



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter September 26th 2025

Thank you to everyone who joined us in school for the **Class Welcome meetings**. They were very well attended and we do hope that you found them useful. If you missed it, the Powerpoint is available on your child's Seesaw account.



It has been a busy start to the beginning of the school year and the children are settling well into their new routines. Year 6 braved the wet weather last week to complete their Bikeability training and our new Reception children have made such a positive start to school life.

Year 6 had their first sports competition of the year. They took part in an Athletics tournament at Woodbank Park and came in 2nd place overall! Well done team.

At this time of year, we realise that there are a lot of **staff in school** and lots of faces for you to recognise. Over the next few newsletters, we will include some staff names/ pictures from different areas of the school. Let's start with the all important admin and site staff.

			
Mrs J Wakefield School Business Manager	Mrs L Shepherd School secretary	Mrs S Houlbrooke Clerical assistant	Mr K Pereira de Jesus Caretaker

Parent Partnership Meeting We regularly hold informal Parent Partnership meetings on the school premises and all parents/ carers are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is for parents to meet members of staff, to share information about areas of the curriculum or initiatives that we are reviewing and to gain your views and suggestions. It is also a good way for parents/carers to meet other parents and be part of the Queensgate community. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th October** at 9.00AM in Larks and Owls. Mrs Lee and myself will be attending the meeting and we are happy to discuss any questions or thoughts regarding the proposal for Queensgate to join Greater Manchester Education Trust in the coming months as well as outlining our school improvement priorities for the year. Refreshments are provided and we would love to see you there.

Attendance Attending school every day is crucial for your child's academic success. In accordance with Government guidelines, penalty notice fines will be issued for unauthorised absences during term time, persistent absences and persistence lateness to school. Any request for term time absence must be submitted in advance on our [Absence Request Form](#) (paper copies available from the school office). Term time leave will not be authorised unless evidence of exceptional circumstances is provided and a penalty notice may be issued. **Fines for unauthorised term time or unauthorised irregular attendance leave**

1st offence	• £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days • £160 per parent, per child if paid after 21 days
2nd offence (within 3 years of the 1st offence)	• £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
3rd offence (within 3 years of the 1st offence)	• Application for prosecution submitted to Magistrates Court. Fines up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

A big thank you from Destiny Garden School! Due to some amazing fundraising by our children and families last year, Queensgate raised **£2,893.85** for Destiny Garden School. We have supported this very special school in Mombasa, Kenya, for the last two years and are proud of the difference that our contribution is making to many children at the school. Here is how our donation has been spent this year...

- **Textbooks-** Currently, DSG cannot provide every child with their own textbook. In many subjects, four children have to share one book. The dream is to one day reach a ratio of one book per child and our donation will bring them a big step closer to that goal.
- **Water Tank** - Although Mombasa is surrounded by the ocean, access to safe, usable water is limited in homes, schools, and community facilities in the area where DGS is located. Thanks to a grant, the school was able to dig a borehole and pump water into storage tanks where it can be purified for use. DGS urgently needs a new 5,000 litre tank to ensure water is more accessible across the school. The DGS children will soon benefit from this new tank thanks to the funds raised by the Queensgate children.

Our School Parliament has decided that they would like to continue to support DSG this year. Once a month, a different class will organise a fundraising event (details to follow.)

World Mental Health Day We will be taking part in Hello Yellow on **Friday 10th October** to raise awareness for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health. We'll be taking part by all wearing something yellow and raising awareness through classroom discussions and assemblies.

Personal Tracking Devices To ensure the safety, privacy, and wellbeing of all pupils and staff, the use of personal tracking devices is not permitted on school premises or during any school-organised events, including trips, residentials, and extracurricular activities. This measure applies to all personal devices capable of monitoring location, recording audio or video, or collecting data, and is designed to protect the integrity of our community and uphold everyone's right to privacy.

School grounds Queensgate School has been working in partnership with Sustainable Bramhall to set aside 30% of its land for nature using a grant from Stockport Council's CAN fund.

Our current Year 5 pupils have helped to create a wildflower bed to increase insect diversity as well as creating log piles and a dead hedge for insect habitats. They also learned how insects help to pollinate vegetables then grew some in the school vegetable plot. The project will continue next year. Thanks to Year 5 for all their hard work, Karen Mercer- our fantastic volunteer and the Council for the funding.



Dates to remember

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| • Thursday 2nd October | National Poetry Day |
| • Thursday 2nd October | Year 4 Crowden River trip |
| • Tuesday 7th October | Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum North |
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| • Wednesday 8th October | Parent Partnership Meeting 9.00- 9.30AM- all welcome |
| • Wednesday 8th October | 6pm Friends of QPS AGM in school |
| • Friday 10th October | World Mental Health Day - All Wear something yellow. |
| • Monday 13th October | School photograph day - individual |
| • Tuesday 14th October | 1.15PM Year 6 "Make do and Mend" with parents/ carers |
| • Monday 20th October | Year 2 trip to Staircase House, Stockport |
| • Tuesday 21st October | Year 3 Stone Age trip |
| • Thursday 23rd October | Friends of QPS Autumn disco |
| • Friday 24th October | School closes for 1 week |
| • Tuesday 4th November | School- re opens for the children |
| • Wednesday 5th November | Year 5 Maya workshop in school |
| • Thursday 6th November | Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank |
| • Thursday 6th November | 3.15PM Friends of QPS Bonfire Cake Sale |
| • Wednesday 12th November | Parents' evening (details to follow) |
| • Thursday 13th November | Parents' evening (details to follow) |
| • Friday 14th November | Children in Need day |

Please remember that if you have any queries or wish to discuss school matters, I am available before and after school Monday - Thursday and Mrs Lee is available on a Friday.

Mrs Hitchcock and Mrs Lee

Headteacher

REMINDER: Dogs are not allowed on the school premises/ playgrounds