

Dear Parents,

Once more, Queensmill is proud of another development, this time our cake stall at the Lyric Square in Hammersmith. Some parents will have seen the original article on the Hammersmith and Fulham council website and the stall has now been running for over a month. A selection of cakes, brownies, flapjacks and more are on sale each week and served by Queensmill students. They have done fabulously well in meeting the public, handling money, organising the stall and advertising the products, so we are tremendously proud.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those families who have lost loved ones in the terrible Grenfell Tower fire. Many within the Queensmill community have been affected by the horrifying events. Our thanks go to those parents and carers who made donations of clothing and money.

Many parents should by now have received information about the changes to the transport service for Hammersmith and Fulham residents. The new company, CT Plus, met with some parents last week and while it is very early in the process, the signs are encouraging. There will be communication with your new provider during the holidays so do please look out for letters.

This will be our last newsletter of this academic year, I hope you have enjoyed our updates and we wish you a restful and enjoyable summer. School resumes on **Tuesday 5th September** and if you are looking for more information, please see our updated website at www.queensmillschool.com

A very big thank you to Lucy who continues to organise such a wonderful and informative newsletter!

Thanks

Freddie Adu



Back to School

- Monday 4th September- Staff training day
- Tuesday 5th September- Students back to school



Early Years



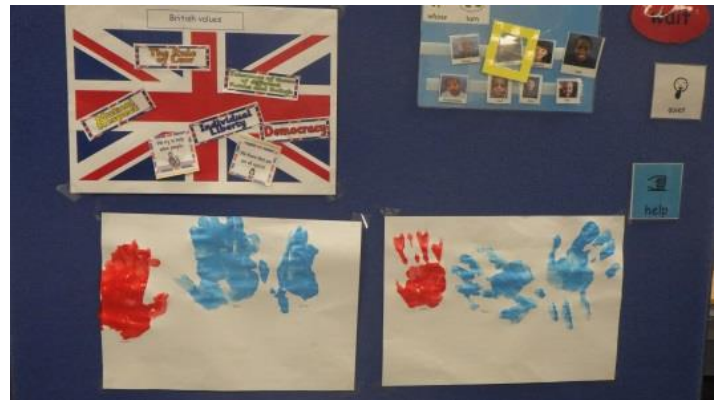
Early Years have been enjoying some special occasions this term. These include sports day, British values week and a trip to the zoo. During British values week each class enjoyed learning about different values that are important to the British culture, such as friendship, equality and the rule of law. We also enjoyed tasting typically British foods such as scones (with jam and cream). Last week we also had lots of fun participating in sports day. Each class took part in 5 different activities, getting into the competitive spirit. Early years recently went on a trip to Battersea Zoo. The children had to travel for over an hour (2 buses, one tube and a walk) and they all coped amazingly! They had a tour of the zoo and then enjoyed some free time in the playground. We are so proud of our little ones and their progress this year!

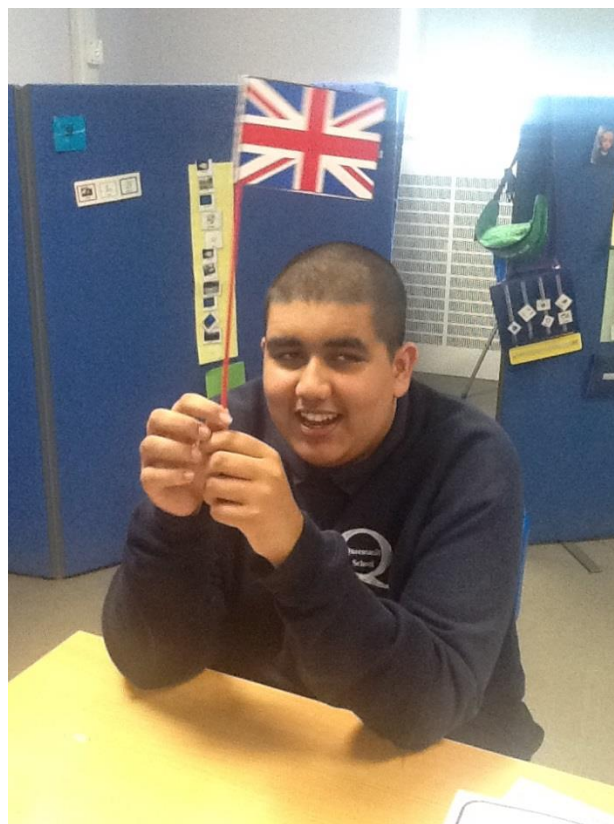
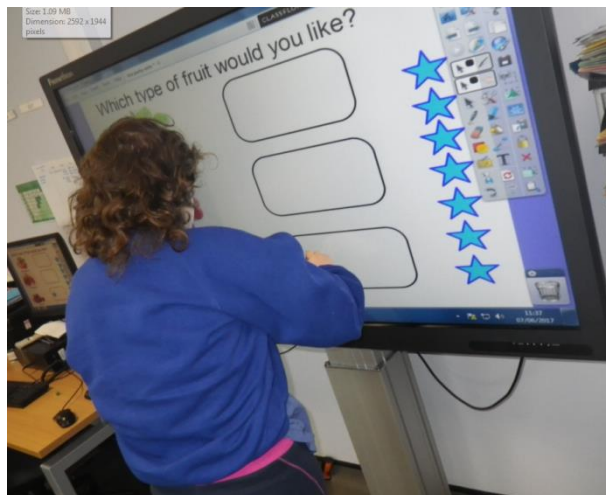




British Values

We celebrated British Values week at Queensmill across the school! Although a difficult concept to grasp for many of our students we are supporting them in understanding key British Values including the rule of law, democracy, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. At Queensmill we take pride in celebrating our diversity and to end British Values week we celebrated with our take on a British street party!







Sports Day

Sports day across departments was an event that was enjoyed by everyone involved and it was wonderful to see so many of the parents that came and cheered for the students. Each class had prepared for the race by adorning team t-shirts in their class colours.

Early years carousel of activities included penalty shoot-out, target practice and hurdles and primary and secondary got competitive with 'egg and spoon race', 'javelin', 'relay race' and the water bucket challenge to name but a few! All the students did a fantastic job of joining in and cheering one another throughout the afternoon.

The highlight for many of the staff was the 'student and parent/friend race' in which it was amazing to see everyone's face filled with delight as they ran together with not a worry about winning or losing.

We were all immensely proud of each student and how they coped remarkably well with the events of the afternoon and are already looking forward to Sports Day 2018!









Fulham Primary

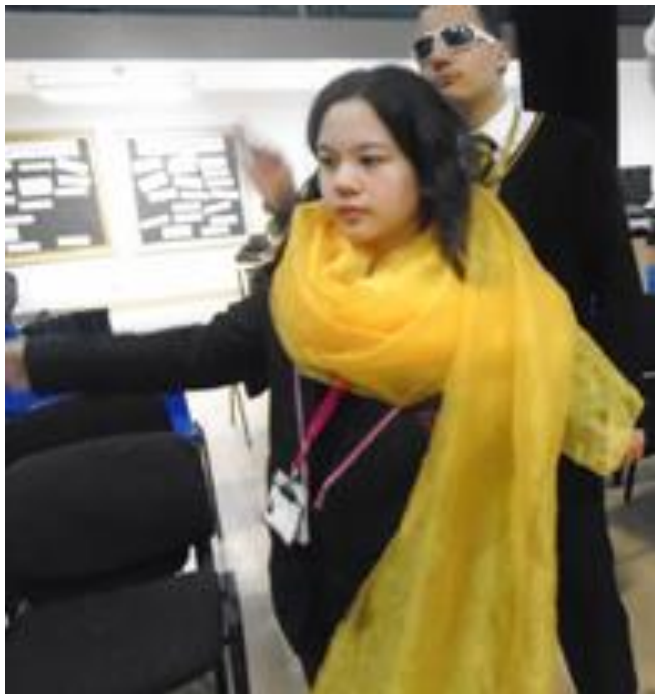
Pupils at Fulham Primary Queensmill Unit (FQOU) have enjoyed a number of special events this year. In the Spring Term pupils participated in a project with the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Pupils joined with similar-aged mainstream peers and rehearsed adapted scenes from *The Tempest*. The children developed their ability to work alongside peers and in sharing ideas about main characters and scenes they developed their social-communication skills. The project concluded with a final performance where Daisies, Tigers and Rhinos pupils took turns to act out the key scenes that they had been working on. Later in the Summer Term FQOU pupils took part in International Day celebrations. The specific focus this year was on Black History and children learnt about key figures including Mary Seacole and Nelson Mandela. The pupils were encouraged to come to school wearing their national dress and to present their weeks work in a special assembly. Rhinos class presented their painted Ndebele patterns and Daisies showed their peace mural. Tigers created a piece showcasing world flags. Later that day the celebrations concluded with a whole school party in the playground. Pupils were afforded the opportunity to taste food from around the world and to interact with all. Despite the significant changes to the children's schedules and daily routines, pupils have coped well with these special events. They have participated and made contributions, both with adult support and independently. To continue with the international theme, Daisies class are now learning all about the UK and aboard with their latest topic: Home and Away. Each week children are learning about a new country and are receiving country "stamps" in their personalised passports that were made in art.





Shakespeare Schools Festival

It was lovely to see so many of you attend your child's performance of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' in collaboration with some wonderful people from The Shakespeare Schools Festival. This was our second year with them and we have been privileged to work in such a collaborative, exploratory and celebratory way with them and your children.







Boat Trip

Three students (one from Queensmill and two from Q6) attended the annual boat trip recently. They began their journey in Portsmouth and first sailed on the catamaran to West Cowes. From there, they explored Yarmouth and then went on to Poole. The boys were handed various responsibilities and they assisted in docking and sailing the boat each day. In the afternoons, they enjoyed nature walks and exploring new towns. All boys received positive evaluations from the crew and earned a certificate at the end of the journey.





Goodbye



Trisha

We are saying goodbye to our longest-serving member of staff – Trisha Hancock, who retires this summer. Trisha has been with Queensmill School for 22 years as a senior teacher leading in assessment, Outreach and TEACCH. Her work has been to support children with autism both within the school during this extensive period of time but also beyond, in over 30 primary schools in Hammersmith and Fulham. She will be much missed and I'm sure parents and carers will agree that the long and valuable service Trisha has provided has been crucial to the long term success of Queensmill School. We wish you well on your retirement Trisha and know you will stay in touch us!



Maryam

Maryam Asghar joined Queensmill School as a class teacher for yellow class in September 2013. She has since worked in classes in both the Secondary and Primary Departments at Queensmill, teaching a range of students of different ages and abilities. Maryam has also provided valuable support and advice to many of our staff members including some of the newer teachers during her four years with us. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Maryam at the end of this term as she is moving out of London and will be starting a new job as a teacher at St. Elizabeth's School and College in Hertfordshire where she will be working with young people with a diagnosis of Epilepsy and severe learning disabilities. The new school are very lucky to have her and we hope Maryam will stay in touch with us at Queensmill where her warm smile and helpful nature will be very much missed by staff and students alike.



As always, at this time of the year we say goodbye to some members of the staff team and we would like to say a big thank you to Nima, Nina, Ann Linter, Mary Whittle, Santi, Raul, Bahati, Sophie and Zach. They have all been tremendous assets to the team and we are sad that they're leaving us.

Mary W



Sophie



Zach



Ann



Nina



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Bahati



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Raul

