



Queen Elizabeth School

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This Week

Message from Helen: Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed all the sunshine that we had. We are all looking forward to another busy year packed full of fun and learning.

The summer holidays were exceptionally busy here. Our key stage two toilets and staff toilets have been completely re-done and are now looking fantastic. We have also had a large outside canopy installed at the back of Sky Island which will enable learning to continue outside despite our British weather. A large amount of groundworks have been completed including under the canopy and a path down to our new outside building, which has been named The Haven. I am also pleased to say that the outstanding work on Discovery Island has also been done. This work continued right up until yesterday and staff, alongside all the statutory training that we need to complete, have been busy making our classrooms fantastic welcoming learning environments. This term our topics are Big Wide World and Starry Night in our Early Years and Key Stage One classes. Key Stage Two and Three will be looking further afield through their topics Moon Zoom and Stargazers and Key Stage Four at looking at Darwin's Delights.

We welcome two new teachers Nicole Robson and Amy Boughey who will be joining us after half term. We are also pleased to have two new SSA's, Charlotte Light in Beachcombers and Louise Lurring in Cavers class. We have been joined in the office by Sarah O'Connell our new operations manager and Paula Da Rocha who will be leading on Annual Reviews and QEII Connections. Congratulations to Rosie Gilbert, our Creative Arts lead, Holly Parsons, our family liaison officer and Claire Wilder, our behaviour support worker. There have also been some movement of people around offices so you may find people in different places!

This is always a busy term and while Christmas may seem a long way away, I am sure that it will soon be upon us with all the activities and festivities it brings. Before that though we will be having our Science week and celebrating harvest. We will be having our art gallery returning in October and I am sure that you will all want to come along and see our pupil's fantastic creativity. **This Friday 13th there will be our meet the teacher afternoon from 1.40 - 2.20.** I hope as many of you as possible will come and see your child / young person in their new classroom. The school calendar is attached for your information and can also be found on the school website.

Our car park continues to be busy. Please do arrive at the correct times - 9am and 3.10 for parents with the exception of Beachcombers whose timings are 9.10 and 3.15 We do appreciate your help in making it as safe as possible for our pupils.

I am really looking forward to this new year and seeing our pupils continue to grow and achieve while enjoying all the opportunities that make up school life here at QEII.

Breakfast Club: Due to the very low uptake of places, it is no longer financially viable to run our Breakfast Club. However if there is enough interest in the future we may be able to consider starting it again, so if you would like your child to come please let the school office know via office@qe2school.co.uk and we will note your interest.

New Playground Grand Opening!

On the last day of the Summer term, we had our opening ceremony for the new playground, with guests from Santander Consumer Finance and Splash Community Projects, whose volunteers had done so much of the great work installing everything. The playground was opened by former QEII student Lewis Griffin-Pines, whose grandmother has generously funded a lot of the recent building work and several other large projects for us. The opening was followed by a splendid dance performance from students, using our new outdoor stage.

