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Purple Post

Friday 25/3/2022

Issue 243

Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

What a wonderfully warm and spring-like week of weather we have enjoyed! It's lovely to see the spring flowers coming through - the Year 5 pupils who worked with the Polli:nation project worked hard to plant bulbs around the Academy which are now coming through in several areas - thanks to them for their hard work! Spring is sprung!

Thanks for all your Red Nose Day contributions, the final total was an incredible £322! Well done everyone - great effort.

Liz Latham

As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Dates for your diary this half term:

w/b 28th March Parents' Evening Week

30th March – Yr 3 Heights or Abraham

6th April – Rocksteady Music performance

7th April – Yr 5 Snappy Opera performance

7th April – Yr 1,2,3 Mini Archery Day

Parent Pay new system

We hope that this has become much easier to manage now that we are all getting used to the changes! Thank you for your patience and understanding with this new system.

A reminder that you must make sure that you have booked meal choices at least 1 week in advance.

Online Safety

"Making sure our pupils are safe online is very important to us here at Queensmead. We would love to hear from you on what you think of online safety and if there are any ways we can improve on our teaching of online safety. Please click the link below to take part and be entered into a prize draw for a fantastic prize!!

[Online Safety Questionnaire.](#)











TTRS Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to Y3 Andy Shepherd

Class who won overall with the highest average score per user (1,310 coins) and 40,595 coins in total!

Please continue to encourage your child to take part.



10th February - 9th March 2022	 66	 15
10th February - 9th March 2022	 1310	 802
10th February - 9th March 2022	 981	 740
10th February - 9th March 2022	 47	 13
10th February - 9th March 2022	 567	 453

Huge Thanks

We have been contacted by the Ukrainian Community Centre who have asked me to pass on their very grateful thanks for all the kind donations you sent in to support Ukrainian families during the crisis. Your kindness and support is much appreciated.

Want to join a band?! For free!

Our Partner charity Spark Arts are setting up a local band for children aged 7 and above – this is a brilliant opportunity to get involved and no musical experience necessary – just enthusiasm! Families are welcome to come along too – as we work closely with Spark Arts, it's free to Queensmead pupils! Please see the flyer attached. Sessions are Wednesdays after school at the Brite Centre.

Well Done to a Year 4 pupil who created this fantastic Mythical Creature for their homework.



Free furniture!

We are having a clear out! We have some items of furniture (office chairs/tables) which need a new home – please look out for a Groupcall message next week with more details.

U11's Basketball

Please see the flyer below if your child is interested in basketball – a great opportunity to get fit and have fun! If you would like to sign up please [click here](#)



LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR BASKETBALL

U11 COUNTY TEAM TRIALS



ORCHARD MEAD ACADEMY,
LEICESTER LE5 1RT

WHEN:

Monday, Mar 28 - 5 PM - 6:30 PM

Thursday, Mar 31 - 5 PM - 6:30 PM

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Boys and Girls in School Years 5 & 6

Players from all schools and clubs welcome

Players must live in a Leicestershire or Rutland postcode

Just £1 to try out

**Successful trialists will be selected to represent Leicestershire at the East Midlands U11 Regional Tournament on Sunday 24th April.*

Organiser

