

QUEST NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016



Achievements never thought possible

Welcome

The school has had a busy and successful final term to the academic year. We have welcomed Louise Borland, Hannah Gipps, Sara James, Natasha Millbourne and Richard Tree to our staff team. We will be sorry to say goodbye to Mel Clements, who has been at Quest for nearly 10 years. Mel has been a great asset to Quest during her time here and will be missed by both staff and pupils. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years. We will also be saying goodbye to other members of our staff team – Joe Fellowes, Keji Akindiya and Rachel Clutterbuck. We would like to wish them all good luck in the future. Two of our older pupils will be leaving us at the end of term to move on to college. They have both made amazing progress since being at Quest and we wish them every success for next year.



Sports Day & Art Exhibition

On July 13th parents visited Quest School to view the pupils' art work and support them during Sports day races. The pupils enjoyed showing their individual pieces of work and the impressive elephant model, which they all made together. After viewing the Art exhibition the children participated in different sporting activities with their teams. The teams also raced against each other in a balancing bean bag race, a relay and a hockey dribbling race. All the children tried their best within the races however the red team won overall. Well done red team!!

Woodwork Day

We have enjoyed another visit from the woodwork team this term. The pupils worked together to complete a joint project. They used their sawing and drilling skills to make a bench with planters at either end. The bench is now at the front of the school and we plan to plant this and use it as part of a gardening project for one of the pupils next year. All pupils really enjoyed the day.

Trip to Hastings

On the last Monday of term, our Secondary aged pupils enjoyed a day trip to Hastings beach in the sunshine! This term the students have focused on coastal features in their group Geography lessons. Whilst at the beach they had the opportunity to physically explore coastal features when completing treasure hunt activities. After lunch the students had time on some rides in the fair ground, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

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Fire Station Visits

This term all pupils participated in a trip to the fire station. They really enjoyed the visit and were given the opportunity to ride in the fire engine, look at the equipment, try on the fire fighter uniform and use the hose. Pupils were also able to ask questions and speak to the fire fighters on duty. The pupils all had a great time!

German Theme Day

Earlier in the term pupils participated in a day of German themed activities. We started the day with arts and crafts with pupils painting German flags, making colourful Bavarian hats and adding 'graffiti' to our very own cardboard Berlin Wall. Later in the day they then enjoyed knocking down the wall! There was a treasure hunt and a story writing competition based on the Brothers Grimm Stories. Pupils were asked to write a story with a good moral message and our winning story was about not talking to strangers. Everyone also enjoyed a visit to the Quest School German Café. They sampled apple strudel, pretzels, chicken schnitzel and wurst. The day was rounded off by watching the Disney adaptation of the Brothers Grimm's Rapunzel!

Reminder to Parents

If your child is off sick, please could you phone the school office before 9am that day to explain the reason for absence.

All our policies and e-Safety training for parents can be found on the school website.

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TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Term 1

Monday 5th September 2016 – Fri 21st October 2016

Staff Training Days Mon 5th & Tues 6th September 2016

Term 2

Monday 31st October 2016 – Wed 21st December 2016

Term 3

Tues 3rd January 2017 – Friday 10th February 2017

Staff Training Days Tues 3rd and Wed 4th January 2017

Term 4

Monday 20th February 2017 – Friday 31st March 2017

Term 5

Tuesday 18th April 2017 – Friday 26th May 2017

Staff Training Day Tuesday 18th April 2017

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017

Hop Farm Visit

Our Primary aged pupils enjoyed an end of year trip to The Hop Farm. They were able to play at the park, bounce on the giant jumping pillows and explore 'The Magic Castle'. The students also met some of the farm animals including pigs, sheep and meerkats and were lucky enough to enjoy a ride on a horse-drawn cart. They all had a wonderful time.

Term finishes on Friday 22nd July at 1pm. We hope you all have a very enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Wednesday 7th September.**

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