



# The Quinta Primary School

Spring Term 1 Newsletter 14 09.02.24

- Everyday Excellence
- Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

Dear Quinta School Families,

We've had a very informative Internet Safety Day this week! It was shocking to see how many of our children from year 3 upwards were accessing games such as Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty both of which are 18 rated and for good reason. I cannot stress the importance of parents keeping their children sheltered from the normalising of violence and explicit language never mind the access to strangers online. From engaging discussions in school to a special presentation by Andrew Cornell, it's been a week full of valuable lessons.

I'd like to take a minute to give a huge thank you to the staff who took the whole of year 5 to perform at this year's Young Voices - "a sky full of stars" where they joined thousands of other students at the AO Arena, Manchester at the fantastic annual event. Their energy and passion was contagious, and I'm sure they made memories that will last a lifetime. Natalie Williams herself described them as "extraordinary" singers—a testament to their talent and hard work! Thank you to the many parents who joined there to witness the spectacle.

The perfect way to end this action-packed week and let off some steam before the weekend was the Valentine's Disco. Thank you to the PTA and Quinta staff who stayed after hours to volunteer their time so that the children could socialise and enjoy a dance. The children had a brilliant time which showed the efforts paid off.

A big thank you to all of you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Together, we're creating a warm and welcoming environment where every child can thrive.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend ahead!

Warmest regards,

Mr Sharpe

Head Teacher

## Key Information

### Book Fair

Next week the book fair is coming to school. It will be open from 3pm-4:30pm on Monday 12th February to Wednesday 14th February. There are three ways you can purchase a book this year:

1. Attending the book fair and paying with card or cash (We have a new card reader!) or paying online. Some books may need to be ordered if they are out of stock but we will take payment then order the books.

2. Choosing books from the wishlist and sending in cash with the wishlist or paying online. You can do this by filling out the wishlist that your child has come home with.

3. Ordering online using the QR code on one of the book fair posters before the end of Tuesday 13th.

**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

**COME To the SUPER AMAZING BOOK FAIR!**

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

**NEW** **CAT KID COMIC CLUB INFLUENCERS** BY DAV PILKEY **Save £3**  
£12.99 **£9.99**

**NEW** **Why Not?** BY George Webster  
£7.99

**NEW** **DIARY of a Wimpy Kid: DIAPER OVERLOAD** BY Jeff Kinney  
£7.99

**NEW** **LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER** BY ALESHA DIXON  
£7.99

**NEW** **NINA PEANUT IS AMAZING**  
Available from 9th February  
£8.99 **£7.99**

**NEW** **THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED** BY Rachel Bright  
£7.99

Illustration from Nina Peanut is Amazing © Sarah Bowie, 2024.

**Date:**  
Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th February 2024  
3:00 - 4:30pm  
Come see us at the back of the hall!

**Scan the QR code to pay online!**

## **Parents Evening Next Week**

We are pleased to tell you that we will be holding Parents Evening next week and booking will be available via [School Spider](#). Booking will then close on Sunday 11th February at 7.00pm.

All Parents/Carers from each year group are welcome into school next Monday 12th February for a face-to-face meeting with their child's Teacher.

If you are not available next Monday please feel free to book one of the time slots below:

Reception 1 & Reception 2 –Face-to-face in school – Monday 12th & Thursday 15th February.

- Class 1 Telephone appointment – Wednesday 14th February .
- Class 2 Telephone appointment – Tuesday 13th February.
- Class 3 Telephone appointment – Tuesday 13th February
- Class 4 Telephone appointment – Tuesday 13th February
- Class 5 Telephone appointment – Tuesday 13th February
- Class 6 Telephone appointment – Tuesday 13th February
- Class 7 Telephone appointment – Tuesday 13th February
- Class 8 Telephone appointment – Tuesday 13th February
- Class 9 Telephone appointment – Thursday 15th February
- Class 10 Telephone appointment – Thursday 15th February
- Class 11 Telephone appointment – Wednesday 14th February
- Class 12 Telephone appointment – Wednesday 14th February

## **Peak Sleep Course Offer**

If your little one is struggling with sleep and you are looking for experienced, empathetic, evidence-based help look no further than Peak Sleep.

Nicki Sutton, the Sleep Specialist from Peak Sleep understands your needs. Sleep deprivation affects every member of the family in every way - their sleep, their health, their work. It doesn't need to be this way, and Peak Sleep is here to help.

The good news is that Peak Sleep and The Quinta Primary School have teamed up and are offering all our parents after April for just £7. If you would like to register your interest please contact The School Office on [admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk).



*Valentine's*  
**SCHOOL SHOP**  
**13TH & 14TH FEB**

**Valentine's School Shop**

Love is certainly in the air at The Quinta next week. The School Shop will be selling a selection of "lovely" items in the IT Suite each lunchtime. Please see the prices opposite in case your child would like to purchase any sweet treats.



**Fidget Gift Bag**  
**£1**



**Heart Chocolate Lolly**  
**£1.50**



**Heart Swirl Lolly**  
**£1.50**



**Tealight Gift Bag**  
**60p**



**Sweet Gift Bag**  
**50p**

♥ Other items available are:  
Little tube of Love Hearts 10p

**A Little Valentines Treat for the Children**

Children are invited to join us for our sumptuous Valentines Meal on Wednesday 14th February.



  
*Valentine's*  
**MENU**  
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

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**MAIN MEAL**  
Lasagne, sweetcorn & garlic bread  
(vegetarian & vegan options are available)

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**DESSERT**  
Strawberry jelly

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**DRINKS**  
Strawberry milkshake or water

**PLEASE ORDER VIA SCOPAY  
BY MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY**  
Jacket potatoes & Sandwiches are still available





**DONATIONS**  
*needed*

# Cake Sale



**We are holding a cake sale after school on  
Wednesday 14th February.**

**If you would like to donate any cakes please  
bring these in to school in the morning and  
pass them to your child's class Teacher.**

**Wednesday 14th  
February**

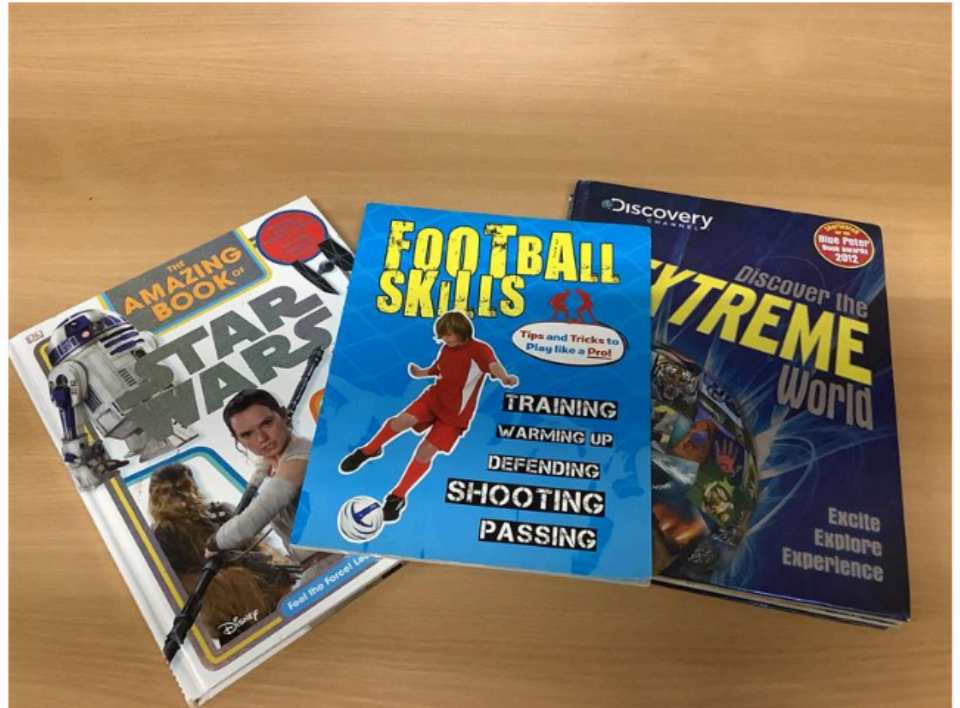
## Friends of Quinta Cake Sale

We are holding a cake sale after school outside the hall on Wednesday 14th February.

If you would like to lend and hand and donate cakes please bring these into school in the morning and pass them to your child's class teacher.

**Can you donate books to our School Library?**

We are looking to expand some areas of interest in our school library. We are looking for donations of non-fiction fact based books, Lego creation books or film books. If you are able to donate any books please hand them to the School Office or Mrs Hopkin. Many thanks 😊



## Other Information

### Support our Year 6 Swimmers!

Dig deep and support our Year 6 swimmers in the 2024 Congleton Swimathon. Donations can be made by [clicking here!](#)

A promotional graphic for the Quinta Primary School Swimathon 2024. The background is a light blue water texture. At the top, it says 'The Quinta Primary School' in white, followed by 'MAKE A SPLASH!' in large, bold, white letters. To the right, there are illustrations of a swimmer, a red and white lifebuoy, and a yellow and blue lifebuoy. Below the main text, a red banner contains 'Swimathon 2024'. Underneath, it states 'Year 6 are taking part in a sponsored swim on March 15th to raise money for local charities:'. A list of three charities follows: Macclesfield Christie Hospital, Congleton's League of Friends, and Congleton's Less Able Club. At the bottom, there are icons for swim fins and goggles, a red 'DONATE' button with a hand cursor, and a red banner with the text 'Please support our Year 6 swimmers by donating!' and a red banner with the URL 'https://www.justgiving.com/page/quintaswimathon'.

The Quinta Primary School

# MAKE A SPLASH!

## Swimathon 2024

Year 6 are taking part in a sponsored swim on March 15th to raise money for local charities:

- **Macclesfield Christie Hospital**
- **Congleton's League of Friends** - This charity provides relief to patients in Congleton and Macclesfield hospital by making grants to various individuals or departments.
- **Congleton's Less Able Club** - An organisation for people with mobility problems. This club provides an opportunity to meet with a varied programme of activities and events.



**DONATE** 



**Please support our Year 6 swimmers by donating!**

**<https://www.justgiving.com/page/quintaswimathon>**



## Local Events & Opportunities



# BALLET BUNNIES AND CREATIVE DANCE HALF TERM WORKSHOP



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**grades**

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During my half term workshop, the children will delve into some **CREATIVE DANCE** and enhance their imaginative skills as we soar through space in our rocket ship and dive into the deep waters of the sea; every second is a new adventure! Moreover, the children will bounce into the burrow of **BALLET BUNNIES** as we explore Classical Ballet technique, movement qualities and performance skills.

**DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVEMENT GAMES AND CREATIVE TASKS**

The workshop will introduce the dancers to the foundation of Contemporary dance technique and Classical Ballet through the use of movement games and imaginative tasks. Moreover, the young dancers will delve into some fun arts and crafts and experience some choreographic work in groups; testing their teamwork skills.

**WHERE?** The Quinta Primary School.

**WHEN?** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 9am-11am.

**WHO?** Reception and years 1 and 2.

**NOW OPEN TO YEAR 3!**

**HOW MUCH?** The cost of the workshop is £15.00 per child (In the circumstance of absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**



To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores;  
[sophiemoores37@gmail.com](mailto:sophiemoores37@gmail.com)



### February Half Term Dance Workshop - NOW INCLUDING YEAR 3!

Sophie Moores will be running a dance workshop here at The Quinta Primary School on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 9am until 11am. To register your child's interest please email [sophiemoores37@gmail.com](mailto:sophiemoores37@gmail.com)

## February Half Holiday Club

The New Life Church is running a 3 morning Easter holiday club during the February half term and they would love to invite the children at Quinta to come along!

All the details are on the flyer opposite. The cost of the club is £9. Booking is essential via Eventbrite. Any questions about booking or help with costs then email the New Life Church on :  
youthandchildren@nlchurch.org.uk.

## **NEW LIFE CHURCH, CONGLETON PRESENTS...**



**A HOLIDAY CLUB FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN, WITH GAMES, CRAFT, BIBLE DRAMA, SONGS AND MORE**

**MONDAY 19TH TO WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024,  
10:30-12:30PM EACH DAY**

THE COST IS £9 FOR THE WEEK

TO BOOK PLEASE SEARCH 'CEDRIC'S TIME TRAVELLING ADVENTURE 2024' ON EVENTBRITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE



BOOKING CLOSES ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL  
YOUTHANDCHILDREN@NLCHURCH.ORG.UK



## Reminders

**Nut allergies** - We have a large number of children with severe nut allergies. We are a nut free school so please ensure all packed lunches and snacks are nut free.

**PE Kit** - Please remember that your child can come to school in their P.E. kits for P.E. days. You should have had a note on Seesaw to let you know when your child has P.E. This is different in the reception classes. The children will have their P.E. kits in school to change into.

### **Attendance - Holidays in Term Time**

We advise parents/carers to avoid taking children out of school in term time. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. If parents/carers decide to take child/children out of school, please call into the school office for a Leave of Absence form to be completed - this is so that we can accurately identify where a child is. Where we believe a child has been on holiday when we have been told they are on holiday we reserve the right to ask for medical evidence or fine.

Please be aware, holidays exceeding 10 or more sessions will result in a fixed penalty notice.

**Children on Social Media** The Quinta Primary has a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, if you do not wish for any images of your child to be used on these platforms please let the School Office know.

**Coats** Your child will be outside if it's raining. **If they do not bring a coat to school they will be wet.** Children will have the option to stay under the lodge, shelter under the key stage 1 classrooms or under the hall canopy. Children will only be inside if the temperature is unbearably cold.

### **Healthy School Snacks**

Snacks play a major part in children's diets. Here are ideas for healthy snacks for children in the classroom and afterschool programs:

Fruits and vegetables

Dried Fruit – raisins, dried apricots, dried mango.

Healthy Grains - bread, crackers, cereal bars

Dairy – yogurt, cheese

Children will be told to put unhealthy snacks back in their lunchboxes if they are seen eating them at playtime.

**Bread, fruit, vegetables and dairy are permitted.** Crisps, chocolate, sweets and \*cakes are not permitted. The school occasionally allows unhealthy treats such as cake as part of fundraising or celebration days. You will be notified of these days.

### **Drinks in school**

Please can you ensure your child has water in their bottle. There are occasions where some children will only drink water with cordial and if this is the case then exceptions can be made. However, if your child brings energy drinks,

carbonated drinks or other branded bottles, they will be given them back at the end of the day to take home. Children have access to water to fill up during the day.

### **School Uniform**

Here at The Quinta we pride ourselves on how smart all our students present themselves everyday. As we approach half term we would like to politely remind parents to ensure the correct school uniform is used - no trainers with uniform, remember ties and correct PE kit.

Our school uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear, please see contact details below. All items of uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear not just our logoed uniform.

**Address: 50 Bromley Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1PT**

**Telephone: 01260 274400 Email: [sales@dpsportswear.co.uk](mailto:sales@dpsportswear.co.uk)**



#### **Consent Form - Participating in activities 2023-2024 and ongoing**

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child participating in the listed activities. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for activities.



#### **Consent Form - Photographic and Video 2023-2024 and ongoing**

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child being photographed or videoed. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for photographs and video.

## **School Communications and Applications**

### **Seesaw**

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning journey. If you require further information regarding this please see below.

[Seesaw app information](#)

[Welcome to Seesaw handout](#)

It might help you to print out the QR code and keep this as once you log out of your child's account you will need the code to log back in again. If you are having difficulties please see your child's class teacher.

### **School Spider**

School Spider is The Quinta Primary School's main form of communication. If you are new to the school or are having problems using the application please follow the steps below.

### **For new parents**

To create an account with School Spider:

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

### **For existing parents**

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

[Parent App Guide.pdf](#)

### **Safeguarding**

- Mr Sharpe (headteacher) DSL - Designated Safeguard Lead
- Mrs Bernard (SENCO) Deputy DSL
- Ms Stones (assistant headteacher) Deputy DSL
- Mrs Wootton (Y4 class teacher) Deputy DSL
- Miss S Massey (Deputy DSL)

### **Parking.**

As you are aware, traffic around school both at 8:30-9:00 and 14:50-15:30 is terrible. In considering the safety of your children please consider alternatives for example:

- Walk to school
- Park a little further away and walk
- Car share with others who are local to you
- Make use of the before and after school clubs
- Cycle / scooter to school

If none of the above are options for you then please arrive in plenty of time and park safely.



## Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

### February

- **6th February** Safer internet day (Computing)
- **9th February** School Disco
- **12th February** Anti Bullying Week
- **12th February** Parents evening face to face. Telephone throughout the week (individual)
- **17th February - 25th February** - Half term

### March

- **8th March** World Book Day (English)
- **17th March** Whole School Red Nose Day
- **8th - 17th March** Science Week
- **18th March** Y6 Mocks for SATS
- **20th - 22nd March** Year 5 London Residential
- **26th March** Autism Awareness day (Year 2 to lead KS2 assembly & fund raise) Theme; stories of empowerment, challenges faced and the victories achieved
- **28th March** Easter Experience morning
- **28th March** Easter egg celebration day Thursday
- **28th March** Easter Service
- **29th March - Sunday 14th April** - Easter Holiday

### April

- **15th April** Back to School
- **22nd April** Earth day Theme: Protect our Species (Geography)

### May

- **2nd May** National Astronomy Day (Science)
- **15th May** Eid celebration day (R.E.)
- **9th May** British Science Day Theme: 'The Passing of Time.' 30th Year Anniversary (Science)
- **13th - 16th May** SATS Y6
- **16th May** - Mental Health Awareness Day (PHSCE)
- **23rd May 2024** - Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leaver
- **25th May - 2nd June** - Half Term

### June

- **21st June** National Music Day (Music)

### July

- **10th - 12th July** - Y6 PGL
- **20th July** - Summer holiday starts
- **22nd and 23rd July** inset days

## Sporting dates for your Diaries

### Bee Active

- Monday 5th February KS1 Gymnastics
- Monday 11th March KS2 Inclusive sports and wheelchair basketball
- Monday 15th April KS1 Olympics
- Monday 20th May KS2 Combat Dodgeball

### Skip-hop( last time as Lee is retiring)

- Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May 2024

### Watersports

- Year 3 Thursday June 20th 2024
- Year 4 Wednesday 10th July 2024
- Year 5 Wednesday 19th June 2024
- Year 6 Wednesday 22nd May 2024

## Swimming pool in use 9th-18th July



### Key Assessment Dates

Attendance all year round is extremely important for your child's well being and progress however there are some key dates within the year that their attendance is imperative for national assessment, these dates are as follows:

- Key Stage One Phonics Screening Check - w/c 10th June 2024
- Key Stage One SATs - throughout May 2024
- Year 4 Multiplication Check - within the two week period commencing 3rd June 2024
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week - Monday 13th until Thursday 16th May 2024

The Quinta Senior Leadership Team			Who to contact
Member of staff	Position	What areas can they support me with?	How to contact/where they can be found
Mr W Sharpe	Headteacher	Escalation of concerns. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	<a href="mailto:kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a>
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	<a href="mailto:sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk">sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</a> In the school office.