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Keeping you informed about Team Quinta news. Friday 21st March 2025

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What an exciting few weeks at The Quinta!

Jess Milne to join Team Quinta

We are excited to announce the appointment of a new assistant headteacher and SENDco. The strong field of candidates engaged in a thorough interview process involving visiting the candidates' schools; observing them deliver a lesson in their setting and a lesson at The Quinta; pupil, staff and governor interviews; leadership profiling and a presentation followed by a formal interview. In the end Jess Milne who also has excellent local knowledge was selected to join our growing inclusion team.

Equality

On 7th March, we celebrated International Women's Day with the theme "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." At The Quinta, we actively promote equality for all. We also ran a 'Let Girls Play' day to further develop opportunities for our girls.

Sport & Science update

On 11th March, our girls' football team triumphed at the Goal Coaching Year 3/4 tournament at Eaton Bank, winning without conceding a goal. The next day, our hockey team competed in the county finals at Alderley Edge Hockey Club, topping their group and finishing as runners-up after a tense penalty shootout. On Tuesday, our netball team won both the Congleton tournament and the league, with only one loss all season. Congratulations to our B team netballers, many of whom were playing competitively for the first time, who came 3rd in their group. Our girls' football team also claimed another win at the Macclesfield tournament at the Leasing.com Stadium on Wednesday. Yesterday, they reached the Premier League Primary Schools Northern National Finals in Liverpool bringing more pride to Team Quinta. What an incredible series of achievements – well done to all our amazing teams!

During Science Week, our children explored this year's theme, Change and Adapt, through hands-on experiments—from camouflaged caterpillars in Reception to red cabbage indicators in Year 6. It was another wonderful example of how we bring the curriculum to life!

Art & Charity

Our artists have been hard at work, mastering observational drawing, composition, and color techniques, while our Year 2 students explored positive and negative space with stunning results.

A special mention to Team Quinta's Swimathon competitors, who swam an incredible 479 lengths to raise money for charity. If you haven't donated yet, there's still time!

A huge well done to all our pupils. 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: Tuesday 25th March - Thursday 27th

March

Item: Year 6 Mock SATs

What you need to know: Our Year 6 students will be taking part in mock SATs to help them prepare for the real assessments, build confidence, and familiarise themselves with the test format in a supportive environment.

When: Tuesday 25th March

Item: Girls football league night EBA

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: Thursday 27th March

Item: Liverpool football regional finals (English Schools Football Association)

What you need to know: Letters have been sent home regarding this event. Parents have been requested to take their children to this event and further information regarding timings will be shared during the day. Please make sure that all children are wearing their Quinta football kit including shin pads.

When: Friday 28th March

Item: KS2 Bootcamp Bee Active

What you need to know: All Key Stage 2 pupils will take part in exciting sports workshops with BeeActive, so please ensure that all children come to school wearing their PE kits for the day.

What an amazing few weeks of sport - well done Team Quinta!

On March 7th, The Quinta proudly took part in the FA's national event – The Biggest Ever Football Session for Girls – celebrating equality and empowerment through sport. With the support of Goal Coaching, every girl from preschool to Year 6 enjoyed a girls-only football session, embracing the joy of the game and the importance of inclusivity.









Woohoo! Mour amazing Year 3/4 team are the champions of the Goal Coaching tournament at Eaton Bank —winning without conceding a single goal! Go girls!

On March 12th, our hockey team travelled to Alderley Edge Hockey Club for the County Finals, showcasing incredible skill and determination. After seven thrilling matches, they topped their group and secured a place in the final against Dean Valley. The match ended in a 1-1 draw, leading to a tense penalty shootout where just one goal was scored from eight taken unfortunately, not ours. Although we finished as runners-up, securing 2nd place in the entire county is an outstanding achievement! The team's effort, dedication, and teamwork were truly inspiring, and they were a fantastic credit to our school. We couldn't be prouder!





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What an incredible achievement—our netball team has been crowned winners of both the Congleton tournament and the league! With only one game lost all season, their dedication, teamwork, and skill have truly shone. A huge well done to every player for their hard work and commitment throughout the year—you've achieved so much, and we couldn't be prouder!









A huge congratulations to our B team netballers, many of whom were playing competitively for the first time! They put in an incredible performance and secured 3rd place in their group in Tuesday's tournament.

Yay!!! Another tournament win for our amazing girls' football team at the Macclesfield tournament at the Leasing.com Stadium on Wednesday! Incredible performance from the whole team. Next stop: Liverpool for the Premier League Primary Schools regional finals. Good luck, girls!





An unforgettable day at the regional finals - well done Team Quinta!

What a day for Team Quinta at the Premier League Primary Schools regional finals, representing Crewe Alexandra in Liverpool!

Our incredible team played 10 intense matches, securing victories over top teams including Manchester United, Manchester City, and Tranmere, finishing joint 2nd on points in the league stage.

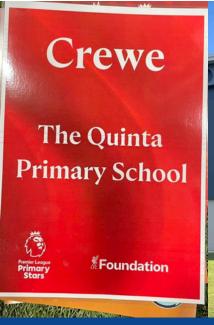
We fought hard in the semi-finals, but narrowly missed out to Altrincham, the eventual winners. That means we finished 3rd in the entire region—our highest-ever achievement in this competition!

Words can't express how proud we are of these girls and their outstanding talent. Simply incredible!

And the journey isn't over yet... County Finals next week—bring it on!

#GoTeamQuinta







Science Week at The Quinta

Science week - The whole school enjoyed science week last week. This years theme is change and adapt. Each year completed their own experiment based on this theme. Pre school investigated how our environment is changing. Reception found wool caterpillars that were cleverly camouflaged. Year 1 discovered amazing animal feet. Whilst Year 2 experimented with changing colours. Year 3 found out about clever plant adaptations. Year 4 made sound wave spoons. Year 5 created fizz balloons. Year 6 made red cabbage indicators.



Amazing Art with Mrs. Lee

Class 9 have been learning about observational drawing, this week we focused on proportion, composition of the drawing. Then using acrylic paints we painted an under-shadow on the darker areas before painting focusing on light and dark tones and shadows.





















Year 2 are learning about positive and negative space, how the background plays an important part in our artwork. A couple of weeks ago class 4 created the amazing pictures inspired by Van Gough's famous Stary Night artwork

Team Quinta Makes a Splash at the Swimathon!



On Wednesday, 19th March, Team Quinta took to the pool like fish to water, swimming an incredible 479 lengths in support of charity! Our fantastic swimmers—including two teams of Year 6 pupils and a staff team—gave it their all, showing amazing determination and team spirit.

It's not too late to donate! If you'd like to support our swimmers and these great causes, simply click the JustGiving link above.

All sponsorship money raised will be shared between The Quinta Trust and two important charities chosen by the Rotary Club of Congleton:

- Pure Insight Supporting young people leaving care by working alongside them and local authorities.
- Rise Against Hunger Fighting hunger worldwide by providing meals and aid to communities in need.

Let's dig deep and donate to help make a difference!

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Rock Kidz comes to The Quinta -Reception to Year 6

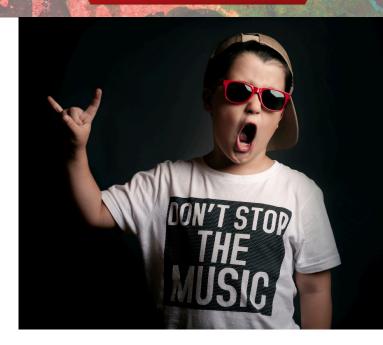
RGCK IXIDZ ONTOUR

On Wednesday 2nd April, we are thrilled to welcome Rock Kidz into school for an exciting, high-energy day of workshops focused on our chosen topic: Kindness – Kindness, Inclusivity & Valuing Others.

Throughout the day, Rock Kidz will deliver four dynamic workshops, using music, interactive activities, and inspiring messages to help children explore the importance of kindness, respect, and embracing differences. These sessions aim to empower pupils, boost their confidence, and reinforce the values of inclusivity and positive relationships within our school community.

To ensure that every child can fully engage and enjoy the experience, quieter SEND-friendly sessions will also be available, providing a more relaxed environment for those who may find the larger workshops overwhelming.

This fantastic opportunity obviously comes at a cost to the school, and we would greatly appreciate a £2 donation per child to help support this event. Donations can be made via Scopay, with a payment deadline of Friday 28th March.



If your child would like to purchase any Rock Kidz merchandise, please visit https://rockkidz.bigcartel.com/ for a range of rock paraphernalia!

It promises to be an engaging and memorable experience for all, reinforcing how small acts of kindness can make a big difference!

#BeKind #RockKidz #Inclusivity





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

We are in urgent need of more donated stock for Fidget 'N' Flip! If you have any unwanted mini toys, fidgets, keyrings, or similar small items, please bring them to the office. Every donation helps, and all proceeds go towards a special treat for the children.

Thanks Daisy, Darcie and Mary xx







Diversity & Inclusion Group - hearing from SEND families

Our Diversity and Inclusion Group plays a vital role in shaping The Quinta into a truly supportive and welcoming environment for all our pupils. In our upcoming meeting, we would love to hear from families of SEND children. We would love for you to join the conversation—your experiences and insights can make a real difference. To register your interest please fill in this <u>Form.</u>



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In our upcoming meeting, we would love to hear from families of SEND children. Our focus will be on:

- Reviewing the curriculum
- Strengthening home-school collaboration
- Supporting independence and preparation for the future

Together, we can ensure our children are equipped for the modern world and their next steps in education. Your voice and insights are invaluable, and we would love for you to join the conversation.

To join our meeting simply fill out the form below by Monday 31st March.

<u>Diversity and Inclusion Form.</u>

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL, 2:45 - 3:20.

If anyone requires access
arrangements for the meeting or an
online Zoom link please email Ms
Stones directly on sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk

🎬 Invitation – KS2 Mega Movie Night! 🛗

We're excited to invite Key Stage 2 children to our Mega Movie Night on Friday, 28th March, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm, where they can enjoy Despicable Me 4 with their friends in a fun and relaxed setting.

Entry: £5 – includes a hotdog, popcorn, and bottomless drinks!
 A tuck shop will also be available for extra treats.

Children are welcome to bring a pillow, blanket, and wear comfy clothes for the evening. To book a place simply make payment via Scopay. For any dietary requirements please email friendsofquintapta@outlook.com by Monday 24th March.





Easter School Menu







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..

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

- 21st Red Nose Day (whole school)
- 24th Y6 Mocks for SATS
- 28th KS2 Bootcamp Bee Active
- 28th March KS2 Movie Night. After school.
- 31st March Autism Awareness Week (Year 2 to lead assembly & fund raiser) theme: forging a world that is inclusive in its thinking, actions and essence

April

- 1st Eid celebration day (R.E.) Global Astronomy month (Science whole school)
- 2nd Rock Kidz Whole School Kindness Day
- 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> We'll confirm all bookings by Friday 28th March, depending on demand, so be sure to secure your spot!





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Local Events and Opportunities



Music for Life

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as developing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. The attached information provides some general information relating to lessons in school. Music for Life is a multi-award winning not-for-profit music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 3,000 young people across our area. The deadline for booking a new course to start after Spring break is 31st March. (Please note that bookings are subject to a final confirmation from the tutor and from school that the extra course can be accommodated but more than 99% of people who request lessons will get a place.)

If you are already learning with Music for Life, you don't need to rebook between terms, we'll be in touch directly with you towards the end of the academic year to renew for 25-26.

You can find out much more and book online here: www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now





Local Events and Opportunities





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 areast App Cuido 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.



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.