



Parwich Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 1
10 February, 2017

Dates For Your Diary

February 2017

28th - INSET Day

March 2017

1st - INSET Day

9th - Infant Class Trip to Sea Life Centre, Birmingham



21st - Online Safety Evening at QEGS 6pm

24th - Comic Relief (Wear Red Day & Sponsored Spellathon)



Spring Term (1)

As we are now well into the new year, we are looking forward to all the activities and varied opportunities we are planning for the pupils in 2017.

In addition to the everyday learning in school, we try to provide experiences for our children beyond the classroom.

Please, enjoy reading on to discover just a few of the experiences our children have been given so far this term.

Key Stage 2 Swimming

This half term has seen the start to the school's allocation of swimming lessons for the year. The Junior pupils are developing their skills at the Ashbourne Leisure Centre.

Years 3 & 4 Splashdown Swim

All of the Year 3 & 4 pupils and two of our Year 2 children participated in Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School's Splashdown Swim event on Friday 3rd February. The aim of the event was to introduce the pupils to a fun gala swim environment. They enjoyed the friendly competition in a number of different races against pupils from our local cluster schools.



KS1 Computing

The Infant Class have enjoyed working both indoors and outdoors programming different digital devices and observing whether their instructions have been precise enough to execute the intended task set.



Lunches Money - Junior Class Only

For parents who wish to pay for their child's lunches for the half term the amount is £2.00 a day for 33 days at a total of **£66.00**, cheques payable to **Derbyshire County Council**.

If you are in credit/arrears you will receive a note home.



A reminder to parents who pay weekly: please send payments for dinners to school on Monday morning for the beginning of each week. Also, if at any point you wish your child to swap to or from lunches to sandwiches, we would need a weeks notice.

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After School Clubs

Spring Term (2nd half)

Monday

KS2 Film

(3:30pm - 4:30pm)



Tuesday

Whole School

Toys and Games

(3:30pm - 4:30pm)



Wednesday

KS1 French

(3:30pm - 4:30pm)



Thursday

KS1 Crafts

(3:30pm - 4:30pm)



PTA News

The PTA Coffee Afternoon was a huge success on Tuesday 7 February raising a fabulous £90. Families and friends of the school, staff and pupils all enjoyed the delicious, homemade cakes and quiche which the PTA members had generously baked. "If I was a Headteacher, I would have a Coffee Afternoon twice a week," one of the Infant pupils was heard stating. Definitely, a satisfied customer. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2017 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 7th February. At school, staff took the opportunity to highlight the positive uses of technology, as it plays an important role in the everyday lives of children, young people and adults and can be both beneficial and exciting. However, as a school, we also understand the responsibility we have to educate our pupils in e-safety issues; teaching them the appropriate behaviours and critical thinking to enable them to remain safe when using the internet and related technologies. Assemblies were led throughout the week, which, once again, emphasised the importance of all of these messages.

With technology moving so quickly in today's society, it can be difficult to keep up. Below is a reminder of the Online Safety Evening held at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School that all parents are welcome to attend. The evening aims to help raise awareness of internet safety and to provide an opportunity for questions to be answered.

Online Safety Evening

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne.

Tuesday 21st March 2017, 6pm.

With special guest speaker Lorin LaFave

Lorin LaFave, a Teaching Assistant from Surrey, came to the nation's attention in 2014 following the murder of her son, Breck Bednar (14), who was groomed via online gaming platforms and murdered on 17th February 2014. Breck's story was the subject of the BBC documentary 'Murder Games: The Life and Death of Breck Bednar' which was aired in early 2016 and shown at our 2016 adults' online safety evening.

"There's nothing worse than thinking you could have saved your child and didn't. I cannot bear for another family to go through this." Lorin LaFave.

Since Breck's death, Lorin has set up the Breck Foundation to raise awareness on internet safety. She speaks at schools, conferences, to parents and police and we are delighted to welcome her to QEGS and hope as many people as possible will attend to hear her powerful and sometimes harrowing story told in her own words. Lorin will also be available for questions from attendees after her presentation.



Tickets*

Tickets for this event are priced at £3.00 and available from the QEGS Box Office at qegs.link/tickets. Any profits made from this event will be donated to the Breck Foundation in support of their valuable work in keeping young people safe online.

For enquiries or further information, please contact Mr Iilsley, QEGS Online Safety Coordinator, at iilsleyj@qegs.email

*Please note that, due to the nature of the content, this evening is for those aged 18 and over only.



Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, The Green Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 1EP.



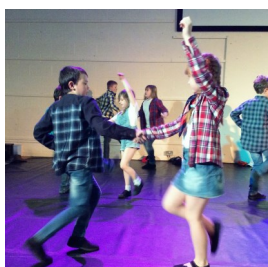
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KS2 Dance 'Kids of America' Performance

On Wednesday 8th February, our Junior pupils were invited for a fun-filled day of activities at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School's Arts Festival. The day also provided the pupils with the opportunity to perform an American-inspired dance, that they had perfected within class lessons, to a large audience of local cluster school children. The dance showcased American line-dancing, rock 'n' roll, street dance and cheerleading. Family and friends of the school enjoyed watching the routine in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 7 February. Well done, Juniors.



KS1 Gymnastics

Forward rolls, cartwheels and balances were all practised by our Infant pupils at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School's Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Cluster event on Monday 16 January.

The pupils were led by two inspiring Young Leaders through a thorough warm-up and guided through a sequence of moves which they mastered in unison.

Well done, Infants.



Infant Art Club

Much eagerness was again shown by the Infant children to attend Art Club. Miss Pendrigh provided the pupils with the opportunity to develop various skills, whilst making lovely items: key rings, decoupage masks, ladybirds and pencil cases.



KS2 Music Concert

Our Junior Class celebrated their musical achievements by performing in the Memorial Hall to family and friends of the school on Wednesday 01 February.

Brigid Frazer, their Wider Opportunities teacher, led the concert, which showcased musicianship and violin skills. The pupils should be extremely proud of their progress this year.

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Aboriginal Art Afternoon

Continuing on our 'International Journey', the whole school has taken part in an Australian Afternoon. Inspired by a recent link we have formed with Karratha Primary School in West Australia, Miss Pendrigh led an Aboriginal art activity. Fun was had by all, as they created Aboriginal 'Dreamings' paintings; derived from Dreamtime Stories about how the world began.



Cookery Club

Mouth-watering aromas have been wafting through the school, every Tuesday evening, this half term, as many of the Junior children have put their hand to a bit of cookery, within the afterschool club led by Margaret Wood and Jenny Warner.

The pupils have been encouraged to both read and follow given recipe instructions and create their own.

Citrus muffins, flapjack, mini pizzas, spiced biscuits and veggie burgers have all been made and sampled.



School Collections

- ◆ Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers
- ◆ Used Stamps for the PDSA



Fun in the Snow



Private School Fund

The school fund has been independently audited by Peak Management Associates in Ashbourne.

If you wish to have a copy of these accounts, please contact the school office.

There will be a charge for photocopying.

Terms Dates for 2016 - 2017

Spring Term

Tuesday 3 January 2017 - Friday 10 February 2017
Monday 20 February 2017 - Friday 7 April 2017

Summer Term

Monday 24 April 2017 - Friday 26 May 2017
(Monday 1 May is a Bank Holiday)
Monday 5 June 2017 - Friday 21 July 2017

Within these dates, the school will be closed for children on five days for the purposes of staff training:
Monday 5 September, Tuesday 20 December,
Tuesday 3rd January, Tuesday 28 February
and Wednesday 1 March,

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