



# QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning

May 2017

## AMAZING MERMAIDS

Over the past eight weeks, ten girls in years 3 and 4 have been involved in an after-school running and self-development programme called 'Mini Mermaids'.

The programme is designed to teach every girl to lead a healthy life by listening to her inner voice, valuing her uniqueness, learning to love movement and discovering the finish line is just the beginning.

To finish the first level of the programme, last Saturday, all the girls completed the Roundhay ParkRun, a 5km course around the park. Each girl ran with an adult mentor and we were extremely proud of the achievement. I would also like to thank Miss Purves, Miss Law and Miss Thornton who supported the group and also completed the run.



All the girls will now be invited onto stage two of the programme in the Autumn term.

## FUELLING FOOD

To further develop the children's leadership of our Fuel for Schools work, we have recently appointed some Fuel for School Ambassadors and School Food Ambassadors. The role of the Fuel for School Ambassadors is to improve the impact of the Fuel for School programme and to spread the message about not wasting food. You will have already met some of the team at the market stall or on Parents' Evening. The School Food Ambassadors will be looking into ways of increasing the popularity and uptake of school meals. Two of the team attended training last week delivered by Leeds City Council wellbeing team.

## RUNNING THE RHINOS

On Easter Monday, the Leeds Rhinos ran their annual 'Takeover Day'. This is an opportunity for children to apply for positions within the club and to experience the role on a match day. Evie Cousins (Year 6) applied and was successfully appointed as Chief Executive (the second year in succession this has been a pupil from Queensway with Ben Mott fulfilling the role last year). Evie got to spend the day with the Rhinos 'top man', Gary Hetherington and even introduced Gary in the main sponsors' lounge. It was a wonderful experience for Evie and she was a wonderful representative for Queensway. As well as attending the school rugby club, Evie also plays for Guisley Rangers and the West Park Rugby Union Club.



## SPORTS DAY CHANGE

Next half term will start with our 'Sports Week' which will include our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One sports days.

However, due to the school being used as a polling station for the election on 8<sup>th</sup> June, the Key Stage Two sports day has been moved to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Nursery and Reception	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June

Family and friends are invited to watch the afternoon events each day from 1.15pm.



## 100% ATTENDANCE

Certificates were recently awarded to recognise all pupils who achieved 100% attendance during March. The Trust-wide initiative for all schools in the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust helped to promote an overall increase in attendance during the month. In addition, all pupils who received a certificate were entered in to a prize draw courtesy of a number of local organisations who kindly donated gifts.

Our school prize winners were;

Leo Edwards (football)

Ethan Robson (2 tickets for Bradford City)

Chloe Harrison (family ticket for Guiseley FC)

James Durkin (£10 Argos voucher)



For their kind donations the Trust would like to thank Bradford City FC Community Foundation, Chevin Country Park Hotel & Spa, Costa, Guiseley Community Foundation, J D Sports, Marriott Hollins Hall Hotel, Mercure Leeds Parkway Hotel, Morrison's Guiseley and Yeadon stores, Yeadon Stoops and the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation. These gifts ranged from tickets for a Bradford City match, a Guiseley FC match and Yorkshire CCC T20 Blast to footballs, book vouchers, cinema vouchers, afternoon tea, a family breakfast and gym experience vouchers.

We recognise that some children were genuinely ill and couldn't achieve 100% (chicken pox wiped out most of the Reception class last term). This is unfortunate but the theory behind the competition was to improve overall attendance and it had a successful impact. We will be organising similar school and Trust events in the future based on attendance and punctuality.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

All the children in our Key Stage One recently enjoyed some outdoor learning on Otley Chevin delivered by student teachers from Leeds Beckett University.



## SITTING THE SATS!

The Year 2 and Year 6 SATs are taking place in school over the next couple of weeks and we are once again proud of the way our children are approaching them. They have all worked extremely hard to prepare and supported each other through what can be a stressful time. I am also very grateful to the staff who have ensured the children are ready for the challenges of the tests and have provided ongoing support. This will include a daily, social breakfast club in Year 6 to help the children relax before starting the tests.

We would also like to thank all parents and family members who have supported the children during this period.

## SPRINGING INTO SPORT

Some of our older children have recently competed in local sports competitions. A team from Year 4 entered the ALPT football competition before the Easter holiday, performing exceptionally well in what was for many, their first competitive games. In the first week back, children from years 5 & 6 played in a tag-rugby event held at Guiseley Rangers. Once again, the players represented the school in style with excellent skills and sporting attitudes.



## TRAINING DAYS 2017/18

For the year 2017/18, school will start for the children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and will finish on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. A full list of term dates is attached to the back of this newsletter.

The staff training days in 2017/18 will be on;  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

We discovered recently that one of the dates set for the Year 6 production clashes with an induction event at Guiseley School. As a result, year 6 will now be performing on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Further information (including ticket details) will be sent home next half term.

## PROMOTING PARENT WELL-BEING

We are always exploring ways in which we can support our families and have recently began to look into opportunities to promote services which will help with parent well-being. I have been talking to a number of providers who will deliver evening classes (eg; Yoga, Pilates & Circuit training).

The first set of courses will begin on a trial basis after the half term holiday. The sessions will run for six weeks. As we have agreed to provide the school facilities for free, the reduced cost will be £25 for the 6 weeks (just over £4 per session). We need a minimum of eight people on each course.

We have organised the following groups;

### **Pilates – Wednesday 6pm to 6.45pm**

Run by Jo Smith Pilates

Starting on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Circuit Training – 5.30 to 6.30pm (day to be confirmed)**

Run by Flexible Fitness

Starting week beginning **5th June**

Letters with booking information for both groups will be sent home next week.

We are also actively promoting local opportunities which are accessible and affordable for all families.....

Want to start running but no idea where to start?

Already running but want to run with others and/or improve performance?

Complete beginners to established runners...our #5wksto5k group could be just what you're looking for.

We are a group of likeminded people based in Guiseley supporting and encouraging each other.

We offer a structured course that will get you to 5k in just 5 weeks for just £1!!!

Dozens have already been through the course and continue to enjoy running and improve.

Next course starts 8th May.

Get in touch to get started.

Maria Pemberton 07966165122

## GOVERNOR WANTED

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. This is an excellent opportunity for somebody who would like to support school in a more proactive way. There are no specific skills, knowledge or experiences required, just enthusiasm and commitment. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact our or the vice-chair, Anne Cook

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## PARKING

Please remember to **park responsibly** outside school when dropping-off or collecting your children. It is important that you consider both the children's safety and access for local residents when parking your car. Please do not park on the grass verges opposite the school gate or on the zigzag, yellow lines. Many more children travel to school on bikes and scooters during the summer term and poor parking increases the danger for them.



We would also like to remind you that all children who are travelling to school on bikes and scooters should be wearing a safety helmet and their hi-viz jacket.

## Emergency First Aid for Children – Day Time Training Session

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 12.30-2.30pm**

Did you know... '84% of parents lack simple first aid skills that could save their child's life' ?

(SOURCE : Mother & Baby Magazine survey)

**Would you know what to do?**

**Aireborough Children's Centre** are pleased to offer parents/carers of children under 5, the opportunity to enhance their emergency first aid skills at a single afternoon session costing just **£20 per person**.

For further details please call us on 01943 87410, visit: [www.aireboroughcc.org.uk](http://www.aireboroughcc.org.uk) or email: [office@aireboroughcc.org.uk](mailto:office@aireboroughcc.org.uk)

## SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING



You can keep up to date with school events by using a range of social media. You can view (and hopefully 'like') our open Facebook page by searching

Queensway Primary School Facebook and you can become one of our 200+ followers on Twitter **@QueenswayPS**.

Remember if you have anything you want to ask or share, you can contact me directly by e-mail

[headteacher@queenswayschool.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@queenswayschool.co.uk) or stop and chat outside school any morning or afternoon.

Alun Davies  
Head Teacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Safety Theme Week  
(Keeping safe in the sun/water safety)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
School Closes for one week.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Years 1 & 2 Sports Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day

## Calendar academic year 2017-2018 (agreed by ALPT)

Holiday	Schools close	Schools open
Summer		Monday 4 September 2017
Autumn mid-term	Friday 20 October 2017	Monday 30 October 2017
Christmas	Wednesday 20 December 2017	Thursday 4 January 2018
Spring mid-term	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
Easter	Thursday 29 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018
May Bank Holiday	Friday 4 May 2018	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Summer mid-term	Friday 25 May 2018	Monday 4 June 2018
Summer	Tuesday 24 July 2018	

### Term length

Autumn 73 days

Spring 56 days

Summer 66 days

**Total 195 days**

### Bank Holidays include

Christmas 25 & 26 December 2017

New Year's Day (bank holiday) 1

January 2018

Good Friday 30 March 2018

Easter Monday 2 April 2018

May Day 7 May 2018

Spring Bank 28 May 2018

August 27 August 2018

### Staff Training Days

(School & Nursery closed)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

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