

# QI Noticeboard

May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all, for your engagement and support of our Parents Evening telephone consultations this week. We had a huge take up of this offer (91% of parents across the school) and many of you have shared very positive comments about how useful and reassuring the conversations were. I certainly heard a good deal of teacher laughter around the school, which suggests there were plenty of great things to share. 😊



As always, we appreciate receiving constructive feedback that may help us improve our processes. We are particularly interested in how the window of an hour appointment compared to being given a specific time slot, as we did last time. We would be most grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your experience of this. Please complete the feedback form on our website -

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16>. Thank you!

We are closely monitoring the children's learning and are pleased with the progress they are continuing to make. All schools have been given 'Catch Up Premium' funding by the Government to support pupils' education recovery in line with the curriculum expectations. We have used this funding to pay for additional teaching support across the school and are pleased to see the positive impact this is having. We are also investing in additional training in Trickbox, as a tool to further support our wellbeing provision in school.

We are in the process of organising the classes for September and, as always, you will receive a letter informing you of your child's new class teacher prior to them meeting each other on 7<sup>th</sup> July. We appreciate that some children may need more support in preparation for this so we will facilitate additional opportunities to help reassure them and ease their transition.

As the Lockdown restrictions ease, we are seizing the opportunity to reflect on the various temporary safety measures and changes that have had a positive impact and consider if there is an advantage in keeping them. The children have benefitted significantly from having longer P.E. sessions, as a result of wearing their P.E. kit into school on their PE days. This is something we would like to continue, so we are in the process of sourcing a good quality QI P.E. Kit to add to our usual school uniform. We will provide an update on this when we have further details. In the meantime, we ask that your child continues to wear school uniform colour P.E. kit instead of bright colours. Thank you.

For awareness, after half term, we will have contractors on site beginning a programme of improvement works to our grounds. We are having new pathways laid around the polytunnel and also through our woodland to the pond and campfire area. The 'log roll' retaining walls in the Quiet Area around our special sundial are being replaced as well as the edges to the Friendship Area by the playground. Please take extra care if you are passing an area where work is being undertaken.

Meanwhile, I hope you all have a safe, enjoyable and sunny half term and I look forward to seeing you all again in June!

Mrs Allen

## A Message from the Governors

The Governors would like to express their thanks, not only to the staff of QI, but also to our children and parents for the incredible resilience that everyone continues to show during these difficult times.

The Governors appreciate the excellent efforts to keep school pupil attendance high - at a staggering 98.4% since returning on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We understand that many parents may have had concerns about their children returning to school, after the previous lockdowns, but the efforts taken by the school staff to create a safe, clean and disciplined environment have been excellent and adherence to temporary school policies has been greatly appreciated.

So much normal schooling has already been missed, through no one's fault, but the school staff are working hard with our children to bridge any gaps in learning that may have occurred and every day is crucial to get the children back on track.

To that end, whilst we realise that, as holiday destinations open up, the desire to arrange a family week away in the sun may be tempting, we urge parents not to arrange holidays before the end of term and allow the children to complete the rest of the academic year without any unnecessary absences.

As always, the Governors and Staff appreciate your support in advance.

# UPDATE on QI's Physical Education, School Sports and Physical Activity

## Summer Term 2021

During this term, our QI children have the opportunity to engage in a range of fun sporting activities. These will include:



- Key Stage 1 & 2 Sports Days
- Level 1 Intra-school Competitions
- Swimming
- Olympic themed PE lessons
- Hampshire School Games – 'virtual' events
- First Aid for Children
- Sports Leaders
- Bike-ability

## Summer 2021 Olympic Sports Days KS1 – 5th July & KS2 – 6th July

We are delighted to confirm that all children will be able to participate in a safe, secure, fun, Olympic themed Sports Day. The children will compete in their class bubbles, with separate days for each Key Stage. The School Council are currently voting for 5 of their favourite countries, which the children will then represent. This will mean the children will not be a part of their traditional Sports Day colour team this year. All points across each year group will be added up to find the 2021 Sports Day Winners! Your child's selected country will be announced shortly.

We will be encouraging your child to wear a colour, on the day, which represents their selected country. The children will compete in some of the events below:

- 50m Sprint Race
- Javelin
- Water Shift
- Standing Long Jump
- 50m Skipping
- Relay Race

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### Bike-ability

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Following its success in Summer 2019, children in Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in a week long programme of 'Bikeability' training.

Bikeability is a cycle training programme to gain practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads and develop confidence for all kinds of cycling.

### Sports Leaders

Children in Year 5 have recently completed the Play Maker Award through Sports Leaders UK. This certified award, has developed the children's leadership skills, which will allow them to support other children at school and the wider community!

### First Aid

During their PE lessons, children in Year 6 will complete a certified First Aid course, through the British Red Cross.

### Swimming

This half term, children in Year 5 have been completing swimming lessons with Mrs Jarrom, Mr Murray & Planet Education Swimming Teachers. The children have been learning a variety of strokes, as well as water safety and even got the opportunity to swim in their pyjamas! The children will all be assessed on their ability to swim 25m.

Year 6 will complete a four week booster course during Summer 2, to provide additional opportunities to achieve the 25m swimming criteria, as well as additional water safety.

### Enrichment Days

KS1 – 21<sup>st</sup> June & KS2 – 24<sup>th</sup> June

All children will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities as part of our enrichment provision, supported by our Planet Education Team as well as other external specialists. These bespoke events will provide the children with a unique experience in sport and activities that are not traditionally taught within school. The reason for this is to enrich the children's learning, enhance their physical potential and provide access to a greater range of activities which, if they enjoy their experience, they could get involved in within the wider community.

Children in KS1 will be joining in Crazy Golf and Bollywood Dancing!

Children in KS2 will take part in some of the following - rock climbing, caving and archery.

### Hampshire School Games & Level 1 Competitions

Throughout the school year, children have been competing in 'virtual' sporting events, as part of our School Games programme, with winners announced termly. We will also be competing in the Havant Schools Games 'virtual events' which run in June! Also in June, all children will have the opportunity to participate in internal sporting competitions against other children in their Year Group bubble, results will be announced in school.