fire breathing Zog dragon using a cylinder. We have been learning the names of 3D shapes and the language to describe them: faces, edges, vertices. Not to be confused with properties of 2D shapes: sides and corners. We followed this up with the sequel story: Zog and the Flying Doctors. All the characters in the story help other people and we are using this to focus on the positive qualities that we notice in our friends in school. The children are continuing to make progress with their phonic and are trying to use these sounds in their writing.

If you come into school to drop your child off you may have noticed our display of photos of the children learning through play. We have added some assessment statements as well. Alongside the photos is a Donation Station. We will use this space to let you know about some items you can bring in to help us resource the children's learning activities. At the moment we would like some more junk modelling materials and some egg boxes. Many thanks for the donations so far.

#### **Mrs J Partridge/Mrs C Lembke-Davies**

#### **CLASS 1**

We had a wonderful time on our visit to Warwick Castle on Monday. We explored the castle and the turrets and found out about the lives of people who would have lived there in the past. During our workshop we handled swords as knights in battle would have done and found hidden doorways and secret passages within the inside walls. All of the children were excellent ambassadors for the school, behaving so well throughout the trip and we are all extremely proud of them all.





On Tuesday we wrote a recount of the visit, successfully writing in the past tense using the suffix 'ed'. We also used a range of time conjunctions to order the day chronologically. The trip definitely helped to enthuse their writing!

In maths we have been solving divisions problems by sharing.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs L Haynes/Mrs K Howard**

### **CLASS 2**

This week Year 2 have been working on addition and subtraction in maths including working with 2-digits and multiples of 10 and completing missing number problems.

In English we have finished off our work on Halibut Jackson by predicting the ending of the story before reading it and then designing some outfits to fill his new shop at the end of the book.

In science we have continued on the work from healthy living week by looking at healthy foods and where our food comes from. This will also link to our trip to Blenheim where we will be completing a 'From Field to Fork' session. We have also started exploring why Winston Churchill is a significant person in history and will learn more about his role while we are at Blenheim also.

**Miss M Hamish-Wilson**

### **CLASS 3**

Year 3 have been looking at perimeter this week in maths. We have been working with different units of measure, tackling different objects and 2D shapes. In English the children have been writing a newspaper report on a famous pharaoh or queen from Ancient Egypt. The children have written some outstanding reports with lots of facts and great language within them. The play is coming along, however, there is still lots of work to do. The children have been brilliant in learning their lines and words for the songs.

**Mr M Woods**

### **CLASS 4**

This week in Maths we have worked hard on the grid method and expanded method for multiplication.

We have been writing adverts for the Iron Man and writing letters to world leaders explaining how much the Iron Man had helped to make the world a more peaceful place.

We are working hard rehearsing for our play which is creeping up fast!!!!

We are looking forward to our up and coming school trip and starting our new book, *The Wind in the Willows*.

**Mrs D Mason**

### **CLASS 5**

The week started with a class trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. The museum staff were excellent, teaching the children about Ancient Greek statues and how to infer information from them. We also enjoyed the chance to handle artefacts from Ancient Greece.

English has been a continuation of the story of Achilles, which included a visit from our old friend Odysseus. The children have written an informal letter demanding that Prince Paris returns Helen back to the King of Sparta.

Maths has focused on teaching different methods to solve multiplication problems - the grid method and long multiplication. Ask them to show you what they have learnt.

Science involved a practical session where we had to separate materials using magnetism and filtering.

During PE we practised our hitting and shooting, culminating in a penalty shootout competition. In computing we begun to create informative power points on an area of Ancient Greece we have been studying this term.

Have a lovely weekend and if you are competing in the cross-country: good luck!

**Mr J Vernon**

### **CLASS 6**

During this week Year 6 had a lot of fun as always during their lessons. We are aiming to complete our Kenyan Patterned inspired bags next week.

In our English lessons, we started to create our own book cover using natural materials. We wrote our own story inspired on Mama Miti book that we have been reading in class.

In DT linked with ICT we created and typed our Berry Healthy Recipes, we had a tasting session and the results were fantastic. Have a look at our photos in Year 6 Gallery.

In Maths, we had a set of challenges and we are competing in groups, to achieve the most amount of points by the end of the week.

**Ms R Monteiro**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**



Don't forget to check out our Facebook Page ***Quainton C of E Primary School*** for the latest news and updates taking place within the school and also for events organised by the PTA.

## **Cross Country**

Really excited about the cross-country this coming Saturday at Waddesdon Manor. The team have been training by running up Quainton Hill at lunchtime - see picture. I have attached a copy of the letter, with all the relevant information about the day, on the fixtures page of our website. Good luck everyone!



<http://www.quainton.bucks.sch.uk/fixtures>

## **EYFS and KS1 Mother's Day – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage will be having our annual Mother's Day celebration on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. The PTA have kindly agreed to provide refreshments from 2:00pm, with the children's assembly then beginning at 2:30pm. After the assembly, children will collect their belongings and can then go home directly (they will be brought back down to the hall to be dismissed) or can be collected from the playground at 3:15pm as usual.

## **Tempest Photographer – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

A further reminder that tempest will be in school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March taking whole class photographs.

## **School Uniform**

A reminder, please do not order uniform from Schools for Less or Tesco's as there are a few problems. Please do not order anything new whilst we organise alternative arrangements. Our school uniform provider is currently under review and we hope to be able to provide you with an update shortly

The PTA do have a stock of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform available should you need anything in the meantime.

**If you have any unwanted school uniform you would like to donate, please drop it into the office or see Trisha Aplin from the PTA.**





**Wow!** What a busy week we've had!

Keep reading for an update on all that's going on!

### **Glow Party**

A lot of fun was had at the Glow Party on Friday night! The kids all had their faces painted, and decked themselves out in bright colours and flashing accessories.

As ever, the tuck shop was very popular, leaving us with very little to pack away! The Glow Shop was also extremely popular, with all our flashing items selling out in 20 minutes! We will ensure we buy more in the future!

The PTA raised £350 from this event, so thank you as ever for supporting the event. A massive thank you as well to all the parent and teacher volunteers who gave up their time to make it possible.



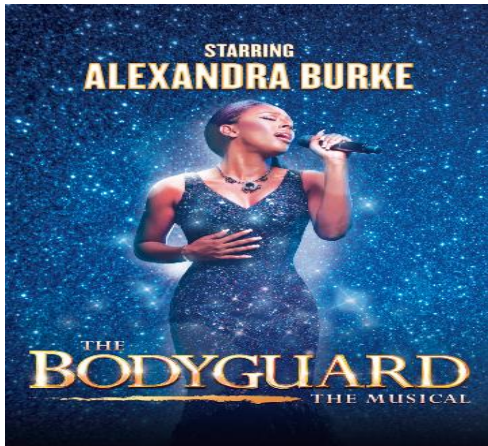
Our 2<sup>nd</sup> draw took place at the Glow Disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The DJ, Paul Biz ran the draw and the winners are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£50	No. 3	Charlotte Curtis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£20	No. 41	Jan Carlisle
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£20	No. 22	Martin Lomos
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£10	No. 42	Trisha Aplin

You can still get involved in the remaining 4 draws simply by paying a one off payment of £8, which will reserve you a number for the 4 remaining monthly draws.

At each draw you will have the chance to win 4 cash prizes. Feel free to buy as many numbers as you like for friends and family and return the money to the school office with the contact information including name of buyer, contact (preferably e-mail) and the name and year of child in school if appropriate. Alternatively, if you would like to pay by bank transfer, please e-mail: [quainton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:quainton.pta@gmail.com)

**Friends of Quainton C of E School PTA** were invited to join us for a night at the theatre on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, and I'm sure they are all glad they did! 27 of us had tickets to watch what turned out to



be an amazing show. We all came out having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, asking what the next trip is going to be – so if you have any suggestions on what you would like us to organise, please do drop us an e-mail at [quainton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:quainton.pta@gmail.com)

#### **Easter Egg Hunt - Thursday 4th April**

Our annual sponsored Easter Egg Hunt will take place during the morning of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. This is the PTA's only sponsored event of the year, so please do ask friends and family to support it with a little sponsorship.

Letters and Sponsorship forms will be sent home shortly.

#### **Easter Egg Rolling**

We are hoping to be hosting an Easter Egg Rolling Competition during the Easter holidays. We will keep you updated on this progress.

#### **Orienteering Family Fun Day – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2:00pm**

Come and join us for a family fun orienteering adventure around Quainton. 2km walk, to unlock the secret code. Prizes for all who complete it.

£5.00 per family.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Summer Fair – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – TBC

Summer Disco – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

## **OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – SPRING TERM 2019**

The following school – organised activities will take place at school in the Spring Term, dates as indicated below

ACTIVITY	STAFF	YEAR	DAY	TIME	START/FINISH	EXTRA INFO
Indoor football & Sport 4 All	Hercules Sport	1/2/3/4	Mondays	3:30-4:30	14th January -11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 25 <sup>th</sup> February -25 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	HS: App Form: £24.00 per course. Pay online
Rugby (non-contact) Northampton Saints	Northampton Saints	3/4/5/6	Tuesdays	3:15-4:15	15th January – 26th March 2019	Parent Pay £25.00
Street Dance	Premier Sports	3/4/5/6	Wednesdays (am)	8:00-8:50	16th January – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 (no club 13 March INSET day)	Parent Pay £25.00
Dodgeball	Hercules Sport	3/4/5/6	Wednesdays	3.15-4.15	16th January – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 (no club 13 March INSET day)	Parent Pay £25.00
Archery	Premier Sports	KS1	Thursdays	3:15-4:15	17th January – 28th March 2019	Parent Pay £25.00
Fencing	Premier Sports	3/4/5/6	Fridays	3:15-4:15	18th January – 29th March 2019	Parent Pay £25.00



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**SPRING TERM 2019**

25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 – Blenheim Palace	
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Swimming – Year 4</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos	
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Assembly KS1	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 3 & 4 Performance	TBC
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 & 4 Performance	TBC
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg hunt - PTA	
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Church service – all welcome to attend	2pm
8 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>School closed for pupils</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Inset Day</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School Resumes</b>	<b>8.55am</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>School closed for pupils</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Fun Orienteering - PTA	2pm
17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>School closed for pupils</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>School closed for pupils</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>School Resumes</b>	<b>8.55am</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair	
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day activities	am
21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	

28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Day	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition Day	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Residential – Year 4	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Swimming – Year 3</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Residential Year 6	
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Performance Year 5 & 6	TBC
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Performance Year 5 & 6	TBC
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Disco	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Start of summer holidays</b>	<b>School closed for pupils</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Inset Days</b>	<b>School closed for pupils</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>School Resumes</b>	<b>8.55am</b>