

# PREP BULLETIN

News from Nursery to Year 6

October 1st, 2021

## PREP PUPILS JOIN IN FOUNDERS' SERVICE



Walking the Prep School down to Temple Methodist Church for the Founders' Day Service yesterday (Thursday) was a hugely proud moment for me.

This was the first time I had been able to take part in the annual Founders' event and it was a real pleasure to be involved.

By **MR HENRY MATTHEWS**  
Head of Prep School

To understand more deeply the history of the school, it is warming to know that the values it stood for back in 1843, we still hold close today.

Compassion, kindness and honesty, and the Queen's motto 'we learn not for

school but for life' may resonate now more than ever.

I imagine (at least, I hope!) our curriculum has changed significantly since those early days but the values remain – we provide opportunities for our children to practice and develop skills they will need to succeed and lead

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in life – and are still essential to all we do.

Once again, we have enjoyed another busy and fun week in the Prep School and it is great to see the children have really settled into their new routines.

Fixtures, trips and clubs are all well and truly in full swing and it was fantastic to welcome so many new families to our Open Morning today.

As ever, our children showed themselves in a brilliant light and many commented on how hard-working, friendly and welcoming everyone was.

We are all very proud of the pupils and it is important to recognise this – thank you to the children of Queen's.

As ever, this is a jam-packed *Bulletin* and I hope you enjoy reading about the many successes from the past week.



■ Year 6 pupils Feliz and Millie read a prayer at the Founders' Day Service.

## Design finalist

Our pupils took part in a design competition last term and Mary-Tess (now in Year 7) is a regional finalist.

She has reached the last 120 of the Heroes

Stamp Design Competition – and the eight winning images will be chosen as Royal Mail stamps.

Some of the entries from Queen's are on display at the foot of the stairs, outside the Birchall Hall.



■ Photos from today's successful Open Morning in Prep and Pre-Prep.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday is the last day to order the school photos from Tempest and receive free postage, although they can still be ordered afterwards.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

October 2nd to 9th

### Saturday, October 2nd

10:00 Hockey U11 @ Queen's College Tournament (H)

### Monday, October 4th

Nursery School Parents' Consultations Week  
08:30 Year 6 Rock Pooling Trip to Torquay

### Tuesday, October 5th

09:00 Year 1 visit to Burnham-on-Sea Lighthouses

### Wednesday, October 6th

14:30 Hockey U11A v Sherborne Prep School (H)  
14:30 Rugby U10 v Perrott Hill Prep School (H)  
14:30 Rugby U11 v Perrott Hill Prep School (H)

### Thursday, October 7th

09:00 Nursery School Forest School session  
09:00 Forest School Reception and Year 1

### Saturday, October 9th

09:00 Year 4 Bushcraft Morning



## What a result!

Our fund-raising last week for Macmillan Cancer Support raised more than £850.

The wonderful total was achieved from a series of coffee events and cake sales as part of the charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The fund-raising effort was organised by prefects Louisa and Bella with Mrs Noad, the Head's wife, who said:

"The whole Queen's community came together magnificently to support our Macmillan events.

"As well as raising money for this most important cause, it was fabulous to bring people together again."



## Harriet triumphs at Miniature Horse of the Year Show

Harriet (Year 6) triumphed at the Miniature Horse of the Year Show, one of the most prestigious events in the miniature horse showing calendar.

Held at Olney, near Rugby, at the weekend, there were more than 100 classes.

The family's home-bred stallion Aesthete Aztec Warrior – competing at his first show – was Reserve Colour Champion, then won Stallion of the Year and went

on to win the coveted title of Miniature Horse of The Year in the glittering evening performance.

Harriet showed the American imported mare Exotic Treasure to win numerous firsts and placings, including winning the age seven to ten-year-old Handler of the Year class, Condition and Turnout and the Concours D'Elegance.

Then she spent Sunday stewarding and helping

build the courses for the miniature horse performance show.

Proud mum Jane said: "Harriet worked very hard, training and preparing the horses for the show."



# Year 3 investigate the effects of sugary drinks on teeth

Year 3 are investigating what happens to our teeth when we drink sugary drinks.

They used eggs as a teeth substitute and designed an experiment to test what happens to the eggs when they are left in various drinks over a few days.

The children made some thoughtful



predictions and are excited to find out the results next week!



## Roaring success ...



Wednesday's tutor time meant it was fireside reading time in 5DB.

## Reception get to grips with German

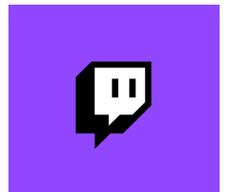
The Reception children are having fun learning German with 'Felix und Franzi'. They are currently learning the names for different vegetables.



### SAFEGUARDING

## Guide to Twitch

Live streaming on platforms, including Twitch, is becoming more popular, as are the concerns.



Childnet have put together a useful article about Twitch: What it is, why it's so popular, the type of content and some useful tips and advice.

You can read the article in full by [CLICKING HERE](#).

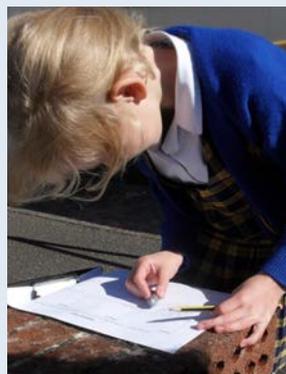
# It all adds up to yet another busy week for Year 2 pupils

Amazing addition has been taking place in Year 2's Maths lessons! The children have been exploring a range of strategies for adding two two-digit numbers.



Year 2 have also had great fun looking for building materials around the school site.

They examined the materials carefully and used a range of adjectives to describe them.



# Reception and Year 1 all have a great time in the woods



Reception and Year 1 had a fantastic morning at Forest School yesterday (Thursday). They went in the minibuses to the woods where they

explored the area around them with rope swings and areas to climb. The morning was finished with a snack and a game of '1,2,3 Where Are You?'



# Variety is the spice of Nursery life here at Queen's



Our youngest Nursery children have been enjoying a variety of activities this week.

Cottontails had lots of fun exploring the kitchen role play area while Puddleducks have been buying vegetables from the farm shop role play area and then chopping carrots and potatoes to make their

own soup.

They also counted out blackberries on to paper, then folded it up and chose a shape block to hammer the blackberries flat.

Meanwhile, Tiggywinkles have been exploring the sensory tray with items they found on their walk as well as some mark-making with the chalks.



# Action-packed Big Weekend proves a major success

The first of our Big Weekends in boarding saw pupils enjoying an action-packed time.

The inaugural session – which was fully booked – was for Years 6 to 9 with future weekends catering for older students.

The events give our day students and prospective pupils a chance to experience boarding at Queen's along with some of the extensive activities we have on offer.

On Saturday, there was archery, bushcraft, pioneering and canoeing with the pupils constructing and firing catapults as well as cooking a chocolate cake on the fire ... in an orange peel.

The canoeing was based on the River Parrett at Langport and, after a relatively dry session in the boats, a large number of the group couldn't resist jumping in!

On Sunday, everyone went climbing at Chudleigh rocks in Devon where they scaled some impressive



limestone cliffs as well as abseiling down from the top.

Joined over the weekend by some of our current boarders, the pupils also managed to fit in a half-day of mountain biking at Haldon Forest Park, Exeter.

They completed one of the purpose-built trails and tested their biking ability in the skills area.



# So many opportunities to get dancing at Queen's

This term, there is even more variety on offer for new starters and experienced dancers in the Queen's College Dance Academy. As well as offering a full range of ballet grades, we are now introducing:

## BALLET WITH MISS KIM

Ballet weekly classes continue with Miss Kim for all exam grades and vocational levels of the Royal Academy of Dance.



## FURTHER BALLET – NEW

Ballet exam coaching classes for Primary, Grade 2



and Grade 5.

Ballet second weekly classes for Intermediate Foundation level.

These new classes take place on Friday afternoons with Miss Tanya.

## HIP HOP AND COMMERCIAL DANCE – NEW

Junior Hip Hop to Year 6, Intermediate Hip Hop for Years 7 to 9, Commercial Dance for Year 10 and above.

These new freestyle classes take place on Friday afternoons with our new teacher, Chris Jones.



## ONE-TO-ONE PRIVATE LESSONS

Miss Sophie is able to offer private one-to-one coaches at all levels for ballet, tap or modern dance. These lessons are available to new starters or for those preparing for specific exams. Private lessons can be arranged in school lunchtime to suit the individual.



## TAP AND MODERN – NEW

We are currently gauging interest to add these styles of dance to the curriculum. Please contact us if you are interested in joining new classes in either dance form.



### MONDAY

- 1.45 – 2.15 Nursery Ballet
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- 2.50 – 3.25 Pre-primary Ballet (Reception)
- 3.30 – 4.25 Grade 2-3 Ballet (Y5+)
- 4.35 – 5.25 Primary Ballet exam group (Y3 and open to Y4)
- 5.30 – 6.30 Grade 4 Ballet (Y7+)
- 6.30 – 7.15 Senior Modern/ Jazz (Y7+)

### TUESDAY

- 2.50 – 3.25 Primary ballet (Y2)
- 3.30 – 4.25 Intermediate Foundation ballet- 1st weekly class (Y6+)
- 4.35 – 5.25 Intermediate ballet (Y9+)
- 5.30 – 6.15 ISTD Modern/ Jazz (Y3-4)
- 6.15 – 7.00 Grade 5 Ballet exam group (Y9+)

### WEDNESDAY

- 2.50 – 3.25 Primary Ballet (Y1)
- 3.30 – 4.25 Grade 5 Ballet non-exam group
- 4.35 – 5.25 Grade 1 Ballet (Y4+)
- 5.30 – 6.25 ISTD Modern/ Jazz (Y5-6)
- 6.30 – 7.30 Intermediate Ballet (Y9+)
- 7.30 – 8.00 Grade 8 Ballet exam group (Y13)

### FRIDAY

- 2.50 – 3.25 Primary Ballet exam group (Y3)
- 3.30 – 4.25 Grade 5 exam group (Y9+)
- 3.30 – 4.25 Junior Hip Hop (up to Y6)
- 4.35 – 5.25 Grade 2 (exam) (Y6)
- 4.35 – 5.25 Intermediate Hip Hop (Y7-9)
- 5.30 – 6.25 Intermediate Foundation Ballet- 2nd weekly class (Y7+)
- 5.30 – 6.25 Commercial dance
- 6.30 – 7.30 Festival Ballet group

### COSTS

Dance classes are billed termly in blocks of five weeks.

The cost per session is £5.50. Exam entry fees are charged separately.

### UNIFORM

Miss Kim is able to give you further information about uniform for all styles of dance. She can also advise on the best place to buy clothing and footwear.

### HOW TO JOIN A CLASS

If you have any questions about classes, please contact Mr Trafford in the Queen's Hall at [ivt@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:ivt@queenscollege.org.uk) or Miss Kim at [kdt@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:kdt@queenscollege.org.uk)

To enrol in a new class, please contact [rmm@queenscollege.org.uk](mailto:rmm@queenscollege.org.uk)

# Cotlake have a splashing time on their Sunday Funday

Cotlake boarders enjoyed the last of the September sunshine at Devon Wake Park on their latest Sunday Funday.




## QUEEN'S COLLEGE ADVENTURES APPEAL

As part of our continued drive to broaden the opportunities available to our students giving them the chance to challenge themselves and help them embrace the great outdoors, we are launching a major fundraising campaign at Queen's.

The Adventures Appeal aims to enhance our outdoor pursuits' facilities and opportunities for children aged 4 in Reception to 18 in the Sixth Form.

An exciting programme of fundraising events is planned – more details to follow – and we are also looking for people to organise sponsored events and other activities to help us reach our goal.



## 3 AMAZING PROJECTS

There are three amazing projects being planned:

A state-of-the-art Climbing Wall to be installed in the Sports Hall for use by all students.

A new bespoke Adventure Play facility for Prep School.

New Playground Equipment for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

### TO DONATE

Go to our Queen's College Foundation's Just Giving Page:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/adventuresappeal>



Queen's College Foundation have kindly agreed to match fund all monies raised for this appeal.





Monday saw Years 3 and 4 children in action for the first time this term against Wells Cathedral and West Buckland.

The boys were taking part in their first rugby matches for the school and



played with huge enthusiasm. When they remembered to go forward, they ran with a lot of determination.

The girls all played with energy and should be very proud of their performances.



They learned a lot throughout the afternoon and made an excellent start to the season.

The Year 4 girls (U9s) worked well together and chased any loose ball tenaciously.



The boys played Wells Cathedral School on Wednesday.

The U11s put in a top performance against a squad of 24 boys, showing some excellent attacking rugby with the defence improving week by week.

The U10 boys played a variety



of touch and contact, and grew in confidence. Their tackling is improving and there were some strong runs in attack.

The girls were involved in triangular matches with Wells Cathedral School and The Maynard School.

The U11s adapted well to



playing in mixed teams. They improved their match play throughout the afternoon but must now try and use the width of the pitch more effectively.

The U10s had a fantastic afternoon of hockey showing huge enthusiasm and excellent team spirit with some thoroughly deserved goals.

Last Friday, the U10 girls played in the Exeter School tournament.

They played some good hockey during the course of the afternoon and impressed with their development as a team.

There were some well-taken goals, along with solid defence and they showed good potential.

- v. Exeter W 2-0
- v. Maynard W 1-0
- v. Blundell's L 0-1
- v. Stover W 1-0
- v. Plymouth D 0-0
- v. West Buckland L 0-1





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