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From Junior Section to Sixth Form, keeping you up to date with everything at QEGS

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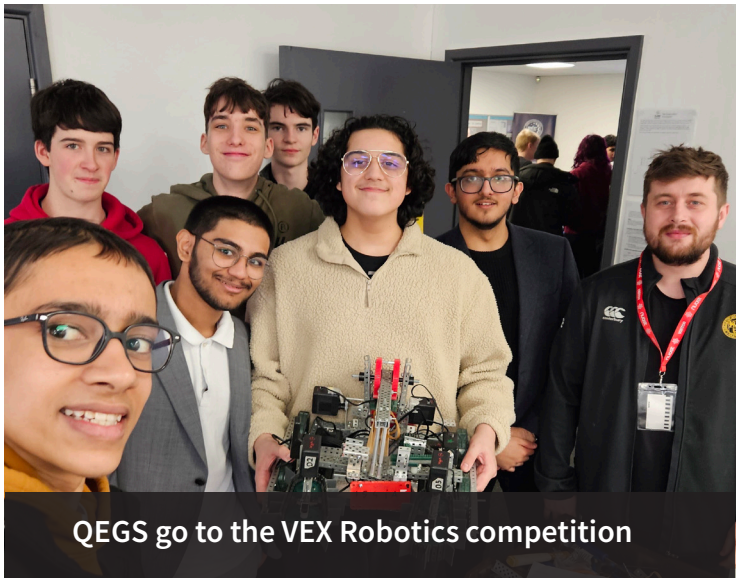
Carousel takes centre stage!

The winner of Bake Off is revealed!

Our U9s take home the HMC trophy!



QEGS go to the VEX Robotics competition

QEGS Recipe Challenge

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"STANDARD" SHORTBREAD BISCUITS
MAKES 35 PORTIONS

900g Plain flour
600g Margarine
300g Caster sugar
100g Dried fruit/seeds

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"BOOST IT" SHORTBREAD BISCUITS
MAKES 35 PORTIONS

500g Margarine
150g Caster sugar
450g Plain flour
450g Wholemeal flour
3 Tsp. Baking powder
100g Dried fruits (cranberries, raisins, sultanas)
70g Pumpkin, sunflower, chia seeds to mix through

BOOST IT - METHOD:

- Preheat the oven to 170°c.
- In a bowl, rub the margarine, 140g sugar, flours and baking powder until it just beginning to bind.
- Add in your seeds and dried fruit, bring all together to form a ball of dough.
- Dust work top with flour and roll out dough to a 3 - 4mm thickness and cut out shapes as desired.
- Place biscuits onto baking tray lined with parchment and lightly dust with sugar before baking.
- Bake for 10 - 14 minutes.
- Remove from oven and allow to cool before serving.
- Sprinkle with remaining sugar.

"BOOST IT" BENEFITS (OVER STANDARD RECIPE)

- ✓ Double the amount of vitamin D, which aids the absorption of calcium
- ✓ Contains more vitamin A, aids our vision
- ✓ Increase in magnesium, which helps turn the food we eat into energy

The above claims have been calculated per 100g, not per serving

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Junior Section News

THE JS BAKE OFF

What an amazing Bake Off this competition has been. Fifteen Year 5 students entered and four, one from each House was chosen. These were Leo H (Freeston), Max G (Bentley), Damon R (Cave) and Cameron N (Savile). These four boys came to the competition full of enthusiasm and even though they were competing against each other, they wanted to help each other with their bakes and I had to keep gently reminding them that this was a competition!

The first round was Oat Cookies, which challenged the boys to make their biscuits an equal size.

The second round was Hidden Veg Chocolate Chip Muffins (which were delicious!). With this recipe the boys had to grate carrot and courgette and fold this into their muffin mixture.Again the muffins needed to be of equal size. In the third and final round, which was the most difficult, the boys had to bake Red Velvet Brownies (brownies which had a cream cheese swirl inside), and if this wasn't enough of a challenge, they also had to ice their brownies.

Each round was judged by our guest judges from Holroyd Howe, our school catering company, John, Tash and Paula.

None of the judges were allowed to know whose bakes were whose, so the bakes were ranked on appearance, taste and texture, mirroring how the technical round in the TV series is judged.

Interestly each round produced a different rank order from the judges. After collating the results from each round, the results were in.
In first place, representing Savile (100 House merits to Savile) was Cameron.

In joint second place, representing Freeston (60 House merits) and Cave, Leo and Damon respectively.
In third place by a tiny margin, representing Bentley (30 House merits) was Max.

Well done boys, I hope you had fun.

UK Chess Challenge

The Chess Challenge is now in full swing with over 40 QEGS JS boys taking part in this competition. Matches are played during chess club at lunchtimes with badges and other prizes being won as the boys accumulate points. For many of the boys this will be the first time they have taken part in a chess competition (with chess clocks!) so I hope it proves to be a valuable experience for them. There are separate U9 and U11 competitions and the winners will be announced in an assembly after the half term break.

After the in-school competition, there will be the opportunity for any boys taking part to enter the regional 'Megafinal' and play against pupils from other schools, and hopefully then progress to further rounds in the competition.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have looked within assemblies and PSHE lessons to highlight the importance of good mental health habits . This year's theme, 'My Voice Matters', empowers children and young people by giving them the tools they need to express themselves. If you would like to see the ideas and suggestions that can help improve mental health and wellbeing, go to https://www.childrensmentalhealth-week.org.uk/, where there is a wide range of resources to support families and schools.

U9 HMC Swimming

Our U9 swimmers posing with the HMC trophy after victory in their age group at the latest gala!

Outdoor Education

As part of the JS outdoor education programme, 6LIR recently visited the Big Depot in Leeds for an afternoon of climbing. The boys demonstrated some fantastic resilience, teamwork, communication and bravery throughout the session. It was fantastic to see all boys ' confidence grow throughout. Once all the forms in Y5/ Y6 have been either climbing or bouldering we will be moving onto mountain biking.

Internet Safety Week

Safer Internet Day 2024 was all about Inspiring Change. This involves how children and young people can help to bring about positive change online, the ways in which technology can affect how we think and feel both on and offline, the impact online influencers have on young people and how we can stay safe in a world full of technologies, which are constantly changing.

JS Section Merits

The House totals for last week in the Junior Section were:

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The following Junior Section boys achieved the most merits in their year group during last week:

Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
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https://www.mynametags.com/

A reminder that we have an association with through which the PTA receives a donation of 24% of every order. Please just enter the school ID on checkout: **11649**

I hope all boys have enjoyed the first week of extra curricular clubs being on offer. There is a fantastic range of clubs on offer; including Chess, Swimming, Gardening, Basketball, Orchestra, Badminton, Art, Story Reading and many many more. All boys in school should have now attended at least one club, and I'm well aware that many boys have attended a large number. For lunchtime clubs boys don't need to sign up, they just need to attend. Please continue to encourage your son to contribute as much as possible to these clubs as they are a great way to learn new skills, develop current interests and most importantly enjoy themselves. All extra curricular information has now been brought into one place on Firefly and can be viewed by clicking here.

If you have any feedback or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Tiffany

Key Dates

Upcoming events in the Junior Section.

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Key Dates

Week 11A

Week 11B

Week 12A

Easter Holidays

Rodgers & Hammerstein's
CAROUSEL

SHINE @ QEGS

This week students participated in activities to do with languages and art. For languages, Mr Konopinski had set up an engaging plan to help the pupils learn some Spanish. They started off by saying hello and going round one by one being asked and telling each other their names all in Spanish. All students were engaged with the activity, many of which actually doing well with good pronunciation of the Spanish. This developed into learning a small conversation which included how to say “Where do you live?”, “How are you?” etc. Finally the students were taught about some foods and having to hold up some cards deciding whether they were a starter or main or dessert; I believe many of the pupils enjoyed this part as there was a lot of ‘debate’ over what the Spanish meals were. They then used this knowledge to create a little script of how they would order at a Spanish restaurant, by filling in blanks with their meal choice and then doing their best to read it out. It was entertaining to watch and an interesting lesson.

During break time, the students had a chocolate biscuit and some water and spent the time running around and socialising with the sixth formers.

Then, the students were straight back into it with a thrilling art lesson by Mrs Caines. The first thing the pupils did was design and colour in their own emoji. It was great to see the children’s creative side. However this was just the beginning. The students were met with the pleasant surprise of making their own emoji keyrings using polymer clay. They each received a yellow block of clay and moulded it into the circle of an emoji. Then came the customisation and it was incredible to see the range of designs that the students came up with. Some made the traditional faces and others made some wonderful animal faces. The helpers also got involved with the emoji making and helped the students to get the right colours of their choice. These will then be oven baked to harden them and sent to the schools which the children go to. (Mrs Caines will organise this). Overall it was very exciting for the students and they can’t wait to see their final product.

It’s been amazing to see the students take full advantage of this SHINE opportunity during the whole process. We have all loved watching the students spread their positivity and can’t wait to see them for one last time at the celebration.

See you there!

Year 12 Enterprise - LEAP

On Saturday 3rd February the two QEGS teams entered in this years LEAP award competition were in action selling their products at the Merrion centre valentines trade fair. Alongside securing good sales on the day one team, Touchlink, were awarded 1st place for their trade stand and efforts through the day.
The teams are now pulling together their business reports, accounts and final presentations for the LEAP judging panels and are hopeful of success as they head into the final months of the competition.

Bletchley Park

On the trip to Bletchley Park, we dove into a world of technology that we didn't even know existed. This consisted of looking at computers up to hundreds of years old, some of these computers were even used in WW2. Also, whilst on this trip, we had an interesting time at the code breaker's side of Bletchley Park, we were able to immerse ourselves in the VR World allowing us to work as a team to defuse a bomb. Overall this trip was a blast and it really made us all think how lucky we are to have the technology we have today.

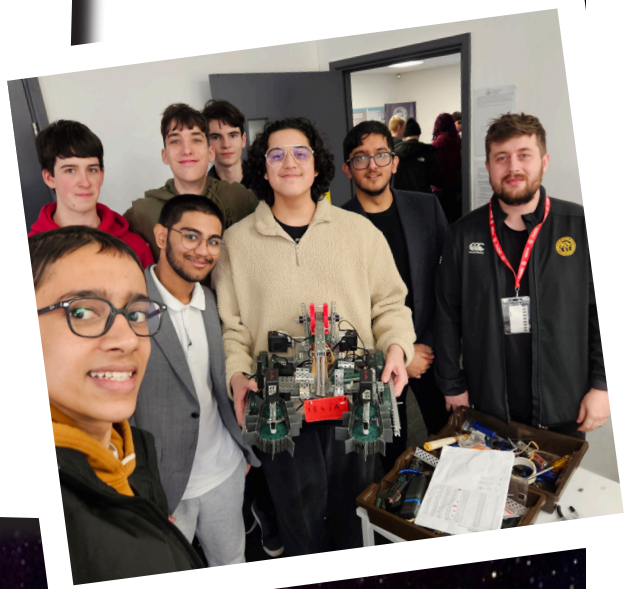
SumUp

The PA have recently agreed to create a Nearly New Uniform 'Shop' which will be up and running over the next few weeks. They are going to use the system SumUp and details will soon be available of how this works. Please be looking in the back of wardrobes for uniform and sports kit that your sons have grown out of as we will be writing to you next half term asking for donations of nearly new uniform. In the meantime, can I ask you to tell your sons to check lost property for any items you think are missing as these will be donated to the PA on the 8th March and at the end of every half term thereafter. Any lost property that is named is returned to the boys via their tutor, so half term will be a good opportunity to make sure that everything has a name in it.

VEX Robotics

On Friday February 2nd the QEGS VEX Robotics team travelled to NUAST in Nottingham to compete in the midlands regional VEX robotics competition. In only the team's second ever competition they qualified in fourth place for the elimination rounds, before making it all the way to the final match. The team lost in a very close and well fought final, they should be incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement. Well done to those involved:

Aryan Patel
Haider Ali
Yaameen Zafar
Hamaad Mobeen
Max Willets
Oliver Taylor
Louis Price



Challenger Hydraulics

A big thank you to Mr Richard Green from Challenger Hydraulics for an engaging and inspiring presentation to the newly founded Engineering Society on Design and Mechanical Engineering.

Concert at Camphill Wakefield

Congratulations and thanks to all Year 12 musicians who gave a fantastic concert at Camphill Wakefield on Tuesday 30 January. The audience, made up of students with a variety of disabilities and learning difficulties, had an amazing time, and made their appreciation clear from the start with enthusiastic dancing, clapping, and cheering after (and sometimes during) every performance. An environment with a different atmosphere to many concerts our pupils experience, the Year 12s rose to the occasion and gave a professional and engaging recital, made up of solos, ensembles, and even some impromptu improvised jazz as the audience entered. Well done to all involved, a hugely valuable and enriching experience for everybody.

Student Voice

The Student Voice members have been meeting this week to discuss topics that remain close to their heart. The first agenda item is always catering and it has been really noticeable how everyone is working together. The boys are really enjoying the theme days - subway day was a huge success - and we have the Chinese New Year Day to look forward to after half term. Outside lockers were never going to be popular and I would like to remind all boys to get a waterproof lock and to make sure they shut the doors and lock them. Y13 boys are now very much focussed on the exam period and we are about to start the process of appointing the next prefect team. The hope now for the student voice groups are that we can set up a range of sub groups with a clearer focus such as environment etc.