



The Quinta Primary School

Spring Term 1 Newsletter 17 15.03.24

- Everyday Excellence
- Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

Dear Quinta Families,

Reflecting on the past week, it was truly inspiring to witness the dedication and achievements of our pupils, highlighted by the numerous "Above and Beyond Awards" that I had the pleasure of presenting. Their hard work and determination are a testament to their commitment to excellence.

The encouragement our children give to one another in the presence of their proud parents during these celebration assemblies, really highlights the strong sense of community and unity at The Quinta.

In addition, we had the privilege of hosting the Congleton Rotary for the presentation of the Young Photographer prizes. It was a proud moment as six of our pupils' received awards, with two emerging as overall winners from a competitive pool of nearly 100 entries. Special congratulations to Obe, who not only secured top honours but also earned the opportunity to capture Bromley's community project 'The Hub' for an upcoming feature.

Still on the topic of last Friday, our girls participated in the national event #letgirlsplay, aligning with our commitment to providing equal opportunities for all students, regardless of gender. Special thanks to Goal Coaching for their invaluable support in nurturing talent from a young age.

Another accomplishment that The Quinta takes pride in is our collaboration with The Congleton Rotary to implement our "parking buddies" initiative. You will have noticed these outside the school; they serve as reminders for parents and guardians dropping off their children to prioritise safety – both for their own children and for others near congested school entrances. Blocking driveways, parking on school markings, idling engines, and jeopardising our students' safety are behaviours that the school and members of the public are reporting to the police. If you notice cars parked illegally, blocking driveways or unnecessary idling please consider also reporting these to the police and Cheshire East Highways using the following reference number : 3460938

In sports news, our boys football team excelled in the tournament at Congleton High School, showcasing outstanding teamwork and spirit. Congratulations to all participants! The Quinta finished 1st and 3rd overall.

This week also featured our Inclusive Sports Day with Bee Active, offering our KS2 pupils the opportunity to engage in wheelchair basketball, blind handball, and walking football, promoting inclusivity and fostering important conversations.

Furthermore, Peak Water Sports awarded a certificate to one of our pupils for winning the Winter Sports Provision name competition, followed by engaging team-building activities for our lucky Year 4 students.

To cap off an eventful week, our Year 6 students are participating in the Congleton Swimathon this evening, Friday 15th March, to raise funds for our chosen charities and those supported by the Congleton Rotary. Please help them smash their target and donate by [clicking here](#)

Have a fantastic Weekend.

Mr. Sharpe - Head Teacher

Key Information

Support our Year 6 Swimmers!

Pr TDig 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. Below that, 'MAKE A SPLASH!' is written in large, white, block letters. To the right, there are illustrations of a swimmer, a red and white lifebuoy, and a yellow and blue lifebuoy. A red banner with white text says 'Swimathon 2024'. Below this, it says '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



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

Easter Menu

We are so egg-cited about our Easter Menu. If your child would like a little Easter treat on Thursday 28th March please book via [Scopay](#).



Easter

MENU

Thursday 28th March

MAIN COURSE

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with French Fries
Plus Tomato or BBQ Sauce.

Mixed Salad

Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Sweetcorn.

DESSERT

Crackolates

Goey but Crunchy Cornflake Easter Nests
Complete with Mini Eggs.

DRINKS

Assorted Milkshakes

**ORDER VIA SCOPAY BY
MONDAY 18TH MARCH**

ENTER OUR EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Children are welcome to decorate an egg or eggs and enter our Easter Eggstravaganza on Thursday 28th March. Please bring all entries on this date ready for our School Governors to judge and determine the winners!

Two Egg-citing Categories

Family Award: This is for both adult(s) and child(ren) working together to create one entry. This will be scored on creativity, uniqueness, and technical skill. The lucky winner will be included in the March Download and will win a selection of Easter eggs. Further to this, there will be five highly commended places up for grabs, each being awarded an Easter egg.




Individual Award: This category is for entries where only one child has done all of the hard work. We will then be awarding one lucky child with an overall prize per year group, and two runner-up certificates per year.





If you would like a little inspiration please click here 

 [Easter Eggstravaganza 2021.mov](#)



Enter our Easter Eggstravaganza


 Get ready for our much anticipated Easter Eggstravaganza on Thursday 28th March!  Be sure to enter and showcase all of your child's creative talents by bringing in their egg-cellent craftsmanship on this date. 

What's it all about?

Every year we ask the children to decorate an egg or eggs and bring their entry to school to create an Easter Eggstravaganza.  We then ask our School Governors to come in to judge for us. 

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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 22nd 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 – 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.

Glasses in Lost Property

The glasses below have been in lost property for some time. If you think that these may be your child's please collect them from the lost property box at the back of the school hall. +-



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



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

“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.

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

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

MONDAY

Sausage roll, saute potatoes and beans.

Chocolate brownies

TUESDAY

Chicken korma, vegetable rice and naan bread.

Celebration cake

WEDNESDAY

Pasta bolognaise, 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

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

Local Events & Opportunities

Easter Dance Workshop

For more information or to book email:
sophiemoores37@gmail.com

BALLET BUNNIES AND CREATIVE DANCE EASTER WORKSHOP



Rambert
grades



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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



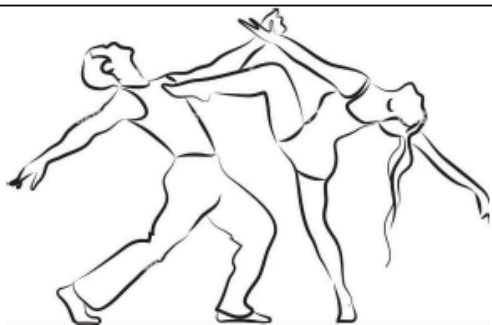
Rambert grades

For pupils in
year 5&6 who
want to dance!

Rambert is the most successful and established British contemporary dance company, and one of EBA's ex-pupils Sophie Moores, has trained and qualified to deliver their dance grading qualifications.

The grading is similar to something you might expect in a local dance school in ballet, tap, modern etc where pupils work on set exercises and routines and progress towards completing a grade, with either taking the exam qualification, or just moving on to the next grade. Rambert grades are in a contemporary style.

Sessions run at Eaton Bank in the studio on a Friday 4.15pm – 5.15pm and sessions are £6 each and payable in advance to EBA for the half term block.



To book your child onto the sessions starting after the Easter holidays please email: v.sheard@eatonbank.org.



Dance Classes for Year 5&6

Join Vicky over at Eaton Bank for dance classes designed for Year 5 and Year 6 students.

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.

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



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.

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

- **15th March** Whole School Red Nose Day
- **15th 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 Leavers
- **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
- **20th June** - KS1 Sports Day
- **21st June** - KS2 Sports Day
- **21st June** - National Music Day (Music)

July

- **2nd July** - Year 4 Watersports Day
- **3rd July** - Town Sports Day
- **10th - 12th July** - Y6 Robin Wood
- **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.	head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk In the school office.