



QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning



October 2018

An official welcome

Following a meeting of the Governing Body on 26th September, I am delighted formally to welcome Mrs Victoria Dalby to Queensway as our Chair of Governors for the 2018-19 academic year. Victoria stepped into the role temporarily during the summer but was formally voted in when the Resources Committee met recently.

The Queensway Moomoks are a success!

The Moomoks have proven popular already and I am extremely proud to say that several of our children have reached out and asked for pastoral support by using this system in school to help them through some difficult personal circumstances. The Moomoks are there for any child to use as a request for help during the hard times, and our staff are always happy to listen and to help – this is what makes Queensway the school it is after all.

In a close contest, I am also happy to announce that the Year 3 entry into the Moomok habitat contest, a TARDIS created for Mr Furry, was the winning model. In second place was Year 4's igloo for Boo Boo, and third prize went to Nursery class for the castle design for Queen Argyle.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September, school successfully undertook a fundraising event and I am pleased to say we were able to raise £100 for this essential and wonderful charity. Thank you to all of the families and

staff who donated your time, food or money to this event – the £100 will pay for one day's salary for a nurse and will make a difference in somebody's life.

Vision and Values – The Queensway Standard is now official.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to send out with this newsletter our final vision and values ethos for the future.

In June, staff offered their ideas for what each of our five core values 'looks like' in day to day life and the school council of 2017-18 chose their favourite three behaviours for each value.

On September 3rd, staff were asked for their ideas on a mission statement – a sentence that sums up Queensway Primary School and everything we are about – and the school council selected their favourite three entries from fifteen choices.

Last week, every child and staff member was given a vote and I am pleased to say we have now selected our mission statement, vision and values as a whole school.

All staff and pupils are expected to live by these values in order to make school the best place it can be, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact this will have in the coming years.

Friends Of Queensway – PTA Members Wanted for 2018-19.

Throughout 2018-19, we would like to expand the reach and scale of our PTA and we would love to hear from parents and carers who can offer us the following:

- Time to devote to organising and setting up whole school events throughout the year.
- Experience of organising a Leaver's Prom event as we plan to hold one for Year 6 in July 2019.

If you feel you can add value to this wonderful group of dedicated volunteers then please get in touch via the main school office **or see Mrs Abigail Lee directly.**

Pre-School Places Are Always Available

We have 15 & 30 hour places available for 3 & 4 year olds in the School Nursery. Please contact the school office for further details.

There are also places available at Kangaroo Kids. Please contact the staff at Kangaroo Kids on 07799472578 or email kangarookids92@yahoo.com

Teaching & Learning Review – October 3rd

This week our School Improvement Advisor, Tim Richards, visited school to undertake a Teaching & Learning Review. This involved observations of all classes delivering maths and English lessons. The review was a success and it was agreed between Tim and myself that overall the standard of teaching in school was very pleasing. Tim asked that the pupils be thanked for taking the time to share their learning with him and for their polite manners and excellent attitudes towards their learning. Thank you also to the staff for their hard work – these days are never easy and as a school we gave a good account of ourselves.

Year 3-4 Rugby Club

This Thursday sees the first week of the Year 3-4 after school Rugby Club. This club will run from now until Christmas from 15:15 – 16:00. Pupils will require outdoor sports kit and, if you have them, football boots as we will be training outdoors rain or shine!

May I also take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr Flowers and the Guiseley Rugby Club for their kind donation of resources to the school. Mr Flowers brought in a selection of rugby balls and some tackling shields and we are grateful for this kind donation.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our autumn consultation evenings on Wednesday October 10th (15:20 – 17:00) and Thursday October 11th (15:20 – 19:00). Please ensure you attend these events as they are a vital means of seeing your child's teacher and discussing progress and next steps. If you are unable to attend, please let your child's teacher know and we can arrange for a written summary of strengths and next steps, or a telephone consultation if this is required.

The Friday Breakfast

Our Free Friday Breakfast Club continued to be popular throughout the summer term, with 50-60 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. This will continue throughout 2018-19 and we welcome all of our pupils to attend.

Fuel For Schools Polite Notice

It has been noticed that several people are taking large quantities of food from our Fuel For Schools deliveries and not making any donation, whilst some parents are paying over the odds for very few items. Whilst this system is designed to assist our families, we as a school pay around £2,400 a year up front for this food and any donations received are channeled directly back into school to create opportunities for our pupils. We operate a pay as you feel system and all of your donations make a difference to our children.

Free School Meals – Just Ask

If you feel you may meet the criteria for free school meals, please make enquiries at the school's main office. Times are tough for everybody and if you feel you may qualify for free school lunches then please do not hesitate to ask about your potential eligibility.

Will Riley
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

October 10th & 11th:
Consultation evening.

October 24th:
Governors Teaching, Learning & Pupil Support meeting

October 26th:
Break for half term

Tuesday November 6th:
Pupils return to school.

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