



Quainton Hall School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Since I last wrote to you, something very important happened – we have a new Government! It has been fascinating seeing our very British way of transferring power within our parliamentary democratic system and ending up with a coalition government. We are all living at a time of serious economic and financial difficulty and it will be both very interesting and crucial to see how the next few months unfold and the impact any legislation and decisions are going to have on all of our lives. It may be a truism but the best investment one can make is in the education of one's children. Independent education at QHS represents very good value and I look forward to the continued support of you, as parents, in entrusting us with the education and welfare of your children.

The drugs talk by Simon Leigh last Wednesday evening was most informative and interesting and a small audience of staff boys and parents were able to hear his very thought-provoking and personal talk on this very concerning and relevant topic. I was disappointed by the low turn-out of parents in the upper part of the school and I hope that word has got round how good it was. I intend to bring Simon back next year and look forward to a better attendance.

I was fortunate enough, recently, to accompany the Choir, together with Miss Berry, Mr Still, Fr Neil and Mr Ellis to Charterhouse Square in London where the boys sang at Vespers in the Chapel. The singing that I witnessed at rehearsal was super and I was only sorry I was not able to stay for the service. Mr Ellis writes elsewhere about this event.

We had the great pleasure of welcoming Peter & Aino Milner to school this week. Peter Milner was Headmaster here from 1969 to 1998 and is an Old Quaintonian himself. They are in very good health and spirits and attended Mass in the Chapel before having lunch with staff and being given a tour of the school by our Head and Deputy Head boys, Merhdad and Brijesh.

If anyone reading this Newsletter is an old Quaintonian or who knows anyone who was a pupil here at QHS, I would be very pleased to hear from them. In the short time I have been here, I have had contact with several old boys from as far field as Australia and it is very pleasing that they read the newsletter on the website to keep in touch. In September, I plan to launch an appeal to put in place, somewhere on the school site, a stone memorial to QHS pupils who have died in the service of their country. Their names are recorded in our Chantry Book in the School Chapel but I think it would be fitting for a more easily visible and accessible memorial to be put in place. If anyone would like to bring to our attention any old boys' names for this memorial, we can check that they are recorded in the Chantry Book. I look forward to hearing from you!

EFB

Spring Drama and Music Evening

On Tuesday 25th of May at 7:00pm in the Susan Milner Hall, Quanton Hall students will be presenting a piano concert and a short play. The short play will be performed by Prep 4 students and is approximately 30 minutes in length. Expect a zany story line including teddy bears, Wembley Stadium and aliens. You've got to be there to understand!

The piano concert will include a variety of piano pieces from beginners to advanced and any children who have lessons outside of school need to bring in the details of what they would like to play as soon as possible. There will be a run through at 11.25am on Tuesday 25th and you must have played in this to perform in the concert.

This should be a great evening of entertainment PLEASE SUPPORT the childrens' efforts.

JR and MAE

Big Match Success

The Chapel Choir and Servers visit to Charterhouse Chapel was a very happy occasion and many thought our best musical and liturgical effort in the four years that we have been going. Well done to everyone involved and I hope that we will be able to go again next year.

MAE

Tom's Midnight Garden

M and M Productions will be performing 'Tom's Midnight Garden' in the Susan Milner Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Alpha Prep will be attending the performance, too, which brings down the cost for each pupil from Reception to Prep 4 to £6. This will be added to the bill at the end of term. We look forward to a characteristically-excellent interpretation of a classic children's novel.

Junior School News

After Half Term, the children may bring in any OLD T-shirt, shorts and trainers combination to wear for Sports' Day practices, as we like to save you from laundering the school P.E. kit too often!. Full, pristine P.E. kit, including white socks and plimsolls must be worn for Sports' Day. NO trainers are allowed to be worn on Sports' Day, so now is the time to check that your child's/children's plimsolls have enough room in them.

Many thanks
SMB

Blown it!

U13A lost by 26 runs to St Anthony's

This was the A's big chance for a win and ...

St Anthony's got off to a positive start through their big hitting opener, but we did peg them back. Kunal P bowled some left arm spin with control and wickets did fall, although our lack of ability at catching cost several chances. Jeevan S was finally brought into the attack when the score was 85 and although he took three wickets and cut down the scoring St A's still reached 113 off their 20 overs.

Batting saw Kunal P battle away to 20, but no one else could contribute much more than singles and the same big boys came in slogged and went out in the same depressing way! A final flourish from Jeevan

got us up to 87, and it was a better display than our game versus The Hall, but we are up against the premiere sides now and I am feeling like the Hull City manager!

Cricket v Many!

It has been a jam packed week for all the cricketing stars at Quainton Hall this week with 9 cricket matches being played over the 5 days.

It all began on Monday with the visit of Durston House to Old Millhillians where they played against the U9's and U8'. The U9's bowled and fielded well restricting Durston to just 135. However when we came to bat we were not quite as clinical and ended up falling 5 runs short. Tomi S was the top scorer on 8 and Ben F was the top wicket taker. The U8's played a fantastic match and walked away with a very good victory.

Wednesday saw the U13B's take on St Anthony's at Old Millhillians. We were hoping for an improvement on our previous match which we lost against The Hall by 23 runs. We lost the toss and were sent into bat. We started well and built up the score through good partnerships: 36 runs between Brijesh and Ayodeji before Ayodeji was bowled for 16 (top scorer) scored between Brijesh and Zach before Zach was bowled; 36 runs between Brijesh and Mehrdad before Brijesh was run out pushing for a quick second. That left St Anthony's with a target of 138 for victory. QHS really turned up in the field and worked hard in the bowling department. Lakshan, Ayodeji and Lakshan ran people out and Brijesh and Runako picked up a wicket a piece to restrict them to 107 and a 31 run victory. Well done lads!

Thursday saw the might of the U9A's take on Aldenham away at Aldenham. QHS went into bat first and were asked to bat. The boys set about their task with some intelligent running and some marvellous stroke play, baseball mostly! Owen top scored on 11 hitting our only boundary and helping us to a formidable total of 159. The bowling department was excellent with Ben starting with a maiden; no runs scored in his six bowled balls. The fielding was tight and in the end we strolled away with an 11 run victory. A great effort gents.

For today's games stay tuned or rather signed in till next week!!!

RTDB