



Queen's College Prep School



Newsletter

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Making a Difference

When Lenny Henry went there he likened it to walking into hell. The place is Kibera, an area on the outskirts of Nairobi and the largest slum in Africa. It is estimated that over 1.2 million people live within the 1.5 square miles of the slum. Three quarters of the population are under 18, most are orphans and 50% of children do not survive to their fifth birthday. It is a place that our former Director of Studies, Margaret Leslie knows well, and on Monday she made a welcome return to school to talk to the girls in assembly about the difference each and every one of us can make to the lives of the young people who live there.

Margaret left us to become directly involved in charity work and she has become closely involved with The Lunchbowl Network, an organisation dedicated to improving the lives of the children there. A key part of this work is to provide a nutritious lunch every day for orphans who live in the Kibera. Over 450 young children are currently fed each day at a cost of just 33p per lunch per day per child. (You can learn more about Lunchbowl at www.lunchbowl.com)

Margaret showed us photographs of a hall with walls made of mud and roofed with corrugated iron where 450 children were crammed together waiting patiently for their lunch, the highlight of the day. There were pictures too of truly delighted children, holding proudly a gift they had each received that day. And what was the special gift that caused such joy? Just a pair of pants each. There were shoes too, much needed as so many have to go barefoot through the open sewers that are the walkways in the Kibera.

As a school we have through Margaret Leslie a wonderful opportunity to be involved and hear first-hand the difference our efforts can make. Own Clothes Day on Friday, 10th February will be used to raise funds for this worthy cause. Let's see how many 33ps we can raise, how many lunches we can provide.

Annie Dempsey

Music News

Flute

Mrs Sabrina Featherstone will be joining us after February half term to teach flute.

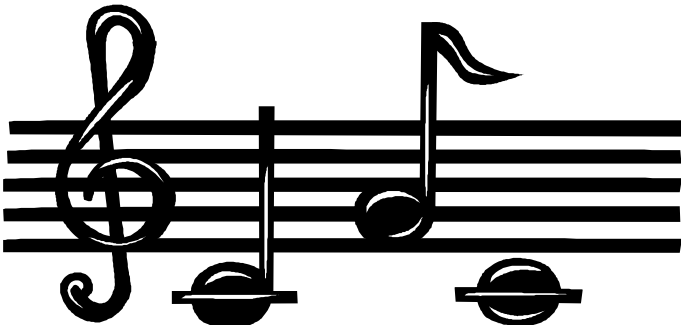
Sabrina is a French born, London based, performer and educator who graduated with distinction from the Créteil Conservatoire, Paris and from Trinity College of Music, London, where she was awarded the Leverhulme Orchestral Mentorship Scholarship. If you would like your daughter to have flute lessons with Mrs Featherstone, please contact the office by Wednesday 8th February.

Trumpet

Should you wish your daughter to learn trumpet with Mr Roberts, please do let the office know before next Wednesday 8th February.

Form III Music Prom

Form III Music Prom will take place on Thursday 23rd March at 3.40pm in the Assembly Hall. Remember to practise for ten minutes every day to ensure your performance is fantastic. The whole family are warmly invited!



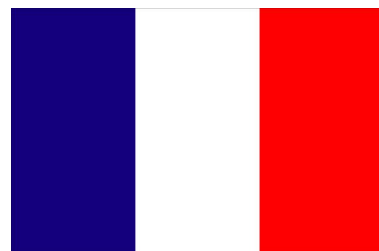
Sport News

Form VI played football against Northbridge House on full size pitches in Regent's Park on Friday. They certainly had a good work out.



French

There is a simple and completely free way to help your daughters make progress in French. In the girls section on the school website we have created a French page. In here you will find all the colourful slides we use in the Pre-Prep and Prep classes to sing and memorise words and sentences. All you need to do is download and save the PowerPoint presentation to your computer. Activate the presentation and click on the sound icon to hear the song and sing along. There will be new song per half term. A vos microphones!



The Week Ahead

Monday 6th February

Form V visit to the Emirates Stadium. Girls to bring a packed lunch. Normal collection time from QCPS.

Wednesday 8th February

QCPS Open Morning

Thursday 9th February

QCPS Open Morning

Friday 10th February

Own Clothes Day. Donations will go to Lunchbowl.

Break for Half Term. All girls must be collected at 12 noon.

Menu for the Week beginning 6 February 2012

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Bread	Wholemeal	Wholemeal	Garlic Bread	Wholemeal Petit Pains
Main course	Mushroom and Cheese Omelettes	Chicken in a rich Tomato and Basil sauce	Bolognaise	Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir Fry with Julienne Vegetables
Vegetarian course	Mushroom and Cheese Omelettes	Vegetable Wellington	Neapolitan	Sweet and Sour Quorn Stir Fry with Peppers, Mushrooms, Leeks and Carrots
Carbohydrate	Herd Diced Potatoes	Braised Long Grain Rice	Pasta Spirals	Coriander Noodles
Vegetable	Garden Peas and Sweet Corn Kernels	Broccoli and Green Beans	Mixed Leaf Salad Coleslaw	
Dessert	Fruit Yoghurts	Chocolate Mousse	Bananas	Mixed Grapes