

QE NEWS

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Feedback is the Breakfast of Champions!

House Point Total

This week's house point totals are.....

Wey2167

Abbot2011

Castle2082

Carroll2512

It's been a long but very enjoyable week at QE with the children working incredibly hard on their new topics. We are approaching the Year 3 and Year 4 residential trips as well and I was so pleased that enough children signed up to ensure the Normandy trip for the current Year 4 takes place next year. As you will appreciate these trips need to be booked so far in advance that it sometimes means, as it has this year, asking you to commit as parents before your child has even gone on their current year group trip. We are looking very closely at all of our trips this year to see if we are able to make them more affordable. This is something we do every year and your feedback is of course more than welcome.

I am sure many of you will have heard this week about the evacuation of Boxgrove School following a security threat. It is my understanding that a number of schools across the country received this identical threat at exactly the same time as Boxgrove. I also know that the joint Headteachers Mrs Fitch and Mrs Stacey handled the situation superbly and that there was no safeguarding concern to the children. They followed their emergency procedure as all schools in this situation would and it shows why we have them. We have a similar procedure and our evacuation school is Guildford County. At some point this year we will have a practice.

I want to focus a little now on parents evening and in particular the feedback you gave us. We were pleased to see so many forms were given in on the night and had some very constructive criticism around things we need to improve and I was particularly pleased that every form contained both strengths and areas for development. There were essentially three key areas that came out of the feedback. Next week I will be sending out a summary of the feedback along with some notes around what we are doing and plan to do to address the issues raised. The three key issues were around school parking and dropping off, school lunches and behaviour in classroom. I wanted to pick up on the comments around school lunches as we discussed this at our last parents' focus group meeting. A number of you have commented on the portion size of the meals. What I would say is that the portion size children at QE are given is larger than it should be. Lesley and her team always give the children a good sized portion of every aspect of the meal. The children do also have the opportunity to use the salad bar to supplement the main course. The salad bar includes pasta, coleslaw, etc. and it's constantly topped up. There is also bread on offer for children as an extra if they would like it. The biggest issue we have is children not eating the food they have been given. Many of the children will leave or throw away the side part of their meal and this will mean they are hungry despite what's on offer at the salad bar. Please could we ask you to talk this through with your child and next week when we send out the parents' evening feedback we will be asking for your opinions on this and other aspects of school. As for the roads, I am sure you can appreciate that's out of our control but we are keen to explore ideas for making the roads around QE safer.

Mr Blackburn & the QE Staff

Thoughtful Time....

This week in Thoughtful Time we have been thinking about what and who we have faith in....

- Are you a faithful person?**
It depends. I am a faithful person sometimes and sometimes not. It completely depends on the scene, feelings and activity going on.
- Who do you have faith in, in your life?**
I have faith in family who supply me with things to survive, happiness, plenty of treats and lots of love. I also have faith in myself to have courage, kindness, success and people being able to rely on me.
Teachers who give me an education and a pleasant time at school. My brilliant teacher also helps me gain confidence throughout all subjects (especially maths). I also have faith in my pets as they give me comfort.
I have faith in photos and videos of me when I was 1, 2, 3 and younger.
- Who do you doubt in life?**
Sadly, myself when I think I've done something wrong. I should have faith in myself to do better. Also, I don't have faith in my fingers during guitar and piano lessons.



Carroll, Year 6

Weekly value

Our theme for this week's values is.....

Consideration and Kindness

THE MAGIC OF...
FAITH
Do you have faith in yourself?
Be a Star!

CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Magic, Chess, Drama (Years 3&4), Football (Years 5&6), Netball, (Year 5)	Running (Years 3&4), Yoga, Dodgeball (Years 5&6), Hockey, Dodgeball (Lunchtime)	Judo, Basketball (Years 5&6), Dodgeball (Years 3&4), Netball (Year 4), Maths	Cookery, Drama (Years 5&6), Multi Sports, Sewing, Netball (Year 6), Pottery	Running (Years 5&6), Sewing, Football (Years 3&4), Orchestra, Cookery

QE Diary Dates

Next Week

14/17-3/17	4E & 4G Trip to Ironbridge
15/03/17	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
15/03/17	GLive Concert 7.00pm

Next Few Weeks

22/02/17	Year 4 Victorian Day at Guildford Museum (for children not going to Ironbridge)
24/03/17	5W Class Assembly 2.40pm
25/03/17	PSA Bingo Night
27/03/17	Year 6 'Drugs' Free talk with Guildford Flames 1.15pm
27-29/03/17	Year 3 Hooke Court Residential
30/03/17	PSA Disco
31/03/17	Last day of Spring Term 1.15pm finish
18/04/17	Summer Term Begins

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK...

- Happy's Circus
- Headlice - Year 5
- Confirmation of Hooke Court 2018
- PSA Estate Agent Boards
- Parents' Evening Feedback Form
- PSA Disco

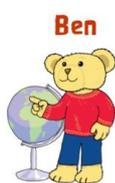


All Saints Church Drawing Competition: Can you design a picture of what All Saints Church might look like in 50 years time? Prize: £25 of Odeon Vouchers to be presented at our Pentecost

Hog Roast on the 4th June. (Leave entries in the school office for Revd Beverly Watson to collect, by the end of March).



Alex



Ben

"Hallo, Alex!" German Project Update from Year 4

We have just come to the end of this three week project, and the children in Year 4 have had a great time! We have enjoyed learning all about our partner school in Hamburg, and singing Alex the Bear's German song. Last week we were very excited to write letters to the German children – including an introduction to ourselves *in German!* – and lots of the QE children hope to become pen friends. Thank you to our QE pupils lucky enough to have hosted Alex in their homes! Your photos, pictures and reports will feature in our end-of-project scrapbook, which will be on display in our library. We are sorry to see Alex go, but he has left lots of fun stuff for us, including songs and games. Thank you, Alex – and auf wiedersehen!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE....



Summer Term Clubs... Payments are due for all the clubs by Friday 17th March.

Ironbridge... A reminder for those students going to Ironbridge, please send in £10 for pocket money in a clearly labelled envelope, ideally in coins.

Snacks... Please can you ensure your child brings a nut free healthy snack into school for break time.

Normandy 2017... Final instalment of £80 is now overdue. All consent/medical forms should now be with us.

Little Canada 2017... Final instalment of £70 is due today.

Normandy 2018... Deposit of £50 due by 24th March 2017.

Absences... If your child is going to be absent please can you inform the office before 8.50am.

Many thanks



BEHAVIOUR POLICY SURVEY

We would value your input to our Behaviour Policy Survey. Please use the link below to complete the online survey. Alternatively the link can be found on our website under 'Latest News'.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S595KJS>

HAPPY'S CIRCUS TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Happy's circus is coming to our school! We have the amazing opportunity to host a traditional family run circus at our school and offer all the students and their families a chance to experience the fun! This event will be run instead of a summer fayre this year. Happy's circus will arrive and set up on Friday 21st April. Pre-show fun will start at 4:30pm, for the chance to play some games, enter some tombola's and grab a bite to eat at the BBQ and bar. The show will kick off at 6pm and will run for 2 hours with a 30 minute interval, finishing at 8pm.

Happy's Circus are a family run all-human circus who introduce families to the tradition of the circus and the performing arts. We are exclusively opening ticket sales to Queen Eleanor's school families until today (10th March), whereby sales will be opened to the wider community.

Tickets are priced at £8 per person. All tickets must be purchased before the event. Payment must be attached to booking form, placed in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'Circus' and handed to their class teacher. Payment methods are cash or Cheques made payable to Queen Eleanor's PSA. Unfortunately payment cannot be made via ParentPay. Tickets will be issued via the class teacher by Wednesday 19th April. All Children will remain the responsibility of parents throughout the event and babes in arms are free of charge.

WE NEED A BINGO CALLER FOR THE 25TH MARCH - PLEASE LET JO LEE KNOW IF YOU CAN SPARE THE TIME. MANY THANKS.