Issue 4 08/11/24

Queensgate Newsletter

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

INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

Remembrance Page 3

Out & About - Pages 4, 5 & 6!

Sports - Pages 8 & 9

Menu - Page 10

Dates for your Diary Page 13

Queensgate's Latest Ofsted Report is Out

Dear Families,

Ofsted Report
As you know, before the break we had three Ofsted inspectors with us for two days. The report has now been made public. You should have received this through the Compass App. If you have not read it yet you can also find it on our website at:

https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/assets/images/branding/10341663-Queensgate-Foundatio-136008-final-pdf.pdf

There is no longer a one-word overall judgement but here are our grades for each sub-section.

- The Quality of Education – good
- Behaviour and Attitudes – good
- Personal Development – outstanding
- Leadership and Management – good
- Early Years Provision – good

On the next page I have shared my favourite bits from the report...

“Pupils enjoy attending this vibrant and caring school. They rise to the high expectations that the school has for their conduct by following the “Queensgate Code”. As a result, pupils consistently demonstrate respect for each other. They behave well and respond positively to instructions. Pupils are confident that, if they have any worries, there is always an adult in the school who will listen and help. Many parents and carers comment on how staff regularly go above and beyond to do the best for their children.”

“Staff are ambitious that every pupil will achieve their best.”

“The curriculum is constantly reviewed to ensure pupils receive an effective education.”

“Provision for pupils’ personal development is very strong.”

“Pupils are proud of the positive contribution that they make to school life.”

“Children in the early years settle well into the routines of the school. There is a happy and vibrant atmosphere.”

“Pupils’ behaviour is calm and positive around school. Pupils want to learn and work well together in class.”

“The school maintains a strong focus on securing pupils’ regular attendance.”

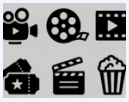
“The school’s provision for pupils’ personal development is exceptional. There are extensive opportunities for pupils to develop talents and interests right from early years. At the heart of this is the school’s out and about curriculum. This bespoke aspect of the school’s work gives pupils the opportunity to better understand the island on which they live.”

I would like to thank you for filling in the Ofsted questionnaires and for your positive comments. I would like to thank the wonderful staff of Queensgate who go over and above for the children everyday to secure them a fantastic education. Thanks to our Governing Board for their unwavering challenge and support. Thanks to the wonderful children of Queensgate.

Anti-Bullying Week
Next week is Anti-bullying week. The theme is Choose Respect. Our assemblies will follow this theme next week.
In addition, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be selling bracelets for 50p and wristbands for £1 (cash only) at break times.

Odd Socks Day
Next Tuesday 12th November is Odd Socks Day to make a statement against bullying. It has been going since 2017 with Andy Day from CBeebies and CBBC starting it. We would like all Queensgate children to wear odd socks as a statement against bullying please.

Film Club
There is a new club available for Year 5 and 6 children. Mike Harris will be starting a Film Club on a Monday after school. There will be space for 10 children only. The club will teach the children about making films. I have asked Mike to work on a new film for our website as their first project. This club will go live for sign up on Monday 11th November.



Please can you help us?
This time of year is always busy. We can only run events with your help. There are some key dates coming up that we could really do with your help.
Our Christmas Fayre is on Friday 6th December. Please can you help set up, run a stall or tidy up afterwards? Are you able to wrap some presents from you know who?
Our Christmas Disco day is Tuesday 10th December. Please can you help with selling sweets and tidying up afterward? If you can help with either of these events please let Mrs Sillito or the school office know or email ptfa@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Remembrance
Mr Chubb, Mrs Tilling and our School Council Reps from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to Carisbrooke Castle to take part in the Remembrance service.

We went to Carisbrooke Castle and saw the Royal Navy, Army, RAF and Sea Cadets. We listened to the service and placed a cross on the ground and bowed - Léon Y.A.

We went to Carisbrooke Castle for the Remembrance Ceremony. It was great and we had crosses which we had to place into a square. I chose the square for the Army because my dad was in it. We got to see two donkeys as well. I think their names were Jill and Joana. There were lots of other schools and the public too. - Mirabelle

On Monday 11th November we will be holding a minute's silence at 11 am.

Proud of Parinith

Parinith in Year 6 has taken 11+ exam across England. The 11+ exam is a selective test organised by county or independent grammar schools to select 10-year-old children to state funded secondary schools based on academic performance. Parinith qualified 11-plus exams at Ripon Grammar in Yorkshire, Bexley County, Redbridge, Buckinghamshire County, Essex County, Warwickshire County, The Triffin School, Wiltshire County but chose the Gloucestershire school after scoring in the top ten per cent of students taking their test.

He is very active in school, sings in the school choir, plays for football and cricket teams and takes piano lessons on Friday.
Parinith and his parents would like to thank school staff for helping him in this journey. We, as a school, are very proud of what Parinith has achieved and we wish him every success in his continued education when he leaves Queensgate next year.

MHST Sleep Workshop

Please have a look at this poster about a sleep workshop. If you are having trouble getting your child off to sleep then this is the workshop for you!

We can accommodate up to 20 parents on this workshop.

If interested please let Mrs Jeffers, Mr Chubb or the school office know so we can add you to the list.

Year 4 children will have their own sleep workshop from MHST on Thursday 14th November, but don't worry if you have a child in Year 4 as you can attend this workshop and together you will be better informed!

Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our **Year 2** Out and About group visited the Dragon Tree in Brighstone. The children re-capped their recent Science learning about what living things need to survive. They then designed their own dragons using clay, talking about what their dragons would need to survive, what they would eat and what kind of habitat they would live in. The children all enjoyed listening to the story Zog and the Flying Doctors by Julia Donaldson. They then had fun playing Pooh sticks and paddling in the stream.

"We went to the Dragon Tree. A long time ago, there used to be a dragon, and the people didn't want a dragon, so they killed it, and it turned into a tree! We sat on the tail and made our own clay dragons!" Marnie-Rae 2KA

"My favourite bit was when we made clay models. I did like paddling in the water as well." Evelyn 2KA

The Out and About team from **Year 5** went for a walk along the Sandown cycle path to Alverstone Nature Reserve. The group were challenged to work out the six figure grid reference of their location and follow a trail on their maps, using compasses to describe their direction of travel. The children loved seeing a Heron, Blue tits, Great tits, Robins, a Pheasant and a Red squirrel on their walk.

Queensgate Out & About Continued

Last half term the children in **Year 1** were learning about their senses and the seasons. On Wednesday morning, the Out and About group visited Borthwood Copse. The children used their senses on a walk through the woodland, selecting Autumn leaves, sticks, moss, lichen and acorns. They worked in pairs to create a collage using the natural objects they had found. The children listened to the story The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming, whilst having their snack and had fun building dens, balancing on logs and exploring the woods.

The **6TM** Out and About group went orienteering in Firestone Copse, on Wednesday afternoon. The children were amazing at locating the markers around the forest and recording the letters they found on their control cards. Working together, the group managed to find 13 markers!

"Today we went orienteering in Firestone Copse. We had to find as many numbered posts as we could. We found 13! I really enjoyed it!" Bella 6TS

Queensgate Out & About Next Week

Out and About next week...
Children to wear warm, old play clothes (nothing new or special) and wellies. We will be getting muddy! Please check the forecast and bring a warm coat or raincoat (and waterproof trousers if you have them).

Tuesday 12th November am - 2KA Brighstone Dragon Tree
Milly, Jacob, Amelia, Titan, Freddie, Rosie, Ace, Rainie, Bodhi, Inara, Verbena, Nathan, Naomi, Penny and Wyatt.

Tuesday 12th November pm - 5RA Alverstone Nature Reserve
Chris, Harley B, Lily, Zayn, Tayla, Logan E, Toby G, Scarlett, Keian, Jacob, Georgia, Toby, Oscar S, Alfie, Adhvika

Wednesday 13th November am - 1CE Borthwood Copse
Yazan, Layton, Felicity, Remi-Rose, Mayleigh, Leo, Mia-Rose, Alfie, Rhue, Freddie, Denis, Charlie and Joshua.

Wednesday 13th November pm - 6TM Firestone Copse
Connor, Eliana, Maizy, Brody, Evelyn, Tyson, Tom, Evie, Ellie, Amy, Liam, Zachary, Harry, Emily B and Denys.

And in two weeks time...

Tuesday 19th November am - 2KG Bembridge Airport
George, Sadie, Louis, George F, Imogen, Elijah, Olivia, Lenny, Holly, Archie, Lexie-Mai, Neahve, Harrison, Luke and Raemarnie.

Tuesday 19th November pm - 5TS
Location TBC
Maddie, Kyle, Bella, Dylan C, Logan F, Oscar G, Tilly, Vincent, Teddy, Paloma, Charley, Tula, Harley T, River and Flynn.

Wednesday 18th November am - 1SC Puckpool Park
Antonia, Finley, Chloe, Quinn, Ezra, Thomas, Nithya, Joshua M, Jovi, Romeo, Luca, Ananya and Theo WF.

Wednesday 9th October pm - 6LR Geocaching
Ryan, Artem, Adrianna, Abigail, Bradley, Brooke, Emily, George, Grace, Halle, Jack, Leon, Lucas, Sophia-Leigh and Léon

PE news

It has been a busy first half term with breakdancing/beatboxing sessions across the school, the start of the football season, tag rugby fixtures played across KS2 and even a wheelchair basketballer visiting some classes. During PE lessons, all classes have been thinking about fundamental movement skills – working on improving their agility, balance and co-ordination. These skills have then been developed into game play in the older year groups.

Inclusive sport

We started the year using the Paralympics as our focus. The children enjoyed participating and watching a range of inclusive sports. This was developed further with a visit from East Cowes Local, Gary Butler, who spent the afternoon discussing wheelchair basketball with the children in year 6 and showing them some skills. The children then enjoyed using the wheelchairs borrowed from St Georges to try out some skills. We have also been successful in applying for some inclusive sports equipment from BBC Super Movers which has just arrived so we will be able to continue to provide more opportunities for all our children to try new activities.

Uniform reminder

On PE days children are expected to wear their PE uniform: a light blue t-shirt, navy shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings. They should still be wearing their Queensgate sweatshirt for class lessons. If children wish to bring another navy sweatshirt to wear to their PE lesson, this is recommended. For health and safety reasons, hooded tops can't be worn for PE lessons and therefore shouldn't be word in class. Children must also remove jewellery including earrings for lessons. If earrings can't be removed, children must bring tape in to cover the earrings.

Monster Kickabout

We start this term taking part in the Monster Kickabout 2024. This is a national project aimed at getting all children to enjoy football. To help us promote football, we have received some game resources/ideas, bibs and footballs. Over the next two weeks our Year 6 football teams (boys and girls) will organise a special football event for each key stage at lunchtime.

Sports Report

Year 5 Football

Before Half term our **Year 5** boys had a cup game against Ryde Private, a lot was riding on this game as a loss would mean being knocked out of the running. The boys played some great football but at fulltime it was 0-0! With the threat of penalties, the boys had five minutes extra time to snatch the win in. The determination was clear from the team and they managed to score a last minute goal! Well done boys!

Year 6 Football

On the Tuesday before half term, the **Year 6** boys travelled to Gurnard to play an important cup game; winning this would mean qualifying for the quarter finals. The boys were itching to get on the pitch and had to work hard throughout the match. That hard work paid off though as they walked away with an incredible 7-0 win! Well done boys!

Tag Rugby

On Thursday 17th October, our **Year 6** girls and boys teams travelled over to Wootton Rugby club to take part in the Island tag rugby finals. Both teams competed well and worked very hard. When the results were announced, Queensgate girls won bronze medals for 3rd place and the Queensgate boys won gold medals and a trophy for 1st place. Well done everyone, we are very proud!

Climbing

On Thursday 7th November two teams from **Year 5 and 6** travelled over to West Wight Sports centre to take part in a climbing festival. Not only was this a great competition for the children to take part in, the sponsorship money raised for taking part will be donated to Earl Mountbatten Hospice and Isle of Wight Youth Trust.

Both of our teams did really well in the three events;

Speed climb, Group 1 - 1st Group 2 - 3rd

Technical climb, Group 1 - 3rd Group 2 - 1st

Bouldering, Group 1 - 1st Group 2 - 2nd

All the children really enjoyed this event and all pushed themselves to try something they had never experienced before.

Eco Schools

Did you know?

We have a new Eco Committee!

We were very pleased with the number of entries we received from children wishing to join this year's Eco Committee. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit an application form. The following children will now form the 2024/2025 Eco Committee: Hannah 5RA, Flynn 5TS, Rhys 5TS, Nimalan 4MC, Nathan 4MC, Annie W. 4MC, Tyer W. 3PT, Poppy G-K 3PT and Charlie S. 3PT.
We will be holding our first meeting next week and will update you in the next newsletter once we have competed the Eco review and know which topics we will be covering this year.

Eco Tips!

Let's reverse it! Have you got any Eco Tips you think we could use in school? Please chat to your child/ren and find out what ideas they come up with. Send your ideas in to the admin office. Prize for the best idea!

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

What's for lunch next week ...

Chartwells Schools

WEEK 2

W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Veggie Supreme Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Crispy Chicken Burger Served with Chips
HOT SPECIALS	Vegetable Fajita Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Winter Vegetable Hotpot Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.35%

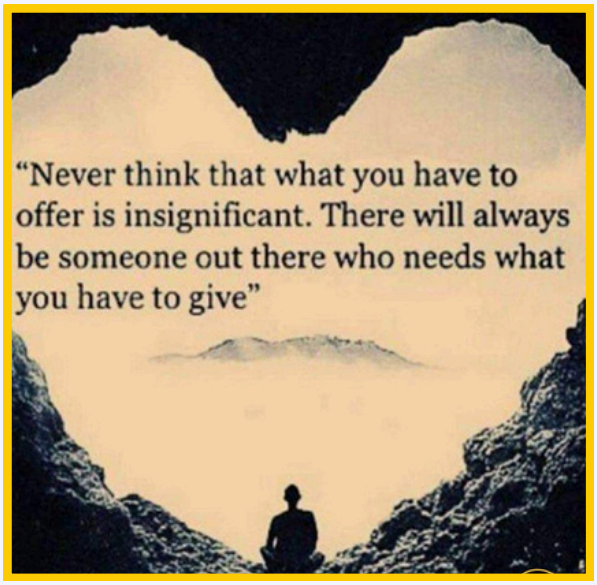
Whole School Attendance this week is 94.6%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 98.7%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 99.2%

Did you know that we're registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to Queensgate Foundation Primary School on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Hurry, if you join today we could win a £500 donation! Sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=297511&invite=clnkvl&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_medium=email&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=referral-2024&utm_term=CE945&utm_content=socialshare



Chat

READ

Play

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th November: 1 minute silence for Remembrance Day. Y5/6 table tennis tournament at Smallbrook.

Tuesday 12th November: Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week (Choose Respect). Y3/4 girls football vs Newport (home).

Thursday 14th November: 1.30 - 3.30 Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Medina.

Friday 15th November: 1.30 - 3.00 MHST Sleep Hygiene for parents workshop in training room.

Monday 18th November: Start of Assessment week for whole school. Sports 4 Champions visit in - Danny Crouch (Gymnast)

Tuesday 19th November: 1pm (Y1 - Y3) Young Carers meeting with Lauren Fry.
2pm (Y4 - Y6) Young Carers meeting with Lauren Fry.

Thursday 21st November: 3pm Yr. 6 Boys football vs Carisbrooke (away).

Wednesday 27th November: 3.10 Yr. 6 girls football vs Carisbrooke (home).

Friday 29th November: Year 1 Victorian Day. 4.30pm Switch on East Cowes Christmas Lights & Sing Carols in Kings Square (Mrs Riches and Choir).

Tuesday 3rd December: Year 6 STEM day in hall - morning Rubber band car challenge, afternoon Cyber security encryption challenge.

Friday 6th December: 3pm Christmas Fayre in hall and dining room.

Saturday 8th December: 4pm Combined East Cowes churches carol service @ St James' C of E Church, East Cowes - Queensgate choir in attendance.

Tuesday 10th December: Discos with AJ the DJ:
3.15 - 3.45 Reception, 4pm to 5.15pm Yrs 1, 2 & 3, 5.30 to 6.45 Yrs 4, 5 & 6

Monday 16th December: 1.15pm Year R Nativity to rest of the school.

Tuesday 17th December: 9.30am Year R Nativity to parents

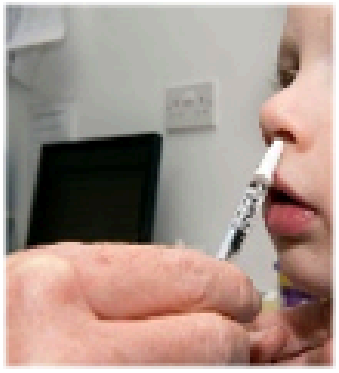
Wednesday 18th December: Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner day.

Friday 20th December: Last Day of term. Christmas Carol Concert.

Christmas Holidays from **Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January** inclusive.

Monday 6th January: INSET Day for staff (school closed for pupils).

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school



|The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for nasal flu vaccinations. If your child missed this but you would like them to receive it, **it's not too late.** There are community clinics available until the end of December.

To access the consent form please use the link:

https://bit.ly/3C4vuwR or QR code:

Your school code is: **136008**

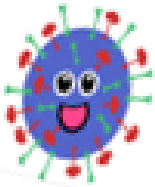
Clinics available are:

Thursday 24th October	**Ryde Bungalow** (next to Ryde Academy)	**09.50 - 13.20**
Tuesday 29th October	**Newport Family Centre** (next to Barton Primary)	**09.20 - 12.20**
Thursday 31st October	**West Wight Sports Centre**	**09.50 - 12.40**
Saturday 16th November	**Enterprise House, Monks Brook, Newport**	**09.00 - 12.30**
Saturday 7th December	**Enterprise House, Monks Brook, Newport**	**09.00 - 12.30**
Monday 16th December	~~Newport~~ (to be confirmed)	**13.30 - 16.30**
Tuesday 17th December	**Cowes Family Centre, Love Lane**	**14.50 - 16.20**
Thursday 19th December	**Sandown Family Centre, The Fairway**	**13.50 - 16.20**
Friday 20th December	**Ryde Family Centre, George Street**	**09.20 - 11.20**

Please complete a consent form to book in. If the clinic does not appear as an option, it is full.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, please use the link or QR code and select 'NO' on the consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

Please contact the school Aged Immunisation Service if you need any help or advice.
Email: iow.sai@solent.nhs.uk or Tel: 0300 123 5074



Prevent the spread of flu this winter

Protect your family

ISLE OF WIGHT CRICKET BOARD

COMMUNITY WINTER CRICKET TRAINING

Isle of Wight Cricket Board

£20 FOR 5 SESSIONS

All Stars & Dynamos Sessions!
All Stars 5-8 Year Olds
Dynamos 8-11 Year Olds

SIGN UP NOW!

Ventnor CC
Mondays
All Stars 5-6pm
18 November
25 November
2 December
9 December
16 December

https://forms.gle/c25vawtXj1Ljmd167

Google Form for sessions at Ventnor

Ventnor CC
Tuesdays
Dynamos 5-6pm
19 November
26 November
3 December
10 December
17 December

Ryde School - Wednesdays
All Stars 5.30-6.30pm,
Dynamos 6.30-7.30pm
20 November
27 November
4 December
11 December
18 December

https://forms.gle/ig5tc7q6GvfYpckdA

Google Form for sessions at Ryde School

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

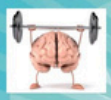
ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19+

City & Guilds APPROVED CENTRE · matrix · Education & Skills Funding Agency · Ofsted Good Provider

For further information or to book a place on any /all of these sessions please contact:
info@thecrossley.co.uk or phone 01983 861164 to get a joining pack

90 Minutes to Family Calm Series

Join our FREE (fully funded) online classes! – Join one or join them all....



- BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM – 7th Nov
- TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER – 14th Nov
- SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES – 21st Nov
- BUCKET FILLING FOR SELF-ESTEEM – 28th Nov
- RELAXING OUR KIDS – 5th Dec

Autumn Term 2024
7th Nov—5th Dec
Thursday evenings
6:00-7:30PM

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.

enrolment required **just once (for any number of sessions) per academic year*

ISLE of WIGHT COUNCIL

Further details can be found below.

Social media: https://facebook.com/events/s/isle-of-wight-santa-dash-2024-/1620116542253636/

Tickets: https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/ryde-district-round-table/santa-dash-2024-isle-of-wight

QUAYARTS

CROCKODOGOPIG @ Quay Arts Centre, Newport

Sunday 10th November

Onstage from 11.30am / 2pm

£10.50 (+Booking Fee)

Crockodogopig comes to Quay Arts on 10th November! This fun-filled family show combines live music, puppetry, comedy and beatboxing to tell the story of a mixed-up creature who has lost his Happy.

Audiences will join the Crockodogopig as he embarks on a quest to retrieve his stolen Happy from the wicked Kangalouse. But does the Kangalouse have a sinister scheme up his sleeve? Find out as Crock goes on this exciting journey!

A core aim of the show is to help children discover simple actions to improve their mental health.

Booking is recommended - to get your tickets please visit www.quayarts.org or call Quay Arts Box Office on 01983 822490.

Ages 3+

For further information please contact Lauren Whitham, Marketing & Media Co-ordinator (Maternity Cover)
marketing@quayarts.org T: 01983 822490

Quay Arts, Sea Street, Newport Harbour, Isle of Wight, PO30 5BD | Quay Arts Registered Charity No. 272007 (Steve Ross Foundation for the Arts)

QUAYARTS

SQUASHBOX THEATRE PRESENT…

The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness!

@ Quay Arts Centre, Newport

Saturday 30th November

Onstage from 11am / 2pm

£10.50 (+Booking Fee)

Coming to Quay Arts on 30th November as part of our Christmas Cracker Weekend we have Squashbox Theatre with 'The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness!'. This show is a celebration of EVERYTHING Christmas, from fir trees, fairy lights, sleigh bells, carols, snowflakes to crackers.

This show is an over-stuffed stocking of seasonal surprises crammed with a snowman who lives in a fridge, playing hunt the brussels sprout, songs, puppets, quizzes, comedy and much more! The perfect family show that's sure to get everyone in the festive spirit.

Booking is recommended - to get your tickets please visit www.quayarts.org or call Quay Arts Box Office on **01983 822490**.

For further information please contact Lauren Whitham, Marketing & Media Co-ordinator (Maternity Cover) marketing@quayarts.org
T: 01983 822490

Quay Arts, Sea Street, Newport Harbour, Isle of Wight, PO30 5BD | Quay Arts Registered Charity No. 272007 (Steve Ross Foundation for the Arts)