

Letter from Mr Morris and Staff

Welcome from The Headmaster

Thank you to all those who have requested tickets for the various events coming up. We look forward to seeing you there. It is so good to see the boys being so well supported in all that they do.

Mid-afternoon snacks; The afternoon can seem very long for the boys, particularly with lunch being quite early, and for those who stay on for clubs or After School Care. Therefore we will be having a short 5 minute mid-afternoon snack break before their play-time at 2.20 p.m. each afternoon. We are happy for your son to bring in a snack for this; we recommend a fruit bar, and/or dried or fresh fruit as perfect for this. No chocolate, sweets or crisps please!

Please can you also ensure that your son has a water bottle for school. It is essential that they keep well hydrated throughout the day. This has been shown to assist concentration and mental acuity.

X-Factor concert (Tuesday 8th. November); The concert starts at 6.30 p.m. (if concert is the right word for it!). It will be very informal, and hopefully a bit of good fun. Performers must be at the theatre for 6.20 p.m., and ready to perform in good time and do not need to wear school uniform. The theatre bar will be open from 6 p.m. that evening. We are expecting the show to last no more than 75 minutes. All performers to perform to staff at Monday lunch – to assess performance readiness.

A visit from Stephen Williams MP.

This week is National Parliament week and as part of this Yr5 and 6 invited our local MP Mr Stephen Williams to come in to school to talk to them about life as an MP and to answer questions. With the boys listening intently Mr Williams began by talking about the job he does and how he is elected. He went on to explain about the long hours that he works and how varied his duties are.

The boys were then encouraged to ask questions which they did very well and they had clearly been well thought out. Mr Williams noted that he was very impressed with how informed the boys had been.

We are very grateful to Mr Williams for giving up his time to visit us.



Weekly Star Performers w/c 31st Oct

- 3 Benjamin Hewitt
- 4 Louis Cotterell
- 5RL Laurie Holdsworth
- 5HB Leo Paddock
- 6LT Kieran Gibbons
- 6RH Francesco Genuardi



Weekly House Points Winners

- 1st – Carr
- 2nd – Bird
- 3rd – Ramsey
- 4th - Hartnell

Parents' login area

Some more items have been posted on the class pages this week. The Yr 6 RH page now contains some sound files of Year 6 boys reading some of their own poetry, which are well worth a listen.

The Year 3 page has some new photos of the class visit to @Bristol before half term.

You can also find updated medium term maths and literacy plans on the class pages if you want to know more about what your son is learning this half term.

Please feel free to email me at rhall@qehbristol.co.uk if you need details again of how to access the login area of the school website.

Ski Trips

FRANCE 2012 The meeting at Red Maids Junior School on Monday evening will start at 6 p.m. There will be an initial presentation outlining the itinerary for the trip. Some of the girls and boys who went to Austria last year will be taking part in this. This will be followed by a presentation from the Ski Clothing company (SkiMore), after which you will have the chance to buy or set up a hire arrangement for any clothing you need.

Can you please ensure that you have returned the 'Personal details' form (heights/weights etc) to me by that meeting at the latest as these details will need to be sent off to the tour company next week.

BULGARIA 2013 There has been a terrific response to this. However, there are still a few places left, so if you are interested for your son please let me know as soon as possible, but no later than Friday next week.

Music Corner

Over the last two weeks the school has been treated to four performances in the Wednesday assembly. Congratulations to Tolly Edwards (violin), Marcus Laver (piano), Lewis Davis (electric guitar), and Richard Cannon (piano) who all performed very professionally by introducing their piece, playing with great musicality, and taking a well deserved bow at the end! If you wish to perform, please confirm it with your instrumental teacher, and let Mrs Murphy have your name and the title of the piece. We look forward to many more performances.

Sports Update

It has been a very busy and successful week on the rugby field with the boys winning 5 out of the 6 matches played.

On Monday the U8 and U9 B teams played against teams from Sidcot. The games were closely contested and we were able to come out winners both matches.

On Wednesday the U10s and U11s were in action against Clifton College. The U10s won both of their matches, the As by 33-0 and the Bs by 10-5. The U11s were away and with the As winning 28-21 and the Bs losing 40-7. All the coaches involved expressed the delight in the standard of the performance and commitment of the boys.

Next week the U8s and U9s play in a triangular tournament at BGS with the hosts and the Downs providing the opposition. On Wednesday we are taking 5 teams to Monmouth, over 60 boys, with the mixed u10/u11 C team playing their first match of the season. The boys will arrive back at the Junior School at around 5pm.

There has been an amendment to the calendar with the first round of Inter House rugby taking place on the 18th November rather than the 25th as previously announced, this is to allow the choir more time to fine tune their voices prior to their trip to Birmingham. The final will be on the 2nd of December.

Young Voices Choir Concert

Rehearsals are going well for the concert, although time is not on our side! Consequently there will be some additional rehearsals over the coming weeks:

Thursday 10th November 3-3:50pm (Y4s will be unable to attend as they are at the Roman Baths)

Thursday 17th November 3:3-50

Friday 25th November (boys will not be going to Failand)

It was great to hear in today's rehearsals that the boys knew the pop melody really well – Mrs Murphy will sleep well tonight! Songs and particularly lyrics to work on now are; **Last Month of the Year** (particularly lyrics for *Go Tell It*, and the timing for *God Rest Ye*), **Gaudete** (particular attention to the pronunciation), **Queen Medley** (lyrics – there are a lot of them!)

On the website are the dance moves to have a look at and begin to get a handle on. There is still lots to do, but it is starting to come together really well. Thank you to all of those boys who are really putting in the effort to learn the songs – keep it up!

School Nurse Column

Babysitting

We have a number of sixth formers who are interested in baby sitting younger students within the school. The feeling was that this would be of mutual benefit to the boys and parents. The Sixth Formers would be earning some pocket money whilst the parents would be able to use boys that would be familiar to their sons.

A list of baby sitters is available via the junior and senior school office. This list will only be given to parents of boys in QEH and we ask that no details should be passed on. The list includes possible baby sitters name, home phone number and the area they can cover.

For parents of sixth formers interested in being included, I will send a consent to yourself for signing prior to adding his name.

Please note that the only involvement/responsibility the school holds is that of forwarding the list of babysitters to those QEH parents who ask.

Flu is a viral infection that is most common during the winter months. Unfortunately the influenza virus can be passed on via liquid droplets that have been sneezed or coughed into the air or when people touch objects contaminated with the virus. Influenza can cause various symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, headache and muscle aches.

At QEH we encourage boys to maintain good hand hygiene at all times and ask that you support us with this. We also ask that if your son displays symptoms of influenza that he remain off school until he feels better. This will not only allow your son to recover sooner but helps stops the spread of the virus.

For further details regarding seasonal flu, including signs, symptoms and methods of treatment please visit

Letters & Information Sent this week

DFCA - Cricket coaching Years 3 & 4 - Limited places available

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Year 4 visit to The Roman Baths

Charity Week

Diary for the week

Monday 7th. November	8.50 a.m.	Assembly in memory of Edward Cappock, led by Mr. Morris
	2.15 p.m.	Year 3 and 4 triangular rugby tournament with The Downs School and BGS (at BGS playing fields)
	4 – 6 p.m.	Year 4 parents' meetings
	4 – 5.30 p.m.	Play Rehearsal for the whole cast (QEH Theatre)
	6.00 p.m.	Ski trip meeting at Red Maids JS (including ski clothing hire)
Tuesday 8th. November	4 – 6 p.m.	Year 4 parents' meetings
	6.30 p.m.	'So you think you have the X-Factor' charity concert (QEH Theatre)
Wednesday 9th. November	2.15 p.m.	Year 5 and 6 A and B teams v. Monmouth School (A)
	6.00 p.m.	F and GP committee meeting of the Governors
Thursday 10th. November	Year 4 trip to	The Roman Baths, Bath
	4 – 5 p.m.	Play rehearsal (please see notice of rehearsal schedule on board)
Friday 11th. November	12.50 p.m.	School assembly