



# QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## School Newsletter

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### EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been learning about rhyme and have shared the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' and some of the children were very quick at identifying the rhyming words within the story. We have also continued to look at weight comparing different objects and the children have all done really well and impressed us. They have had the opportunity to explore lots of different scales.

Ash Class had a wonderful time at the wood searching for 'Old King Cole's Crown'. Please remember that it is Oak Class at the woods on Tuesday!

We will be sending home and invite next week to come and 'Stay and Play' where there will be the opportunity to look through your child's learning journey with them. This will be on Monday 5th February from drop off until 9:30. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Just a reminder that Parents Evening is coming up and to arrange your appointments if you haven't already.

Have a lovely weekend :)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all had a good week. We started our week with an assembly from Carl, the proprietor of Kidz Camp, the company who will be running holiday clubs in school from February half term. Carl brought along a giant bubble football and when he asked for volunteers, the children knew exactly who should go inside it: Mr Rush! I think the rest of us adults breathed a silent sigh of relief that it wasn't us who was chosen. I'm sure the holiday clubs will be great fun and am looking forward to seeing them start very soon.

We have also been fortunate to have received a visit from the author Maz Evans on Wednesday. Sincere thanks to the FAFA for their contributions towards her visit, which everyone really enjoyed. The visit arose from Sycamore Class's Christmas tree which was decorated in the style of Maz's book 'Who Let the Gods Out?' Mrs. Gosling tweeted a photo of the tree to Maz, who replied and offered to come to school to talk to us. It was an excellent visit and the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Maz's presentation.

We're keeping our fingers crossed for continued sunshine this weekend, and look forward to seeing you again on Monday morning.

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward  
Head Teacher

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **96.45%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 98.18%	Oak YrR 96.52%	Elm Yr1 93.49%	Beech Yr1 95.86%	Birch Yr2 97.24%	Hazel Yr2 97.74%
Absences	4	8	19	12	8	7
Lateness		2	2	8	1	

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 – 97.9%, Grey = 91 – 94.9%, Blue = 85 – 90.9%, Red = <84.9%

**Punctuality Concerns.** The school gates are opened at 8:40am, children must be through the gates by 8.55am, when the gates will be locked, allowing time for pupils to make their way around to their classroom ready for a prompt 9am registration. Those arriving later than 8.55am will need to come into school via the front entrance and will be marked in the register as 'Late' from 9am. **Persistent lateness** will result in a request to attend a School Attendance Meeting with Attendance Solutions and, if improvements are not noted, a penalty notice may be issued by MECES for 'failing to ensure your child attends school regularly'. **Punctuality will be a key focus at forthcoming attendance reviews. Parents of pupils where a punctuality concern has been identified will be invited to meet with our Attendance Officer to talk through legal obligations and attendance expectations.**

### \*\*\*KS2\*\*\* Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **96.49%**

	Maple Yr3 97.86%	Rowan Yr3 97.86%	Holly Yr4 95%	Willow Yr4 97.33%	Hawthorn Yr5 96.07%	Sycamore Yr5 92.33%	Chestnut Yr6 97.67%	Aspen Yr6 98.69%
Absences	6	6	15	8	11	23	7	4
Lateness	1	1		9	1	3	5	1

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# This week's Golden Dustpan

## Award Goes To...



## Hazel Class

**NO chocolate or Nutella spread sandwiches in packed lunches please.**

We have pupils and staff with serious nut allergies in school and many chocolate spread products contain nuts. For this reason chocolate and Nutella spread sandwiches are no longer permissible as part of pupil's packed lunches.

**Thank you for your support and understanding.**



To this week's Head Teacher  
Award Winners:

Jacob - Ash  
Anjali - Oak  
Sophie - Elm  
Marika - Beech  
Thomas - Birch  
Freddie - Hazel  
Varsha - Maple  
Suraia - Rowan  
Oscar - Holly  
Ellison - Willow  
Oliver - Hawthorn  
Enrique - Sycamore  
Ron - Aspen  
Alex - Chestnut

**Kidz Camp, Assembly.** Pupils were told all about the exciting activities they would take part in if attending the half term holiday clubs being held at school from February half term. Flyers have been sent home in book bags and been attached to newsletters!



## This Week's Presentation Awards go to...



Shay - Aspen  
Yuchen - Holly



Articles currently available at

[ParentInfo.org.uk](http://ParentInfo.org.uk)

[How to talk to children about relationships](#)

Coram Life Education offers expert advice on talking to primary-age children about sex and relationships.

[Help young people cope with appearance trends](#)

The latest article from the Dove Self-Esteem Project helps children resist the latest body shape trends.

[How do I know which video games are suitable for my child?](#)

Reviews of some of the popular video games likely to catch the attention of your children.

## Year One Trip Hollytrees Museum Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Reply slips and payments were due in by today, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at the very latest. If you have not yet paid via SIMs Agora please ensure that you do so this weekend. **The trip costings will be reviewed Monday morning and if insufficient contributions have been received and no other funds (to cover the shortfall) are available, the trip will need to be cancelled.**

## Year 6 Residential Trip

Many payments are now overdue. It is important that you keep up to date with the agreed instalment plan to enable the school to make payments to Kingswood. Failure to do so may jeopardise the trip.

### Instalments Dates:-

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - £32.50**  
**31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 - £32.50**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - £32.50**  
**28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - £32.50**



## Correspondence Sent Out This Week

Missed letters can be download from the school's website or requested from the school office.

- Year 5, Bikeability
- Year 6, SATS meeting
- Year 4, Mayan Day

# Author Maz Evans Visits Queen Boudica...

On Wednesday 24th January, we were excited to welcome Maz Evans - bestselling author of 'Who Let the Gods Out?' and 'Simply the Quest' into school. After a very entertaining and inspiring whole school assembly (which involved a mallet and a teacher's head!), Maz worked with the year 5 classes. She shared her recipe for story-writing called 'Story Stew'. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the cost of the visit. The children had the most wonderful afternoon, the memory of which will stay with them for a long time.

