



# Queen's College Prep School



Newsletter

14 May 2010

## Uniform News

Thank you very much to all those parents who responded to my request to send us your comments on the uniform. It's taken a while but I finally managed to get a John Lewis representative into school for a meeting this week, so thank you for your patience. After that meeting, I feel very positive that we are going to see definite improvements to the service we are offered. These were the main outcomes:

- John Lewis currently has under development, an online purchasing service for regulation, school-specific, items of uniform (as do Harrods). It was agreed that QCPS would be in the first tranche of schools to benefit from this system. I expect an update on their progress in six weeks' time. If not, I will contact them!
- Starting next academic year, we will have an annual visit – probably each June - from John Lewis so that parents can purchase / order uniforms in-house.
- It was agreed that the school uniform advisor would investigate the level of QCPS stock held by John Lewis and excessive waiting times for orders.
- Parents have pointed out that the neckline of the Pre-Prep tunic has become much lower and less fitted. John Lewis agreed to approach the supplier with the request that they revert to the original pattern as soon as possible.
- The green bobble hat has been removed from the winter uniform list. An alternative is still under discussion. (More suggestions/sources from parents will be gratefully received). We will also be sent samples of navy blue gloves for our consideration.

- The school tracksuit now comprises the 'hoodie' top, sold in-house. Parents may continue to buy tracksuit bottoms from any outlet as long as they are plain and navy blue.

We now hold a direct line number which enables us to make immediate contact with our representative at John Lewis. Should you encounter any difficulties with uniform or have further comments, please email or telephone Hayley Ring and we will contact JL on your behalf.

Still on the subject of uniform, I would like to thank Mrs Salem most sincerely for the fantastic job she has done to source and sell our new tracksuit tops. The girls love them! It is also worth noting that staff and even some parents have been spotted in them. It would seem we have reached one of those elusive moments in the life of the school when all members of the community are in agreement on something. Thank you, Mrs Salem!

Huge thanks are also due to all who donated uniform to the Nearly New Sale and to the Parents' Circle and band of volunteers who helped with the sale. Their efforts raised over £400. Thank you to everyone very much.

Annie Dempsey



## Form IV visit to Sikh Gurdwara in Hounslow

The gurdwara was very holy. The food we ate was called karah parshad and it was amazing. How you make it is like this: 1 cup of semolina flour, 1 cup of sugar, one cup of melted butter and a cup of water. Mix it well. The music was very good and it really was in tune. Mr Sethi showed us around.

### Jessie Phillips

Our visit to the gurdwara was quite fun. First we had to put on a headscarf and take off our shoes to

show that we were on holy ground. Then we went to the diwan, the prayer hall. Some men were playing instruments and singing songs of worship. Another man was waving a chauri over the Guru Granth Sahib



to bless it. Afterwards we went upstairs to hear a story about Guru Nanak, about how he helped the poor.

### Louisa Carron

There were people who were praying and bowing to the Guru Granth Sahib which is the holy prayer book for Sikhs. We ate karah parshad which was delicious! I would love to go again to the Sikh gurdwara.

### Samrah Siddiqi

We went to a small room where the Sikhs keep the Guru Granth Sahib covered up with a soft blanket with flowers on it. Outside there was an orange flag with the Sikh symbol.

### Ava True

## Form VI Sale

On Thursday morning a very enthusiastic Form VI started to prepare their stalls ready for the 'big sale'. All the groups were hard at work discussing the best strategies to sell their products. They transformed the dining room into a busy and buzzing marketplace where lots of scheming, trading and cunning sales techniques were displayed as the sale progressed.

The girls excelled themselves and their teamwork paid off as all their products were sold out very quickly. We have already been swamped by requests for having another bigger and better sale.

We would like to congratulate the girls on raising a commendable £300.35, which will be sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital. Well done on all your planning, preparation and hard work to make this a success!

A huge thank you to all the customers who braved the busy market place to come and buy the products. We would also like to thank Mr Beesley for sponsoring this project.



## Young Art 2010

It was a real delight to visit the Young Art Exhibition on Wednesday afternoon. I felt so proud to see the excellent work of QCPS girls displayed at the Royal College of Art. Congratulations to the following girls:

Charlotte Higham IIS

Catherine Dellall IIS

Beatrix Villiers IID

Olivia Payne IIIC

Louisa Carron IVR

Emma Colthorpe IIIC

Sana Ibrahim IVB

Georgina Anastassopoulos Tubby V

Emilia Wilson V

Many thanks to everyone who entered work for this exhibition and so supported Cancer Research UK.

There is still an opportunity to see the QCPS 2009 Saatchi portfolio of work using the following link: <http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk/portfolio2009/SchoolInfo/Queen's+College+Preparatory+School/534017.html>



## QCPS Hoodies

If you would like to purchase a QCPS hoodie, please let Hayley Ring or Rani Winthrop know. There is a limited supply still available.

## Summer Concert

Summer Concert Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 6pm at The Pfiesser Hall, Queen's College

Refreshments from 5.30pm in the Waiting Room

All girls in Forms II-VI will be performing. All parents, friends and relatives are welcome.

A letter with further details will be sent home next week.

## Form VI Science Boat Challenge

'Our task was to make a stable boat that floats and is able to carry weight. We called our boat Bubbles and built it with resources from Miss King's Boat Shop! We crossed our fingers hoping ours would beat the record of holding 700g. It held 800g.'

**Isobel Dykstra**

'We had £200 to spend on materials. We built our boat with cardboard, straws, bubble wrap and tape. When we put Bubbles in water and placed weights on him, he broke the previous record of 700g and upped the stakes to 800g. In the end we won and my team and I were very proud of Bubbles!'

**Tyanna Harris**

'We were told to make boats using different materials and the was a budget of £200 (fake money of-course!). Then our boats were placed in water and weights were put on them. My groups boat held 800g. I think we learned a lot about materials. I'm glad we won!'

**Emily Shanks**



## Dance Competition 2010

After many weeks of rehearsing and choreographing their moves, the Form IV, V and VI girls put on a brilliant performance this week in the annual QCPS Dance Competition. Everything was fantastic, from the costumes, the music choices and the most importantly, the moves!

Miss Leslie was particularly impressed and paid the biggest compliment of all when she suggested that this year's dances were the best she has seen!

Congratulations to all of the girls who overcame the nerves and danced so brilliantly!



## Parents' Circle Fun Run

This year's fun run which takes place in Regent's Park on Thursday 27th May, will be raising money in aid of "Help a London Child".

## Week ahead

### Monday 17th - Friday 21st May

Form V PGL Residential

### Monday 17th

Form VI visit to Kirtling Tower

**Packed lunch needed**

### Tuesday 18th

Form VI visit to the Unicorn Theatre to see 'The Tempest'

### Thursday 20th

**After-School Clubs end**

## Menu for the week beginning 17 May 2010

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Homemade Bread</b>	Focaccia Or Red Onion Bread	Garlic Bread	Fennel Seed Bread	Petit Pains	Mixed Herb
<b>Vegetarian course</b>		Baked Quorn Lasagne with Grated Cheese	Roasted Tomato, Basil & Brie Bruschetta		Spanish omelette
<b>Main course</b>	Quorn Sausages with & Onion Gravy	Baked Beef Lasagne With Grated Cheese	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Seasoning & Gravy	Pasta With Neapolitan Sauce/Cheese	Cod Fish Fingers with Parsley Sauce/ Mayonnaise
<b>Dessert</b>	Fruit Yoghurt	Baby Bananas	Diced Melon & Grapes	Fruit Jelly	Fresh fruit salad
<b>Vegetable 1</b>	Sweetcorn	Tomato & Cucumber Mixed Leaves Salad	Steamed Carrots	Tomato, Peppers, Cucumber & Olive Mixed Salad	Garden Peas
<b>Carbohydrate</b>	Mashed Potatoes		Roast Potatoes		Oven Baked Wedges