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Queensgate Newsletter



A newsletter for the pupils, family and staff of Queensgate Primary



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Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

The Journey so far...

It has been a hugely busy start to the term. It has been absolutely brilliant to see all of the children in their smart new uniform and PE kits.

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children.

The first three days were spent off timetable taking part in team building and problem-solving activities.

We have also had visitors in already. Jack and Kalim joined us from Creactive Urban Activities. They spent time with every class teaching them break dancing and beat boxing. See more about this inside this newsletter!

Compass

Thank you for your patience as we transfer all of our systems over to Compass. It is fair to say there have been some teething problems that we are gradually working through with the Compass team. I am hopeful that in the end it will be better than what we had previously used as all functions will be in one place with one app. Please do sign up otherwise you will miss out on important communication, clubs, student reports, booking parent evenings and so much more.

Compass

Class Newsletters and Overviews

Last Friday we sent out the class newsletters and overviews of learning for this half term. These can be accessed under the Parents tab on our website.

With the rise of followers on Facebook and Instagram I have taken the decision to only do a newsletter once every two weeks. We will continue to upload our news to our socials which you can sign up to at https://www.instagram.com/queensgatefoundationprimary and https://www.facebook.com/QueensgateFoundationPrimary. We will also continue to text out key information. Eventually, the text messages will come through the Compass app as notifications; this, will save the school money.

Attendance

Our Attendance Officer has changed from Mrs Cade to Mrs Spragg. For more details please see the next page. Please continue to phone in when your child is absent to the office as usual, so we know who to expect in school. Please also follow this up in writing when your child returns to school. Please note that family holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

We expect pupils to attend school for 100% of the academic year.

You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school at 8.40am every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by 8.45am.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them in to school.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early.

What YOU must do:

- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a referral for a welfare home visit.

New Attendance Officer

My name is Mrs Sally Spragg, and I am the new Attendance Officer of Queensgate Foundation Primary School.

Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and their wider development.

As Attendance Officer at Queensgate, I will be working alongside parents and key school staff to promote excellent attendance, reduce levels of absence and support families to promote high levels of attendance.

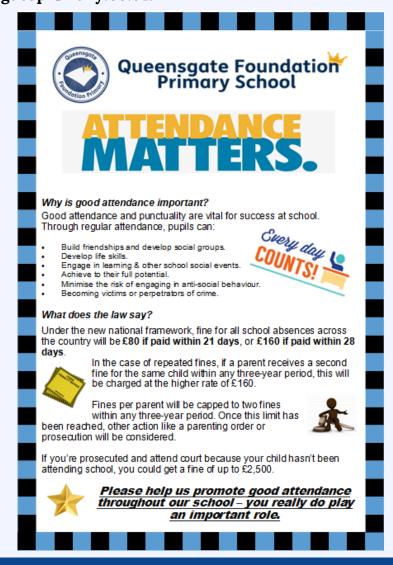
Children may struggle to attend school for a wide range of reasons. We know that parents and carers worry about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, let us know about your concerns. We can then work together on supporting your child.

Phone calls, video calls and face-to-face meetings all offer the opportunity for direct and personalised conversations with families. This is vital when establishing and removing barriers to attendance.

In most cases, if your child's attendance level is falling, their school will contact you to explore the reasons and discuss what help can be put in place to help you overcome the barriers they are facing.

"You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day."

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please feel free to contact me on **07519520003** Monday-Friday 9am-11am or email **attendance@queensgateprimary.co.uk**





Queensgate Out & About

We are looking forward to lots of Out and About adventures this year! This term our Year 1, 2, 5 and 6 children will be Out and About. Don't forget to keep an eye on newsletter updates to find out when your child is due out and what they need to wear.

On Tuesday, our **Year 2** Out and About children shared the book The Dot by Peter Reynolds at St Helens Beach. They were challenged to work in pairs to create a sculpture on the beach (using natural, found items) inspired by the story. The children demonstrated great teamwork and determination, discussing and developing their designs. They were all very proud of their creations and signed their names in sand, beside their artwork!

On Tuesday I went to the beach. We read a story and I had Lenny as my partner. We made circles from stones and we put rocks on them. We then had our snack. Then we came back to school. I was happy because I liked doing it. Harrison W 2KG







The **Year 5** Out and About team enjoyed a brisk walk from Culver Down to Whitecliff Bay on Tuesday afternoon. The children learnt about four and six figure grid references, identifying their location using OS maps. Using compasses, they navigated the route and were able to use both cardinal and ordinal compass directions to explain their direction of travel. The group spotted the Waverley paddle steamer touring the Island. They were all very enthusiastic and energetic walkers throughout the session. Well done team!







Queensgate Out & About Continued

In **Year 1**, the children will be sharing the story Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson. On Wednesday, the **1SC** Out and About children took their own chain of paper dolls out to explore the local area. As part of their Geography work, the children looked at different maps of East Cowes, locating school and other key landmarks. As they walked, the children drew their own maps of East Cowes and included play parks, shops, the ferry terminal, and the seafront on their maps.

We went to the park and played. We also went to the beach and wrote a sentence. It was fun! Nithua 1CE



Our first **Year 6** Out and About group went orienteering in Parkhurst Forest on Wednesday afternoon. The children led the way, choosing some rather 'off-piste' routes to locate the orienteering markers. They worked well as a team, helping each across muddy puddles and through overgrown paths. They each chose a stick to walk with, which came in handy to move unwanted branches out of the way. We had some muddy children by the end of the session, but a good time was had by all!





Year 6 OAA - on Wednesday we went to the forest and did orienteering. My Favourite part was when we went through an over grown trail with a bunch of prickles and brambles! It was very muddy and slippery. Brooke P 6LR



Queensgate Out & About Next Week

Children to wear play clothes (nothing new or special) and comfy shoes or trainers (old trainers, wellies or walking boots for Year 5 and Year 6 please). Please check the forecast and bring a sunhat/raincoat depending on the weather!

Tuesday 17th September am - 2KG Sand Sculptures

Ellis, Alfred, Freya, Roman, RJ, Mollie, Matteo, Cassidy, Sophie, Poppy, Peyton, Marley, Charlie and Sully.

Tuesday 17th September pm- 5TS Culver Down

Tyler B, Caiden, Joshua, Harvey D, Maisy, Mirabelle, Ruben, Rory, Logan R, Ella R, Jesse, Ryan, Ella and Rhys.

Wednesday 18th September am - 1SC Local Area Walk

Jacob, Ronney, Nova, Blake, Riley, Harper-May, Clayton, Dylan, Hunter, Archer, Emily, Niamh and Eliza.

Wednesday 18th September pm - 6LR Parkhurst Forest

Xachary, Acacia, Amelia, Arthur, Braiden, David, Emmie, Evie, Guy, Hayley, Jake, Jonny, Levi, Maya and Rosie.

Out and About the following week...

Tuesday 24th September am - 2KA Sand Sculptures

Bowie, Jasper, Rudy, Marnie-Rae, Evelyn, Jack, Max, Daniel, Vienna, Declan, Arthur, Isabelle, Jake, Elsie-Mae and Harry.

Tuesday 24th September pm - 5RA Culver Down

Ashton, Benjamin, Mia-Rose, Harry, Oscar H, Destiny-Grace, Katelyn, Hannah, Connor, Jack, Harvey R, Freddie, Elliott, James and Tommy.

Wednesday 25th September am - 1CE Local Area Walk

Jason, Kaden, Owen, Eden, Rosey, Amelia, Coen, Elizabeth, Molly, Theo, Lyla, Reggie-Ray and Louie.

Wednesday 25th September pm - 6TM Parkhurst Forest

Teddy, Matthew, Skyla, Harley, Marley, Elsie, Ava, Paranith, Logan, Riley, Elvis, Emily T, Bella, Florence and Archie.



Breakdance and Beatbox visitor

We were lucky enough to start the week with a visit in from Jack and Khalim. They have travelled the UK and world sharing their skills. The assemblies delivered to the two halves of school each morning were uplifting and full of positivity, they really got the children excited to take part in the workshops. The dancing by Jack was brilliant and the sounds Khalim made by his mouth alone had the children in awe. If you want to see them in action and find out more you can visit

https://www.creactiveurbanactivities.com/about-us





















I really enjoyed the break dancing as it was quite fun. With the beat boxing we learnt some chants and songs. I really enjoyed the demonstration in the assembly, Jack and Khalim were incredible! Amy T 6TM

Sports Crew

Every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, the new recruits of the sports crew have been setting up entertaining activities to keep the children active. They work really hard setting up the equipment, then making sure that all the other children get to practise skills, have fun and make new friends. I had the pleasure of seeing this in action and am proud of the team effort making lunchtimes a real success. Well done everyone.

We really like watching the other children score a goal, or do a new skill because it makes them really happy. Also we like to see children who don't usually get involve taking part. Logan and Ava 6TM

When something bad happens you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you.









EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We are based in the East Side Curve, our community hub beside the Town Hall in York Avenue.

Do pop in to see us, use our facilities and meet the staff and volunteers

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 1pm

- books for adults and children to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
 monthly reading, arts and creative writing groups
- weekly Rhyme Time, Tots Time and games
 bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wiff, laptop computer access and charging points
- help with enquiries, information and onward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a 'Warm, Welcome and Safe Space'
- a cafe area with free coffee, tea, soup 6 chilled water for more information go to: www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk/community-events/#intro

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, P032 6RU
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve Wednesday mornings 10.15am

About 30 minutes of songs and rhymes. Stay for a chat and choose some books to borrow



session for bables and toddlers (a to 5 years). Support your child's learning development through songs, rhymes and rhythm activities. Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Email library @eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, P032 6RU Phone: 01982 299082 (option 5) Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year. Don't forget that our community library is free to join and access all year round. The SRC officially finishes on 7th September but we will keep going for a couple of weeks or until we run out of rewards.

A 0 to 16 years library card is still free. Ordering children's books is also free on this card. You can order books by bringing a list into the library or through the online library catalogue at www.iow.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-heritage When your ordered book arrives in East Cowes we will contact you. (Adults are charged 60p for this service.) To access free online library services you will need your borrower number (under your card barcode) and a four digit PIN. You can request a new PIN at any library.

We look forward to seeing you anytime. Good luck and best wishes for the new school year ahead!

Kind regards from library volunteer Angie.



The East Side Curve

Monday mornings 10.00am to 12 noon FREE drop in sessions



Fun, informal guided structured play for 0 to 4 year olds.





Eco Schools



We did it!

At the end of the summer term Mrs. Selle and Mrs. Tilling went through the final requirements necessary before submitting our application for an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We are happy to announce that Queensgate Foundation Primary School has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with disinction! We are so proud of all the work put in by the children and staff which helped us to achieve the award. It doesn't stop there! We have already registered for this coming year in order to retain our green flag. Watch this space for futher news and remember.......



This is the feedback we received from our application:

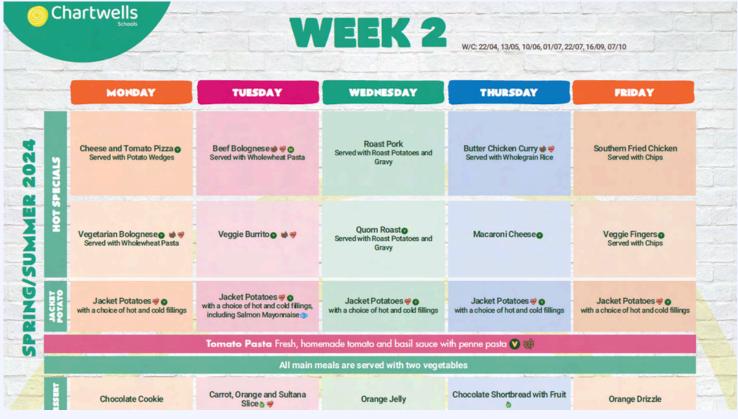
"It is evident that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and passionate about protecting our planet - your large Eco-Committee, totalling 9 members, clearly demonstrates this. Completing the Environmental Review allowed your Eco-Committee to recognise the positive changes that your school has already made and gain an appreciation of the future impacts that they can create. Your Action Plan contains a diverse range of activities aimed at creating positive behaviours, making an immediate difference to your local environment, and expanding your Eco-Schools' initiatives into your local community. The three curriculum examples provided are great examples of environmental education, they are practical and fun with a real-life context that is very relevant to pupils in your school. Thank you so much for sharing examples of pupil's work in your application, they really helped our team understand and appreciate the environmental learning occurring in your school. Your Eco-Committee have used an impressive variety of methods to promote sustainability and keep their school community informed about their Eco-Schools' initiatives throughout the academic year. Your main challenge is one that anyone who works in an education setting is familiar with, lack of time! However, rather than giving up, you consistently strive to make a positive impact and that's truly inspiring. Your Eco-Code is beautifully designed, with clear goals that relate to your achievements and future aspirations. It's a great manifestation of your values and accomplishments! The thought-provoking questions submitted by your Eco-Committee for next year's Environmental Review demonstrate intelligence and insight! We greatly appreciate their contribution and will certainly consider them when updating this resource for next year. Thank you! Congratulations! Your application truly stood out, and we're thrilled to award you an Eco-Schools' Green Flag with Distinction! Keep up the fantastic work next year"!

Inspiring children to contribute to a greener environment and world is something we could and shoud do



What's your lunch next week...





Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 97.97%
Whole School Attendance this week is 97.4%
KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1SC with 100%
KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6TM with 99.17%

Raising Attainment

As you know we were delighted with our exam results last academic year. We would like to build on that success this academic year with even more children in Queensgate achieving Age Related Expectations or beyond. In the next newsletter I will include the Age-Related Expectations for each year group.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes.

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Samantha Sillito Headteacher Sandation Prints



Secondary Year 6 Open Evenings

College Name	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	1st October	5 - 8pm
Christ the King College	19th September	5.30 - 7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1st to 24th October 2024	45-minute bookable tours will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be led by a member of the senior leadership team who will be able to answer any specific questions you have about year 7, our curriculum and enrichment opportunities. Tour times to be confirmed. Bookings can be made by calling the academy on 01983 203103 from the 2ndSeptember 2024
Island Free School	12 October 2024	Y6 open day: 09.30 - 1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	26 September 2024	5 - 8pm
Ryde Academy	9 October 2024	No times given - please contact the school
Ryde School	5 October 2024	10 - 12.30pm
The Bay CE School	3 October 2024	5 - 8pm
The Island VI Form	14 November 2024	5 - 8pm
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk



Brush up on your maths skills and increase your confidence

1:1 support from a friendly and experienced tutor

Work at your own pace and at your own level

Opportunity to work towards a qualification if required

Sessions start again on September 20th!

Friday mornings 9:15-10:15am No need to book.

New learners always welcome– why not drop in and find out more about how the Multiply programme can help you?

Please contact Miss Rorich at school or call Dee at Community Learning (01983 817280) for more details.



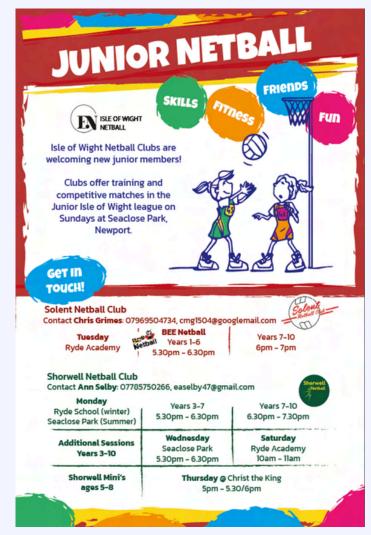
















Interested In Playing Football? FREE Girls Football SESSIONS

Barton Primary School,

BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL **PARTNERSHIPS** S BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Furrlongs, Newport, PO30 2AX All Sessions are delivered by a DBS Checked and FA qualified coaches.

The Girls Football Schools Partnership Programme are offering coaching every Thursday during term time for children in school years 4, 5, 6, and 7

Sessions

- Every Thursday Year 4 and 5 4.00pm-5.00pm
- Every Thursday Year 6 and 7 5.00pm-6.00pm

Cost - £FREE.

The coaching is aimed at girls who are keen on football and want to develop the fundamental skills of football and have FUN.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.

Please E-mail Andy Day: Andrew.day@bartonpri.iow.sch.uk for a registration form to book your place.



















Inspired by community art produced at workshops across the Solent region, local artists

Abeer Kavani Dina Gamaleldin Sarika Khurana

present South Asian art on fabric, canvas and wood at the **Bridges not Borders Exhibition** 12th to 22nd September 2024*

Freda Swain Lounge at Portsmouth Guildhall

The exhibition will also include a display of community artwork produced at Bridges not Borders workshops across the Solent.

during opening hours: 9am-5pm *Excluding 14-15th September









Infant Feeding Stay & Play



Please take part in our simple survey. **Every response** matters!



Sandown Family Hub Playroom Thurs. 26th Sept 2024 12-2pm

Fairway, Sandown, PO36 9EQ

An amazing opportunity to meet Infant Feeding experts on the Island!

Free £10 shopping voucher for all who attend, fill out our survey & complete a feedback form!

Cake, biscuits and glitter tattoos free on the day!

Come along and have a chat, have your views heard and questions answered

Infant Feeding experts will be available on the day from: Barnardo's, Breastfeeding Network, Solent NHS trust Health Visiting team, Dadzclub, **IOW NHS trust Maternity team**

Find out more or request transport using the details below

