

# QEII Newsletter

## 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### THIS WEEK

**Half Term:** We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday 24th February**.

**INSET Day:** A reminder that the school will be closed for INSET on **Monday 23rd February**.

**QEII Connections:** The next QEII Connections event will be on **Friday 27th February** at the school site from **9.30-11.00am**. It will be a presentation/meet & greet with Holly, our Family Liaison Officer. Please see the attached poster for full details.

**Parents Evening:** Our next Parents' Evening will take place via Zoom video call between **3.30-5.30pm** on **Wednesday 25th February** in the same manner as previous recent Parents' Evenings. You will be able to book your appointment time via eSchools. Please note that booking does not open until **1pm on Friday 13th February** and will then be open until **12pm on Monday 23rd February**.

**WSPCF Online Event:** Please see the attached flyer from West Sussex Parent Carer Forum about an online "Transition into Adult Services" session on **Friday 6th March**.

**Revised Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu has been updated. Copies have been sent to all parents/carers and it can also be viewed on the School Dinners page in the Parents/Carers section of our website.

**College Prom:** Thank you to everyone who supported and attended this year's Prom at the College site. A special thank you to Prom Dreams Horsham for both opening their shop out of season and providing free hire of dresses and suits for many of our students.

**Art Exhibition:** Our Art Exhibition will be held at the College site on **Wednesday 11th March** from **5-7pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us, please RSVP using this link: [www.tinyurl.com/QEIIART26](http://www.tinyurl.com/QEIIART26) Please note there is no parking at the College site. We recommend using the Pavilions Car Park, which is a short walk away.

**Happy Retirement Jo:** After 17 years at QEII, our Cook Supervisor Jo Smith is retiring today. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all the lovely food over the years. (Especially some epic Christmas Dinners!)

## **HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS**

**Jamie & Jason, Globetrotters** - Being brilliant helpers for the Computing Week Hexbug Workshops.

**Daniel, Pioneers** - Working really hard using the Drive Deck.

**Zach, Trailblazers** - Independently cutting his toast.

**Joshua, Astronauts** - Independently communicating the toilet using a symbol.

**Alex S, Astronauts** - Counting in twos up to 24.

## **YOIMOJI OF THE WEEK**

This week's Yoimoji was Bamboozle the kind bear.

## **LETTERS HOME**

No letters home this week

## **CLASS NEWS FROM SAILORS**

What fabulous start to the New Year! This term Sailors Class have enjoyed the topic "Me and My Community." Thank you for all the lovely family photos. The children have been taking them off the display and sharing them with adults in the class. They are feeling settled now in class and are learning to play with each other. It is lovely to see them laughing and enjoying each other's company, starting to share and ultimately enjoy being at school. This is when the learning starts...and we are seeing them learn!

## **CLASS NEWS FROM TRAILBLAZERS**

Trailblazers' topic this term is "Darwin's Delights" and we have been learning about Charles Darwin and his ideas and findings about evolution. We learnt about animal adaptations and how this helps them to survive in their environments. We identified animals from the Galapagos Islands and learnt about their adaptations, then we explored how finches' beaks differ on the different islands to support their survival by allowing them to eat different available foods. We also worked on our own survival skills making snacks in independence cooking. Trailblazers are enjoying being explorers on an expedition!