



# QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning



March 2017



## YOUNG DECISION MAKERS

On Tuesday 28th February, six members of our School Council paid a visit to the Palace of Westminster in London to meet with local MP, Greg Mulholland. The meeting, held within one of the Parliamentary meeting rooms, focused on the role of MPs and their impact on decision making. It was a very inspiring event for the children which helped them to understand the democratic government system and how this relates to their role as school councillors.



The trip also included a tour of the Houses of Parliament, a ride on the London Eye and some sightseeing.

## BOOK DAY

We saw some very creative World Book Day costumes last Thursday. Thank you to everybody for your fantastic efforts. The children had a fun day engaging in book related activities. WBD tokens can be used when buying books at the book fair on Parents' Evening.



## KEEPING SAFE AT SCHOOL

For health and safety reasons, pupils should not be on the school grounds before 8.45am. If you arrive early, please supervise your children and wait at the front of school.

It is also important that only parents delivering children to the Nursery or Reception classes enter via the Foundation Stage outdoor area. Children should not be playing with any outdoor equipment before the start of the school day.

## KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Whilst we do a lot of work with the children to teach them about staying safe online, it is important that you continue to monitor the content they access at home. Children shouldn't be using the internet, on any device, unsupervised. We are aware that some of our older children are watching videos on YouTube which we consider to be inappropriate. Often these videos are accessed by an innocent search (eg Minecraft) which highlights the importance of close supervision.

## WHO WILL ACHIEVE 100% IN MARCH?

We are all aware of the importance of the role that positive recognition and praise plays in motivating people and helping them to achieve. This is particularly the case with children and all the schools in the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust are taking part in a scheme in March that recognises all pupils who achieve a 100% attendance for the month.



While we recognise that many people will feel that 100% attendance should be the norm, we feel that sometimes recognition should be given to what is the norm rather than it being taken for granted. We also believe that the scheme may act more widely as a positive encouragement to make that 'extra effort' which will create educational benefits.

A personalised certificate will be presented to each of the pupils who achieve 100% attendance in March and, in addition, all the certificate recipients will be entered into a draw with the opportunity to win one of a number of prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

## TECH TROUBLES

Following a problem with the school server, some parents didn't receive their text invitation to Achievement Assembly last week. We would like to apologise and hope you understand it was outside our control.

## TEN MILLION MINUTES STARTS THIS WEEK!

Get your books at the ready, the country's biggest one-week reading challenge is taking place THIS WEEK!

Remember, all you have to do is encourage your child to read for as many minutes as they can and then record the total minutes at school. The competition starts at 9am on Thursday 9th March and finishes at 5pm on Wednesday 15th March.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Our next parents' evenings will be held on Wednesday 15th March 3.20 – 5pm and Thursday 16th March 3.20 – 7pm. We are continuing to use an on-line booking system. This can be accessed through smart phones, tablets or computers and will allow you to book the appointment at a time that suits you. As with previous parents' evenings, we can only accommodate one appointment per child.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) to book your time using the code 5mdww

Our new Fuel for Schools Ambassadors will be serving up some tasty treats at the two parents' evenings to promote their pop-up, 'pay as you feel' cafes which they will be launching soon.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES



Mr Alan Steele has been appointed as an Assistant Head Teacher to replace Mrs Proctor who moved to a Bradford school in January. Mr Steele is an experienced school leader who will strengthen the Leadership Team. Mr Steele's teaching commitment with Year 5 will not be changing.

During the Summer Term I will only be in school for three days a week to enable me to pursue some professional development opportunities. On the days when I am not in school, Mrs Swindlehurst will assume the role of Head Teacher. I will be returning to a full-time school commitment in September, hopefully with some new ideas to impact on the quality provision we have at Queensway.

## ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO END THE WEEK WITH A FREE & HEALTHY BREAKFAST!

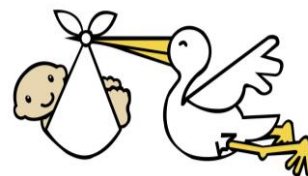
Our Free Friday Breakfast Club continues to be popular with over fifty pupils attending each week. Remember, this is free for all children from 8.15am every Friday with porridge, toast, cereals and juice. Last entry for the children is 8.35am

## PTA PLEA

We urgently need more volunteers to support our PTA. All interested parents are invited to attend a meeting on Monday 13th March at 5pm in the school hall when myself and Mrs Swindlehurst will discuss the events planned for the coming months. If you have any questions, please speak to either myself or Mrs Swindlehurst. We hope as many of you as possible will join us next Monday.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Sheppard and her husband Phil announced the birth of their son, Flynn on Thursday 9th February. I'm sure you will join me in sending our very best wishes to all the family.



## KEEP INFORMED

Make sure you follow our school Facebook page or Twitter account (@QueenswayPS) to see up to date reports on events in school. Information about upcoming events is also shared via our smartphone app.

## ..... AND KEEP TALKING

Please remember, if you have any concerns or issues you wish to raise, you are welcome to call into school at any time. Alternatively, you can stop for a chat before or after school when you should find me or Mrs Swindlehurst outside the main entrance. We want to hear your views (positive as well as negative) and will always make time to listen.

or to contact me;  
[headteacher@queenswayschool.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@queenswayschool.co.uk)



Alun Davies  
Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

PTA meeting (5pm) – all interested parents welcome to attend.

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Parent's Evening

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Staff Training Day – school & Nursery closed

(Children's Centre & Kanagroo Kids open as normal)

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Comic Relief

(children are welcome to wear red noses and other Comic Relief fundraising items)

Music Assembly

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Easter Assembly

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

School Closes for two weeks

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

School re-opens

Connect with **Queensway Primary School Facebook** or  
**@QueenswayPS** to keep up to date with events in school.





# Aireborough Children's Centre



## Activity Timetable

Spring 2017

See our website: [www.aireboroughcc.org.uk](http://www.aireboroughcc.org.uk)

AM

PM

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mini Movers 0-2years</b> 10.30-11.15am @ QW Drop-in session	<b>Baby Massage</b> Phone 01943 874100 for more details / to book
	<b>Childminders Group @</b> <b>Westfield 9.15-11.00am</b>	<b>Parenting Course @QW</b> Phone 01943 874925
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Learn Through Play @</b> <b>Guiseley 9.00-10.30am</b> ***** <b>Baby Group @ Guiseley</b> 11.00am-12.30pm	<b>Preparation for Birth &amp;</b> <b>Beyond</b> Phone 0113 224 <u>3850</u> to book / more details
	<b>Childminders Group</b> <b>@ Guiseley 9.00-11.30am</b>	<b>Advice Clinic @ QW</b> for families with children up to 5 <u>years</u> old <u>Bookable private</u> appointments
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Childminders Group</b> <b>@ Guiseley 9.00-11.30am</b>	<b>*Baby Clinic*@QW</b> 2 - 3.30pm <u>Phone 0113</u> <u>8435400 to book</u>
	<b>Stay, Play &amp; Learn @</b> <b>Westfield 9.15-11am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bosom Buddies</b> Breast feeding peer support group <b>@ Guiseley</b> 10.30am-12pm	<b>Baby Massage</b> Phone 01943 874925 for more details/to book
	<b>Outreach</b>	
<b>Friday</b>		

**Guiseley** = Guiseley Primary School, Oxford Road, Guiseley, LS20 9DA

**GUISELEY:** Tel: 01943 874100

**QW** = Queensway Primary School Coppicewood Avenue, Yeadon, LS19 7LF

**QW:** Tel 01943 874925 (Ext 5)

**Westfield** = The Annexe Building, Yeadon Westfield Infant School, LS19 7NQ