



# The Quinta Primary School

Spring Term 1 Newsletter 16 08.03.24

- Everyday Excellence
- Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

Dear Quinta Families,

This week, we have celebrated one of our favourite days of the year, World Book Day. All our children were encouraged to come to school dressed in their comfiest attire or as their favourite book characters, accompanied by a cuddly toy for some cosy reading time. Adding to the excitement, we welcomed parents to join us in reading to their children's classes, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who participated! To add to the day, our Quinta Kitchen prepared a themed meal, and we organised a book swap after school, generating enthusiasm all around! It's clear we're making strides in fulfilling the World Book Day objective of igniting a passion for reading and transforming lives through literature.

Turning to our sports activities, and what a treat! Our girls' football team over the past few months have demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, resulting in securing a spot in the Regional Finals representing Crewe Alexandra in Wigan. Despite challenging weather conditions, including sleet, rain, and icy winds, they showcased remarkable sportsmanship and talent, clinching a commendable 5th position overall. Their conduct earned us the Fair Play trophy, a testament to their character and teamwork. They truly embody the spirit of Team Quinta and Crewe Alexandra.  
#goteamquinta

This week also witnessed outstanding performances from our Y5/6 football team at Congleton High School and our Y5/6 netball team in the local area netball competition. Today, every girl in school participated in #letgirlsplay, a significant sporting event advocating for equal access to sports opportunities.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for Science Week, where each year group will explore the concept of a futuristic farm and its operations. Another heads up: next week is the start of assessment week which usually takes place over a couple of weeks to give enough time to squeeze the assessments in and get them marked.

Finally, our Year 6 students are taking part in the Congleton Swimathon on Saturday 16th March to raise funds for both The Quinta Primary School chosen charities and the Congleton Rotary charities: Macclesfield Christie Hospital, Congleton's League of Friends, Congleton's Less Able Club. Please help them smash their target and donate by [clicking here](#)

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr. Sharpe

Head Teacher

## Key Information

### QUINTA School Leavers Hoodies 2024

We are pleased to offer you the option to purchase a Leavers Hoodie for your child to mark the next stage of the journey for them as they leave Primary and move to Secondary School.

These hoodies will have the names of all the Pupils from Year 6 on the back and then the front will have personalisation of either a name or initials of your son/daughter plus the School Logo.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR CHILDS NAME INCLUDED ON THE BACK OF THE HOODIE PLEASE ADVISE SCHOOL BY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024**

DP Sportswear have sample sizes to try on if you visit the shop or if you wish to measure yourselves the sizes are detailed below.

All orders must be placed with the shop by 22/3/24 and will be delivered to School for you in EARLY MAY.

Colours: The full range of colour options are available on the website or at DP Sportswear.

Prices :

£ 21.00 Children's Sizes – These do not have drawstrings.

£ 27.50 Adults – These do have drawstrings.

Sizes: Age 9/11 (Chest Size 32) Age 12/13 (Chest Size 34)

XS Chest -34"/Small Chest -36" /Medium Chest -40"/Large Chest -44"/XL Chest -48

How to order:

- Order online at [www.dpsportswear.co.uk](http://www.dpsportswear.co.uk) – click on the Leavers Hoodies tab and you will find Quinta Kids and Adults options with instructions of where to look at the colour range.
- By phone: 01260 274400 and pay on card.
- By Visiting the Shop – Cash or Card Payment.

### Are your contact details up-to-date?

Please make sure that your contact details are up-to-date. Should an accident or illness occur it is imperative that we have your current information so that we can contact you as soon as possible. If you wish to update your details please contact the School Office on: 01260 221640 or [admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk)



Are your  
**CONTACT  
DETAILS**  
up to date?

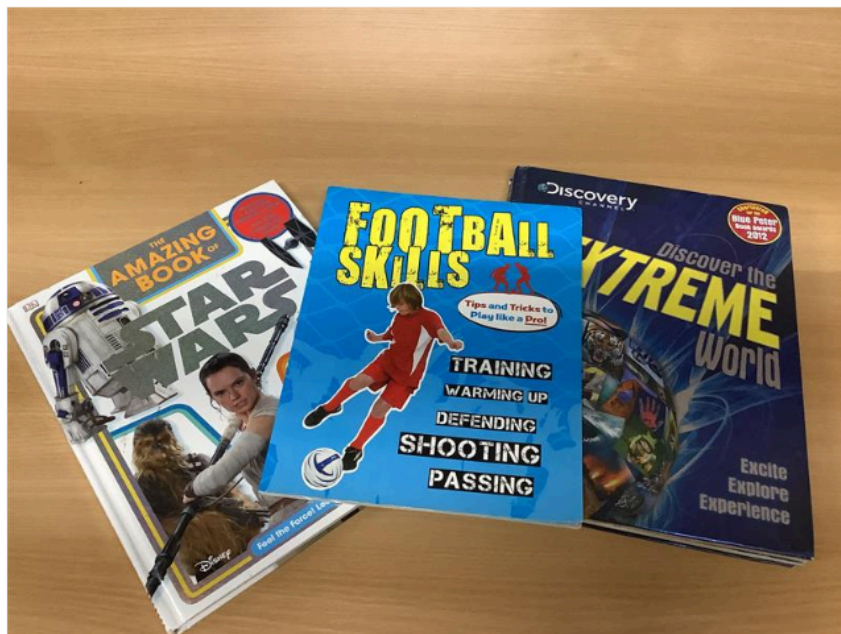
### Preschool Need Your Help

Preschool are in need of spare underpants, knickers, tights, socks and spare clothes (aged 3-4). They would be really grateful for any donations if anyone is having a sort out.



## 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 😊



*“The opportunity to learn an instrument offers something very special that can last a lifetime”*

## Learn a Musical Instrument at School!



- Outstanding specialist music tuition
- Tutors are DBS checked and first class musicians
- Learn almost any instrument including voice
- Independently rated an “outstandingly effective service” offering “outstanding value”
- Free access to ensembles and performances
- Not-for-profit organisation with a small, friendly and efficient team

www.musicforlife.org.uk  
admin@musicforlife.org.uk  
01244 728 922

**INSPIRE  
CREATE  
PERFORM**

## Learn a musical instrument in School

Music for Life have one final intake of the year at Easter, this will be the last opportunity for students to start a musical instrument in school this academic year, after which point we will be looking at September.

[Click here](#) for videos on a selection of instruments that are currently taught in school!

For further information on the music lessons on offer please visit our [Music For Life Page](#) on the school website.



Future talent  
inspiring young musicians



@Musicforlife1234



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@MusicforLifeSCH



## New School Meal Menu from April 15th

We have a fantastic new School Meal Menu for the children to enjoy after Easter. Take a look at what we have on offer and order via [Scopay](#) by **Monday 8th April** ready for the new term.

**FOOD MENU**  
Spring Term 2

**MONDAY**

- Sausage roll, saute potatoes and beans.
- Chocolate brownies

**TUESDAY**

- Chicken korma, vegetable rice and naan bread.
- Celebration cake

**WEDNESDAY**

- Pasta bolognese, garlic bread and carrots.
- Cookies

**THURSDAY**

- Southern fried chicken strips, wrap, salad and sweetcorn.
- Chocolate crunch

**FRIDAY**

- Battered fish fillet, chips and mixed vegetables.
- Ice cream tub

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**

- Fresh fruit
- Sandwiches
- Jacket potatoes
- Build your own pasta

**SCOPAY CODES**

- Main - R
- Jacket Potato - G
- Ham Sandwich - H
- Cheese Sandwich - C
- Tuna Sandwich - F
- Pasta Salad - P
- Vegetarian - Y
- Vegan - O
- Egg - B

Vegetarian options are available

Water and milk served Monday - Thursday

Water, milk and juice served on a Friday



## Build Your Own Pasta

We have a wide selection of yummy and healthy ingredients for children to create their very own exciting pasta salad each day.

### Cold Selection



Ham



Tuna



Cheese



Sweetcorn



Cucumber



Tomatoes

### Hot Selection



Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce

### **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!](#)

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>**

# Autism & Meltdowns:

Parents' Step-By-Step Guide For Helping Kids, Teens  
& Young Adults Get Through Tough Days.



**Created By The 'Amazing Skills' Team**  
(Autism Support for kids, teens & young adults)

Get real support for your child here:  
Australia: [www.amazingskills.com.au](http://www.amazingskills.com.au)  
UK/Europe: [www.amazingskills.org](http://www.amazingskills.org)

## [Guide to Autism and Meltdowns](#)

Please [find here](#) a useful guide as to how to best deal with meltdowns with children who have Autism.



## Cheshire Families Magazine

Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Cheshire Magazine Mar/Apr 2024](#)

Their latest issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- Make your own Easter chick cup
- Top educational gaming options for kids
- Developing a positive attitude to learning
- Great podcasts for kids
- Teach your child Forest School skills
- and much more.....



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March/April 2024

Familiesonline.co.uk

## A different approach to supporting Anxiety, Anger, OCD & Neurodiversity



### What is ACT?

Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT)  
Jane Keyworth gives a two-hour online talk

**TUESDAY 19th March 7-9pm**

Book Online £24 [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

### Course Available

Face Family Advice is offering the course opposite, for further information please visit.  
<https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/>

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## AUTISM: Improving Communication



**18th March 7-9pm**

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE  
giving a two hour online talk to parents (and teachers),  
explaining how simple changes in how you speak can lead to  
more positive communication with people on the spectrum.

Book online now £24 [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



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## FACE it!



The CPD Standards Office  
CPD PROVIDER: 22640  
2024-2025  
www.cpdstandards.com

Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

**National Standards CPD accredited with certificate**

### Course Available

Face Family Advice is offering a number of useful courses. Please see what's on offer opposite. For further information or to book please visit.

<https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk>

Monday  
18 March  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### **Autism: Improving Communication**

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday  
19 March  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### **What is ACT?**

An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy  
A different approach to supporting Anxiety, Anger, OCD & Neurodiversity

Thursday  
28 March  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**Supporting a child with ADHD**  
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk).

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## Local Events & Opportunities

### Easter Dance Workshop

For more information or to book email:

[sophiemoores37@gmail.com](mailto:sophiemoores37@gmail.com)

# BALLET BUNNIES AND CREATIVE DANCE EASTER WORKSHOP



Rambert  
**grades**



Rambert  
**grades**

During my Easter 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? Wednesday 10th April, 9am-11am.

WHO? Reception and years 1, 2 and 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)



## 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](#)

### March

- **7th March** World Book Day (English)
- **11th March** KS2 Inclusive sports and wheelchair basketball- Bee Active
- **15th March** Whole School Red Nose Day
- **16th March** Congleton Swimathon
- **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
- **15th April** KS1 Olympics - Bee Active
- **22nd April** Earth day Theme: Protect our Species (Geography)
- **30th April** Skip Hop



## May

- **1st May** Skip Hop
- **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)
- **9th May** - Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leaver
- **13th - 16th May** SATS Y6
- **15th May** - EID morning
- **15th May** - Year 4 go to Conway
- **16th May** - Mental Health Awareness Day (PHSCE)
- **20th May** KS2 Combat Dodgeball - Bee Active
- **23rd May** - Year 6 Watersports Day
- **25th May - 2nd June** - Half Term

## June

- **19th June** Year 5 Watersports Day
- **20th June** Year 3 Watersports Day
- **21st June** Year 5 Watersports Day
- **21st June** National Music Day (Music)

## July

- **2nd July** - Year 4 Watersports Day
- **10th - 12th July** - Y6 PGL
- **20th July** - Summer holiday starts
- **22nd and 23rd July** inset days

## 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.