



Queen Elizabeth School

QEII Newsletter

Issue 287
03.03.23

This Week

Student Illness: If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school. We have a lot of students across the school who are medically vulnerable, and an illness that may seem minor to one child can be dangerous if transmitted to others.

Open Afternoon: We are hosting an open afternoon from 1.30pm on Thursday 30th March, to allow you to visit our new and renovated classrooms, see our new playground equipment and to see performances of Primary's Dance Time and Seniors' Shakespeare Festival "King Lear" work. Please let us know via the school office if you would like to attend, and please remember we have no parking available onsite so all visitors to this event will need to park offsite and walk in. Please park considerately to our neighbours.

Labelling of property: To help us return lost property to its correct owner, please can you ensure that all items sent in to school (including bags, footwear and any personal items) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Red Nose Day: Red Nose Day is in two weeks' time, on Friday 17th March. Everyone is invited to wear either their pyjamas or a Red Nose Day themed outfit, in return for a suggested donation for Comic Relief of £1. We will be having related activities in school, including a danceathon, a bake off and a themed whole-school assembly. Pip, our Operations Manager, has set up a Just Giving page for the event if you prefer to donate electronically: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-queen-elizabeth-ii-silver-jubilee-school

Teaching Strikes: For the last two strike days we have managed to keep the school fully open as we know how important routine and consistency is for our children as well as how difficult it can be for our parents and carers when we are closed. However, it has been a struggle as we try to manage not only what is happening in our own school but what is happening in other schools which can affect our staffing levels. We need to ensure that we remain safe at all times and therefore want to give you as much warning as possible that we may not be able to remain fully open for the two strike days on 15th and 16th March should they go ahead. We will try to give as much notice as possible should any classes need to close on these days.

Headteacher's Award Winners

Callum H, Pilots - Swimming 25 metres with just his swimming aid.

Rameez, Sailors - Making a fantastic effort in swimming and trampolining this week.

Yoimoji of the Week: Gruber

Gruber is a responsible goat. We are using "Yoimojis" in our Assemblies, to help with learning and celebrating OFSTED's Fundamental British Values.

Yoimoji is a blend of the Japanese words "yoi" (good) and "emoji" (slang for character.) You can see our Yoimoji posters on our website's news pages.

Gruber is responsible.

I'm in charge of what I do. When I take on a task, it's up to me to do well and people can trust me.



Letters Home

Second letter sent to Seniors students attending the Lodge Hill residential trip.

Shakespeare at The Capitol

Students in Seniors enjoyed performing their version of Shakespeare's "King Lear" at The Capitol theatre in Horsham on Wednesday, as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was lovely to be back on stage there after such a long break and everyone, audience and performers alike, really enjoyed themselves.

