Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you at our recent sports days. I thought the children had a great deal of fun and many of you did too! All three events enabled children to demonstrate their various sporting abilities and, given this was the first time these had been held at our respective playgrounds, I thought the children adapted tremendously well to the activities, colours, rules and of course, the presence of so many of you. What a marvellous event!

You will read in this newsletter that there are a few goodbyes. Sadly some very hard-working and wonderful teachers will be leaving us and I would like to thank each of them for their immense service to the children and the school's development. We will however be welcoming equally committed teachers too – you can read more in this newsletter.

I was very pleased with the turn out by parents to the meeting about the new *Queensmill app* that we are launching. The feedback was very positive and encouraging and we are excited to see how it progresses.

I do hope you are able to have a lovely summer and we look forward to the children returning to school on **Tuesday 6**th**September.**

Thanks, Freddie Adu





Term dates

Summer break – Wednesday 20th July - Friday 2nd September 2016

Monday 5th September – Staff Training

Tuesday 6th September 2016 – Children back to school
Clubs will resume from Wednesday 7th September 2016









Sports day was a huge success across Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Fulham Primary units. A big thank you to Joe, Aaron and Suzie for organising, to all our wonderful participants and friends and family who came to watch!







Sports Day



Queensmill Café was open for the events, run by our hardworking students in class 6 and Daisies class came to Queensmill to put on a cake sale to raise money for Battersea Cats and Dogs home as they have been learning about helping others.



















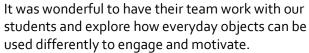
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The Institute of Imagination are a new charity exploring creativity and child-led play who came in to work with parents and children of our sensory classes as well as deliver staff training. Parents were given boxes and music to use at home to try and encourage a 'sacred space' and we were so impressed with the level of enthusiasm in the workshops, thank you parents!

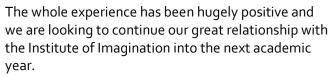


Three imagination pods were loaned to us for two weeks, one being looking and exploring; another called sound muddle and the last; making spaces. Lots of our students loved the water speakers and lentil speaker and even just hiding in a box! Activities ranged from dressing up, smelling herbs, building dens; to puppetry, magnifying glasses, microphones and mirrors!





In staff training they addressed how we could best utilise our water play room; using different temperatures, brushes, water balloons, bubble foam, food colouring, lighting and music. It's fantastic to see classes really using and embracing these ideas since, with staff really getting involved in sessions.













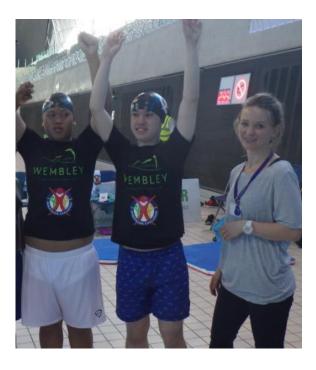






Swimming Gala





On the 5th of May some of our students went to a swimming gala in the swimming Olympic Park. Selected students from Queensmill School represented Hammersmith and Fulham borough and made it to the final. Our students accomplished 3rd place which is a great achievement!











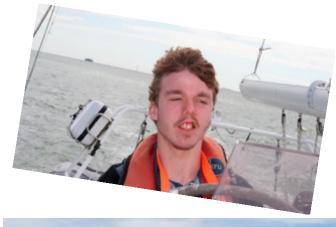


Boat trip



Four students in the Post 16 provision attended a week long residential boat trip during the week of 4th July. The trip started and ended in Portsmouth with stops in Buckler's Hard and West Cowes. The students participated in the operations of the boat including putting up the sails and steering. They acted as tourists in different towns and even went to the pub one evening for dinner. It was an enjoyable time for all and we look forward to sending a group of students out on this trip next year.













Yoga



The first year of yoga in Queensmill is almost over and what a year that was! It was a real pleasure to observe the joy and calmness yoga brings to our children and young people and what great yogis they have become!

Each yoga class in Queensmill is tailored to meet all the needs and abilities. I run small groups and 1:1 therapeutic sessions. Our yoga contains movement, breathing exercise, relaxation, deep pressure massage, singing and sound work, yoga games and partner yoga.



Why Queensmill loves yoga:

- Yoga provides sensory integration, reduces anxiety and stress.
- Deep relaxation is supported by props like lavender eye pillows, yoga bolsters, dimmed light and calm music. Elements of deep pressure massage can be also applied.
- Yoga facilities body awareness and motor skills.
- Yoga gently stretches and strengthens the muscles.
- Yoga regulates breathing patterns and provides coping techniques.
- Breathing exercises like blowing bubbles, feathers, colourful pompoms help to nourish the body and provide self-regulation tools.
- Yoga helps with concentration, balance and coordination.
- Yoga encourages social interaction, improves self-confidence and it's fun!

As one of our pupils said "I like yoga because it makes me feel happy and proud".

I look forward to more yoga in Queensmill next term! Aga Marszewska, yoga teacher.











Goodbye **Felicity**

Felicity Paul, leader of our unit at Fulham College Boys, departs for a post at a hospital school in Sutton. Felicity has been an exceptionally hard-working, conscientious teacher in both primary and secondary classes during her time. She has developed our unit at Q4 immeasurably, always exhibiting the highest of professional standards which enable other teachers to provide further opportunities for our children to access inclusion. As part of the senior management team, she has contributed enormously to the schools curriculum development and assessment with her diligent and careful work. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role.





Sam

We would like to bid farewell to Samantha, Pink Class teacher who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Samantha's hard work and dedication were an important part of our team. As she's setting off to start her new job at another school, we join together in wishing Samantha every success in all her future endeavours.

Adam

Adam Rosenfeld leaves us to return home to the USA and a role in a post-19 provision in Detroit. Since joining the school five years ago, Adam has been instrumental in shaping and developing our practice for post-16 students. He has brokered workexperience opportunities with a range of mainstream employers and ensured that once there, our students have all they need to thrive and succeed. Adam has demonstrated exceptional talent as a film-maker the most notable, of so many, being the wonderful #PlaceofPeace film that encapsulates the spirit and philosophy of Queensmill School in camera. Adam, as part of the leadership team, has helped develop the school's latest post-19 provision and for that, and so many other things, we are exceptionally grateful. We wish him the very best of luck and hold him to his promise of Q7 in the USA..!'



Emily

Emily was such a great addition the EY team! Pupils and staff will miss her enthusiasm, positivism, energy, love for the children and her smile! Please don't go or at least come back to visit us!!



We also have some of our lovely teaching assistants and wonderful receptionist moving on to university, travelling and beyond; we wish you all the best in your futures and thank you for your hard work!



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Fundraisers



Who: Sue Meacham (OT assistant)

What: Sue is cycling 100 miles through London

and Surrey to raise money for Queensmill School

When: 31st July 2016

How you can help: Help sponsor Sue and donate using the link provided

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sue-Meacham





Coffee mornings/ OT training

Date, time (September)	Trainer(s)	Subject	Attendees
Morning during 2 nd or 3 rd week back (TBC)	Charlotte, Aymeline and OT department	New Parents Queensmill Induction:	New parents
Time TBC		Brief overview of sensory, ASD strategies	
Same day as new Parent induction (TBC)	Charlotte and OT Dept	Coffee morning: Current parents welcome back. Opportunity to meet new teachers	Current parents
Wednesday 21 st , 10.30-11.30	Caroline	Toileting	Parents



Uniform

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- Send us an email with your selection in the following mail:

schooluniform@queensmill.lbhf.sch.uk

 Completing the order form which will be sent home soon with the brochure attached. *Please remember you have to make the payment before we process your order. You can use:

- NatWest Bank A/C no: 10311009

Sort Code: 60-22-16

- Cash (sending it with the children)

2. Through the Brigade UK Website

Visiting their website and typing in the name of our school, you will access to all the garments offered (also a link in our website will be available as soon as possible)

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