



**Queen Katharine**  
Academy

# INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

**WINTER TERM 22**

## Welcome

How quickly has the year flown by?!? It is the end of Winter Term already and Christmas will be here soon.

Here at the International Office, it has been a very busy but rewarding term and we would like to share with you some of our activities and achievements as well as some useful health information and links.

**Helena, Katherine, Barbara, Irena, Carla and Cristina wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.**

## ROGA 1 and the GRTSB Film Festival

Our selected ROGA (Roma of Great Ability) students took part in ROGA 1 earlier this month which included the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showman and Boater (GRTSB) Pledge Film Festival; which was a blast!

After a tour of the new Anglia Ruskin Building in Peterborough, the students were given the opportunity to hear from ARU student ambassadors who shared their experiences of University and answered several questions from the QKA students.

The film festival proceeded with popcorn and a special screening of the Pledge film starring parents, students and staff of QKA; the film can be viewed [here](#).



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## St Nicholas Day



On 6<sup>th</sup> December, our families and members of the community joined us for our St Nicholas (Svaty Mikuláš) celebration. What a fun night it was with lots of games for the children to play and some amazing prizes. Though there



were a few tears when the devils appeared, St Nick and the Angel made it all better with lovely presents for every child.



Music, dance and great food were all part of celebrating this rich European tradition.

A special thank you to Petr Torak and the Compas team for bringing St Nicholas Day to QKA's families.

## Roma Leaders visit GPA

Last week our Roma Leaders met with Gladstone Primary Academy Roma students to sing Christmas songs and discuss their different traditions.

Our Roma Leaders have undertaken their own mentoring training and spent some time putting their new skills to use with the younger students.

Thank you to the GPA pupils and staff for making us so welcome!





## PACSA (Portuguese & Creole Speaking Ambassadors)



### GUINEA BISSAU DAY

Our students celebrated Guinea Bissau Independence Day with an assembly on the history of Guinea Bissau from our Community Liaison Worker, Carla Lopes and an amazing performance from Esmiralda in Year 10 who read a poem she had written in Creole.



## PEP (Portuguese Excellence Programme)

In November, our PEP students went on an inspiring visit to the new Anglia Ruskin University in Peterborough.

They were given a tour of the new building and were inspired by the amazing ARU student ambassadors who talked about their courses and experiences at University.



At the end of term professionals from our Portuguese speaking community visited QKA to speak to our PEP students about career choices. The students met Cheila Viegas, Health & Safety at work Advisor, and Susana Caetano, Senior Health Care Assistant - as well as under-21 footballer Sidney Tavares!





## **STREP A (GAS & IGAS) USEFUL INFORMATION**

There has been a lot of information going around about the Strep A virus and its effect on children's health. Along with the useful government information out there, there is also a rise in fake news and myths surrounding Strep A on social media. Such misinformation may cause panic and social confusion.

The government and the NHS have put out a lot of useful facts and information that is easily accessible in various languages. Our advice would be to avoid getting your information from social media and do your research based on true facts. Below are a few links where you can access correct information about Strep A.

<https://early-education.org.uk/strep-a-and-scarlet-fever-useful-links/> - British Association for Early Childhood Education providing links to credible sites with information on Strep A for parents, schools, colleges and early years providers.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk> - A Blog by Department for Education Providing information on Education in the UK and very useful information on Strep A.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot> - Useful information on Scarlett Fever, Strep A and all things Health.

