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# **Rock Bottom**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Year 6 Show

Our Year 6 children delighted us with their show Rock Bottom, with much singing and jokes.

Well done to all the children and the Year 6 teaching team.

Next week the majority of Year 6 will be going on a residential trip to Runways End in Aldershot. The children not going will be doing a variety of activities in school.



#### **Disco Day**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July our PTFA will be holding discos for the children to enjoy. Reception will be having their disco between 3:15pm and 3:45pm and the cost is £1.50 per child.

Years 1, 2 and 3 will be between 4:00pm and 5:15pm and the cost is £2.00.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be 5:30pm and 6:45pm and the cost is £2.00 for years 4, 5 and Year 6 will go free as part of their end of term celebrations.

Like last time the children need to come in through the dining room doors and leave through the hall doors at the back of the school. Parents will need to pick up all children apart from Year 6 who may walk home on their own if you are agreeable to that.

Tickets are available at the door.

### Mardi Gras - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Queensgate have a team of children and adults taking part in the Mardi Gras in Ryde on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Come along and support them if you can. The parade starts at 3:00 pm from Simeon Recreation Ground in Ryde. Please have a look at the map.

### **Move Up Morning and Transition Days**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July the children will be meeting their new teachers for next year. All Year 6 children will be visiting their secondary schools. Please note it is down to the children and families to ensure they get to their secondary schools. Queensgate staff do not provide transport. Year 6 children (apart from those going to Cowes Enterprise College) will also be at their secondary schools on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The CEC Year 6 children will need to come to Queensgate on that day.

There is a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher on the evening of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July between 5:15pm and 6:15pm. The school will be open for you to have a look around generally and see the work that the children have been doing this academic year and a chance to meet the teachers for next academic year.

### **Out & About**

The final Reception group had the opportunity to visit Bembridge Lifeboat Station on Tuesday morning in their Out and About session. The children were shown both the inshore inflatable boat as well as the large Tamar lifeboat in the boathouse, by Paul one of the RNLI volunteers. The children learnt about how quickly the crew need to get to the boat if a rescue needs undertaking, what the crew wear and how the boat is launched for rescues. Paul spoke to the children about seaside safety and what they can do to look after themselves when visiting the beach. The team at the lifeboat station would like to pass on a huge thanks to our Reception parents for their kind donations to the RNLI.

The lifeboat crew do training launches most Tuesday evenings at 7pm throughout the Summer (next one is Tues 5th July). It's great to watch the lifeboat whoosh down the slipway into the sea and learn more about what the RNLI do. Check their Facebook page "Bembridge RNLI" or <a href="http://www.bembridgelifeboat.org.uk">http://www.bembridgelifeboat.org.uk</a> for updates. Note, it's worth arriving at

the boathouse by 6.30pm.





On Tuesday afternoon the 6LR Out and About team went to Ryde beach. To celebrate their final Out and About session, the group enjoyed playing volleyball, Spikeball, building sandcastles and paddling in the sea. It was great to see all the children enjoying their afternoon out, getting on well and

playing together.







Year 5 have been learning about Space this term. The 5RA Out and About group visited the Planetarium at Fort Victoria on Wednesday morning. Astronomer, Paul England, spoke to the children about how the earths tilt gives us seasons, the angle of the sun in comparison to other parts of the world at different points throughout the year and the different moons phases. The children then enjoyed watching shows in the domed theatre about Tim Peake's visit to the International Space Centre, details about the eight planets and the galaxies beyond our own Solar System. The children were all keen to share their knowledge and were fantastic at answering and asking questions. Well done 5RA!







This week, the Out and About after school club had fun feeding the pigs and piglets at Quarr Abbey. The children enjoyed visiting the farm shop to buy pig food, having a walk through the woodland as

well as playing in the meadow.







Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (including jumper), comfortable walking boots / trainers and a waterproof coat or sun hat depending on the forecast and activity.

Tuesday 5th July am - RAB

Beach

Please bring a towel and spare outfit.

Lacey, Forest, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ, Henry and Kendall.

Tuesday 5th July pm - Year 6

(O&A for those who are not attending the residential - see letter).

Wednesday 6th July am - 5PG

New Battery testing site (wear comfortable walking shoes)

Nyah, Jaydon, Kaydee, Jack D, Leo E, Lily, Toby, Oliver, Shay, Millie, Owen, Thea and Poppy.

\*Please note 5RA O&A group 4 will be visiting the planetarium on 13.7.22 due to availability.

Wednesday 6th July pm - 4MC

Seaside sketching

Aribella, Amber-May, Gracie, Joe, Kiera, Summer W, Evie, Elsie, Chloe Stay, Toby, Harrison, Jude, Olivia and Lily-Fawn.

#### **Family Support**

This week I visited **East Cowes Community Food Pantry** at the Community Spirited Café on Vectis Road to find out what support they could offer Queensgate families.

I was given a very warm welcome from Jane and the other staff / volunteers. They explained the process of the pantry which is very easy to access, with no referral necessary. Families are able to visit once a week and pay £5 in exchange for around £15 worth of food of your own choosing. They had a great selection of meats, dairy products, cereals, eggs and tinned food.



The food pantry runs on the following days and are open as usual throughout the school holidays.

**Tuesday from 13:30 - 15:30** (busiest day)

Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 until 12:30.

The food pantry are funded by Connect4communities but would also be extremely grateful for any donations and fundraisers. April Jeffers

#### Year 2 Rescued!

Year 2 had a real surprise on Thursday! They had written letters in English asking to be rescued from the dungeon that featured in the book they have been reading, "I'll Take you to Mrs Cole".

We 'sent' the letters to the fire service and they came to rescue the children from the terrifying dungeon!

Firefighter Matt told them all about the air paths that are used to rescue people from mud or sinking sand. The children had to work as a team to get the paths out and at the end were able to bounce their way back to safety. Thank you to firefighter Matt and firefighter Kirsten for visiting after their night shift. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.









### **QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP**



#### **Peach Games report**

Queensgate were one of 26 schools to take part in the Peach games – an event where children take part in events but in a less competitive way.

Each school was encouraged to be a 'Commonwealth Country' for the day as the Commonwealth Games are soon to be held in Birmingham. Scotland was allocated to Queensgate and several flags were made and displayed on cricket stumps – cricket being a major sport in the games and played throughout the commonwealth.

Here are some children from Queensgate taking part in some of the sports – New Age Kurling, Archery and Boccia. It was a great fun day and superbly organised.













Cricket; after the disappointment of losing in the semi-final of the softball cricket, the Under 11 team travelled to Nine Acres for the quarter final of the cup. Nine Acres batted on a tricky pitch and ended on 231-4; the team fielded and bowled well. In reply, the team had a few hiccups along the way but a strong finish saw the team finish on 253-5 and a 22 run win. The team now play in the finals at Newclose Cricket Club on Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>.



## What's for dinner next week?

Learn Grow...

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Chinese Chicken Noodle	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	BBQ Veggie Burger with Chips
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Fruity Flapjack Bar	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Crispy Crackle Bar

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.



## Then try this....

Nyah in 5PG has just finished reading Dragon Rider – The Aurelia Curse, written by Cornelia Funke.

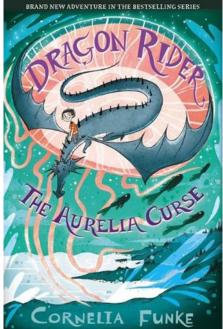
A boy called Ben meets a magic silver dragon and they become good friends. They go on an adventure together to try to stop a terrifying enemy from destroying a very important sea creature called The Aurelia. If The Aurelia dies, then all other sea creatures will die too. Ben and the magic dragon try to save her.

Nyah really likes the dragon in this book because he is unique and friendly and she wishes that he was real!

Nyah says you should definitely read this book because it's great for using your imagination and the story is really exciting – it's hard to put the book down.

This book and others in the series are in our fantastic school library for you to borrow!

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share them here.



#### Summer Fair - Water and Wine Stall

As you know our Summer Fair is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please help out if you can! See the flyers again on the next page.

There will be a water or wine stall. Could the children bring in either a bottle of water or a bottle of wine or indeed any other bottle on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July please?

#### **Sports Days**

Both of our sports days are on the final week of term. It will also be Mr Giles, our PE leader's, final week too! Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their sports day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am – 12pm and Years R, 1 and 2 will have their sports day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am – 11:30am. All children must wear full PE kit and trainers. They need hair tied back as always and a named water bottle as always.

#### **Support Over the Summer Holidays**

We understand that for some families the summer holidays can be a difficult time without the support of school. Mrs Jeffers, who many of you know, will be available on two occasions over the holidays on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Her email address is <a href="mailto:ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk">ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk</a> if you would like to contact her.

#### Alert about games and programmes that children are accessing

A programme called Huggy Wuggy has come to my attention this week. It is connected to an online game. There are concerns about the content. Some of the children have worn a T-shirt with the character on to school. Please check what the children are accessing. This one is readily available on Youtube and we have been caught out with it ourselves. Could I ask that the children do not bring in or wear any memorabilia connected to this game and programme? Please look it up for yourselves to find out more.

#### Message from the Mental Health Support Team

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be working in your school from September. We are a newly established service in the treatment of mild to moderate mental health conditions. The MHST on the Isle of Wight is a multi-agency collaborative formed of the IW Youth Trust, Barnardo's and the IW NHS Trust.

Our work will involve working with your school to establish a "Whole school approach," to improving mental health. We will also be working directly with parents in groups on how to manage their child's anxiety or challenging behaviour. If you feel you or your child would benefit, then please ask Mrs Jeffers to refer them into our service. If you have any questions about our service, then please contact our email address; iownt.mhst@nhs.net

We look forward to working with you.

Whole school attendance 93.80%.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

This week 1CE achieved 98.7% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher













### Getting Ready for School Nurturing Young Brains Workshop











Workshops throughout the year Book a free place now on Eventbrite:

https://iowfamilycentres.eventbrite.co.uk

A recent survey shows that 71% of parents feel anxious about their child starting school. It is quite natural to feel this way

During this workshop we'll look at Brain development; Learning at home; Play; Early independence; Routines and more







### **Funded**



### Summer Activity Club

Primary School Queensgate Beatrice Ave.

Monday 25th July	Tuesday 26th July	Wednesday 27th July	Thursday 28th July	Friday 29th July
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Our course is only open to Girls and boys from our course is only open to sinis and boys noting years 1-9 (inclusive) who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. The aim of our courses are for children to have a great time and make friends in a safe, structured but fun environment. A hot two course meal will be provided on the day for your Child.

Activity Club Content
Our Activity childcare club will still be based
around fun multisport games and team
building challenges. However, to ensure a safe
operation we have planned adaptations to each
session and any equipment we use.

The Activity club can include a choice of:

-Football •Uni Hcc •Softball •Nerf Games

-Go-Karts •Baskelball •Dodgeball •Badminto

-Tennis •RC Cars •Frisbee •Arts and Crafts

-Benchball •Lego •Inflatables

Times
For safety reasons we have also altered the time of our holiday club from 9:30am to 4:00pm. No early and late drop off option.





ARTS COUNCIL READING

Ways to book
Please book online at cm-sports.co.uk
where possible or use the booking form
from your childs school. You will be not
if your booking cannot be fulfilled.

Please book online where possible

# What do I need to bring? We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities to best equip for the British weather, however please ensure that children bring with them suitable clothing

and plenty to drink. Who will look after my child? Our coaches make it their mission for your child to have the best time whilst they are with us. They are enthusiastic, professiona in their approach and have a passion for

Our staff are:
•Qualified Paediatric First Aid •FA and multiskills qualified •DBS certificated •Registered by Ofsted •Child protection



cycle of deployment as well as how to look after your wellbeing. Come along for some top tips as well as to hear/discuss with others in the same situation as you!

### Date: Monday 18th July 2022 Time: 6pm-8pm

This workshop is being run by your local IAPT services iTalk and Talking Change, in collaboration with Anchoring Minds. To register your interest and to receive sign up details please email anchoringminds@solentmind.org.uk



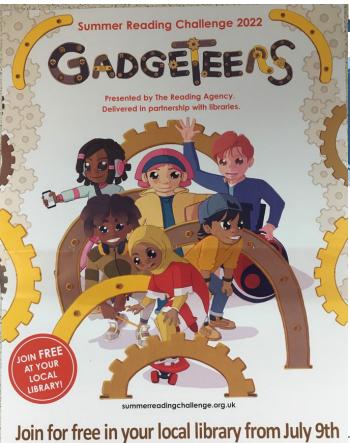
















### SEND Open Day 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

We are holding an open day for year 6 students and their parents/carers in addition to the two transition days on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> huly, which are for all year 6 students. The day is aimed at students with special educational needs. It will comprise of a tour of the Academy and a chat with the SEND team.

We will be offer • 9.30-10.30

01983 618418

BOOKING

If you would like to visit us and discuss any concerns or worries you have regarding the transition, or indeed how we can support your child with their holistic education, then please either email or call us using the contact details in the left column. We will require your contact number, email address and names of persons attending as well as any medical needs we need to be aware of

#### Unable to attend the date above

If you are unable to attend on the 8<sup>th</sup> July but would still like to discuss transition in relation to special educational needs then please do get in

Ms Emma Williamson ewilliamson@rydeacademy.org



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# New food voucher scheme

Eligible Islanders who need help with the cost of living can apply for one-off food vouchers. You can spend them any of the Island's eight major supermarkets, or in one of the community pantries in Ryde, Ventnor or East Cowes.

The scheme includes:

- A £125 food voucher for residents who get for Local Council Tax Support and Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit
- A £50 food voucher per household eligible for Local Council Tax Support and benefits-related Free School Meals or Early Years Pupil Premium
- A £25 food voucher for residents eligible for Local Council Tax Support where there are no children
  or pensioners living at the property

You can apply online or pick up an application form from different locations across the Island.

Click here for more information

