

Newsletter

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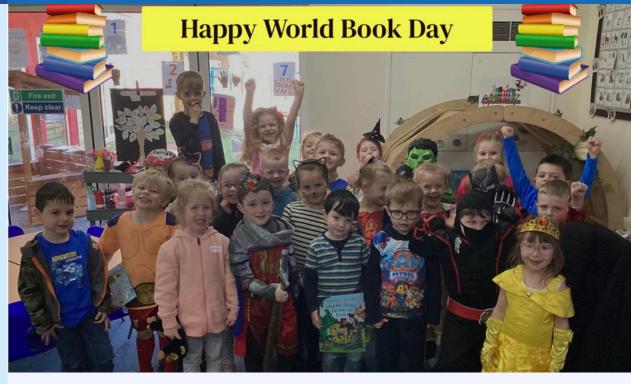
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Welcome

What a week we've had here at The Quinta!

Sporting News

- Football: Our Year 5/6 team are Congleton league champions the first time since 2010! Year 3/4 boys won the Congleton Schools' League - the first season.
- Athletics: A fantastic effort from our Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics team, who finished second in the partnership finals!
- Hockey: A brilliant victory secured our hockey team a spot in the county finals—what an incredible achievement!
- Netball: With three wins, our netball team remains unbeaten and are now league champions!

Celebrating Creativity and Imagination

We have some incredibly talented young artists at The Quinta! I'm thoroughly impressed by Year 5's stunning boot and orchid artwork. Along with that, we recently celebrated World Book Day with a fantastic lineup of activities. Students dressed up as their favorite book characters, and we enjoyed a series of engaging reading events across the school. It was wonderful to see everyone's excitement for books, creativity, and imagination. What an inspiring way to foster a love of reading in our students!

In the coming week we are excited to be celebrating Science Week in school, with this year's theme: Change & Adapt.

Police presence

The police have supported school wonderfully well this week with increased presence both outside and coming in to talk to groups of children after the incident this week.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mr. Sharpe



Mr Sharpe, Head Teacher

Looking at The Week Ahead



We like to make sure you are ready for the week ahead so here is some key information:

When: 7th - 16th March

Item: Science Week theme: Change & Adapt (whole school)

What you need to know: Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of exciting investigations and hands-on activities, exploring how things change over time and how living things adapt to their environments. From fascinating experiments to creative challenges, they will have the opportunity to think like scientists, ask questions, and discover the wonders of the world around them.

When: Monday 10th March

Item: Crewe Alex in for Y4 PE

What you need to know: Children need to wear PE

kit

When: Tuesday 11th March

Item: Girls football tournament year 3/4

What you need to know: Letters have been sent home regarding this event. Children will need to be taken to Eaton Bank Academy at the end of the school day and picked up from there at 5PM. Please make sure that all children have PE kit including shin pads.

When: Wednesday 12th March

Item: Hockey county finals Year 5/6

What you need to know: Letters have been sent home regarding those involved. We will transport the children to this event held at Alderley Edge Hockey Club during the school day. Please make sure children come to school in PE kit and that they have their shin pads.

What an amazing week of sport - well done Team Quinta!

Wow! Our Year 5/6 football team are league champions! After three intense nights of matches, we secured an overall victory —our first time claiming this cup since 2010! Huge congratulations to everyone!





Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics team for finishing second overall in the partnership finals! A fantastic effort, with outstanding individual and team performances, narrowly beaten by a strong team from The Dingle. Well done, everyone!

A huge congratulations to our hockey team for their fantastic victory, securing a place in the county finals! It was an incredible team effort, with every player giving their all and showcasing great skill, determination, and teamwork. We are so proud of your hard work and dedication—what an achievement! Well done to everyone involved, and best of luck for the finals!





What an amazing week of sport - well done Team Quinta!

Awesome performance from our netball team on the second night of league fixtures -3 wins means they remain unbeaten and are league winners! Tantastic work from all





Our Netball team competed in the Partnership finals this week, delivering outstanding performances and securing the runners-up spot in the tournament, with just one match lost. So proud of every single player!

What a fantastic way to wrap up a great week of sports! Huge congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 football team for winning the Goal Coaching tournament at CHS. Amazing effort



Some beautiful artwork from Class 10

Some incredible art work in Class 10 this week with Mrs Lee - so many talented children.





Class 10 have been focussing on Observational art. They looked at how to plan out your artwork on a page to utilise the whole page. Sketching, painting light and dark tones, adding shadow. This artwork was created using watercolour paints and charcoal.

The results are exceptional!

Mrs.Lee

A trip out for Class 10 -Planting trees in the local community

Our Year 5s had the fantastic opportunity to plant trees with Congleton in Bloom, contributing to their first tiny forest! Congleton in Bloom is nearing the finish line of their marathon tree-planting program—30,000 trees over six years. Our enthusiastic gardeners planted over 100 trees in Harebell Drive—great job, Team Quinta!











Are any of you Photographers?

We are looking to update our website and our resources. With that in mind we need to commission some static photography and video to showcase what a great school The Quinta is. If you can help please contact cwilliamson@thequinta.cheshire.sch. uk



For further information on the SEND Support

Please see below further information on SEND 0-19+ health practitioners drop-in sessions run by the NHS.



SEND Drop-in Sessions

Rubys Fund Roe Street

Oakenclough Family Hub Colshaw Drive Wilmslow

Ash Grove Family Hub Macclesfield SK11 7TD

Knutsford CC Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 8DB

Disley Library and Disley Community Centre Off Buxton Old Road





Compassion

Open

Trust

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners SEND Drop In (Health visitors and school nurses)

for parents/children & Young people for support/signposting/guidance with all SEND related issues, including sleep, behaviour and toilet training etc

http://www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send-drop-in-sessions

Rubys Fund Centre - Congleton

Mon 10th March 3.30-5.30pm (teatime Club) Wed 2nd April 10-12am

Mon 12th May 3.30pm-5.30pm (teatime club)

North Locality

Disley Library and **Community Centre**

To be confirmed

Oakenclough Family Hub - Wilmslow

Wed 12th March 10-12pm (Market Place event)

Tues 29th April 1pm-2.30pm

Congleton Little Stars

Thurs 27th March 1.30-2.30pm

Congleton Family hub -



Ashgrove Family Hub-Macclesfield

Tues 25th March 9-11am Tues 15th April 9-11am Tues 13th May 9-11am











Support Fidget 'N' Flip – A Year 6 Initiative!

We are thrilled to share Fidget 'N' Flip, a wonderful initiative created by three thoughtful young ladies in Year 6 – Daisy, Darcie, and Mary. They have come up with the idea of setting up a second-hand shop to give mini toys, fidgets, keyrings, and other small items a new life!





Support Our Year 6 Swimmers!



Help our Year 6 swimmers raise money for local charities, simply click on the button above to donate.





New School Menu





SCOPAY CODES

Main - R Vegetarian/Vegan - Y Jacket Potato (DF/VE)- G Ham Sandwich (DF) - H Cheese Sandwich (V) - C una Mayonnaise Sandwich (DF/V) - F Cold Pasta Salad (DF/VE) - P Hot Mascarpone Pasta Salad (V) - B

> DF = Dairy Free VE = Vegan V = Vegetarian

Dairy free desserts are available.

MONDAY

Battered chicken nuggets (DF) or vegetable nuggets (VE), skinny fries and baked beans.

Strawberry and vanilla mousse or chocolate and vanilla mousse (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

TUESDAY

Beef pasta bolognaise (DF) or plant based bolognaise (DF/VE), garlic bread and carrots.

Cookies (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

WEDNESDAY

Homemade Pizza Bap (V) (cheese and tomato) with sauté potatoes, sweetcorn and a choice of ketchup or BBQ sauce.

Flapjack (VE/DF) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

Water and milk served Monday -Thursday

Water, milk and juice served on a Friday

THURSDAY

Chicken Strips (DF) or Meadowvale vegan strips (VE), with a wrap, salad (lettuce, sweetcorn) and a choice of ketchup, BBQ or mayonnaise.

Vanilla sponge cake (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

FRIDAY

Sausage rolls or vegan sausage rolls (VE/DF), French fries and baked beans.

Vanilla, chocolate or Strawberry ice crean (V) and assorted fruit (VE/DF).

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY





Fresh fruit

Sandwiches





Jacket potatoes Build your own pasta

Build Your Own Pasta

We have a wide selection of yummy and healthy ingredients for children to create their very own exciting pasta salad each day.

Cold Selection



Ham (DF)



Tuna Mayo (DF/V)



Cheese (V)



Sweetcorn (VE/DF)

Hot Selection



Cucumber (VE/DF)



Tomatoes (VE/DF)



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)



FOQ Events for your Diary

9th May ksl Bounce Night

- Bouncy castles and trampolines to disco music.
- Drinks and sweets provided £3.50 entry.
- Small tuck shop selling a selection of snacks/ sweets..

28th March ks2 Movie Night

- Taking place after school
- Bring along a blanket/pillow/Oodie
- £5.00 entry includes film popcorn and a hotdog/ drink
- Tuckshop available no more than £2 spends required
- Film to be confirmed closer to the event.

20th June Family Fun Evening

- 3.30pm-6pm
- Family fun event including some of the following and many more: Inflatables, funfair and games, bar, Ice cream man, craft area, face painting, Reubens BBQ.
- Colour raffle- non uniform on the day of the event to bring in donations for a raffle.

11th July End of Term ultimate Disco

- The ultimate disco!
- £5 entry includes sweets drinks and DJ.
- Hire a DJ interactive games and plays the dance videos on the big screen for the kids.
- Tuck Shop
- Ks1 4.15pm-5pm
- Ks2 5.15pm-6pm

Some dates for the start of the next academic year...

- 17th October Halloween Disco
- 14th November Big fat Quiz of Quinta (adults only)
- 3rd December Elfridges
- 5th December Quinta Merry Markets



Important Dates And Events

March

- 7th 16th Science Week theme: Change & Adapt (whole school)
- 21st Red Nose Day (whole school)
- 24th Y6 Mocks for SATS
- 28th KS2 Bootcamp Bee Active
- 28th March ks2 Movie Night. After school.
- 31st Eid celebration day (R.E.)

April

- 1st Global Astronomy month (Science whole school)
- 2nd Autism Awareness (Year 2 to lead KS2 assembly & fund raise) theme: forging a world that is inclusive in its thinking, actions and essence
- 3rd Easter egg celebration day Thursday
- 4th Easter Experience morning
- 4th Easter Service
- 30th until 2nd May Year 5 London Residential



Easter Holiday Club

Booking Information: To make sure your little ones don't miss out on the fun, please complete the <u>booking form</u> by Friday 21st March. We'll confirm all bookings by Friday 28th March, depending on demand, so be sure to secure your spot!







Music for Life

Lessons may be available on guitar, piano, keyboard and violin (usually suitable for Year 2 or above) cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, cornet, trombone, trumpet and euphonium (usually suitable for Year 4 or above) bass guitar, drums and singing (usually only available at secondary school). For further information please contact Music for Life on the below details.









BALLET BUNNIES WITH SOPHIE

My Ballet Bunnies class is an inspiring, creative and imaginative Ballet class for young children. This class aims to introduce young dancers to basic Classical Ballet technique using imaginative methods and ideas. The dancers will also explore creative skills, experience mime, and replicate choreography.



WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? Mondays 3:20-4:10pm, 24th February - 31st March.

WHO? Reception, years 1 and 2.

HOW MUCH? The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made).

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores; sophiemoores37@gmail.com







BALLET BUNNIES AND CREATIVE DANCE EASTER WORKSHOP









During my Easter workshop, the children will delve into some CREATIVE DANCE and enhance their imaginative skills as we soar through space in our rocket ship and dive into the deep waters of the sea; every second is a new adventure! Moreover, the children will bounce into the burrow of BALLET BUNNIES as we explore Classical Ballet technique, movement qualities and performance skills.

DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVEMENT GAMES AND CREATIVE TASKS

The workshop will introduce the dancers to the foundation of Contemporary dance technique and Classical Ballet through the use of movement games and imaginative tasks. Moreover, the young dancers will delve into some fun arts and crafts and experience some choreographic work in groups; testing their teamwork skills.

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? Thursday 10th April, 9am-11am.

WHO? Reception and years 1, 2, 3, 4!

HOW MUCH? The cost of the workshop is £15.00 per child (In the circumstance of absence, no refunds will be made)

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores; sophiemoores37@gmail.com









School Communications and Applications

Seesaw

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning journey. If you require further information regarding this please see below.

Seesaw app information

You will receive a handout from your child's class teacher with a QR Code specific to your child. If you are having difficulties please see your child's class teacher.

School Spider

School Spider is The Quinta Primary School's main form of communication. If you are new to the school or are having problems using the application please follow the steps opposite.

School Spider - For New Parents

How to create a School Spider Account:

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

School Spider - For Existing Parents

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

Parent App Guide.pdf





Fundraising for School



You spend, brands donate.

Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about whenever you shop with them. All you need to do is nominate a PTA to get cashback when you shop at hundreds of retailers including Amazon, Marks and Spencer, Argos plus insurance companies and travel companies are included. We have raised over £1200 to date from our supporters this way – have a look, sign-up is easy – <u>Sign up here</u>.



Support our Local Community Fund through the Co-op!

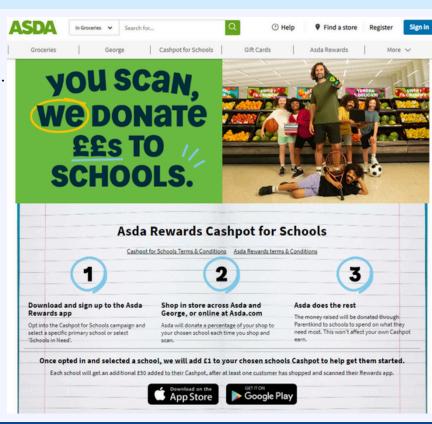
Members of the Co-op can select Friends of Quinta as their cause of choice, helping us make a difference together.

Joining the Co-op is easy membership costs just £1, which you get back with your first shop. With a Co-op right here in Congleton, many of you may already be members!

To learn more and select our cause, visit: Friends of Quinta Cause.

Raise Money while you shop

Support school while shopping at Asda. all you need to do is simple download and sign into the app. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select The Quinta Primary School. Shop in store across Asda, George or Asda.com. Then Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to us each time that you shop and scan. This money will be gifted by Asda to us and will not cost you a penny.





Fundraising for School

There are so many ways that you can help support your school, lots that don't even cost you a penny it's just simply the knowledge of how to do it and sign up. Take a look at the below, with just a few moments of your time you could make a massive difference to the school fundraising.



The Quinta Primary School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

The School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. All schools supported by the lottery will benefit the UK and its residents. Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize.

The lottery and its prizes are our way of putting the fun in fundraising. The real winners are the schools. From every £1 ticket sold 40p will go to schools in the UK! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – we've nearly DOUBLED the ticket percentage that goes to schools.

Even better, you can choose which school benefits from 40p of the ticket sales. You know (and you can see) that your money is going back into your community and your school will benefit from your contribution.

Click here to take part - https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-quinta-primary-school

Taking Holiday in Term Time

Here at The Quinta we are passionate about providing your child with the best learning experience. We understand on some instances it is essential to take your child out of school but please be aware of the new fining structure.



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



Further details regarding fixed penalty fines

Please see fixed penalty notice table opposite.

Penalties for unauthorised absence (See Appendix 5 for further information)		
Timeline	One child	Two Children
Paid within 21 days	£80 per parent as per the definition in the education act, section 576	£80 per child = £160 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£160 per parent	£160 per child = £320 per parent
After 28 days	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the Government's drive to improve attendance.