



JULY 2022

QUEEN'S HILL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since October, when I handed my resignation letter to our Chair of Governors, I have been experiencing "the last" syndrome - the last Remembrance Service, the last nativities, the last Christmas Assembly, the last tent inspection... I could go on! So now it's time for the last "July" newsletter.

It has been a very busy year, learning to live alongside Covid and trying to reinstate all our usual events whilst still dealing with staff absence has been challenging. The one thing that has kept us all going is your amazing children. When we arrived at the Norfolk Showground on Wednesday comments such as "Wow, this is the biggest field I've ever seen," "This is the best day ever!", "Cows!" made us appreciate how important these events are for the children, who have had two years of considerable disruption in their very short lives. Come rain or shine, our children have enjoyed residentials, trips and visits alongside their outdoor learning experiences - life has definitely become "more normal" even as the number of Covid cases in Norfolk are on the rise again.

In the next couple of weeks, our Year 6 children should get their results from their SATs . Whatever the outcomes from the tests are, we are so proud of the Year 6's achievements. They have sung and danced, swam and raced, they have lived through a pandemic and shown resilience, grit and determination and a magnificent passion for learning. Sadly, like many children, they have missed out on some real rites of passage, but they haven't complained or moaned. Instead, they have shown maturity and understanding. Those are things that a test result paper doesn't grade but they are attributes that will help them to get through life. We wish them all the very best for the future in the various high schools they will be attending.

It has been a real privilege to have been head teacher at Queen's Hill since my appointment in 2007, when the school site was just sand. Thank you for all your support and kindness over the years - the next few weeks are going to be emotional ones for me, so just ignore me if I start to well up! Mr Cross is looking forward to taking on the role of Head Teacher from 1st September and I know you will give him your full support over the next few months and years.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer when it arrives.

With very best wishes,

Penny Sheppard

STAFFING

This month, Mrs Suffield, our Assistant Head Teacher, returns from her maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming her back!

This term we say good bye to Miss Bettermann who is off to explore the world, Miss Arnold, Mrs Key who will be working in a Specialist Provision School, Mr Hyde and Miss Coyte - McKenzie (Zoe) and Mrs Beevor who are both off to teacher training.

In September, Mrs James will be taking on her new role of Assistant Head Teacher. She will join our other Assistant Head Teachers, Mrs Suffield and Mr Hann, in supporting Mr Cross.

TRANSITION

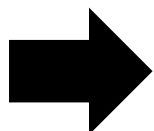
On Monday 11th July the children will find out who their new class teachers will be. Children should be dropped off at their normal gate and will be picked up from the new classroom (those currently in Y2 will need to be picked up from the KS2 playground). We will ensure staff are out and about to direct you to the correct area!

Mrs Killow, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Gee will be joining the teaching staff from September and will be joining us for some of the transition period (Mon 11th to Wed 13th). From the 14th July the children will be back in their original classes when the Y6 children will be back from their transition to Ormiston Victory Academy (which gives us the flexibility in staffing to do transition here at QH)

DIARY DATES

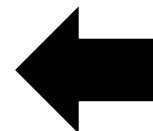
Monday 4 th July	Nursery and Reception Open Evening for September 2022 Intake (See separate letter)
Wednesday 6 th July	Tower of London Trip
Thursday 7 th July	Y7 Transition (Taverham High)
Friday 8 th July	Y7 Transition (Taverham High)
Friday 8 th July	2.30pm Taupes Show and Share Assembly
Monday 11 th July	Y7 Transition (Ormiston Victory Academy)
Monday 11 th July	Y1-6 Parents Evening (3pm-6pm)
Tuesday 12 th July	Y7 Transition (Ormiston Victory Academy)
Wednesday 13 th July	Y7 Transition (Ormiston Victory Academy)
Wednesday 13 th July	Y1-6 Parents Evening
Wednesday 13 th July	Y5 STEM Visit
Thursday 14 th July	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 14 th July	6pm – Romeo and Juliet (pre-ordered tickets only)
Friday 15 th July	Y4 Ultimate Frisbee
Friday 15 th July	1.30pm – Romeo and Juliet
Wednesday 20 th July	3-5pm – Mrs Sheppard's Leaving Picnic
Friday 22 nd July	9am- Y6 Leavers Assembly – Y6 Parents and Carers Invited
Friday 22 nd July	LAST DAY OF TERM

TERM DATES



SUMMER TERM 2022

Last day of term – Friday 22nd July 2022



AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 5th September 2022 – Friday 16th December 2022

Half Term

Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022

Inset Days (Closed to Children)

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

Half Term

Monday 13th February 2023 – Friday 17th February 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Tuesday 18th April 2023 – Thursday 20th July 2023

Half Term

Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

Bank Holiday (Closed to Children)

Monday 1st May 2023

Inset Days (Closed to Children)

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

WHAT'S GOING ON AT QUEEN'S HILL?

Keep Informed at:

queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk



Queen's Hill Primary



@QPrimary

Free training available for parent/carers

The Solihull Approach 'Understanding Your Child' is a free online course to help you recognise emotions in yourself and your child and helps you to see how these emotions can impact on behaviour.

The course can help increase your confidence as a parent or carer, so that difficulties encountered in everyday life are reduced by seeing a child's behaviour from their point of view. A closer relationship between you and your child can develop, resulting in a calmer and happier household for everyone.

For more information and access to the course, go onto the Just One Norfolk website:
www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/online-learning



Mrs Sheppard's Farewell Picnic

Please join us in celebrating our wonderful school and saying a thank you to Mrs Sheppard at our family picnic!



Come and join us in celebrating
what makes
Queen's Hill Primary School
special

When: Wednesday 20th July 2022
Where: Queen's Hill Primary School
Time: 3pm-5pm

Bring a blanket, a picnic and your family!

SEN Transitions

If your child has special educational needs, they will have been given a transition information booklet to support their transition into their new class. Meetings have occurred between staff members to ensure all relevant information regarding your child has been shared. The children's current Individual Education Plans have been passed onto the new teacher and will be reviewed in the autumn term. If you have any questions about transition, please speak to Mrs James or Miss Hicks, our Inclusion Leaders (inclusionleader@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk).

Polite Reminder

School should be a safe place for all our children, parents, carers and staff. Please make sure that you use kind and appropriate language on the school site at all times. Thank you.

Swimming Gala

Last Thursday, 14 swimmers competed for the first time in the Interschools Gala. The children swam incredibly well for length after length swimming front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke and the freestyle relay. Their stamina was unbelievable; they even had enough energy left for the fun races at the end! The results were all very close and the team were proud of their certificates.

Their behaviour and sportsmanship was brilliant - encouraging and cheering each other on throughout the whole event. Well done Queen's Hill!



Girls Football



Our Y5/6 girls football team played against Costessey Primary. They all showed amazing teamwork and determination in each of their matches. A big well done to all of them!

The Big Toddle

Our wonderful Nursery and Reception children managed to raise **£1139.40** for Barnardo's by taking part in The Big Toddle!



City Sports

The annual City Sports athletics event took place this week with Queen's Hill entering for the first time. Competing against twenty schools in the Norwich area, Queen's Hill had some great finishes on Monday in the field events with nearly all of the ten competitors finishing in the top 8! A big well done to all who took part on Monday and a massive well done for Vicky in Year 5 who managed to achieve a bronze medal! Wow!

On Tuesday, Mr Moon, Mr Clarke, Ms Forrest, Mrs Arnold and Miss Curry took 32 children for the track heats. Behaviour, effort and attitude was top notch and 17 children managed to qualify for the finals.

On Thursday, the highly anticipated finals took place. Once again a great attitude was shown by all and excellent effort. Well done to all the finalists and another big well done to Oliver in Year 6 who claimed a silver medal in the 800m. In the hurdles Queen's Hill is proud to announce that Nicholas in Year 6 WON the event! What an achievement.

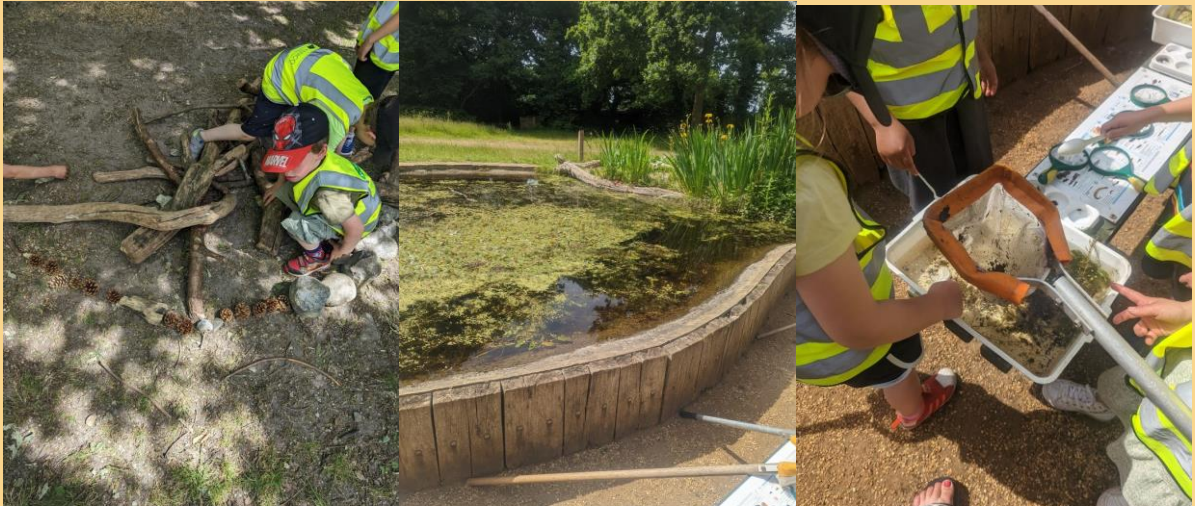


Non-School Uniform Day

We raised **£376.36** in support of Norwich Welcomes Refugees. Thank you to all who contributed.

Y1 Sheringham Park

The Year 1 children had a great time pond dipping, bug hunting, crafting, den building and making land art on our trip to Sheringham Park!



Defibrillator

We have a defibrillator located in the school office that is available for community use during office hours. A defibrillator should be used when a person is in cardiac arrest. CPR should be done until you can get a defibrillator. There is also a defibrillator at the Queen's Hills Community Centre.

If you see someone having a cardiac arrest, call 999, start CPR and get someone to find a defibrillator. The emergency operator can advise you if you can't find one. Once you get the defibrillator, turn it on and continue CPR until the device tells you to stop. Defibrillators (AEDs and PADs) - how and why to use them | British Heart Foundation (bhf.org.uk)



Parent Voice Counts Meeting

Parent Voice Counts is the chance for you to meet Senior Leaders to discuss the three areas that they would like your input on. It gives you the opportunity to have your say on future ideas and projects.

If you would like to attend the meeting please email office@queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk who will send you further details.

COMMEMORATIVE JUBILEE BOOK AND BOOKMARK



Children in state-funded primary schools across the United Kingdom have received a free commemorative book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book tells the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee.

Queen's Hill Primary students also received a commemorative bookmark as a gift from the school to mark the occasion.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022
TIME 11:00AM - 1:00PM

26TH JULY / 2ND-9TH-16TH AUGUST

COME ALONG DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO QUEEN'S HILL SCHOOL:

- + COLLECT SOME BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY BUS FOR THE GADGETEERS SUMMER CHALLENGE
- + COLLECT A BAG OF ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS TO MAKE A LUNCH *
- + FREE REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE *
- + BRING A BLANKET TO SIT AND READ IN OUR NEW COUNTRYSIDE GARDENS

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
*SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



Queen's Hill Primary and Nursery School

Nursery and Reception Welcome Afternoon

BIRDS OF DEREHAM
SCHOOL UNIFORM
SUPPLIER

MONDAY 4TH JULY 2022
September 2022 Intake
Nursery 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Reception 4:30pm – 5:00pm

Please arrive at the Fieldfare Way entrance and a member of staff will meet you.

BIRDS OF DEREHAM

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Good rating

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<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/>