

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

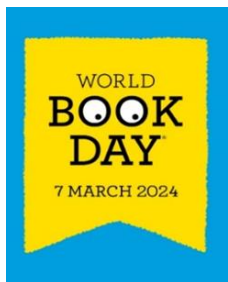
We always enjoy welcoming the arrival of spring, especially as a chance for us to be learning outside in our beautiful grounds even more, and are delighted to start seeing some early signs at last!

We know from our monitoring that our children make the most progress in their learning over the spring term, so our primary focus continues to be on developing their reading, writing and maths skills. We will be immersing ourselves in a range of exciting reading activities during World Book Day (when the children can dress up if they wish ☺) and also undertaking some amazing mathematical challenges as part of World Maths Day, which we will be celebrating on the 23rd March. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the children's learning with you.

Mrs Allen

New Information

World Book Day at QI - on **Thursday 7th March**, we are celebrating World Book Day by sharing children's book recommendations in class – please see our half-term Home Learning sheet for ideas on how your child can present their recommendation, if they haven't already created one.



Children are also invited to dress up as a character from a book - the [World Book Day website](#) has great ideas for outfits if you need some inspiration. If your child would prefer not to dress up, that's fine, they just need to wear full school uniform as usual. Our PTA will be collecting any outgrown/unwanted outfits throughout the year so that we can recycle them for next year. ☺

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day - the School Council considered a range of ideas for a fun Red Nose Day fundraiser event, and almost every class voted for a pyjama day – a great choice! Children are invited to donate £1 (via School Money) and wear pyjamas to school on **Friday 15 March**. They are also welcome to wear Red Nose clothing and accessories. Please make sure that your child's footwear is appropriate for a day in school (trainers or school shoes please). We would also encourage caution with bringing Red Noses into school as they are difficult to keep safe in classrooms, especially if they are not named.



School Meals – last month, we announced that **Dolce** will be taking over from HC3S from **Monday 15 April**. Now that we have signed the contract with Dolce, the next step is to set up access to **SchoolGrid**.

With SchoolGrid, you can easily order and pay for your child's meals with just a few clicks. Please note that only one parent per child can have an account so we will be providing SchoolGrid with the details of the person we have as a first contact for each child. We will provide the Parent's Name, Email Address, Child's Name and Year Group. You can view SchoolGrid's Privacy Policy on the following link: <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/termsfuse/Privacy-Policy.pdf>

To get started, SchoolGrid will send you a welcome email with instructions on how to activate your account and create your password. You will receive a text from QI to notify you of the date SchoolGrid will send the welcome email so that you will know when to expect it.

Payments for school meals via School Money will cease on Thursday 28 March. Please ensure all outstanding debts are settled by then.

You will be able to order meals on a daily, weekly, monthly, or even termly basis. The system will allow you to place as many orders in advance as you like, up to the point the menu has been opened for. You can also make a same-day order up to 8:55am. If you pay for your child's meals you can top up your account by making a card payment. To place an order, you need to ensure you have the relevant credit on your account. If you do not have this, you will be unable to order and will receive a reminder message to make payment. We will keep you updated as we transition from one service to another. ☺

Uniform – we continue to sell items of uniform at cost price whilst stocks last. [Skoolkit](#) is our local supplier of QI logo uniform if we no longer stock the items you need. All children are expected to wear the correct uniform and appropriate footwear. We support the wearing of school uniform as it:

- helps the children to feel part of the school community
- is practical for school activities
- reduces any perception of unequal status
- keeps the focus on learning rather than appearance
- clearly identifies the children during trips
- is smart and establishes good habits for adult life

Please access the [Uniform page](#) on our website for more information. We will continue to sell QI book bags and P.E. bags as Skoolkit do not stock these items.

Curricular Enrichment Events

Professor Cranium - Crookhorn College invited 8 children from Year 2 to their annual Professor Cranium event. The children competed against other local Primary schools in a series of English, Science and Maths tasks. After all the scores were added up, QI finished a brilliant first place. Well done QI

007 Dance and Drama Workshop - 12 children from Year 4 took part in this workshop hosted by Crookhorn College. The children developed their dance and drama skills to demonstrate the characterisation and atmosphere of Spies/Secret Agents. They thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.

Drama4ALL Workshop - children in Years F, 1 and 2 experienced a fun 'Wild West' session run by Perform for Schools, who offer a broad range of drama, dance and singing workshops - www.perform.org.uk/try

Havant and Waterlooville Sports School Partnership - The following sporting events were attended:

- 10 children from Year 5 went to a Tri-golf festival. They practised golf skills including chipping and putting. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their morning in the much-needed sunshine!
- In January, QI were successful in qualifying for the Years 5 & 6 Badminton County Finals held at Horizon Leisure Centre in Havant this month. The children competed, at a very high standard, and played lots of games. There were lots of rallies and tight matches and QI finished a very respectable 10th in the County.
- 10 girls from Years 5 & 6 competed in a Girl's football tournament. The event took place, despite the light rain, having already being postponed from November. The girls won their group and were put into the Gold league against 2 other winning teams. After two very close matches, QI eventually finished an amazing second conceding a goal in the last 10 seconds of the final game!

Thank you to all those children who participated for their efforts and for being such great ambassadors of QI. As always, our great appreciation goes to the staff for organising these events and for transporting the children.



PTA Update

Thank you so much to all the families who supported the disco and stood patiently in line in the rain! The children were very excited and excellent party goers. We had lots of fun, plenty of dancing as well as lots of party games and some passionate group singing into the microphone too! It was a pleasure to host and we hope we can offer more discos in the future. Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received. It wouldn't have been possible without the 20+ PTA members who supervised the event. We are still looking for new recruits, especially as we lose some dedicated members in the next academic year and hope to host more events in 2024/25. If you are interested in joining please send an email to ptaqueensinclosure@gmail.com before 28 March.



Following the success of Christmas jumper donations, the PTA would like to host a World Book Day Costume Swap on **Friday 1 March at 3:10pm**. In order for this to be successful, we need donations of outgrown/unwanted costumes that are in good condition – the PTA will collect them from the office on Friday 1 March. As well as promoting sustainability we hope this will help ease the pressure of finding something and/or buying new. Please note it is not compulsory to dress up.

Our future plans include a potential summer family event - we will keep you posted on this. We really appreciate your support with things like the pop-up doughnut sale which helps fundraise for future events and were happy to see lots of you enjoying the sweet treat!

Child and Family Support Worker

A simple approach to a happier home.... 'Back to Basics'

"When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower." - Alexander Den Heijer

As mentioned last month, we will be focusing on one area of the Back-to-Basics approach per month until we have covered all 5 wellbeing petals.

Think about your home environment and what small changes you can make together as a family. Think of it as building the foundations of a house, making sure your family has all the basics in place such as:

- Healthy eating
 - Sleep
 - Exercise
 - Good routines
 - Looking after yourselves and your child's wellbeing.
- If foundations are not in place, there is a risk of cracks appearing.



Helping others, saying 'thank you' or just giving someone a smile can improve your self-esteem and your emotional health. Give time to others, to friends, family, community members... but most importantly give time to yourself to ensure these basic 5 ways of wellbeing are in place.

Giving to others will improve your mental wellbeing, help you grow in confidence and give you a sense of purpose. Try giving to charity, volunteer, help a neighbour or start up a conversation with someone new at school. Reach out to local groups or clubs for help and support. They can GIVE back to you.

Encourage your child to give to others. They could help a neighbour put their bins out, litter pick, help with chores around the home, be a role model to their younger siblings. Helping others and seeing those people happy will make them feel happy in return. Giving will give them a sense of worth and achievement.

Be a good role model to your children. Be the person you would like your child to grow into and see you as.

If you'd like further support with this, please pop in to see Miss Farrell at the office or send her an email CFSW@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk

Future Dates for the Diary

For Year Group specific events please refer to the website calendar - <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=9&viewid=1>

Spring Term 2024

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1 March	NEW PTA World Book Day Costume Swap at 3:10pm. Costume donations gratefully received – thank you
7 March	World Book Day – Dress Up as a Book Character (optional)
11 March	School closed for INSET (Staff Training)
15 March	Comic Relief – wear pyjamas to school for a £1 donation via School Money
29 March – 12 April	Easter Holiday
15 April	NEW School Meals – parents to pre-order lunches via SchoolGrid from home by 8:55am. Meals can be prebooked in advance.