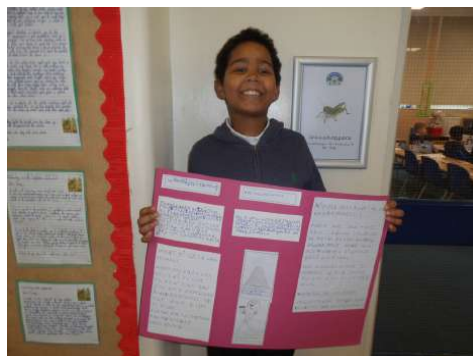




Newsletter

Spring Term - January 2024



A Message from the Head

Happy Friday!

We have had a very positive week in school! So much has been happening behind the scenes. We have held various exciting meetings to develop partnerships with local organisations, such as:

- Albion in the community
- Brighton University
- Brighton College
- Brighton and Hove city council to secure a dedicated forest school space

Each of these organisations will work with us to provide our children with more fantastic opportunities. We are looking forward to providing further information on these partnerships in our next newsletter.

It has been wonderful to watch children in the numerous clubs we are now offering. I have been treated to snippets of dance routines, songs, amazing art work, displays of sporting values and lots of karate kids! I love the buzz this brings to the afternoons and am happy children are having further opportunities to explore interests.

This journey is such an exciting and rewarding one. Perhaps you would like a bigger role in this journey. If you do, please read the section on Governor recruitment further on in the newsletter and find out how you could become a governor at Queen's Park.

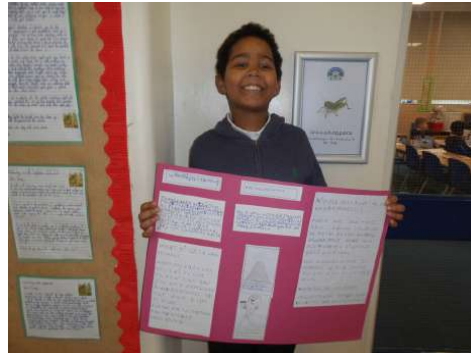
Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Mrs. E. Gale



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JOIN OUR



HOUSE SYSTEM

AT QUEEN'S PARK

We wanted to let about an exciting change for Queen's Park Primary School. In the Summer Term, we will be introducing a **'House system'** across the school.

What is it, and how will it work?

From May, children will be assigned to one of 4 houses which they will be a member of for the duration of their time at Queen's Park. All houses will have children from every year group in them and siblings will always be placed in the same house.

Houses will meet weekly and children will hand in house points which have been collected throughout the week as rewards for displaying school values or praise for positive efforts/work. Each week, the winning house will be announced by totaling all of the points collected and at the end of the year, there will be a winning house! Houses will also work together to plan fundraisers and participate in house activities and competitions e.g. sports day or charity events. They will also have the opportunity to voice suggestions for our school's next steps.

Why are we doing this?

As a two-form entry school, we are keen that children across the age ranges have the opportunity to get to know one another and further strengthen the importance of community. We believe that having a 'House system' is a fantastic and fun way to do this.

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COMPETITION

TIME *get involved!*

As you might have noticed, we have not yet chosen names for our Houses!

What do you think the new Houses should be called?

We would love to hear your ideas for four inspirational and exciting House names. All four names you suggest will need to share a common theme.

As well as the honour of being the one to name the Houses, there will also be a small prize (or prizes... It might be that one student provides brilliant names of all four Houses, or equally, the final House names may be selected from among the suggestions of different students).

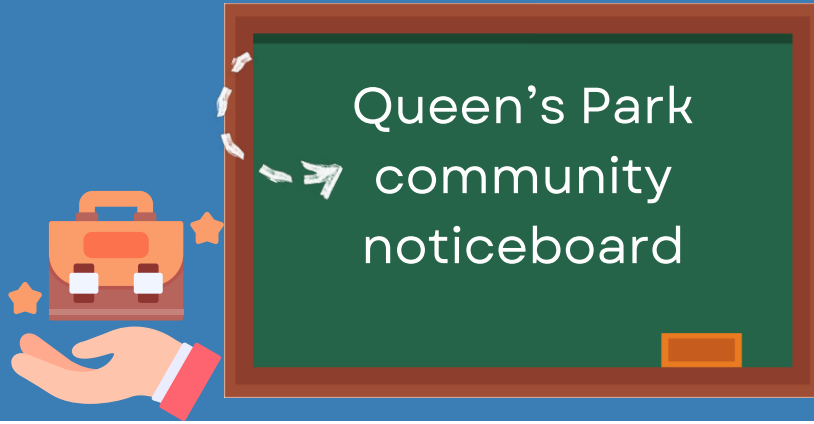
To enter, children or families will just need to write their suggested names for each of the new Houses on the piece of paper similar to the format below and return it to their class teacher, or reply via the message on our School Ping. You may want to supply a short paragraph to accompany your ideas, to explain or support your suggested names.

The **closing date for all entries is Thursday 8th February**. The winning names will be announced in the week beginning 19th February.

We look forward to hearing your House names idea!

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Why not join our Governing Body?




It's been a bright start to the new year, which governors started full of enthusiasm, galvanised by the recent news that our campaign against plans to reduce our school places has been successful. Well done and thank you all, what a fantastic endorsement of our school.

The campaign reminded me of why – as a parent, a long time ago - I decided to get involved in our school's governing body: A core belief that this school is a vital hub of our community worth fighting for. Since then, it has been an absolute joy to be involved in the school's improvement journey.

Did you know?

The Governing Body is the strategic leader of the school. The team consists of the head teacher, staff and parent governors, as well as co-opted governors, who are all volunteers.

It has a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education, and focuses on three core functions:

 <p>Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction</p>	<p>Holding the leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff</p> 	<p>Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent</p> 
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You don't see much of us, but we are closely involved in the school and are currently looking for parent governors to join our team.

Because governors' work is not very visible, it may feel that a lot of specific knowledge is required to take on that role, however that's not the case.

It's a voluntary role, a great opportunity for personal development and a wide range of training and support is available. All you need is a passion for our children's schooling!

We want our governing body to reflect and represent our diverse community and we will work actively to overcome any barriers prospective Governors may have to joining our team.

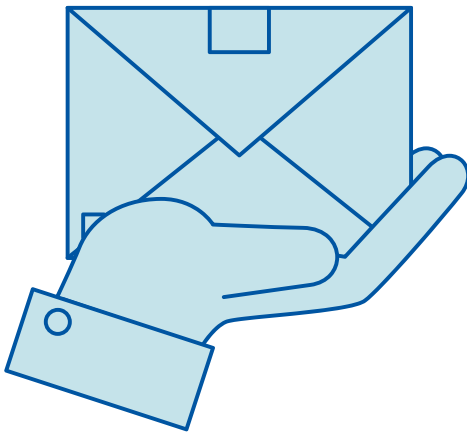
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Find out more! Check out these video testimonials from governors across Brighton & Hove to learn more about what's involved, and come along to our governors' coffee morning

8 February 2024, 7.30 -8.30

We'd love to see you for a chat, and if you are interested, we can talk you through how it all works.



Hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Ingrid Laycock

Chair of Governors

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Contact:



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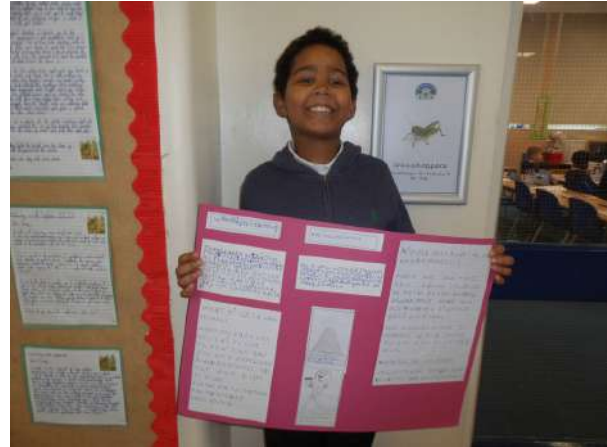
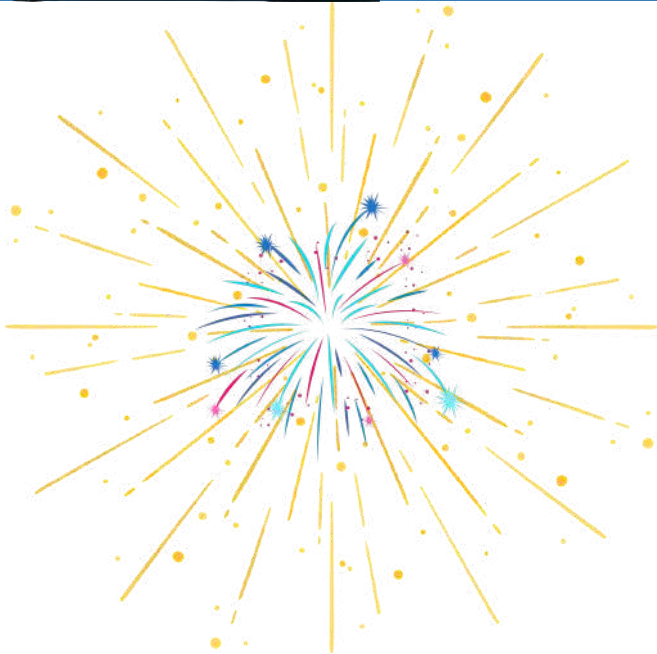
Naomi Gosling, Vice-Chair of Governors Naomigosling@queenspark.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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Children's News Page



Our Year 4 Grasshoppers have done some incredible work in class and are proud to share with you their work with you! Well done everyone!



'Figuring out all the facts about volcanoes was fun'

'It was interesting drawing the pictures and understanding who they are'



'I like the different colour shades'

Well Done

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Queen's Park Reading



Swap a Book

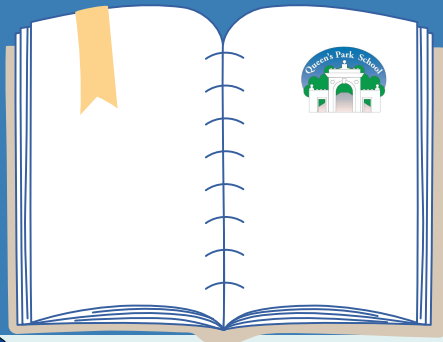
Join in...

Queen's Park Primary School Book SwapBook swaps will be held on the penultimate Friday of every term outside the library at 12.25-1.05 pm Join us on Friday 2nd February and grab some new reads.



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Dates for your Diary



01273 686822

@ admin@queenspark.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Our opening hours are
8.30am to 3.45pm.

On this day..

26TH JANUARY..

..In 1871 The Rugby Football Union was formed, in London, by an initial 20 clubs.

..In 1991 at Anfield Stadium and with a crowd of 7,000 attending, Brighton and Hove Albion managed to draw against Liverpool.



29/1/2024 to 2/2/2024 National Story Telling Week

30/1/2024 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM Hornets swimming lessons

31/1/2024 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Boys football fixture vs Balfour @ Balfour

5/2/2024 to 9/2/2024 Children's Mental Health Week

5/2/2024 Year 6 Mock SATs week

6/2/2024 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM Hornets swimming lessons

7/2/2024 Reception Visit to Blackberry Farm

7/2/2024 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Indoor Athletics Tournament at BACA Year 5 and 6 squad

08/02/2024 7.30am -8.30am Governors Coffee morning

21/2/2024 8.30am-9.30am Coffee at the gate - Writing

KEEP THE DATES!

12/03/2024 Parent's Evening 1

14/03/2024 Parent's Evening 2



Remember our coffee mornings are for our Queens Park community.

Everyone is welcome..and it is free! Coffee mornings are a safe space for parents / carers to get to know each other, voice their opinions, concerns or ideas.

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Queen's Park Reading



THE BOOK NOOK

Please book online - www.booknookuk.com/events

THE BOOK NOOK BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!!

February 17th, All Saints Church, Hove

	<p>10-11am DRAW OFF!! with Nick Sharatt, Steven Lenton, Sophy Henn & Adam Stower.</p>		<p>1-2pm Supertato LIVE! with Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet.</p>
	<p>4-5pm EXPLORING FANTASY WORLDS! with Laura Ellen Anderson, Vashti Hardy & Jenny McLachlan.</p>		<p>7-8:30pm An evening of poetry, drawing & conversation with CHRIS RIDDELL!</p>



1 St John's Place, First Avenue, Hove BN3
2FJ Email: info@booknookuk.com
Tel: 01273 911988

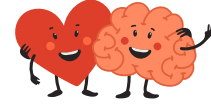
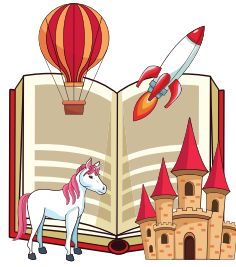
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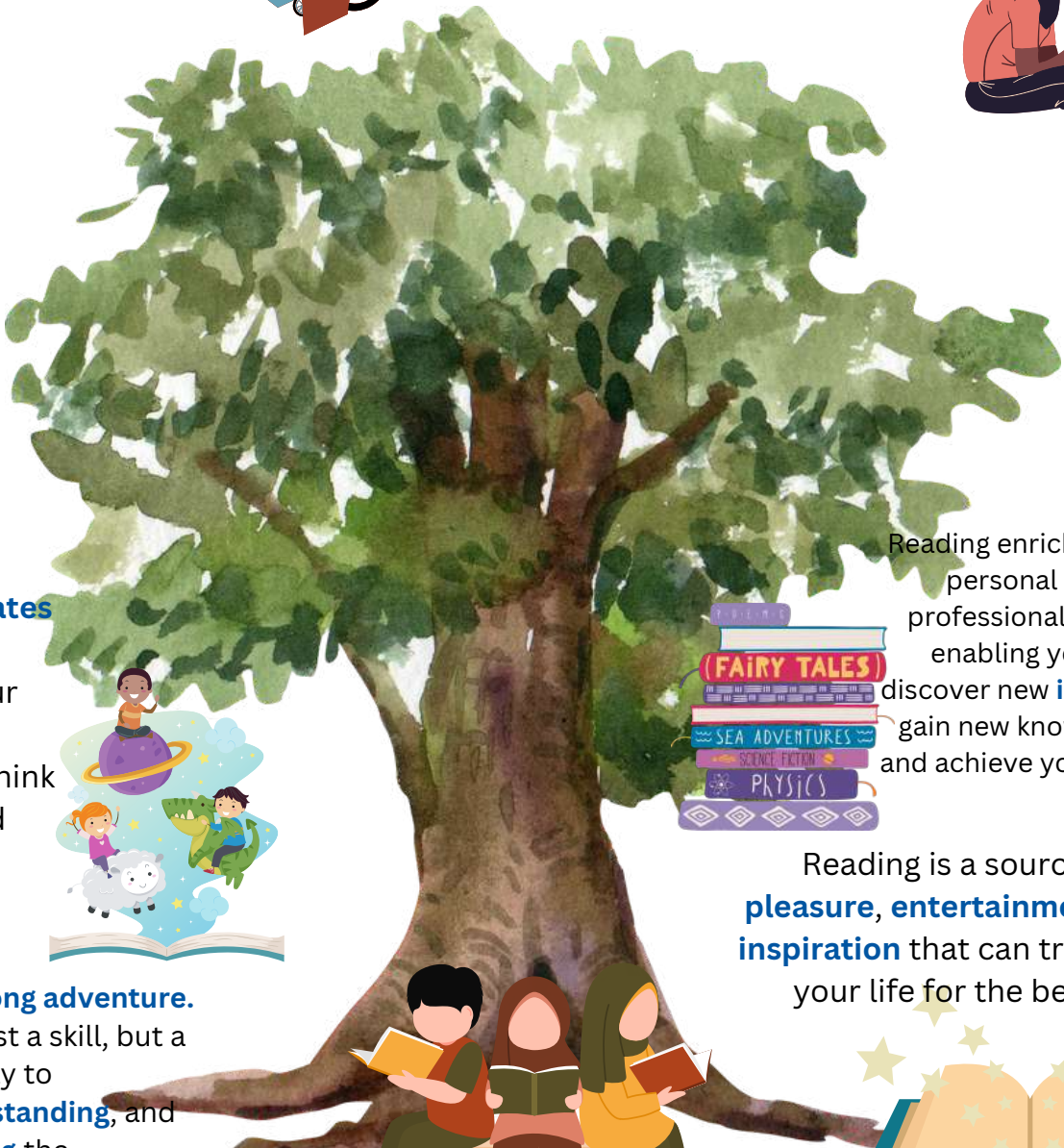
Queen's Park Reading Tree



Reading exposes you to a wide range of **vocabulary**, which enhances your **communication** and **comprehension** skills.



Reading **helps** you develop **empathy**, **social skills**, and **leadership** qualities by exposing you to different perspectives and characters.



Reading **stimulates** your brain, **improves** your memory, and **helps** you think critically and creatively.



Reading is a lifelong adventure. Reading is not just a skill, but a gateway to **learning**, **understanding**, and **exploring** the world of words and ideas.



Reading enriches your personal and professional life by enabling you to discover new **interests**, gain new knowledge, and achieve your goals.



Reading is a source of **pleasure**, **entertainment**, and **inspiration** that can transform your life for the better.



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Awards!

Congratulations to this weeks

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception - Harry, Massin

Year 1 - Hafsa, Leo, Moses

Year 2 - Reggie

Year 3 - Ben, Remie

Year 4 - Ronan, Ahmad, Isla, Riley

Year 5 - Daria

Year 6 - Harry, Joanne, Grace, Max

you are
A STAR

Hot Chocolate



FRIDAY



Well done for Good

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE FRED HAS
BEEN AWARDED TO

Glow worms

Well done Hot Chocolaters!

ETHAN, HAZAL, SCARLETT,
LENNIE, KHADIJA, MILLIE,
IVY, DELIGHT, BETH

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For your

Acts of kindness

Thank you to our staff who have soldiered on through high absence due to sickness and ensured we can still offer the very best to our children!



Thank you to our wonderful club leaders for your time and creativeness at our new clubs. Queen's Park appreciates your efforts!



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Thank you to our lunch time staff for working together to keep our pupils safe in the playground. Queen's Park appreciates your time!

”



Well done to our Queen's Park children for their collective efforts on working towards their marbles. Queen's Park think you're doing great!

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Join in
with our..

WINTER/SPRING TERM 2024
Encore Tennis Club
[Years 3 to 6]



Tennis club for children in years 3 to 6 will on Wednesdays after school at Queens Park Tennis Club, East Drive, BN2 0BQ www.qptc.co.uk from 3:30-4:30pm.



The club is run by local LTA award winning coach (Queens Park Tennis Club) Jimmy Smith, a Level 3 LTA qualified with over 15 years' experience. These tennis sessions will be a great introduction to the game of tennis with fun filled activities and match play to help develop your child's coordination, balance, and fitness levels. I will run each end of term session as a fun competition to help the children develop their knowledge of scoring and match play. The children will have an opportunity to join our weekly tennis courses at Queens Park Tennis Club if they show a keen interest in the game.

Children will need to bring PE kits, water bottle and a tennis racket if they have one. Rackets can be provided. The club costs **£6 per week (£60 per term) per child** and is to be paid in full before they start.

The Tennis club will run for **10 weeks from Wednesday 17th January until Wednesday 27th March 2024** inclusive, excluding the February Half-Term (12th – 16th February). Your child will be walked after school by Jimmy to the tennis club, and you should collect your child from **Queens Park Tennis Club at 4:30pm.**

If you would like a place for your child, please contact Jimmy jimmy@encoretennis.net and please email him to give consent for the walk from the school to the club. The course can be booked via this link <https://goteamup.com/p/7767495-encore-tennis/courses/95736/>



Places offered on a first come first serve basis.

Many thanks Jimmy Smith.

Please inform Jimmy if your child will miss a club session for any reason
Please ask if you wish to see our data privacy policy.

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**WITH POSITIVE
THOUGHTS AND SELF-
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**I WILL BE
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Brighton Skate Scheme

FREE SKATEBOARD LESSONS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS



3rd January to 7th February AND 21st February to 27th March

Every Wednesday from 6:45 to 7:45 | All equipment provided

Loxdale English Centre, Locks Hill, Portslade, BN41 ZLA

To find out more go to linktr.ee/BHSA.Brighton or scan the QR code below



Some of you may have heard about **Early Help** ...we thought it would be helpful to explain a little bit about them...

What is Early Help?

Early Help is support offered to families experiencing a range of issues.

It brings together appropriate professionals who will work with the whole family to try to make things improve for everyone because often, when one person in a family has a challenge, it will affect other people in the family too.

The support offered might be about parenting challenges, employment issues, attendance issues, financial challenges, challenging behaviour or emotional well being to name a few. Whatever problem you might be experiencing some Early Help might help support your family.

If school, or another professional working with you, suggests you might benefit from Early Help they will ask your permission to make a referral. You can also refer yourself for help on this link here.

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/refer-child-or-family-front-door-families>

Early help services are aimed at supporting children and families without a social worker.

Once the referral is made there is usually a wait to find out if you will receive some support. Once a worker has been allocated they will talk with you – and more importantly listen to you – to find out about the difficulties that you and your family are having.

They will also want to know about what is going well for your family and any strengths that you have that can be built upon. The worker will ask about the extra support that you think you might need and advise you on what is available. Once they have advised you on what support can be offered you will be able to benefit from different professionals help.

This support can last 12 weeks or be extended if there is more work to be done. It is usually coordinated by a Family Hub Worker who are based at the 4 new Family Hub centres across Brighton.

You and your family are at the centre of this supportive process with the aim being to address whatever challenges you are facing quickly so that they don't get too big.



What are Family Hubs?

Family Hubs provide families with a single access point to combined family support services for early help with a variety of support.

They can help children from conception to 19 years old (25 with SEND)

Family Hub locations and contact details

You can find the main Family Hubs at the following locations:

Turner Family Hub - Ivory Place, Brighton, BN2 9QE

Whitehawk Family Hub - 178 Whitehawk Rd, Whitehawk, Brighton, BN2 5FL

Moulsecoomb Family Hub - Hodshrove Lane, Moulsecoomb, Brighton, BN2 4SE

Hangleton Family Hub - Harmsworth Crescent, Hangleton, Hove, BN3 8BW

How to contact the Family Hubs

phone **01273 293 545**

send an email to **familyhubs@brighton-hove.gov.uk**

If you have any questions please come and ask the Queens Park Team



Miss School Miss Out

Did you know?



29,000
pupils

In Brighton & Hove we have 29,000 pupils in our schools

190

There are 190 school days in each academic year

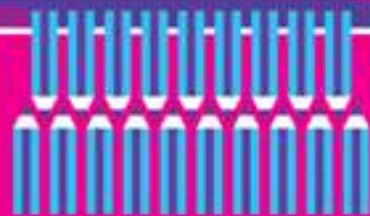


15 = **2 weeks**

If you're 15 minutes late every day you lose two weeks of learning by the end of the school year



Two school days missed each month during your school life adds up to one whole year of school lost



90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education a year



4 **5**

Our data shows pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve GCSE results at least one grade higher



It's the law! Parents and carers can be fined and even sent to prison if children do not attend school*



You can go to school with nits, conjunctivitis or a headache. Find out more: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sicknessguidance



When you're older, colleges and employers can ask to see your school attendance record



If you don't want to go to school, tell someone what's wrong so you can get the help and support you need



Every school has someone to help you build your confidence to come to school and help tackle any concerns



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Free Swimming

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