



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Purple Post

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### Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

*Here we are at half term already and it doesn't seem that long since Christmas - time flies when you're having fun! There has been so much fun this half term at Queensmead with pupils involved in all sorts of extra-curricular activities, trips and opportunities to enrich their learning. This will continue next half term - please keep checking book bags, the website and Twitter to find out about the exciting events we have planned. Have a great half term break and see you back in school on 25<sup>th</sup> February*  
*Liz Latham*

### Superstar Girls Football Team!

Our amazing girls Y5 and 6 team have beaten all other Leicester/shire teams and are now set to represent Leicester



City to compete against other regional winners in the National finals! All teams will travel to play at the Wolverhampton Wanderer's stadium - teams from Cardiff and as far away as Bournemouth will compete to be overall UK champions! Well done so far and good luck girls!

## Comedy at Queensmead

On Wednesday the hall was rocking with laughter as we welcomed 'Games with James' as part of the Leicester City Comedy Festival. We played a fantastic real-life version of Buckaroo with Mrs Lathan as the donkey! A great opportunity with over 80 pupils attending. Check out the festival website for lots of free comedy over half term.

<http://comedy-festival.co.uk>

## Y2 pirate day



**Avast me hearties! Year 2 had a swashbuckling time at Beaumanor Hall on their pirate day. They dressed up as pirates and completed lots of activities such as walking the plank and finding the treasure. Some great photos are here on the website:**

[www.queensmeadacademy.org/pirateday](http://www.queensmeadacademy.org/pirateday)

### Honours Awards – Spring 1

Rod Campbell - Leyan  
 Sue Hendra - Leela-Rose  
 Julia Donaldson - Junior  
 Mini Grey - Brogan-Mae  
 Eric Carle - Natalia  
 Oliver Jeffers - Aidun  
 Valerie Thomas - Manfred  
 Colin Thompson - Mishal  
 Roger Hargreaves - Scarlett  
 Aaron Becker - Jessica  
 David Walliams - Julia  
 Lemony Snicket - Heathan  
 J. M. Barrie - Domeniks  
 Michael Morpurgo - Grace  
 Anthony Browne - Omar

For  
Creative  
and  
talented  
skills.

## Queensmead on Film!

We have been offered a fantastic opportunity to star in a film with Spark Arts – a Leicester charity organisation who run a range of arts programmes in school. They will be using 6 future filmstars chosen from Year 2,3, and 4 and will need lots of other pupils and their families as 'extras'. The film will showcase how live performances can really support learning through sparking the imagination. Filming will take place in March and April so please look out for flyers if you'd like to be involved.



## School uniform:

Please be reminded that false nails and nail varnish are not part of the Academy uniform. Click below for more information.



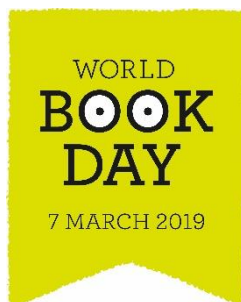
[www.queensmeadacademy.org/uniform](http://www.queensmeadacademy.org/uniform)

## World Book Day is approaching !

We'd like to give you plenty of notice about World Book Day which is on March 7<sup>th</sup> this year. We know that lots of you like to get creative and produce amazing costumes for the children to dress up as their favourite book characters so we're letting you know in plenty of time! This year the celebrations will be even bigger and better with lots of fun activities for parents to get involved with too – look out for the flyer giving more details.

Check out some ideas here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>



## Class assembly dates:

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2.50pm in the main hall.

Valerie Thomas	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Colin Thompson	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Oliver Jeffers	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Eric Carle	3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Mini Grey	8 <sup>th</sup> May
F2 Joint Assembly	12 <sup>th</sup> June
Rod Campbell	w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> June

## Attendance

**Our target for this year is 96% in line with the Government's recommendation. We are aiming to achieve this every week and encourage you to help us!**

**Overall, attendance to date is 96.4% Well done everyone let's keep this up.**

**The class with the highest attendance is Lemony Snicket & J M Barrie with 99.4%- Well Done both.**

**The class with the most improved attendance is J M Barrie with 99.4% up by 3.6%.**

**Well done everyone, let's see if we can do better next week.**

## Dates for your diaries:

Spring Half Term	18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Yr 5 National Space Centre	5 <sup>th</sup> March
Yr 2 Regional Dance Festival	13 <sup>th</sup> March

## A word of thanks

**Just to say – without going into details -a huge thank you to all of our wonderful, caring, supportive Queensmead parents who step up to support us in making sure pupil welfare is paramount. You're amazing. Thank you.**

## Hot Food/Packed lunches

For Health and Safety reasons, please be reminded not to send hot food in packed lunches and that if you send your child with chocolate spread it should not contain nuts.