



Queenswood School Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2011 newsletter for Queenswood School

As always the term has been busy with opportunities for the children. During it we welcomed a new member of staff, Mrs Helen Jozefek-Ruhkala who has made a high impact on the school, not only through her inspirational Maths teaching (amongst her other subjects!), but also through her dynamic interest in internationalism.

We said 'farewell' to Mrs Jacqui Whyatt; after 12 years of service to the school, she decided to leave full-time teaching. In her place we welcome Mrs Jennifer Farook and look forward to all that she will bring to Queenswood.

Now for a taste of just some of the activities and highlights of the past few months:-

SPORT:

"Many hands make light work"



As you can see, our boys are learning the meaning of 'working as a team' - whether on

or off the pitch! On this photograph we see Richard giving the team a help with the tricky job of sorting out boot laces! During the course of the term Richard joined the squad and has become a fully-fledged player for QS

The boys have played a number of fixtures this term and their highlight a tournament at Richmond House School where they just missed the semi-finals! Under captaincy of our expert Goalie, Cameron, the boys have made every effort to represent us well.

The girls have also done themselves proud in netball this term! An excellent Home victory against HGJS was their season's highlight. With the help of the two year 6 girls, Jessica and Fiona, the younger girls are having regular training sessions during breaks. (Some healthy competition with the boy footballers, no doubt!)

WORLD FOOD DAY

We shared the events of World Food Day with our partner school in Ghana. We sent each other recipes and ideas and many people helped to prepare the food. We recorded lots of activities on the day and sent these to the Bridge School in Accra, Ghana. We became friends with this school earlier in the term when the Star4Africa charity linked us!



The children worked in groups and part of the day was spent writing a story with Mrs Rogerson -more about this later!



Many parents prepared food for the day.
A good time was had by all!

Earlier we had received a beautifully carved wooden box filled with items collected by children at the Bridge School and then brought to England by charity volunteers. We enjoyed learning about life in Accra by looking at the items in the box. We have a box ready to go back to them in the new year. We also exchanged best wishes for Christmas with our friends there.

Operation Shoebox

As usual, we collected shoeboxes filled with goodies for distribution to poor children in other countries. This year we managed to send more boxes than children in school! Well done Queenswood for showing such love and generosity to others!



Pictured are children who donated shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal

Friendship Club

Our Friendship Club with member of Siegen manor has been busy again this term. One of the special moments, of which we have many, was all the children in school walking up to the Home to sing to Edith for her 100th birthday! She was in magnificent form and, as a Cockney herself, she thoroughly enjoyed the songs from London which our children sang to her.

Lola shared the birthday with Edith and she saw the telegram from the Queen which just arrived at the same time as us!



Ofsted's Visit

We were visited by Ofsted inspectors this term and were delighted to receive a very encouraging report. We were judged as a "good school with several outstanding features". The report was distributed to all parents, but is also available online; either via the school's website (www.queenswoodschool.co.uk) or the official Ofsted website.

Christmas Approached all too quickly!



Reception class preparing some Christmas artwork

The first Christmas event was the Christmas Fair which was organised by the Friends of Queenswood; the amount raised was sensational as ever. Thanks to all who supported and to the FQS for their continued hard work and unceasing enthusiasm to support all of us here!

Our children treated us to the traditional events, such as the Nativity Play and the Carol Service. General feedback from parents is that these were the best-ever!

We also added singing at Siegen Manor and at the White Rose Shopping Centre, raising money for Martin House Hospice. A 'YouTube' video of the Juniors singing at the White Rose Centre is on the Martin House website! Well done to them for helping raise over £700 for this worthwhile charity!

The older children in Drama Club entertained us with their feisty Christmas Play, which ended in a good-old Queenswood singsong and sweet treats! We even managed an additional non-uniform day as a treat for filling the marble jar for good behaviour. (It has to be said, that the behaviour of children was reported as 'outstanding' by Ofsted during their 3-day visit, and we are truly proud of this: they are a joy and a credit to the school!)

Then - we partied!

School closed on Friday 16th December for a well-earned rest. Thanks to all for the past academic year and here's to the continued growth and success of Queenswood.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January:-

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| Mon 9 | Term begins No swimming/club this week. Breakfast /after-school care as usual |
| Wed 11 | Juniors to West Yorkshire Playhouse 'Annie' |
| Fri 13 | Infants to WYP to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' |

February:-

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| Mon 6 | Valentine's Cake Stall and café – 3.30pm |
| Fri 10 | Valentine's Ball at Morley Rugby club; a FQS social |

Mon 13 – Fri 17 inclusive – Half Term

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| Wed 22 | Football v HGJS away |
| W/C Mon 20 | Revision week for Juniors |
| W/C Mon 26 | Exam Week for Juniors |

March:-

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| Thurs 1 | World Book Day: costume and themed event |
| Fri 2 | Netball v HGJS home |
| Fri 9 | Charity Coffee morning from 11 – 12 for guide Dogs |
| Tues 13 | Spring Revue at 7 pm in Wesley Hall for ALL PUPILS |
| Fri 16 | Open Day from 1 – 5pm and 'Taster Day' from 1.30 -3.30 |
| Sat 17 | Open Day from 10 – 12 |
| Wed 21 | No swimming |
| Fri 23 | English Speaking Board exam for Juniors |
| W/C Mon 26 | No clubs or swimming, but after-school care available |
| Wed 28 | Non uniform day (£1 please) |
| Thur 29 | Final assembly at 1.45 and break up at 2 pm |