QEII Newsletter

20th November 2026

THIS WEEK

INSET Day: Please remember that the school is closed to students next **Friday, 27th November**, for an INSET day.

Creative Arts Events: With the busy Christmas schedule now almost here, please be sure to check the Diary Dates documents sent home with this newsletter and in our website's **Information>Term Dates** section for the dates of upcoming performances and events that you might wish to attend.

QEII Connections: The next Connections event for the school year will be on **Thursday 26th November** with Lara Jones from the West Sussex Parent Carer Forum. Please note that the location has changed and this will now be held at our College site. Please see the poster sent with previous newsletters or on the QEII Connections page of our website for full details.

QEII PTFA Bingo: Our PTFA are hosting a Bingo event, which is happening in the Studio **TONIGHT** (**Friday 20th November**). Please see the poster sent with previous newsletters for details. Tickets can now be bought on the door, you do not have to register in advance.

QEII Glows: We will be holding our popular "QEII Glows" event at the School site on the evening of **Friday 4th December** from **4.30-6pm**. Please see the attached poster for more details.

Children in Need: Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need activities last week. We raised a brilliant **£151.25** which we have passed on to Horsham Rotary Club, who organised our visit from Pudsey Bear. It will be added to their grand total and then donated to Children in Need.

Springboard Christmas Parties: Please see the attached poster about the Springboard Project's Christmas parties.

YOIMOJI OF THE WEEK

This week's Yoimoji was Haystack the independent bear.

LETTERS HOME

Selected Students: Nativity Express letter.

Selected Students: Primary Nativity letter.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD WINNERS

Cole, Divers - Transitioning from Art to Drama this week.

Luna, Cavers - Transitioning from class to the buses independently of her wheelchair this week.

Addalyn, Mountaineers - Trying a variety of new food in the lunch hall.

Skye, Balloonists - Walking from her taxi to the classroom for the first time.

CLASS NEWS FROM CAVERS

Cavers have had a busy start to the new half term and are really enjoying our new topic “Sparkle and Shine”. In English, we have looked at the big sounds fireworks make and tried a poem too! We made firework splats with paint and forks - they exploded everywhere! We have been looking at some lovely books and this week are looking at nocturnal animals using the book “Day Monkey Night Monkey” as a base. We have had great fun at Forest School, especially when it is wet and muddy! We are learning about the concept of zero in maths and have loved singing the five monkeys jumping on the bed , counting down to ZERO monkeys!

CLASS NEWS FROM KEY STAGE 3

Students in our Key Stage 3 classes teamed up with Tim Hyde from the Royal Mail to take part in a challenge to package up a single Pringle and send it through the post without it getting damaged! Tim has been a postman for 40 years and he helped students to select packing materials and then pack and label their parcel. He then took them all back to Gatwick Sorting Office to be posted to us at school. We were delighted that ALL the Pringles arrived in one piece!