

Queensbridge Primary News

September 2022

Ready, Respectful and Safe



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope you have all had an amazing Summer. The children have come back calm, well-motivated and ready for the challenges that lie ahead. It was great to see how much they have grown over the six weeks off!

We are launching the year by reminding children of our three school rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe. We are committed to promoting a positive learning environment and therefore have tightened up on our behaviour management system. This is to ensure a consistent approach by all staff across the school. Your class teachers will have shared this with you on the meet the teacher evening, but please don't hesitate to ask if you would like more information.

The school gates open at 8:45am and years 4,5,6 go straight to class for 'soft start'. The bell rings at 8:55am for the start of school. Parents are allowed on the playground but please be prompt leaving after the bell has rung. School finishes at 3:20pm for Reception, 3:25 for KS1 and 3:30 for KS2.

This year, we are promoting the Daily Mile and healthy living, which not only makes us fitter but improves our mood and wellbeing. Please no junk food, only healthy snacks and lunch boxes!

Thank you!

Ms Bailey



Welcome Back!
Children are enjoying being back at school.



Queensbridge Loves Reading!



Daily Supported Reading starts in Year 1



Year 2 visit Dalston Library



Reception children are enjoying school, including music and dancing with Michelle!



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Funeral for Her Majesty the Queen

Monday 19th September is a Bank Holiday for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. School will be closed to students and staff as a mark of respect.



Year 6 World War 2 Topic Launch Day!



Year 5 Anglo Saxon and Vikings Topic Launch Day and investigating properties of materials in Science.



Meet Ms Ballantyne!

I'm the new Deputy Headteacher and I'm really excited to be joining the Queensbridge family.

A bit about me..

- # I was born in Hackney in the 1970's.
- # I have 2 daughters who are 10 and 14.
- # I'm of Trinidadian and Irish heritage
- # This is my 20th year in teaching, and I still love it!
- # I own several pairs of trainers and have a serious love of peanut butter.

Edyta Ballantyne



Important Notices **School Uniform**- we are a uniform school and therefore children must be wearing their full school uniform every day unless it is their PE day. PE kits must be appropriate for school. No crop tops or jewellery. A plain t-shirt, shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers is preferred. We regularly hold second hand uniform sales after school. This is not only great for your pocket, but good for the environment too.

Breakfast Club starts at 8am. **Play Centre** (afterschool) is back to normal and must be booked in advance.

School dinner money, Breakfast club and Play Centre fees must be paid in a timely manner- preferably upfront. You can use our online payments system Scopay to pay in advance <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

Website- For lots more essential information including the school dinner menu, our curriculum provision and policies please visit our school website: <https://www.queensbridge.hackney.sch.uk>

Notable School Dates

September	
Mon 19 th	Special Bank Holiday for the Queen's Funeral
Tues 20 th	Individual school photos
Fri 23 rd	'Jeans for Genes day' - wear Jeans for charity
Mon 26 th	Boosters and Clubs begin
October	
Mon 3 rd	Y6 go to PGL (5 days)
Mon 3 rd	Y3 Silver Science Trip
Thurs 6 th	Y3 Gold Science Trip
Tues 11 th	Y4 Science Museum
Thurs 13 th	International Evening
Mon 17 th	Year 3 Music Trip to see the Classical Roadshow
Fri 21 st	Children break up for Half Term- Normal finish time
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	October Half Term



Thank you to the volunteer gardener parents who have kept the school garden flourishing over the dry summer.



Harvest Festival soon!



Music News!



We are excited for a great term of marvellous music making.

Instrumental Lessons begin next week (from 20th September). If your child is learning an instrument, please help them to practise at home and to always bring their instrument to lessons.

Well done to the members of choir who made it to the first rehearsal - sounding strong and sonorous! It's going to be a great year of singing.

Upcoming Music Trips:

Mon 17th October: All of Year 3 will see the Classical Roadshow at Milton Hall (near the Barbican) to take part in a vocal and orchestral performance about the Great Fire of London

Thurs 3rd November: All of Year 2 Monster Trip to the Barbican to see the London Symphony Orchestra.



Music Exam Success!



Welcome to our new School Councillors, Eco Warriors and Art Ambassadors 2022!

Each class has elected children to take on additional roles and responsibilities.



We are Ready, Respectful and Safe!

Children pictured here have been recognised for their Ready, Respectful and Safe attitudes by their class teachers. Well done!



Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey in July. We had a fantastic response from parents across all year groups. The information in the survey allows us to know what is going well and how we can continue to improve.

Parent voice is very important to us, and we want to promote strong links between school and parents this year. We will be continuing with the Parent Council and PTA so please get involved. We already have dates in the school diary for our many school community events including International Evening and the Winter Fair. In addition to this, we want to encourage more parental engagement with school learning. We will be running parent workshops and inviting you in to be a part of the learning during the upcoming year.

Clearer communication and school clubs were highlighted as areas of concern for parents, so we will be working hard to improve this. We will try, where possible, to inform parents in advance of the school calendar of events.

However, in the nature of a large school, there can be times where changes are unavoidable. Please use the School App and Instagram Pages for the most up to date information and notices.

Quotes from our Parent Survey 2022

"Brilliant school and amazing staff!"



"Both of my children have made amazing progress in their Education, which is primarily down to how wonderful Queensbridge is at supporting students to achieve their best through a diverse and challenging curriculum."



"I think it is a fantastic school with a wonderful sense of community"

"Very positive environment, always welcomed with a smile."

"An absolutely fantastic school! They cater for all needs, going above and beyond for every student."



"My kids enjoy coming to school."

Get Involved!

Parents we need you! We have so many fantastic opportunities to be involved in different aspects of school life. Our school thrives when the whole community is involved so please support as many school events as you can!

Parent Gardening Club- Our Edible Garden and Nature area are looking absolutely fantastic with all of the hard work from our parent gardeners lead by Karolina. We need more help though to weed, water and tend to the plants. If you can lend a hand on Saturday's then please let Karolina know!

Parent Council- Have your voices and opinions heard and work to support the good of the school. Contact Ms Cline at parentcouncil@queensbridge.hackney.sch.uk

Parent Readers- Do you have some spare time during the school day to hear children read? If so, then let us know!

Trips- School trips require lots of adult support to make them happen especially in younger year groups. If you can lend a hand on your child's school trip, then please speak to your class teacher.