

End of year newsletter

It has been a busy and exciting year, as you will see from the developments detailed in this newsletter.

We say a fond farewell to our Year 4 class this week. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all. I hope that you take with you fond memories of your time at The Queen Anne. I wish you all every happiness in the future and look forward to hearing of your continued success in your new schools.

I feel incredibly privileged to be The Head of The Queen Anne. I am fortunate to have a body of staff .who are professional, hard-working and enthusiastic to the end; pupils who are keen to learn and behave well; Governors who support and challenge; parents who support the school and are interested in their child's education and QAPFA who have an enormously positive impact on the school family and funds. Thank you!

The whole school body has worked hard this year and have made some significant steps forward. I'm sure that I speak for all of us, staff, parents and children, when I say that, although I very much welcome the summer break, I am looking forward to moving ahead with our plans in the next academic year.

I wish everyone a relaxing and peaceful summer,

Mrs Street

Here are just some of the exciting opportunities and experiences our children have enjoyed during this school year.

Foundation Stage

Legoland visit
Theatre
Eggs and chick hatching
Dragon Hunt at Windsor castle
Visiting the farm animals at Queen's Court
Visitors from Queen's Court
Book Buzz Bear and the Highway

Year 3

Netball Tournament
One night residential
Cooking club
Water Skills
Trombone
Singing with Mr Manners
Japanese
Shimmer my Zimmer
Road Safety

Year 1

Dance Festival
Athletics coaching
Multi-skills
Theatre workshop
Marwell Zoo
Road Safety Walk

Whole School

Harvest Festival, Easter Service and The Nativity
MAGS/DUGS Day
Remembrance Day
Library visits and Theatre visit
Christmas Events- Parties/ Santa Assembly
Windsor Castle
The Queen Anne Royal Wedding and Picnic
Sports Day
UK Day
Author Visits
Bike to School fortnight
Fire Service Visit
RAF Fly past
School Council -Garter Day

Year 2

Fire Service Visit
Multi-skills
Dance Coaching
Wagamama Cooking Workshop
Milestones Museum
Windsor Castle

Year 4

3 day residential J.C.A
Multi -skills
Athletics
Mini-Masterchef
Summer Production
Bikeability Workshop
Japanese
Road Safety

A few highlights in more detail:

FS Legoland Trip

Our Foundation Stage children made us proud and behaved beautifully during their very exciting trip to Legoland. They loved exploring the world and spotting iconic international buildings in Miniland and joined in with all our adventures on Fairy Tale Brook, the Pirate Show and the Old-fashioned carousel with great enthusiasm and energy! It was lovely to share in their wonderful zest for life!

Year 1 trip to Marwell Zoo

We were very fortunate to visit the zoo on such a bright and beautiful day. The weather added to the excitement and it was a memory to cherish for a lifetime. The children saw various animals ranging from flamingos to snow leopards! We were also lucky enough to have a session with a zoo keeper who showed us a royal python and a hissing cockroach. The children even got to touch them too! The children were superbly behaved throughout the day and represented The Queen Anne School very well. I am super proud of their knowledge and understanding of how to keep safe on offsite visits.

Y2 trip to Milestones and Wagamamas

The children (and adults!) had great fun weighing, measuring and tasting ingredients to create their own meal at Wagamama's. Our visit to Milestones focussed on the development of transport where the children travelled back in time to find out about how people travelled around, what transport was like in the past and various problem solving activities. We certainly had lots of fun exploring the old forms of transport!

Year 3 Residential

Year 3 went to Youlbury in Oxfordshire for their residential this year. The weather was lovely and warm and the children were able to explore the large wooded site. We did organised activities during the day, including crate stacking, going on the zip wire, and team building games. Everybody tried something new during our stay, and enjoyed spending time together in a new environment. The children showed that they are becoming more independent, which was lovely to see. Thanks go to all of the staff who gave up their time to made the residential such a success.

Year 4 Residential

Year 4 had an amazing time at JCA. The children were adventurous and courageous as they took on the challenges of rock-climbing, the trapeze, gladiator wall, and kayaking. The beach walk and campfire were great fun too, and the weather helped to make this a wonderful time away for the class. Thanks go to all staff who gave up their time to make the residential such a success.

Year 4 Production

Year 4 thoroughly entertained their audience as they performed as nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters, all with a bit of a twist. They worked incredibly hard to put on a fantastic production, and it was clear from their acting just how much fun they had doing it. Huge thanks Mrs Brent and Mrs Lynch for all their hard work in producing the play.

Mini-Masterchef

This year has been another successful one for Queen Anne in the Mini-Masterchef competition. Many of the Year 4 class were keen to participate and the first rounds were held after school where we were fed a wonderful selection of healthy packed lunches. The winning pair from these rounds then went on to represent the school at St Edward's where they had great fun competing against five other schools. For the second year running Queen Anne has come back with the winners' trophy. Congratulations to our Queen Anne pupils for this fantastic achievement.

Discover UK Day

Thank you very much to all our parents and staff who gave up their time and energy to organise our very first Discover UK Day. The children had an interactive educational and enjoyable morning 'visiting' new areas of the UK. They built the Blackpool tower, went down the Blue John Stone mines in Derbyshire, caught crabs in Dorset, explored canals in Birmingham, wore traditional Welsh costume and tasted Welsh cakes, danced the Gay Gordons and found their way around the London Underground system! All in a couple of hours! It was wonderful to see the awe and wonder on their faces as they discovered what an interesting and vibrant community we live in!

Royal Wedding

Our children were honoured this year to be able to be present at the rehearsal for the royal wedding carriage procession for the Wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle. They also undertook their own representation of the Royal Wedding complete with bridesmaids, Royal Family, Guard of Honour and Archbishop of Canterbury. Being part of their own wedding celebrations made the actual ceremony more meaningful and interesting and will remain a treasured memory for all involved.

Queens Court

This term has seen our links with Queens Court Care Home go from strength to strength! Small groups of children have visited the care home to read, to make wooden aeroplanes, to enjoy petting farm animals, to play board games and above all to get to know members of the older

generation. Our children have learnt about the difficulties that older people might face and have used their skills of empathy, politeness and humour to socialise successfully with a range of older people. Residents from Queens Court have attended our Foundation Stage, our Discover UK Day and our Y4 Leavers play and they clearly enjoy it! As one gentleman said ' I could come here every day! It's great!'

Sports Day

Yet again, the weather was kind to us on Sports Day. The children all competed in running and relay races. It was lovely to see the energy, desire to compete and sportsmanship in all of our children. Congratulations go to Owls who were the Sports Day Champions! Thanks go to Mrs Gill, and her willing helpers, for making the event run so smoothly.

So, what will 2018-19 bring?

- Improved outdoor facilities: new climbing equipment, playground resurfacing and new playground markings. Thanks to funds from QAPFA, Sports Funding and amazing work by one of our parents, Mr Dawson, in securing BBC and Sky use of the playground during the Royal Wedding, we now have sufficient funds to improve our outdoor space. Huge thanks go once again to Mr Dawson and Mr Gillings for their support on the day.
- Refreshed curriculum – we are enhancing the curriculum to ensure breadth and balance for all pupils
- Japanese - we have been successful in gaining funding from the Japan Foundation to continue Japanese lessons in Year 3 and Year 4 and introduce Japanese to Year 2 pupils.
- Improved indoor areas – we will develop our indoor environment to support the children's learning.
- Build upon the children's voice in school through the Smart School Council, Sports Council and Pupil Worship Group.