



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Purple Post

Friday 18/11/22

Issue 257

### 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.*

*It was fantastic to welcome so many of you back to the 'old-style' Parents' Evenings in school. I hope that you were as pleased as we are at the progress your child is making – thanks for all your commitment in making sure you are able to support your child with their reading/spellings/ learning tables etc. Well done everyone for the huge number of odd socks worn on Monday to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying and it's been great today to see so many pupils (and staff!) in a spectacular range of PJs – thanks for your support of this and of the Children in Need charity- Pudseys everywhere be proud! We'll update you on how much we've raised very soon!*  
*Liz Latham*  
*Principal*

**THANK YOU!**



### Dates for your Diary

Children in Need Day	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Pumpkin competition event	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
F2 visit the Brite Centre	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Yr 5 Curve	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Mindfulness day	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Y1 to St Anne's	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Choir to perform at	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec
De Montfort University	

**Please look out for our Christmas calendar – coming very soon!**

### And talking of Christmas.....

**We are delighted to announce that the free HAF Sports and Crafts Christmas Club is coming to Queensmead for the Christmas holiday – 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> December inclusive. Please see leaflet below for more details and book early as places will be limited.**

5th October - 5th November 2022 07:00 19:00

Completed

Info	Class Results	Pupil Results	Certificates
	Class Average Correct	Class Total Correct	
1	Radiya Hazifa	357	
2	Benjamin Zephaniah	280	
3	Serena Patel	262	
4	Kate Wilkinson	166	
5	Abi Elphinstone	107	
6	Tom Pencival	83	
7	Polly Haylen	43	
8	Rosalee Dahl	8	
9	Sita Brahmanachari	5	
10	Anna Kemp	0	
11	Anthony Browne	0	

### Battle of the Bands!

**Well done to Radiya Hazifa class who have won this month's**

**competition! Great effort from you all!**

### Attendance Matters

A gentle reminder that school starts at 8.50am. Arriving at 9am means your child has already missed 10 minutes of vital learning.

**If they miss 10 minutes every day, that amounts to a whole week of school a year!**

You have the legal responsibility to ensure that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Absence taken during the school term can have a negative impact on a child's education. We can't teach them if they aren't here.

Please see the attached letter from the Local Authority giving more details.

### Ordering School Meals:

Please do remember to order your child's school dinner for week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November by this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Why not get super organised and book up to Christmas. Christmas Dinner this year will be on 14<sup>th</sup> December, this is available to book now!



# WINTER MULTI-SPORT & CRAFTS CAMP INCLUDING FOOTBALL, TABLE TENNIS, SAQ, ARTS & CRAFTS

AGE GROUP  
**6-11**  
YEARS  
GIRLS & BOYS

**LIMITED SPACES!**

WINTER HAF (HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD) FREE TO CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF A FREE SCHOOL MEAL WHO ATTEND QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY. A LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED EACH DAY TO CHILDREN WHO REGISTER. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IS APPLICABLE & ADVANCE BOOKING IS NEEDED.

**19TH, 20TH, 21ST, 22ND DECEMBER**  
**10AM-3PM**

VENUE: QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY,  
WINSTANLEY DRIVE, LEICESTER LE3 1PF

QUALIFIED MALE & FEMALE STAFF INCLUDING FIRST AID,  
SAFEGUARDING & DBS CHECKED

DAILY ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE FOOTBALL TRAINING & MATCHES, COMPETITIONS, PENALTY SHOOT OUTS, TABLE TENNIS, SAQ-SPEED, AGILITY & QUICKNESS.

REGISTER VIA  
CITY COUNCIL  
WEBSITE OR  
SCAN THE  
QR CODE:

EMAIL [INFO@AIMSTRONGSPORT.COM](mailto:INFO@AIMSTRONGSPORT.COM)  
FOR FURTHER INFO



[www.saqinternational.com](http://www.saqinternational.com)  
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**SAQ**

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Developing Physical Literacy



Please ask for: Education Welfare Service  
Direct Line: 0116 454 5510  
E-Mail: [education.welfare@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:education.welfare@leicester.gov.uk)  
Date: Autumn term 2022



## Positive Attendance: Helping Children and Young People to Succeed

School is an important part of the lives of children and young people. It is where they begin to develop new skills, make friendships and it helps prepare them for their future. When a child misses school, they can miss out on these vital opportunities and their learning and friendships may suffer. Whilst 90% is an excellent result in a test, an attendance level of 90% is poor, children are classed as persistently absent and children's outcomes in school can be badly affected. Any absence that is not authorised by the school is a reason for concern.

Parents and carers have the legal responsibility to ensure that a child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Absence taken during the school term can have a negative impact on a child's education. Therefore:

- Schools rarely agree to parents taking their children out of school for the purposes of leave of absence / holidays in term-time. This is not an automatic entitlement and only the Head teacher can authorise this if a parent applies in advance and the Head teacher's view is that there are exceptional circumstances. **If your child misses school for the purposes of a holiday or a trip and the absence is not agreed, you may be issued with a Penalty Notice, or you may be prosecuted.**
- Penalty Notices may also be issued to parents whose children have 20 or more unauthorised absences in a 12 week period. Penalty Notices are a fine of:
  - **£120 per parent per child if paid in full within 28 days** (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days)
- If a Penalty Notice is not fully paid within 28 days and there is no reason to withdraw the Notice, the Local Authority has no option but to prosecute a parent in the Magistrates' Court for failing to ensure regular school attendance.
- In Court, if a parent pleads guilty, or is found guilty, they will then have a criminal record. A fine of up to £2,500, up to 3 months imprisonment or a community penalty could be imposed together with a parenting order.

You can help your child by ensuring that they arrive on time and that you arrange any appointments for them (e.g. dental check-ups) outside school hours. If your child has regular absences the school may require medical evidence.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any issues affecting your child's attendance, please contact your child's school in the first instance or the Education Welfare Service on (0116) 454 5510.

*Ellen Collier*

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Service Manager - Education Welfare Service

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