



# Queenswood School Newsletter

## Welcome to the latest edition of the Queenswood Newsletter!

The Summer Term at school was a great success and we have plenty of evidence of this which we will now share with you. It was a short term because of a very late Easter, but we packed lots into it as you will see!

### Aladdin 2011



As usual, the play was a great credit to all involved and our thanks, as ever, go to Mrs Fadzilah, who took on the role of Director/Choreographer and general Master-of-all-Trades with patience and determination.

There were many highlights and the children made us all so very proud of them. Enjoy a small selection of 'magic moments':-



### Inter-House Quiz

This year the battle was hard-fought and the teams displayed an excellent knowledge of a wide variety of amazing facts and figures!

Well done to all who took part and especially to the winning team, Asquith, pictured below (Fiona, Cameron and captain, Matthew):-



## **Trips**

The summer term always allows plenty of opportunities to visit places and we managed to fit in lots of trips before the end of term.

All the children in school were treated to a trip by the Friends of the School - a most generous gesture! The Reception class had a day at Lotherton Hall and the rest of the children went to Scarborough to the Sea Life Centre (and beach)! As ever, whilst the older children were out for the day, the little ones had fun with a Teddy Bears' Picnic!



On another trip, the Juniors went on a Science workshop at Oakwell Hall. This helped with their topic and revision on Science and life cycles.



Mrs Whyatt's class also had another trip: this time to Kirkstall Abbey Museum as part of their History studies on Victorians. Here they are outside the museum enjoying the beautiful early summer weather!



## **Queenswood Award**

As many of you know, we developed a new award, called 'the Queenswood Award' for our older Juniors. It is based on the Duke of Edinburgh Award which many teenagers enjoy at high school.

It was especially good to see them tackle topics such as leadership, taking initiatives in helping the younger pupils and also in raising money for charity.

As a final treat at the end of the term, they were treated to a bowling morning at the Hollywood Bowl in Kirkstall instead of lessons! (and a very good time was had by all!)

## **Friendship Club**

It has been an on-going joy to see the twinkle in the eyes of both young and old alike when our children and the elderly people from Siegen Manor have met for activities.

This term, the Reception class went along to a 'Sports Day' at Siegen Manor and the old people were delighted to watch and enjoy sharing precious time and chuckles with the little ones. (Pictured:

an action shot with Umair and Mollie preparing for the 2012 London Olympics!)



Later in the term, some residents came to school for a picnic and sing-song just before the end of term. They brought a bun for every child and the afternoon ended in a rather splendid afternoon tea!

## **Sports Day**

Yet again, we were blessed with a dry day for Sports Day. A successful afternoon was enjoyed by a large gathering and the competition was fiercely but fairly fought. Victors at the end were Asquith, but a huge 'well done' to all for taking their part in making a lovely community occasion. Each child received a medal and strawberries,

courtesy of the FQS and the winning house received their trophy at Speech Day.



Browne relaxing just before the first race.



Salt having a team moment.



Asquith react to the announcement that they have won!

## French Day

We had our annual French Day in June. The children arrived in suitable blue, white or red clothing. They had a day of learning about French culture and lifestyles in the best possible way - by sampling 'hands-on' style!

The day included French games, songs, research and the most popular bit - food tasting! Thanks to Mrs Whyatt and staff for organising this annual day.

## Towards the end of term

As we moved towards the end of term, we enjoyed our now-annual activities, such as

the House Music competition. This year we congratulated Browne on their success, awarded by our visiting judges, Mr and Mrs Dunn. Mr Dunn is the organist at Central Methodist Church: an accomplished and extremely experienced musician. He was joined by his wife Dorothy, who had many years of primary school teaching; including some of our pupils' parents as her own former pupils!

We all thoroughly enjoyed the great fun of 'Queenswood's Got Talent', with a good number of parents coming along to share the fun and encouragement. There were superb performances from our 'acts' and they showed that the show lives up to its name!

That particular day was hectic indeed, since that morning we welcomed Thelma and her guide dogs Alma and Rhoda. It was a special occasion and we had enticed Thelma into school since it was her dog Alma's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and we wanted to sing "happy birthday" to her. This we did, but also presented Thelma with two special cards created by Miss Groves and her Reception class, congratulating Thelma on a special recognition for the outstanding work she has done in raising thousands of pounds for this most worthwhile charity. Later in the morning we had another charity event: a coffee morning for the British Heart Foundation!

The Dragons' Den was a treat for all and Salt were the winning team this year. The task was to produce a biscuit, with packaging, adverts, business strategies and the actual production of a biscuit! The Dragons seemed pleased with what they saw and ate (at least they were tactful!) and gave the children wonderful feedback and a goody bag at the end! Thanks to Dragons who brought their expertise and offered this tactfully, although with searching questions and comments. Dragons were parents Mr Taylor and Mr Witchell, along with Mr Mark Robinson from Cucina's and Mr Hugh Smith, a local businessman, JP and member of the church.

The final week brought us Speech Day and lots of emotions as the Year 6 leavers prepared to leave. What was possibly one of the most moving and memorable events of the year, was the Thanksgiving service at Central Methodists. The children sang and

presented many recollections of the school year and their very special personal moments. Although very few parents were able to attend this, we had a special guest, the Mayor of Morley, who paid tribute to the quality of the children's singing and behaviour throughout the service.



We had the opportunity to present a floral tribute to Mrs Cooper who has now left for a new position in the south of England. But in true Queenswood style, Miss Groves and her children sang a tribute to her - which brought many a tear to already wet eyes!

Finally - a word of thanks to all of the Queenswood Community for another busy, hectic year. It has been a wonderful year with so much growth. As we say goodbye to Mrs Pitchforth we welcome Mrs Helen Ruhkala to the staff. She brings with her a wealth of experience, as well as a Masters degree level training and experience in Special Educational Needs. She will join a staff totally committed to the school and our children: here's to the future!

## Forthcoming Dates for your Diary



### September:-

- Tues 6 No swimming/clubs this week. Breakfast /after-school care as usual
- Tues 13 Cricket v. Hipperholme Grammar Junior School (HGJS) away
- Fri 23 Netball v HGJS home
- Mon 26 Harvest Festival at 9.05 in Central Methodist Church. All welcome to attend.
- Fri 30 Macmillan Coffee morning from 11-12. All welcome!

### October:-

- Wed 5 U11 football tournament at Richmond House (RHS)  
U7 Football at HGJS

- Fri 7 Open Day from 1-5 pm and 'Taster Day'
- Sat 8 Open Day from 10-12
- Wed 12 Friends of Queenswood School AGM – 7.15pm
- Fri 14 Football v HGJS home  
'Race Nite' at Howley Hall Golf Club organised by FQS

### **Mon 24 – Fri 28 Half Term**

#### November:-

- Mon 7 Parents Evening from 3.45 – 7.30 p.m.
- Wed 9 Football v HGJS home
- Thurs 10 November Hop, organised by FQS: an evening fund-raising event
- Fri 11 Day Off - School closed**
- Wed 23 Tag Rugby v HGJS away
- Sat 26 Christmas Fair at school from 10am - 1pm

#### December:-

- Fri 2 Hockey v HGJS away
- Fri 9 Nativity Play at 2.30 in Wesley Hall. All welcome.
- Mon 12 School closes at 2.30 for all – no after-school care today  
Carol Service for all at 7.30 p.m. in St Andrew's Church, Bruntcliffe  
no clubs or swimming this last week of term.  
Breakfast Club each day and after school care on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only this week
- Wed 14 Non Uniform Day (£1 please) – a day of special Christmas activities\*
- Thurs 15 Pre School "Taster Day" from 1.30 -3.30 for children aged 2-4 and carers  
Drama Club Christmas Presentation at 3 p.m. in school
- Fri 16 Non Uniform Day and  
**\*Christmas Party in Wesley Hall immediately after lunch from 1.30-4.00 Please collect your child from school at 4.00\***: there will not be a final assembly this day, but your child will be brought back to school for collection.