

# QUEST PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of our newly revamped Quest Primary newsletter. I am excited to share with you just some of the many wonderful things that our classes have been up to this term and hope you will enjoy reading about them below. At QPS we whole-heartedly pursue our school motto of 'Learning Changes Lives' in all we do for our pupils, and it is wonderful to be able to showcase just some of the opportunities the children have had to develop their personal skills, alongside their academic learning. A huge thank you must go to all our families who have supported events magnificently this term by either volunteering, participating, sponsoring or cheering from the sidelines, as well as to the staff team who go above and beyond to bring learning alive for the children! I wish you all a restful break.  
Miss Stawman.

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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN...

### NURSERY



We have had another busy half term in nursery. We really enjoyed having our own bear hunt outside, where we put wellies on our hands to walk through lots of mud. We also got to make pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. We had to weigh out the ingredients, mix them altogether and then cook the batter in a frying pan. They tasted delicious, especially with lemon or jam on them.

### RECEPTION



Linking to KS2's Career Fair and our Jigsaw 'Dreams and Goals' topic - Adventure Class explored different jobs we might want when we are older. We focused on what skills we would need to have and how we could work hard on these skills. We spoke a lot about being 'resilient' and how we don't give up as 'mistakes make our brain grow'. After a discussion on future jobs, we decided to turn our role play area into a medical centre. We had lots of fun role-playing doctors and dentists.

### YEAR ONE



This half term, in our Art and Design lessons, we have been designing and creating dragon eyes from clay. We started by exploring lines and textures whilst mark making, which developed into sculptures. We manipulated the clay by squeezing, pinching, pressing, modelling, flattening, poking, squashing and smoothing. We also used objects to press into the clay, observing the patterns they make. Here are some of our dragon eyes, ready to paint!

### YEAR TWO



Following our virtual author visit with Joseph Coelho, we looked at his picture book, "If All the World Were". Joseph Coelho is a poet, so this book uses lots of poetic language. One of the ideas he uses is the idea of a kaleidoscope, so we had a go at making our own! Lots of us had not heard of a kaleidoscope, so it was interesting to follow instructions to create one. After this, we wrote our own sentences on coloured paper and stuck them to the window to create our own poetry kaleidoscope in the classroom.

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## YEAR THREE



In Year 3, we took our trip to the British Museum to see the Egyptian artefacts. The children loved to see the mummies and sarcophagi. They loved trying to spot the Egyptian god Osiris in all the different paintings, inscriptions and hieroglyphs. It surprised them how many different surfaces were covered in hieroglyphs. This trip really helped to compound our learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

"My favourite part was looking at all of the artefacts," Harry  
"I loved seeing the Rosetta Stone," Ezekiel  
"I liked seeing the Egyptian art" Ameenah

## YEAR FOUR



This half term Year 4 have visited Selsdon Library to develop our love of books and build our reading community. We took several of our parents with us to sign us up for a library card and delighted in learning that you can take up to 24 books home as a child! We learnt all about how libraries work and were told a fantastic story about lions by the new librarian.

## YEAR FIVE

Year 5 attended Quest Primary's Careers Fair where the children showed great interest in the different careers the visitors had come to talk to them about.



The children also attended Selsdon Baptist Church where they were able to engage with several activities that helped them learn and understand the Easter Story. Coleman Class ended the half-term with a UV Dodgeball session led by specialist coaches. Judging by the amount of laughter and squeals of delight, I think it would be fair to say Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

## YEAR SIX



Earlier this month, Year 6 enthusiastically took part in the Scootathon challenge to raise money for OPAL. Like dedicated Formula 1 drivers, they raced furiously round the course with their eyes on the prize of completing the largest number of laps. Despite some of the bikes being a bit small for the older children, they admirably persevered and showed good resilience to complete as many loops as possible during the time allowed.

## ELP 1 & 2

Explorers and Peake classes have been busy with trips this term. We have our usual Friday visit to horse riding, in which some of the children are now controlling the horses themselves without the adult leading them. There has been a trip to a local windmill when our topic was 'Buildings' in Spring 1, followed by a stop off at the Croydon viewpoint. Some of the children took part in a bowling competition, coming 2nd out of 14 schools! We were so proud of them working so well as a team. A trip to the cinema to see Sonic 3 also took place this term which was an exciting treat.

