



# QE NEWS



## QE Diary Dates

### Spring Term

31/01/14	Young Voices Concert (O2 Arena)
*04/02/14	Year 3 Hooke Court Information Meeting*
07/02/14	Class Assembly - 3C - 2.40pm
07/02/14	PSA Disco
12/02/14	QE Quiz (Children's House Competition)
14/02/14	Inset Day
17-21/02/14	Half Term Week
24-28/02/14	Citizenship Week
*25/02/14	Year 4 Ironbridge Information Evening *
03-05/03/14	Year 3 Residential Trip to Hooke Court
07/03/14	Class Assembly - 4K - 2.40pm
12/03/14	Parents' Evening
12-13/03/14	Year 5 Bikeability
14/03/14	Day of Difference
14/03/14	PSA Cake Sale Year 4
19/03/14	Easter Pause Day
19/03/14	Music Festival 2014 at G Live 7.00pm
21/03/14	Class Assembly - 5P - 2.40pm
21/03/14	Sport Relief
24-25/03/14	Year 6 Speedwatch
25-28/03/14	Year 4 Residential Trip to Ironbridge
28/03/14	Class Assembly - 3H - 2.40pm

**In the post box this week we have been thinking about whether we are satisfied or not...**

### ***Are you easily satisfied?***

Yes I suppose I am but it depends on what it is. Say if someone gave me something that I didn't want then I wouldn't be satisfied, but if someone gave me something I did want, then I would be satisfied.

### ***Do you always want what others have got?***

I wouldn't 'always' want what others have got, but if someone had got something like an X Box1 (like Mr Blackburn!) and they were boasting about it, (not like Mr Blackburn!) then I would want what others have got. It's not ok to never be satisfied.

### ***Is it okay to never be satisfied?***

Because if you think about the people in Africa and the Philippines, then compared to the people that are never satisfied and have lots of things, then they are really, really, really, really poor against 'never satisfied' people.

**Abbot, Year 3**

## **Bee Satisfied... and Sing!**



In assembly this week we have been thinking about whether we are satisfied with what we have in life. It's been a coincidental theme as we are also currently running the School Development Planning questionnaire as well. The children were very able to reflect on what they were satisfied with in their lives and also how they felt about the notion of whether it is okay not to be satisfied. The SDP questionnaires we have had so far also show the degree of satisfaction some of you have with the school. We have currently had 17 replies and it would be great to get some more. If you are able to spend a few minutes, please complete the survey online. A link is on our 'Latest News' page. One thing that is for certain is that many of the children covet what others have and also feel bad about doing it. That's a very sophisticated observation for the children to articulate. It just goes to show how deeply the children think in Thoughtful Time.

The picture above is from last year's Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena which is where some of the children will be by the time you read this newsletter. It's a great experience for the children and one they are very much looking forward to. As a teacher, I can hardly imagine the organisation that must go in to an event like this. I truly am in awe of what the organisers pull off each year. I hope we have a great time and I am sure those of you who are going are going to have an amazing time. I am really looking forward to it.

We had our PSA meeting this week and they are busy making plans for the Summer Fayre. It would be great to have some more volunteers to help organise and run the Fayre so if you are able to contribute time to this very worthy cause please do. The PSA has raised a lot of money already this year and the Summer Fayre will really allow us to provide the children with some very rich experiences that will help with their progress.

The weather has been very bad recently and particularly wet. I read in the news yesterday that it's the most rainfall we've had in January and has broken 100-year-old records in some places. It feels like the sun will never make an appearance... but then I do remember the oppressively hot days we had last summer! It only remains for me to wish you all a great weekend. Until next week...

Mr Blackburn & The QE Staff



## From the PSA....

### PSA Disco (Friday 7th February 2014)



Years 3 and 4 [6.00-7.00pm]  
Years 5 and 6 [7.15-8.45pm].

Tickets cost £3.00 per child and include sweets and drinks. Tickets will be issued to children on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Please contact the office if your child does not receive their ticket. Please note that Friday 31st January is the deadline for ordering tickets.

### PSA Cake Sale (Friday 14th March 2014)

It will be Year 4's turn to provide some scrumptious cakes for the sale. Please come and buy some of the yummy offerings!



## Letters sent out this week....

PSD February Half Term Dodgeball Days  
Headlice Letter (Year 3 only)  
Year 3 Hooke Court Meeting—Reminder note  
Year 4 Ironbridge Meeting  
Day of Difference Helpers request



## Sport....

**Netball...** Last Saturday the Y5 team played in the Rydes Hill Tournament. There were 14 teams there and we were in Group 2, playing against 6 other teams. It was a really tough tournament and the girls worked really hard. They were better netballers by the end of the morning! Our group was the more difficult because we had the 2 finalists in. We didn't win but I was very proud of our players.

Team: Emma R, Eva, Miranda, Jeanie, Megan, Holly, Eloisa, Esther

On Tuesday all the Y5 netball players played matches against Holy Trinity. We had 3 teams and had to play in very wet conditions. The girls coped well but not many goals were scored because of all the slipping and sliding that was going on! Emma R was as usual a great defender, Katerina was a nippy centre and Emily defended well in her team.

Results:

A team drew 1-1 B team won 1-0 C team drew 0-0

## From the School Office....

**Dinner money...** There are still a handful of outstanding balances. Please can you settle these as soon as possible. If you are unsure about your current balance, please contact the Office.

**Year 3 Residential Visit to Hooke Court...** There is an **information meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, 4th February at 3.15pm**. Please also note that the **final instalment** for Hooke Court payments is **due by Monday 3rd February**. Prompt payment would be much appreciated. In addition, there are still a few **outstanding medical forms and NHS numbers** for Hooke Court. Please could you send these in as soon as possible.

**ParentPay...** We are aware that some of you are receiving ParentPay communication from the school twice. We are **still** dealing with the issue and apologise for any ongoing inconvenience.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers...** The school is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers again. Any vouchers would be gratefully received and can be 'posted' by your child into the box by the School Office.

**Young Voices (O2 Arena)...** A reminder for those involved that the Young Voices Concert will be taking place next Friday, 31st January at the O2 Arena. Please contact Miss Hines or the office if you have any queries. Please note that any updates regarding the journey home will be on the school's Twitter feed. You will need to have signed up for an account and then you will be able to access it via the link on the front page of the website.

**Help...** We would really like some newspaper for a papier mache activity! Please send this in to any year 3 class. Many thanks!

**SDP Questionnaire...** Please remember to complete our questionnaire. This can be accessed via a link on our 'Latest News' page on the school website. It would be great to have as many responses as possible.

Many thanks

## Local Events....

What are you doing in the School Holidays? Super Camps is packed full to the brim with action, adventure and fun. These are being run at Christ College during half term. Call 01235 467300 for more details.



Guildford Borough Council has produced some free information for families in Guildford. This includes details of play schemes, sports academies, arts and crafts, dance and drama workshops and countless other

activities for children and young people to take part in during the February Half Term. For more details please visit the website:

[www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

## Middy 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.



**BEE ATTITUDES**

**E Satisfied**

*Are you a materialistic person?*

**HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO PUT GOD FIRST; THEY WILL BE FULLY SATISFIED**