



QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Winstanley Drive • Braunstone • Leicester • LE3 1PF

Principal: Mrs L. Latham • 0116 285 8518

admin@queensmeadacademy.org

www.queensmeadacademy.org

Follow us on Twitter: [@QueensmeadGDFT](https://twitter.com/QueensmeadGDFT)



Purple Post

Thursday 21st December

Issue 282

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.

We are now at the end of the longest half term in history! What a wonderful way to end this half term with so many fantastic opportunities for pupils to enjoy their learning and get ready for the holidays! It's been amazing to welcome so many of you into school to share these opportunities – the Nativity performances, parent events in several year groups, the Rocksteady performance and this week, breakfast with Santa which has been a huge success. Thank you so very much for all your support this year with everything that we do.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and a peaceful New Year.

Merry Christmas!

Liz Latham

Class Assembly Dates

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Tuesday at 2.50pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kate Wilkinson	16 th January
Onjali Rauf	6 th February
Roald Dahl	5 th March
Benjamin Zephaniah	19 th March
Anna Kemp	16 th April
Radiy Hafiza	7 th May
Oliver Jeffers	21 st May
Rashmi Sirdeshpande	11 th June
Tom Percival	2 nd July

Dates for Your Diary

Break up for Christmas

21st Dec

School Re-opens

Mon 8th Jan

Yr 3 Leicester Museum and Art Gallery

16th Jan

Yr 1 Beaumanor Hall

14th Feb

Y2 Fire of London experience

25th Feb

Rocksteady Band Lessons

Does your child love music?

Do they want to be a singer

or learn to play the guitar/

drums or keyboard? We are

currently working with Rocksteady music to

provide music lessons which lead to a mini-concert

at the end of each half term for the whole school

and parents. Follow this link for more information:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/> or look out

for the flyer that will be coming out very soon.



Honours Awards Autumn 2

A huge congratulations to all of our Honours Award-winners - we're very proud!

Foundation 1 - Arabella

Nadia Shireen - Aleksander

Nick Sharratt Harley

R. Sirdeshpande - Jayden

Oliver Jeffers - Gabriella

Tom Percival - Julia

Anna Kemp - Theodore

Serena Patel - Teddy

Roald Dahl - Jax

Kate Wilkinson - Zeinab

Radiya Hafiza - Katerina

Onjali Rauf - Emma

Benjamin Zephaniah - Jorane

Sita Brahmachari - Rainen

Polly Ho-Yen - Logan

'For demonstrating excellent investigative skills and knowledge in Science'

Goodbye and good luck!

I'm sure you'll join with me in saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Shields – after an incredible 32 years at the school, she is going to take a well-earned rest and retire (we're hoping she'll come back to join us on trips and events!).

We also say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Devonport who is leaving to take up a new position after 8 years of dedicated service at Queensmead – we wish you both well.

Dinner Dates

Why not get super-organised and book your child's lunches over the Christmas break?
For wk beginning 8.1.24 book by Sun. 24th Dec.
For wk beginning 15.1.23 book by Sun 7th Jan.
For wk beginning 22.1.24 book by Sun 14th Jan.

Welcome to the team!

A big welcome to Mrs Gamble who has joined the EYFS team.

So generous- thank you!

The combined total for the donations at the end of the Nativity performances was a huge £372! Thank you so much for your kind generosity. All the money raised will go towards new playground markings.

TTRS Battle of the Bands – Results

Congratulations to Serena Patel class who won overall with an average of 721 coins per child (23,789 in total) The next battle ends 10th January.

	Class Average Correct	Class Total Correct
1	Serena Patel	721
2	Kate Wilkinson	554
3	Radiya Hafiza	519
4	Roald Dahl	376
5	Polly Ho-Yen	260
6	Benjamin Zephaniah	197
7	Onjali Rauf	95
8	Tom Percival	89

Zig Zag parking

A polite reminder that the zigzag markings outside the school gates mark the area that **should not** be parked in. Please do not park here as it's dangerous for your children.



Uniform checks

Thank you very much to everyone who makes sure our uniform policy is followed. We are very proud of how smart our pupils look both in class and for PE. We will be spot-checking for correct uniform in the New Year so it's a good chance over the holiday to ensure you have the right uniform.

Lateness

A gentle reminder that learning starts at 8.50am-the vast majority of pupils are here ready to start their day. If you struggle to get here on time, in the Spring term, why not set

your alarm clock 10 minutes early to make sure that your child is here on time ready to learn?



Breakfast with Santa...

What a wonderful way to start the day! Thank you to everyone who came to keep Santa company for

breakfast this week- children enjoyed a delicious breakfast before visiting Santa in his grotto to receive a lovely present. A visit from Dottie also made the experience complete and children were given a specially made souvenir bag to take home.

Christmas Jumpers

A huge thank you to everyone who donated £1 (or more) to the Save the Children charity in order to wear their Christmas Jumpers – we have raised £192 for this very worthy cause.



Wonderful Winter Fair.

All the classes had great fun in planning, designing and creating their games, activities and items for the Winter Fair.

We had a huge number of parents who enjoyed the tombola's, chocolate hamper raffle, book stall, sprout pong to name but a few of the stalls. Thanks to your generosity we have raised just short of £1000! An incredible sum of money which will go directly to support your child's learning and experiences in school. Thank you for supporting us.

Attendance

Very well done to 88 pupils who will receive their 100% attendance certificates today! As you know, regular attendance is a legal requirement and we cannot stress enough the need to ensure that your child is in school, on time, every day. If you need support with this then please do contact the school office. The overall attendance % for this term is 95.1%. The class with the highest attendance is Sita Brahmachari with 96.9%. Well done to you!



You're invited!

We are delighted to offer a special invitation to you and your families to join us on a creative and sustainable adventure as we officially launch **Re/thread: A Trail of Giant Sequins** on **Saturday 13 January 2024**, with drop-in activities taking place **from 11am to 4pm**.

What to expect...

Join us in celebrating the incredible journey of over **1000** young individuals from Leicester who have actively participated in creative workshops led by the talented artist Jessica Grady. Together, they have crafted a fabulous trail of Giant Sequins which explores Leicester's rich textile history and tells a unique story of creativity, sustainability, and community spirit.

Trail open:
13 January
- 4 February



1. LCB Depot
2. Curve Theatre
3. Phoenix Cinema
4. Leicester Coffee House
5. The Y Theatre
6. Leicester Central Library
7. Button Boutique
8. St Martin's Coffee Shop
9. King Richard III Visitor Centre
10. Leicester Gallery at DMU

Uncover how you can Re/thread at Home

As you explore each of the ten venues, you'll uncover a hidden trail of thrifty ideas to try at home. Engage in creative activities, discover recycling insights, and learn tips for reusing and repurposing materials. This interactive trail is designed to inspire and empower you to make a positive impact on the environment through art and creativity.



Access the digital trail map via artreach.org.uk, or BID Leicester's LoyalFree app!

To kick off this exciting project...

We have planned a vibrant opening day of free events across Cultural Quarter Earlies at LCB Depot, The Gallery at De Montfort University and Leicester Central Library. Join us on Saturday 13 January as we'll host a series of free creative workshops and activities for all to enjoy.

Your contribution to Re/thread has been vital in bringing this project to life. We are thrilled to share your creativity and this incredible journey with the entire community.



@ArtReachEvents

We look forward to seeing you on the trail!

#ReThread #ReactionFestival #LetsCreate