



# Queensgate Primary School Newsletter 7.10.22



## Award for Queensgate

We are delighted to have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for 2021/22. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

A big thank you to Mr Knowles for his passionate leadership of PE at QPS, as well as our parents and children for their hard work and efforts achieving this award.



## How can I support my child in maths at home?

We often get asked this question and for the vast majority of our children, the answer is simple... get them to go on **TTRockstars** for 10 minutes at least three times a week! This will give them enough dedicated time to significantly improve their quick recall of times tables. This is so important as times tables are fundamental to many maths topics. When children recall times tables quickly, it frees up their working memory allowing them to develop their reasoning skills.



All the staff regularly promote TTRockstars in school and we celebrate success in our Friday assemblies, but we are still finding that not enough children are accessing this resource at home.

Here are a few tips...

- **Ensure that you are using the latest version of the app and website** to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that your child will miss out on key updates. If using the website at home, please visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version in your browser or update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.
- Ensure your child has gone on the website at **least three times per week across the week** - the earlier the better.
- Ensure that they practise in the “**garage**” section to complete their ten games before practising in other areas.

## School photographs

We will be joined by the school photographer on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Individual photographs will be taken of the children. If your child has a sibling in school, they will also be photographed together.

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*We celebrated National Poetry Day this week.  
This young lady was so inspired that she  
wrote three poems of her own at home!*



## **Pupil leadership roles**

Throughout their time at Queensgate, children have the opportunity to apply for a wide range of leadership roles within school. There have been a number of elections taking place recently and I am pleased to announce our new MPs.

**Year 6: Rajbir and Lily**

**Year 5: Olivia and Ryan S**

**Year 4: Gabby and Ellie**

**Year 3: Charlie and Eden**

**Year 2: Leo W and Eva**

**Year 1: Zander and Darcey**

Our new Sports Leaders for the year have also been elected.

**Year 2: Myles, Ava**

**Year 3: Maxwell, Martha**

**Year 4: Annabelle, Emily**

**Year 5: Rocco, Ben B, Sophia**

**Year 6: Pippa, Harry P**

## **Year 6 Restorative Ambassadors**

Restorative approaches are at the heart of life at Queensgate as it describes a way of being, an underpinning ethos, which enables us to build and maintain healthy relationships, resolve difficulties and repair harm when relationships breakdown.

Each year we invite our Year 6 children to apply to become a Restorative Ambassador. If appointed, these children are on the playground at playtime and lunchtime to help anyone who looks like they could do with a helping hand. Every day of the week, a different group of children are "on duty" as Restorative Ambassadors around school. They will listen, help to find a solution to a problem and help the children to understand how to be a kind friend.

This year, the following children have been appointed to this key role.

- Monday: Alfie, Layne, Joseph, Harry P, Euan
- Tuesday: Isabelle, Ava, Lily, Miley, Sophie
- Wednesday: Daniel P, Jasbir, Daisy, Gracie, Zainab
- Thursday: Scarlett, Pippa, Tabitha, Melina
- Friday: Daniel L, Safiya, Vaun, Harry O

All our Restorative Ambassadors wear a jacket and lanyard in the playground so that they can be spotted by the other children. Photographs of the children are also on display in the Entrance area, Year 1 and Year 3 classrooms so that you can recognise their faces.

## **Behaviour Policy review**

We are currently reviewing our whole school Behaviour Policy as part of our planned cycle of policy reviews. Click [here](#) if you would like to read our current policy and email [admin@queensgate.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@queensgate.stockport.sch.uk) if you would like to contribute any views to the review process. Thank you.

## Advice and support for our families

All Stockport schools have links with a number of adults that are there to support families. At Queensgate, our School Age Plus worker is called Rachel Richardson. She is able to signpost families to a range of Stockport services regarding parenting, housing issues, mental health concerns etc. If you would like support from Rachel, please speak to myself or your child's classteacher.

Our school nurse is called Michelle Michelle McCulloch, [michelle.mcculloch@stockport.nhs.uk](mailto:michelle.mcculloch@stockport.nhs.uk) and she can advise on sleep issues, toileting and children's development. She can be contacted on 0161 835 6789.

## Important dates coming up

All upcoming dates are on the school website/ Calendar on [www.queensgate.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.queensgate.stockport.sch.uk)

**10.10.22:** Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum

**12.10.22:** Flu vaccinations in school

**17.10.22:** School Photographs- individual and siblings (if siblings attend QPS)

**19.10.22: 9.15- 10.45** Open morning for prospective Reception 2023 families

**20.10.22:** 2.30PM Parent partnership meeting in school

**\*\*\* 21.10.22: School closes for half-term \*\*\***

**MONDAY 31.10.22:** School re-opens

**1.11.22:** PM Year 5 to Bramhall High School to watch "Rock of Ages" production

**2.11.22: 9.15- 10.45** Open morning for prospective Reception 2023 families

**16.11.22:** Year 2 trip to Sharston Synagogue, Year 6 to Crucial Crew

**18.11.22:** Children in Need (details to follow)

**21- 25.11.22:** Year 6 Bikeability

**22.11.22:** 3.30 – 5.30PM Individual Progress Meetings with classteacher/s (details to follow)

**23.11.22:** 5.00 – 7.00PM Individual Progress Meetings with classteacher/s (details to follow)

**29.11.22:** Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

**6.12.22:** 6.30PM Y4, Y5, Y6 Carol service at Bramhall Methodist Church

**7.12.22:** Year 6 trip to Stockport air-raid shelters

**8.12.22:** 2.30PM Parent partnership meeting in school

**13.12.22:** 9.30AM Reception Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

2.00PM Year 2 Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

**14.12.22:** Reception Theatre visit to see "The Man who wanted to be a penguin"

**15.12.22:** 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

2.00PM Reception Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

**16.12.22:** Nursery/ Reception Christmas party day

Christmas lunch for the children

Christmas jumper day

**19.12.22:** Year 1, Year 2 Christmas party day

**20.12.22:** Year 3, Year 4 Christmas party day

2.45PM Year 1 and Year 3 Carols and mince pies in the playground

**21.12.22:** Year 5, Year 6 Christmas party day

**\*\*\* THURSDAY 22.12.22: School closes for Christmas holidays \*\*\***

Thank you for your on-going support. If you have any queries or wish to discuss any school matters, I am available before and after-school most days.

Mrs Hitchcock  
Headteacher