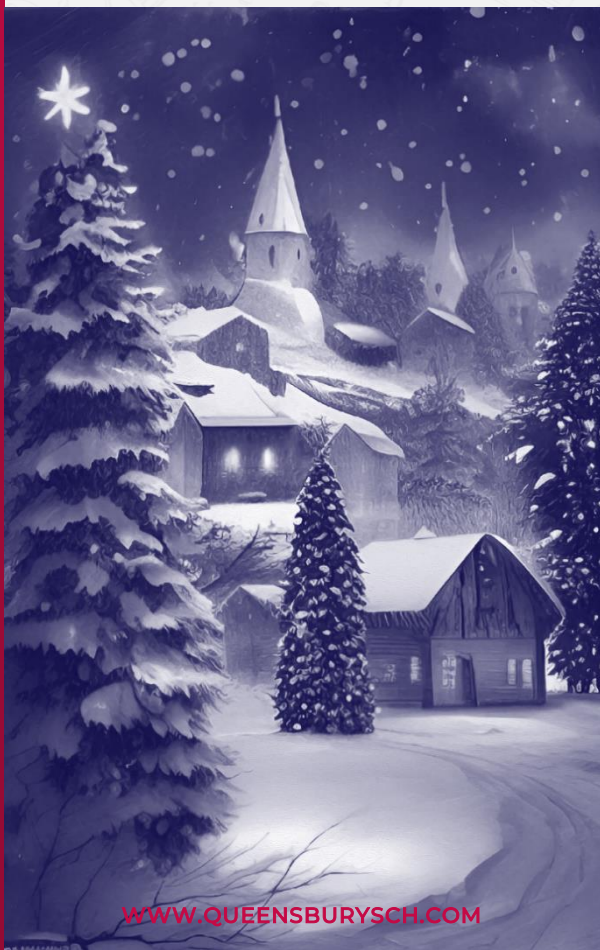




## Newsletter

### Dec 2022

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# A message from Executive Head teacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings!

I am pleased to inform you all that our £2.3 million pound new build (half the school) has been completed and our new classrooms and facilities are operational. These facilities will continue to enhance raising standards and the quality of education we strive for in school - Better never ends!

Thankyou to all the students and families that attended the Awards Evening earlier in the term. It was fantastic to see our past students doing so well in their new education / work destinations and to celebrate their fantastic achievements with families.



## Dates:

### Term ends:

Friday: 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

### Return to School:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

### School closed for students:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

### Training day:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

### Spring Half Term ends:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Queensbury School has been asked to be part of a DFE pilot study with a National English Hub School - Little Sutton Primary School. This will be focused on phonics, further developing resources through Little Wandle and ensuring the resources are appropriate in special settings. The aim is for Queensbury to become a Special School Champion, where we are able to invite other schools and practitioners into the school to model and demonstrate good practice. Our English lead Mrs Hanif and Phonics lead Mrs Imran are delighted and excited for 2023.



Chris Wilson

Executive Head Teacher





# A message from Executive Head teacher

In November the EIAT Trust held a training event for all schools. Our Keynote speaker was Mr Hywel Roberts and we focussed on “Botheredness” through our Trust values of; Engage, Include, Apply and Together. Other workshops focussed on up to date current practices related to children’s additional needs. These help keep our staff informed with the national best practice.



With the rise of cases for Strep A and Scarlet Fever, we ask that parents, carers and families over the holiday period keep an extra close eye on their children. Please refer to letters sent via WEDUC or additional information in this Newsletter to look out for signs and actions to take.  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>

The Discovery and Quest Curriculum building (Old Sixth Form) is currently out of use for students and staff whilst we undertake phase 2 (£3 million pounds) refurbishment. This building will be designed for our lower cognition curriculums and offer 7 new classrooms, sensory room, immersion room, life skills room, meeting room, therapy offices and intervention spaces. We are also developing the outside space subject to planning. It is planned to be completed and ready for September 2023. Building developments at the Osborne site for our new Post 16 provision have also commenced and are on track.



The school Therapy Dogs have started their orientation into the school. Oddie will be working within the English Team as a reading dog, Henry will be supporting our Venture Curriculum and Edison will be based with our Mentor and pastoral team.



Once again, thank you to all the students, parents and families that supported our Christmas Fete. We raised close to £1000 and this will support our students school fund / PTA. We already have lots of ideas for further developing the outside environments.

On a final note, I wish all our students and wider families a very safe and happy Christmas. We look forward to all students unleashing their limitless potential in 2023 and beyond.

Chris Wilson Executive Head Teacher





# The Local Governing Body visited the new facilities developed in school



Our Local Governing Body were pleased to visit the school to see the new build. They really enjoyed seeing the new facilities and more importantly going into lessons and seeing the children learning. The students had the opportunity to show their workbooks to the Governors during several learning walks. The students were able to demonstrate their understanding, application and communicate what they have been learning this term. **Bricks and mortar make a building but it's the students that make a school great!**



*"It was fantastic to finally show off the facilities the school has deserved for many years. The impact of this legacy will continue to enhance the Education of our students at Queensbury School for many years to come way into the future."*

*Mr Chris Wilson*  
Executive Head Teacher







# Christmas Fete



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of December we had Queensbury Christmas Fete organised by the PTA. 6th form students prepared activities as a part of their Enterprise project. They had to plan, design, buy items and sell on the day. Students had planned games stalls, sale of cupcakes, mince pies and sweets. They enjoyed planning all of the activities, baking and wrapping the sweets and mince pies. On the day we were overwhelmed with the amount of visitors taking part in our games and buying products prepared by our students. We even had regular customers coming back to take part in 'Toss snowmen tins', 'Pin Rudolph's nose' and 'Ring toss' games. The winner of estimate 'how many sweets in a jar' was Samuel from 6.6 D class. Well done Sam! We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supported our enterprise and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new year 2023!

## PTA

A big thank you to the PTA who helped with the planning and supervising of the Christmas Fete. We raised a total £980.66 which will help fund future events for our pupils. Our next meeting will take place via zoom in the new year, further details to follow.





# News from Discovery group

## Road Safety



For 3D's Self Help and Independence topic this term, the students have been learning about Road Safety. The students practised how to cross the road safely using the Green Cross Code. First, they practised crossing at a zebra crossing and a pelican crossing in the classroom. After, they went outside on to the road and practised crossing using the pelican crossing. PC Duncan also came to talk to the students about Road Safety. He spoke to them about the dangers on the road and what rules they need to follow. The students went outside onto the main road and used the speed gun to check the speed of the cars. The students have found this topic very helpful as it has taught them how to stay safe when out by themselves.

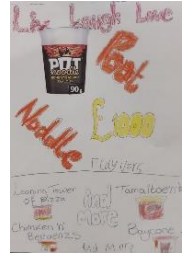
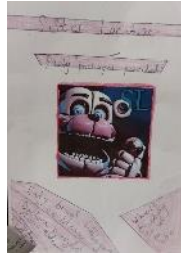
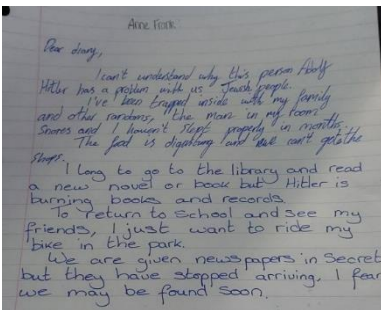
## Edison's visit at Queensbury School

Mr Wilson brought Edison-the school therapy dog to see us. We were also very excited to see him. He was lovely and let us pet him.





# News from Venture Group



8V have been working on their teamwork and communication skills with a selection of 'Bush tucker trials'.

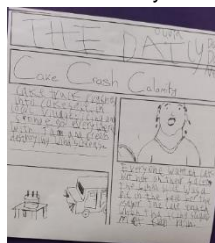
In other lessons:

English we have been looking at informational texts like letters, newspapers and adverts. The class have had a go at making their own.

History the English civil war and the differences between the roundheads and cavaliers and comparing Cromwell to Charles.

Science has been about the periodic table and we are moving onto electricity.

Maths multiplication and money has been the focus.







# Queensbury School Prefects



We are extremely pleased to announce that we have appointed our Queensbury School Prefects this week. Bradley, Lily-May, Megan, Alex, Sapphire, Jake, Katie and Olivia have been chosen to become ambassadors for the school and been awarded the accolade 'Prefect'.

Being given the title and position of school prefect is an honour and privilege and we know that they will do a fantastic job at supporting the school ethos and promoting its' values of Kindness, Diversity and Respect.

Along with specific school duties and responsibilities, prefects will also be allowed extra rewards and incentives and we hope that they will look back on their time in this role with a sense of pride.



## Important Information

Year 11 and sixth form leavers will be undertaking classroom assessments in Mathematics and English during the weeks 09/01/2023 -27/01/2023.

Year 11 and Sixth Form leavers mock examinations will begin 30/01/2023-17/02/2023. Students involved in these examinations will be given further details at the beginning of next term.







# Attendance News

Congratulations to 8N, 10V and 6.5 for winning the end of term Pizza afternoon reward. Good attendance is vital to improving the life chances and opportunities for our youngsters. I would like to thank all parents/ carers in your continued support and hope to meet many of you in our next parental engagement and attendance morning in the new year.

Form	12/12/22
7E	87.94%
7N	83.18%
7Q	94.20%
7V	87.60%
8E	88.67%
8N	96.12%
8V	90.60%
9E	94.07%
9N	87.02%
9V	81.90%
3D	89.66%

**KS3  
Winners  
8N**

**KS4  
Winners  
10V**

Form	12/12/22
10E	77.58%
10N	86.78%
10V	89.82%
11E	87.11%
11N	81.47%
4D	89.22%

Form	12/12/22
6.1	89.39%
6.2	86.92%
6.3	89.12%
6.4	88.46%
6.5	94.03%
6.6	88.82%
train	93.58%

**KS5  
Winners  
6.5**

Every School day counts!





# Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

## Join the PTA!



### What is the Queensbury School PTA?

Our School PTA is a group of parents and teachers who meet to organise events and activities to improve communications and experiences amongst all members of our school community: school as an organisational body of staff and teachers, parents and pupils. Our primary purpose is to raise funds for items the school would not normally be able to afford and to have fun whilst doing so. Every parent automatically becomes a member of the PTA when their child enters the school. Meetings usually take place via Zoom, 1 per half term, and last approximately an hour.

### Why do we do this?

Simple – for our children whose welfare and best interests are our paramount consideration. We try to organise fun events for them. What does the PTA do? The PTA usually gets to organise a lot of the fun stuff! Main events may include: Christmas/Summer Fetes; school discos; parents' social evenings. The PTA always welcomes feedback and new ideas.

Join Queensbury school PTA team by emailing us on [pta@queensbury.eiat.org.uk](mailto:pta@queensbury.eiat.org.uk)

OR

Contact us on 0121 373 5731 to speak with a member of the PTA team.





# Strep A Information



UK Health  
Security  
Agency



## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.





# Strep A

## Group A Streptococcal Infection

### Q. What is Group A Streptococcal?

Group A streptococci (GAS) are a type of bacteria that are spread by close contact between people.

### Q. What infections can GAS cause?

GAS can cause Scarlet fever and sore throats, more rarely it can cause more serious disease.

### Q. What is Scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is it is highly infectious and usually is mild. Symptoms:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpaper feel. (On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to see but will have a sandpaper feel.)

### Q. How is scarlet fever treated?

Scarlet fever is treated with antibiotics. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever.

### Q. Can my child go to school?

If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

### Q. What is Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infection?

*Very rarely*, GAS can also cause more serious or 'invasive' infection (iGAS) including:

- An infection of the bloodstream
- Skin infection
- Toxic shock syndrome.

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- Your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- There are pauses when your child breathes
- Your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
  - Your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake







## Queensbury are collecting Blue Tesco Tokens

We are delighted to let you know that Queensbury's application to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme has been successful and your project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from first week of October 2022 and continue until Mid January 2023.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

2483	Erdington Express B23 5TW Express
2933	New Oscott Extra B73 6RB Extra
5098	Whitehouse Common Road XP B75 6HD Express
5227	Streetly, Exp B74 3NA Express
5318	Birmingham Road Sut Exp B72 1QL Express
6046	Kingstanding Bham Exp B44 8PP Express
6441	Sutton Coldfield Walsall Rd Exp B74 4QY Express
6570	Sutton Coldfield Birmingham Rd, Maney Corner Exp B73 5UB Express

If you are shopping in any of these stores, please ask the cashier for a blue token to help our school reach first place to continue to support our in-classroom breakfast club activities





## Useful Information

**PLEASE NOTE - There is NO Staff supervision in School before 8.30am.  
Students must not be in School unaccompanied before this time.**

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Also, if your child is being collected by a different family member/friend please notify Reception.

Without prior permission we are unable to let your child off school premises until we have contacted you.

### Magic Breakfast

"Breakfast in the Classroom

We have re-joined the National School Breakfast Programme alongside  
Fareshare-go.

This means students will be offered a breakfast of bagels, toast or pastries in class every morning free of charge"

### Marks & Spencer

We're delighted to have received a grant from @MarksandSpencer as part of their Gifts that Give campaign this Christmas. We'll be using the money to continue to provide in-class breakfast to students free of charge

This was made possible by being part of the @nbrlyuk network - to find out more and take a look behind the scenes, head here <https://hub.neighbourly.com/m-and-s-gifts-that-give>.





# A message from our Chief Executive Officer (CEO)



**Jon Harris**  
**CEO**

"Staff from across EIAT have been working closely together to improve things for our students. This is really helping in terms of teaching approaches and understanding the different needs of our students. All of our staff - over 450 - came together for our first EIAT training day at Walsall FC on 14th November. Some Queensbury students even spoke at the start of the day. They were talking about their work at The Hive College (which also has some great new facilities!). Wilson Stuart School is also expanding its facilities. Mayfield School have a new Head teacher, Vicky Miller, starting in January. It is exciting times for us all at EIAT. If you want to find out more about how the Trust works - please get in touch with me: [jon@educationimpact.org.uk](mailto:jon@educationimpact.org.uk)

I hope you enjoy and happy and peaceful festive period"

*Jon Harris*





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