



QE NEWS



QE Diary Dates

Autumn Term

02/12/13	Year 6 Bikeability
02/12/13	Mufti Day (Christmas Fayre donations)
04/12/13	QE Factor
05/12/13	Prospective Parents' Tour - 1.30pm (HT)
06/12/13	PSA Christmas Fayre
09/12/13	Carol Service @Guildford Cathedral 10am
11/12/13	Prospective Parents' Tour - 9.30am
12/12/13	Children's Christmas Lunch
13/12/13	Class Assembly - 6CS - 2.40pm
19/12/13	Children's Christmas Parties
20/12/13	Last Day of Autumn Term finishing at 1.15pm

Spring Term

06/01/14	Start of Spring Term
10/01/14	Prospective Parents' Tour 9.30am
22/01/14	School Development Planning Evening - 7.30pm
31/01/14	Class Assembly - 5W - 2.40pm
31/01/14	Young Voices Concert

In the post box this week...we have been thinking about whether we are a good team player.

What makes a good team?

We all try our best to do lots of ideas together. So we all like each other and, most of the time, it's fun to be kind and do well.

Some people aren't team players. Why is that do you think?

Because that is their choice. God just wants them to choose the right choice because you'll have more friends and it's more fun to have friends.

Do you always welcome others to your team?

Yes but if they don't want you to I don't because they might play with someone else instead.

Year 3, Wey

What makes a good team?

Respecting, taking turns, being thoughtful and achieving big things.

Some people aren't team players. Why is that do you think?

Maybe they do something individually like karate.

Do you always welcome others to your team?

Not always, otherwise yes.

Year 3, Abbot



Celebrating the Difference...!



Sometimes life is full of funny little juxtaposes. I was clearly reminded of this on Wednesday when I went to Birmingham to attend the Academies Show. It was at the NEC along with a motorbike show and the BBC's Good Food Show. I found myself on an escalator sandwiched between some bikers in leathers and a couple of older ladies with picnic baskets. How odd life can be sometimes! I went to the Academies Show to get a better understanding of what academy schools are all about and found it a very useful day. I found out a lot of things I didn't know before but did find myself disappointed that it took until 11.31am before the C word was used....children. I think sometimes children get forgotten when they are our 'Unique Selling Point (USP)', as our colleagues in the business world would say!

Academies are about working as a team which brings us nicely to our assembly theme for this week that is all about being a team player. As usual we had fantastic responses in our Thoughtful Times and it's clear that many of our children don't consider themselves to be good team players. I think that's a shame because I have never worked with children who are so good at collaborating. Perhaps we need to do more to educate them about what teams they work in and how effectively they do it on a daily basis almost without knowing.

Today has been our Day of Difference and we have had a fantastic day creating all sorts of arts and crafts. We are hoping to sell everything before the fayre next week and a price list has come out today. We will sell the children's creations at lunchtime during the week so when you have the list, please make sure you send the children in with some money for their purchases. They are gifts you can keep and treasure forever. I know my mum kept a lot of the things I made at school. I also want to extend a massive thank you to all of the helpers who have joined us today. We couldn't run it without you, thank you very much!

We also had a visit from Dan Magness this week who is a 'football freestyler' or 'keepy uppy' specialist as I like to say. He did a great assembly and spent time with each class teaching them a few tricks or two. Also a massive thank you to Mr Papworth who was Dan's first pupil in assembly.

It only remains for me to wish you all a good weekend. It's particularly special as Mr Papworth and I get to shave our moustaches off! Hooray! Until next week.

Mr Blackburn & the QE Staff

From the PSA....

PSA Christmas Fayre [Friday 6th December 6-8pm]... Reminder that Monday is a mufti day in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre.

There are some great raffle prizes so please remember to purchase some tickets. Extra tickets are available from the School Office and on the night of the Fayre.

There is a Christmas Hat Competition—make a fun hat and wear it at the Fayre and have a chance to win a prize. We still need plenty more helpers so if you are able to help set up, run a stall or help with the tidying up afterwards, please could you kindly complete the form sent home last week!

Letters sent out this week....

QE PSA Christmas Fayre—Raffle Prizes

Marks & Spencer—Apologies

Before School Club—Update

Sharing Successful Maths Evening

After School Clubs for Spring 2014

Day of Difference Christmas Goodies—Price List



Sport at QE....

Netball at QE

In the last match of the term, 2 Y5 teams played Rydes Hill. Fortunately they had portable floodlights so we were able to play in the dark! Both teams played well. The Black team were good at finding space and put together some really excellent passes. Emma was as usual great at intercepting and Francesca scored both goals. The Green team were really feisty. Their match was end-to-end and by the end of the third quarter the score was 2-8 to Rydes Hill. Our girls made their minds up to fight to the last minute and pulled the score back to 6-8. They lost, but I was delighted with their determination. Jeanie was all over the court and Megan gave good support to the shooters.

Results: **Black team** drew 2-2 **Green team** lost 6-8

Well done to both teams.

Mrs McManus

From the School Office....

Bikeability for Year 6... The final day of the last course will run on Monday 2nd December in lieu of Day of Difference.

Cold weather... Please can you ensure that your child has a named coat (and hat / gloves) in school for the colder weather.

Experience Guildford Voucher booklet... We have free booklets available from the school reception offering discounts from many local stores, please feel free to take a copy.

Christmas Lunch... The deadline has passed and we are unable to take any more orders for Christmas Lunch for Thursday 12th December.

Congratulations... Four of our Year 5 girls gave up their free time to raise money for the RSPCA. They raised £75.20 by selling toys, books and many other items. It's lovely to see young people doing their bit to help others.

After School Clubs... You should have received our clubs pack for Spring 2014 today. All clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If, however any clubs are oversubscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat for all those applications received by **Monday, 9th December**. Please remember to send in your application form via your child in a sealed envelope. Mark the envelope with your child's name, class and the name of the club. We are hoping to increase our activities before the start of the school day and will send out further details shortly (including running club).

Local Events....

Guildford County School Christmas Fair

29th November 2013, 6.00pm-8.30pm

Craft & Gift Stalls, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, Tombolas, Fun & Games for all the Family, Delicious Hot Food and Homemade Cakes.

Raffle with lots of great prizes.

Everybody Welcome



Guildford Choral Society—Family Christmas Concert

Sunday 15th December 2013 * G Live, Guildford 3.00pm



Another chance to enjoy a festive occasion for all the family, with carols and Christmas music. For tickets call: 01494 675571, email: boxoffice@guildfordchoral.org or contact G Live (fees apply).

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Midday Supervisor Vacancy....

At Queen Eleanor's School

12.10 - 1.10pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Come and join our friendly team, supervising the children during lunchtime.

For further details and an application form, please contact Sarah Mackenzie on 01483 561323.

