



Newsletter

Autumn Term - 8th September 2023



A Message from the Head

Dear Queen's Park Families,

The first 3 weeks of term have flown by! As most of you will have seen, we were inspected by Ofsted last week and we are extremely grateful to all of our families for completing surveys, chatting to inspectors and sharing your support for us.

I was particularly proud to show the inspectors all of the improvements we have made at Queen's Park since January. We continue our improvement journey moving forwards with a sharp focus on the quality of education - providing the best education to every single child.

The inspectors asked us to thank the children, staff and wider community for their contribution to the inspection. We now await our report. I will write to you all again as soon as the report is publishable which should be in approximately 30 days time.

I wish you all a lovely weekend. Apparently the sun is going to make an appearance again so enjoy that before we settle in for a wet, windy winter!

Best wishes

Mrs. E. Gale

School Announcements



Vaccinations

The Immunisation Service are coming into school on Tuesday **10/10/2023** to offer your child the **Flu vaccination**. If you have more than one child in the same year group, but they do not attend the same school site, you will receive a separate letter from each school site, to consent for each child, prior to their school's vaccination session. Please use the correct school code for each child. If you have any difficulties completing the online consent form, please contact your local Immunisation Team before the cut-off date, using the telephone number provided in the attached letter, or, ask your school to notify the Immunisation Team so that we can contact you directly. If you miss the cut off time to complete the consent form, we will not be able to vaccinate your child in school on the day of the vaccination session. The consent form will reopen one working day after the session, enabling you to submit a form for your child to be offered the vaccination, within one of our catch-up clinics.

Parent ICT Support

Learning Mentors will be running a parent ICT support group on a Wednesday from 3.20-4pm. This will be held in the ICT room. The remainder of the term is focused at year 6 parents who would like support to complete secondary school application forms.

Please note this is for parents but your child can attend with you.

No appointment required, please just pop in.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Lost property will be out on the top playground every other Friday. Please look through it for any items your child has lost.



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Dates for your Diary



School Calendar:

Tuesday 26th September European Day of Languages

Thursday 28th September Year 3 Pedestrian Training



Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October Libraries week

Wednesday 4th October Walk and Roll to school day

Thursday 5th October World Teacher Day

Thursday 5th October National Poetry day

Thursday 5th October Individual photos



Freaky Friday

We are really excited to let you know that we are holding a **Freaky Friday Halloween Disco** on **Friday 13th October** after school.

We have lots of great things planned - music, dancing, games, food, drink, toys, photo booth - and all with a Spooktacular theme!

As we have done before, we will hold a disco for Reception and yr1 and 2 from 3:30-4:30pm and then years 3-6 from 4:45-6:00pm.

Grownups are asked to stay for the first disco but can drop off and pick up for the second one. There will be free tea and coffee for any grownups who do stay, and feel free to get on to the dance floor in your fancy dress as well!

We are very aware that this is a financially difficult time for lots and lots of us, and so are committed to try and keep all costs as low as possible, whilst still trying to raise some money for the school. Tickets will be just £3, with an option to donate some extra money if you feel able.

So, let's get dressed up, have some fun and hit the dance floor!



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Dates for your Diary



Fun!

Freaky Friday

School Disco

Bubble tea! **Games!** **Food!**

Friday 13th October

Reception, Yr 1-2	£3	Yr 3-6
3.30pm - 4.30pm		4.45pm - 6.00pm
	← Reception, Yr 1-2 tickets	Yr 3-6 tickets → 
Scan code to buy tickets or see links in School Ping		Scan code to buy tickets or see links in School Ping

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School Communication



Dear Families,

We know that at times things can get hard. With this in mind we have created our Family Support page on our website. <https://www.queenspark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/support-for-families/>

On this page you will find lots of helpful advice and links on a range of topics including:

- Support with behaviour
- Support for Children's Mental health
- Support for Adults Mental health
- Support with Cyber Safety
- Financial Support
- Support for parents of children with SEND
- Support for Sleep



There are many more topics with support listed as well so please have a look through.

Need help with food, fuel and essentials?



Extra help is available for Brighton & Hove residents struggling to pay for food, fuel or other essentials.

The support is part of the government's Household Support Fund and is available whether or not you're currently receiving benefits.

We don't provide cash but can offer vouchers or other support to help you access essential goods and services.

To find out more and apply, visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/household-support-fund Or call the council's Community Hub helpline on **01273 293117** and select **option 2**.

Help is also available through local advice agencies and community groups – visit the website for more information.

The support is available until **31 March 2024**.



We are improving!



Our Improvement Journey

This week, we have a spotlight on **ATTENDANCE**

WHY DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER SO MUCH?

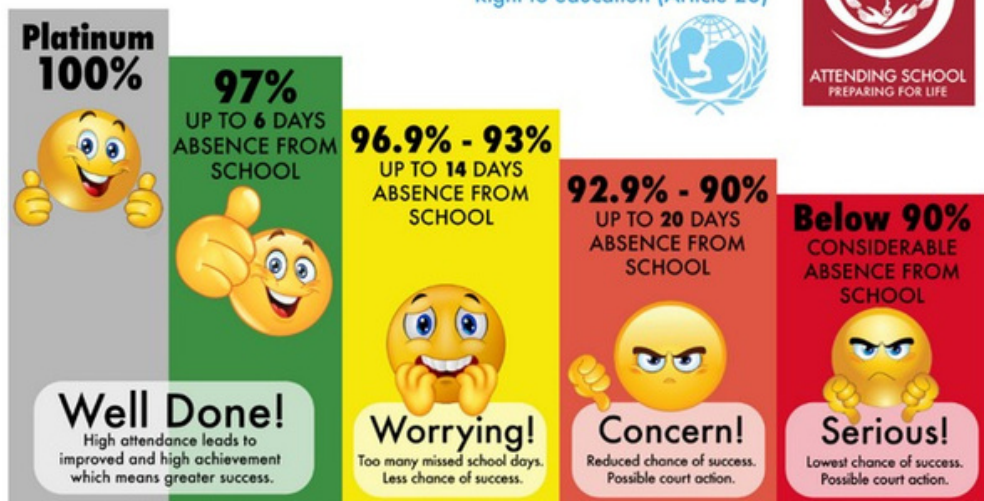
Research shows that pupils who achieved the expected standards both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.

Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils (end of secondary school) who had 100% attendance achieved the expected academic standard for their year group, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.

If a child is classed as persistently absent they have an attendance figure of 90% or lower. This kind of attendance makes it hard for children to learn effectively as all absence affects children's learning. When they return from an absence they have to catch up the learning they have missed. This can be hard for children. They also miss out on their friendships and important school events.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

Right to education (Article 28)



There are 175 non school days a year.

That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

Remember if your child is absent from school we:

- May ask for medical evidence if your child is ill
- Ask for a screenshot/email/letter confirming your child's medical appointment if it is during school hours
- Will call any family who hasn't contacted us to tell us why their child is not in school
- Will contact you if your child does not return from school after a holiday on the first day of school

A SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE Here at Queens Park we are aiming for 100% attendance!

This year we are going to be focusing on maintaining our attendance between 96-100% knowing that this gives our children the best possible chances to learn effectively over time.

We will be working hard with any families whose children are absent so much that their attendance drops below 90% (known as persistently absent)

BEING LATE

Being late for school also impacts on children's learning. If a child is late they miss that important social time as they walk to school and into class with their friends. They are also at a disadvantage as they will have missed the important setting up of the day in their classroom and maybe even some of the teaching.

You can give your child the very best support by bringing them to school each and every day from day 1!

Come and speak to us if you need support or advice about ATTENDANCE



Awards!



Star of the Week

Year 1 - Loretta, Sreenika

Year 2 - Ashanti, Laila-Mae

Year 3 - Maria, Renae

Year 4 - Ozora, Grace

Year 5 - Georgii, Beau

Year 6 - Leo, Grace

Fantastic reasons again this week -
Kindness, working hard,

Well done Hot Chocolaters!
Mae, Isabelle, Alina, Scarlett, Zaid, Eliza,
Jasper, Yamin, Autumn, Darija, Husna,
Raissa, Junchi, Savannah, Jameel, Aisha,
Sibel, and Loretta.

Hot Chocolate Friday



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Coffee at the Gate



Key Dates for Coffee at the Gate



11.10.23	(8:35am – 9am)
31.10.23	(8:35am – 9am)
09.11.23	(8:35am – 9am)
20.11.23	(8:35am – 9am)
08.12.23	(8:35am – 9am)
09.01.24	(8:35am – 9am)

As we continue our improvement journey, we want to hear from our families and involve your voice in our improvement journey. You have a vital perspective which can only support us all in ensuring a first class offer for our children.

We hope you can join us at the gate to discuss the topics detailed on the dates above.



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Online Safety



**SAFETY
FIRST**

We have added some handy online safety help sheets to our school website to support you in managing some game/social platforms.

Please follow the link below to access these.

https://www.queenspark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Fw_-For-internet.zip



Family Support

Have you visited the family support section of our website. There are lots of really useful links to access support from a wide range of organisations. Please take a look and feel free to share any additional ones you may be aware of with us to add to the list!

<https://www.queenspark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/support-for-families/>
Support for Families - Queen's Park Primary School

As a school, we want to provide as much support to our families as possible. We have collated the links below to ensure easy access to a range of organisations who offer impartial, free and comprehensive support packages. Please click on the links below to access the support detailed. Support with Behaviour Parenting Team About ...

www.queenspark.brighton-hove.sch.uk



A message from the Chair of Governors



Hello!

Welcome to the new year, and a particularly warm welcome to our new Queen's Park families! Successful schools are underpinned by strong partnerships between our families, community and our exceptional staff teams. The governing body and I are excited to be partnering with you and Mrs. Gale's team to make sure that all our wonderful Queen's Park children have the best possible school experience.

As you know, last week the school had its first Ofsted inspection since 2018. Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills and inspects services providing education and skills for learners of all ages.

I would like to thank all families who have taken the time to provide feedback to the Ofsted parent and pupil feedback surveys. Parent, carer and children's voices are an important part of the inspection, and your ongoing trust and collaboration is so important to us.

Inspectors have two days to talk with staff, governors and children during which they watch many lessons to produce a point in time assessment of the school.

I am confident that their evaluation will validate our strategic plan, recognise the significant progress already made on our improvement journey and acknowledge our ambition and drive for our children and school community.

The formal report which will be published on the OFSTED website approximately 30 days after inspection and Mrs. Gale will share details as soon as we are able to do so.

I am hoping to meet as many of you as possible on our coffee mornings throughout the year, but please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss about the school.

We are all really looking forward to the year ahead and hope you are having a great start to the year!

If you have any accessibility needs or would like to receive this letter in another language, please let me know and I will be happy to accommodate this.

Best wishes,

Ingrid Laycock



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