

Queen's Hill Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

November 2015

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you had a lovely half term.

As soon as the clocks change and the evenings start to draw in, we begin to plan for our "Christmas" activities. This year we will again be performing at **St Peter Mancroft Church with The Poringland Singers**. The event is always a sell out so look out for the posters which will let you know when tickets are available. In the meantime put the evening of Saturday 12th December in your diary!

With so many of our staff and families connected to the military in some way, Remembrance Day is a poignant event at Queen's Hill School. We will be holding our annual assembly at the earlier time of **9.15am on 11th November** in the school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend but please be aware that this assembly is NOT appropriate for pre-school children.

You will soon hear your children talking about the **Golden Mile** which is a new initiative aimed at improving your child's fitness levels and encouraging children to be more active at playtime and lunchtime. Look out for certificates and notices in the newsletter telling you who is the most active class, year group and child!

Michael Roughsedge - Deputy Headteacher

Parenting Strategies to Develop a Growth Mindset

September 17, 2014 by [Melissa Taylor](#)

I have a daughter who dislikes challenges. She'd rather give up than persevere. This is probably hugely affected by her sensory processing disorder and ADHD. How, I don't really know. But I do know that she **does not have** what professor Angela Duckworth calls [grit](#) and author Carol Dweck calls it a [growth mindset](#). Or at least it's hidden somewhere.

She's living with a **fixed mindset**. This is when you believe that people are either born smart or not; that talents, intelligence, and personality can't be changed. But we know from decades of research that this is simply not true. Our [brains are amazingly malleable](#), even as adults.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't need my daughter to get straight As or a perfect score, that's not it at all. What I care about is my daughter's life. Having a growth mindset is essential for a successful life. In all areas. (although kids with a [growth mindset](#) do better in school than their peers without).

My heart's desire is that my daughter starts to see her potential by adopting a growth mindset. I want her to believe she can learn anything, grow in areas of challenge, and work hard to solve any problem.

"If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning." - Carol Dweck

**Congratulations to
Mrs. Nichols and
her family
on the birth of
Faye Dorothy**



**Remembrance Day
Service**

**9.15am 11th November
2015**

All parents are invited to
attend our Remembrance
Day Service
(please note that space is limited
and the service is not suitable
for pre-school children).



**Poppies are on sale in
school**



**Defibrillator
Reminder**

We have a defibrillator
which is situated in the
school office and is
available for the community
to use when the school is
open, should the need arise.

**Amber B, Hannah M, Toby H, Harry G,
Horeah, Nellie, Cali-Jo, Eva, Nadia S, Lewis D**



*Seb's Friends of
the Week
during October for showing
a positive attitude to their learning*

Congratulations!

Reminder



Tempest Photography
in school on

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2015

To take individual and sibling photographs



Did you know your child's class now has its own blog?

If you go to the school website www.queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk and then click on the Classes tab / Key Stage tab you will see your child's class blog.

I'm sure you will agree they have an amazing creative learning experience and it's lovely to see all the photos of the activities each class has been doing. In KS2 the children have been writing the blog which I know they have enjoyed; we may even have some bloggers of the future!

Regular updates will be posted so keeping coming back to have a look!

READING

Every child in KS1 and KS2 has a banded coloured reading book. Last term we purchased more books from the Big Cat Collins range and extended our levels from Lime to Pearl. These new books are matched to each child's reading ability and allow children to have more support in their understanding of the books they are reading

In the back of the books you will find some great activities and questions which you can work through with your child. We would thoroughly recommend to help support them with their reading. We encourage children to read a wide range of books and to have a book of their choice, which can be selected from the Library during their weekly Library sessions or during lunchtime.

If you have any questions, would like some advice or ideas on reading then please contact Mrs Maskell our School Librarian.



A big thank you to the Friends

who kindly purchased some great new games for the Maths Hub and some very exciting 'Author Chairs' to inspire exciting writing and budding authors. The chairs will be decorated, by the children and displayed in the school entrance on the 2nd December, so come and have a look! Pictures of the decorated chairs will be posted on the school website as well. This writing initiative has only been possible due to the generosity and support of the Friends of Queen's Hill Primary School.



ATTENTION ALL NURSERY PARENTS!



Norfolk County Council has issued the letter for Reception Admissions for September 2016. The deadline for returning your choices is 15th January 2016. Letters will be sent to parents informing them of where places have been allocated after 18th April 2016.

If you haven't received a letter from Norfolk County Council asking you where you would like a school place for your child, please contact David Tomlinson on 223867.



BBC

Children
in Need

Friday 13th November

Dress Up as your Hero

Or

Wear your Pyjamas

£1 donation please



Diary Dates

November 2015


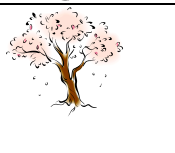

Thurs 5 th	12.30 - 2.30pm Nursery Open Afternoon
Fri 6 th	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Souris
Mon 9 th	School Photographs
Weds 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Remembrance Day Assembly - Parents welcome KS2 School Council Representatives visiting Wyvil School
Thurs 12 th	KS2 School Council Representatives return from Wyvil School
Fri 13 th	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Coccinelles
Fri 20 th	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Grenouilles
Mon 23 rd	Golden Mile
Thurs 26 th	2 - 3pm Y3 Maths Café
Fri 27 th	2.30pm Show & Share Assembly - Les Sauterelles

December 2015


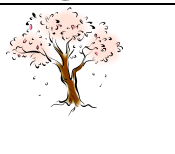

Fri 4 th	Show & Share Assembly - Les Renards
Mon 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Y2 Dress Rehearsal 10.30am Reception & Nursery Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm Y1 Dress Rehearsal
Tues 8 th	1.30pm EYFS & Nursery Dress Rehearsal
Weds 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4/5/6 Visit to London 9.15am Y2 Nativity 10.30am Nursery & Reception Nativity
Thurs 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30pm Y1 Nativity 1pm Y2 Nativity 2pm Nursery & Reception Nativity
Sat 12 th	7pm St Peter Mancroft Concert
Mon 14 th	Reception/Year 1/Year2 Christmas Dinner
Tues 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 Christmas Dinner 5pm Carol Singing around the estate
Weds 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30 - 9.30am Christmas themed Stay & Play Reading Café - Nursery AM 8.30 - 10am Christmas themed Stay & Play Reading Café Reception 12 - 1pm Christmas themed Stay & Ply Reading Café - Nursery PM
Thurs 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garlick Theatre Company 6pm Christmas Meal for guests of Year 6 pupils

Term Dates

2015/16

	Autumn Term 2015 Thursday 3 rd September to Friday 18 th December Half Term holiday: Thursday 22 nd October to Friday 30 th October
	Spring Term 2016 Tuesday 5 th January to Thursday 24 th March Half Term holiday: Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February
	Summer Term 2016 Monday 11 th April to Wednesday 20 th July Half Term holiday: Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2 nd May)

2016/17

	Autumn Term 2016 Monday 5 th September to Friday 16 th December Half Term holiday: Thursday 20 th October to Friday 28 th October
	Spring Term 2017 Thursday 5 th January to Thursday 31 st March Half Term holiday: Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February
	Summer Term 2017 Monday 18 th April to Friday 21 st July Half Term holiday: Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June (May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 st May)

St Peter Mancroft Christmas Concert

Saturday 12th December 2015
at
7pm



Queen's Hill Primary School performing with The Poringland
Singers
All proceeds to charity



Come along and join the celebrations.. .
Tickets will be available from the School Office



Please see separate letter for those children in Key Stage 2
who would like to sing and/or play.



