

Queensbridge Primary News

October

2022

Ready, Respectful and Safe



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I cannot believe that we are in October already. Ms Ballantyne (DH) has settled in well- hope most of you have met her already by now. The children have started celebrating Black History- dance workshops kicked this off! Ms Desborough completed the London Marathon in 2 hours 49 minutes and was the 39th fastest female runner- well done! We've had WORLD SMILE DAY! Every child was beaming at Queensbridge in Assembly!

Y6 had an amazing time on school journey at PGL- facing some of their fears with heights, getting wet and building their collaboration skills. Prue and Caroline have gone to have their babies- we wish them all the best. Mr Mc Fall is also on paternity leave this week- congratulations! Y2 have been making Stop Motion Animations based around The Queen's Hat- making their own props to support their recordings. The children were very reflective over the Queen's death and talked about her 75 years on the throne.

We celebrated National Fitness Day and Jeans for Genes Day. My learning walks and observations of all staff members have almost been completed. I observe termly to watch teaching and learning and talk to the children about their learning, testing out short and long term memory. We have had a fire drill practice in case your child talks about having to leave the building sensibly in the cold!

Please remember to dress your children more warmly- hats and scarves- as we head towards the colder days and darker evenings.

BE BRIGHT! BE SEEN!

Thank you!

Ms Bailey

School Councillors Visit George Padmore House!

Some of our new School Councillors went to George Padmore House to meet and brighten the day of the older residents. We built our communication skills by interviewing each other and then we turned the resident's life stories into comic strips. This is a very important community link for us and teaches the children to appreciate different members of our local community and the contribution they have made.



Out and About!

Y3 enjoyed an amazing trip to the Royal Institution where they took part in a cosmetic chemistry workshop. It was the perfect trip to develop their working scientifically skills.

Year 1 have been embracing outdoor learning and have been conducting Science and Maths learning outside!



EYFS

Nurse are developing their understanding of the world through role play.



Art Lessons in the ARP!



Reception learnt about different types of musical instruments.

Sports Trips

Some children from Year 4 and 5 attended a Tag Rugby Event with Coach D, they really enjoyed experiencing a new sport. Year 5 and 6 Children attended a Sport Inspired event supported by UBS where they got to try out 6 different sports including wheelchair basketball. It was a big event with lots of other schools. We had a really fun day!



Black History Season

October marks the start of Black History Season. This year's theme set by Hackney Council is 'Movers, Shakers and Community Makers'. The children will look at how individuals of African/ Caribbean heritage have shaped Hackney to be the borough that it is today.

Over the coming weeks each Year Group will take part in specific lessons, dance workshops, visits to the Hackney Museum and much more to celebrate the diversity of our school and borough.

There will also be a special school dinner menu on a Wednesday throughout October, and we will hold our International Evening Celebration which is rescheduled to 10th November.



Classes taking part in the Black History Dance Workshops/ Y3 Attend Hackney Central Library for Story Telling.



<u>Notable School Dates</u>	
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
Mon 17 th	Year 3 Music Trip to see the Classical Roadshow
Fri 21 st	Black History Month Dress Up Celebrating African and Caribbean Fashion/ Prints
	Children break up for Half Term- Normal finish time
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	October Half Term
November	
Wed 2 nd	Flu Vaccinations for R to Y6 (on parent's request)
Mon 7 th	Assessment Week Years 1 to 6
Thurs 10 th	Y5T to Hackney Museum, BH Workshop
Thurs 10 th	Rescheduled International Evening
Mon 14 th	National Anti- Bullying Week
Fri 18 th	Wear Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 15 th	Y3S Epping Forest Trip
Wed 16 th	Y6D to Hackney Museum, BH Workshop
Thurs 17 th	Y6S to Hackney Museum, BH Workshop
Thurs 17 th	Y3G Epping Forest Trip
Fri 18 th	Children In Need
Tues 22 nd	Parents Evening
Wed 23 rd	Parents Evening
Thurs 24 th	Y5A to Hackney Museum, BH Workshop

Recycling Reminder from the Eco Warriors

Recently, our Eco Warriors sent out an important reminder message to the children about correctly disposing of waste during lunch time. It is important that any food waste goes into the compost waste bin, general rubbish in the bin and cutlery/ tray in the correct washing up containers. The bins are clearly labelled and the Video message, which you can find on our Instagram page, has clear instructions for the children.

The Eco Warriors want to remind our families to make sure you are also recycling your food waste correctly at home. Blue food waste caddies and biodegradable bags can be ordered free of charge online at

<https://hackney.gov.uk/your-recycling>

Have you ordered your food waste recycling bins and liners?



Hackney recycles



PGL 2022

Year 6 had a superb time on their PGL residential trip. They were a credit to our school and families with their fantastic attitudes and way they demonstrated teamwork and support for each other. Throughout the week, they took part in many outdoor activities and adventures which helped to bond them as a team and improve communication skills. As well as being very fun, this trip provides valuable life experience and a bonding opportunity for children and staff in what is a very important school year. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up their evenings and left their own families to make this trip a success. Without you, it would have not been possible to provide such an inclusive experience for everyone to enjoy.



PARENTS WE NEED YOU!

Parents, we cannot possibly run all of our amazing school events without the help and support of our Queensbridge Friends PTA. Sadly, for some of our long standing members, this is their last year at Queensbridge before their children head to secondary school. Therefore, we need to recruit new parents and perhaps have some of our existing members move up to more central roles.

Roles	
Chair and co-chair	Cake Sale Organiser
Treasurer	Uniform Sale Organiser
Spending Committee	General members to support with school events

Please contact Helen, Dana or Ms Cline for more information.

We also need volunteers for our weekly Parent Gardening Club on a Saturday (Contact Karolina)

Parent librarians to support the upkeep of our school library resource (Contact Andrea)



Incredible Project Homeworks! We love how inspired you have been by your learning in school!



We are loving our lunchtime Library Club!