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Primary School



## Visit from An Olympian

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Robert Mitchell Olympic High Jumper

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October Robert Mitchell will be visiting Queensgate. Here is a little information about Robert that he has written himself.

Having started high jump at the age of 16 at school breaking the school record I gained my first international in Paris aged 17 in 1997. Working my way through the ranks as an amateur I jumped 2m 25 (Olympic Qualifying) at the age of 20 years old. Having been ranked second in Europe for my event in that year I broke the southern English record and the National Record for welsh. Competing on the international scene for 13years all over the world and making European finals not to mention two commonwealth games finals in both Manchester and Melbourne Australia. My aspirations for



2020 at the age of 39 is to break the National record for my age group and win gold at the world champs with a possibility of getting close to the world record in my age group. Olympics for 2020 at the age of 39 would be nice but never say never. Staying in the sport and showing that age is just a number is my goal coming into 2020 by still ranking in the top 20 High jumpers in the UK.

Each child will have the opportunity to do some practical work with Robert and there will be two inspirational assemblies, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. Attributes of world-class athletes are what we encourage for the children in school namely, to be healthy, work hard and aim high.

**Please can the children all come in their PE kits ready to meet our guest on Monday** (apart from the Reception group going to the Patch.)

Please also ensure they have their named water bottle with them, as always.

## School Council

We are pleased to introduce you to our new School Council following a vote in year groups. Congratulations to them all. They will be involved in lots of work especially around developing the grounds around the new school.

**1KS - Max Dyson**

**1CE - Lillie-Mae Hurdman**

**2GC - Bella Bishop**

**2KA - Alfie Stabler**

**3PT - Issabella Mills**

**3BM - George Burr**

**4AH - Grace Woodage**

**4MC - Jude Daly**

**5RA - Jamie Sweeney**

**5PG - Olivia-Mai Puzey**

**6LR - Maisy Gilpin**

**6TS - Marika Formela**

## Harvest Festival

Today we have had two Harvest Festival assemblies led by Rev Sue (as well as two Focus Learner assemblies!) The children sang two Harvest songs and Year 4 read a poem. We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for all the donations you sent in to support The Foodbank. I was blown away by your generosity - thank you!



## Big Anti-Bullying Assembly

Next week the children of Queensgate will have the opportunity to watch the Big Anti-Bullying Assembly online.

## Open Morning

Do you know people who have a child due to start primary school next September? Please be sure to let them know that we have an open morning on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 until 10.30. This is an opportunity to hear about our school and have a tour.

## Walking through the Car Park

Please do not walk through the carpark under any circumstances at any time. There is a path running alongside the carpark up to the front entrance. It is dangerous to walk through the carpark and sets a bad example to the children. **PLEASE USE THE PATH!**

## Breakfast Club

If you require your child to have breakfast please ensure that they are in breakfast club before 8.15am. Thank you.

## Attendance

Please remember the procedure for absences from school. Ring the school on first day of absence. Keep the school updated. When your child returns send in a note (written or email) with details of absence. This note will make all absences authorised rather than unauthorised. Thank you.

## Year 6 sailing

Last week both Year 6 classes had the opportunity to attend a free sailing lesson at UKSA. Both classes met down at the floating bridge and went across with Miss Radcliffe and Mrs Jones to the UKSA site. They were kitted out and told about how to stay safe out on the water. From the photos it certainly looks like they had an amazing time. Sailing is a great activity especially on the Isle of Wight and can lead to some brilliant prospects in the future.

"It was really fun!" "I really want to do it again!" "James & Owen fell in - it was refreshing!"



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## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the 1KS Out and About group visited St Helens Beach. The children had a brilliant time exploring the shoreline and hunting for crabs. Some children decided to make their own habitats in containers for their crabs, carefully thinking about what they needed. The children all enjoyed digging in the sand, collecting shells and playing in the sand kitchen too.



The 3BM Out and About group had an amazing time orienteering in Firestone Copse on Tuesday afternoon. The children were very energetic and keen to run and find the orienteering markers. They became confident using their compasses to work out which direction they needed to go and enjoyed a muddy route back to the minibus.



On Wednesday morning the 4MC Out and About team visited Briddlesford Farm. They watched the young calves having their morning milk and got hands on, helping to feed the older calves some hay. The children had a tour of the working dairy farm and learnt lots about the running of the farm, as well as facts about cows digestion and teeth. They helped the farm celebrate World School Milk day with a cup of creamy Briddlesford milk at the end of the morning!



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The 2KA Out and About group visited Quarr Abbey on Wednesday afternoon. The children met the piglets, went inside the Abbey, explored the forest and picked blackberries. As they walked through the woods we discussed different habitats and which living things need to live in / grow in a woodland habitat. The children enjoyed looking for signs of Autumn and loaded their pockets, collecting their first conkers of the season.



In Out and About after-school club, the gang chilled out in Firestone Copse with a hot chocolate whilst doing some Autumn leaf rubbings and mindfulness colouring in the sun.



**Out and About next week...**

Please wear old play clothes (e.g. leggings, joggers or suitable shorts, T-shirt and jumper) and bring a sun hat or waterproof coat with you depending on the weather.

Year 1 - 1CE Tuesday am

Visiting the forest - wear wellies

Leo, Mia, Callum, Ayia, Theo, Layla, Freddie, Lille-Mae, Nathan, Emily, Arlo, Jamie and Milana.

Year 3 - 3PT Tuesday pm

Walking at Mottistone- wear wellies or walking boots

Ryan, Emily B, Teddy, Skyla, Maya, Amelia, Arthur, Evie, Maxul, Ava, Jake, Jack R, Zachary and Emily T.

Year 4 - 4AH Wednesday am

Briddlesford Farm-wear wellies

Theo, Freddie, Lexie, Alayna, Archie, Oscar, James, Felicity, Isabella, Rochelle, George, Toby, James D, Sienna and Emily.

Year 2 - 2GC Wednesday pm

Woodland walk- wear wellies

Ashton, Maddie, Annabella, Toby, Destiny, Hannah, Edward, Jack, Logan, Jesse, Charley, Oscar S, Marnie, Tommy and Elliott.

Year 2 - 2GC Wednesday

PE activities during PPA. Please come to school in PE kit

Emily-May, Ben, Mia-Rose, Oscar G, Harry G, Oscar H, Cooper, Ruben, Jacob, Paloma, Harvey, Fletcher, Tula, River and Rhys.

## Introducing Queensgate PTFA!

We'll keep things short and sweet as we know you are all busy and have lots to do. But since we're a friendly group, we'd really like to introduce ourselves if you haven't already heard about us.

### *Why do we have a PTFA?*

Our main role within the school community is to raise as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve the experiences of all the children in Queensgate.

We also provide all those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as treats for children on the last day of school, funding towards 'The Patch', Christmas activities and presents, and much, much more.

### *Our PTFA Team*

The PTFA events and activities are run by a committee and network of parents/teachers/friends who are all volunteers.

Every individual gives as little or as much of their time as they choose and we try to use any existing skills and passions where we can.

We will never ask anyone to commit to anything, we just let you know if we need help and if you can great and if you can't that's ok too.

Every parent in the school is automatically a part of the schools PTFA, if you think you would like to play a more active role or have a family member who'd like to know more please do get in touch on the PTFA facebook page.

### *Committee Vacancies*

We are currently looking for a Treasurer, this could be a parent/teacher or family member who has some experience with accounts or expense management that could donate a few hours a year or if you could recommend anyone to this role it would be much appreciated.

We are hoping to get charity status by the end of this school year so the Treasurer would also have the option of becoming a charity trustee as and when the need arises.

**[www.facebook.com/queensgateptfa](http://www.facebook.com/queensgateptfa)**

### **Non-Uniform Day**

On Friday 15th October (last day of term) the PTFA are organising a non-uniform day. In return for not wearing uniform we kindly request that an item is donated to make up some Rainbow hampers that will be raffled off on 5th November. Some suggested coloured items are listed on the next page, but any donation will be greatly appreciated. Please do not send in perishable items. All the money raised will go back to benefit the children at Queensgate Primary, and enable the PTFA to fund lots of activities, clothes, sheds, improvements to the grounds etc.

Thank you in advance of your kind donation. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale the week beginning 1st November.

### **PTFA LOGO Competition**

You may remember that as we broke up last July we advertised a competition for children to enter a logo competition. We currently use the school's logo but wanted our own one for the PTFA. It should be based along similar lines or incorporate the school logo but needs to be unique too. There is a prize for the chosen logo of £10 toy shop or Amazon voucher. Please submit all entries to the school office by **Wednesday 5th October**. We will announce the winner in next week's newsletter.

# RAINBOW RAFFLE

## DONATION IDEAS

These are just ideas... All donations are welcome!

**YEAR 6  
RED**

Red Wine, Malteser, Budwiser Beer, McVities Digestives, Ready Salted Crisps, Family Circle Biscuits, Kit Kats, Skittles, Pimms, Celebrations, Bournville Chocolate, Pombears, Munchies, Red toiletries, Red Candle.

**YEAR 5  
ORANGE**

Chocolate Orange, Orange Gin, Haribo Tangfastics, Fudge, Revels, Toffee Crisp, Orange Clubs, Mini Cheddars, Bucks Fizz, Orange Fanta, J20, Doritos, Orange Car Air Freshener, Orange Toiletries, Orange Candle, Orange Stationary, Orange Juice/Squash.

**YEAR 4  
YELLOW**

Lemon Gin, Cadbury Flakes, Cadbury Caramel, Toblerone, Skips, Custard Creams, Jelly Babies, Quavers, Lemon Fanta, Mr Kipling Lemon Slices, Jelly Tots, Yellow Candle, Yellow Toiletries, Yellow Toy Car, Yellow Book.

**YEAR 3  
GREEN**

Gordon's Gin, Heineken beer, Mint Chocolates, Mint Aero, Matchmakers, After Eights, Appletizer, Apple Juice, Fruit Pastilles, Sour Cream Pringles, Green Toiletries, Green Candle, Green Toy.

**YEAR 2  
BLUE**

Mermaid Gin, Roses Chocolates, Fosters Beer, Party Rings, Haribo, Oreos, Milky Bars, Chocolate Hobnobs, Doritos, Tetley Tea, Bounty, Cheese and Onion Crisps, Blue Car Air Freshener, Blue Football, Crispy M&M's

**YEAR 1  
PINK**

Pink Fizz, Rose Wine, Marshmallows, Pink Gin, Raspberry Laces, Pink Wafers, Strawberry Fruitellas, Pink Bath Bomb, Nail Varnish, Loveheart Sweets, Pink Toiletries, Fruit Mentos

**RECEPTION  
PURPLE**

Quality Streets, Dairy Milk, Cadbury's Hot Chocolate, Chocolate Fingers, Ribena, Vimto, Parma Violet Sweets, Heroes Chocolates, Purple Candle, Purple Bath Bomb,

EXTRA IDEAS – Vouchers and gift cards in coloured envelopes, Novelty Accessories (Halloween or Christmas), Books for kids and grown ups, Small toys or teddies



# What's for dinner next week?

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Allegra's Garlicky Chicken and Spanishy Spuds	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	CENSUS DAY—see menu below	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta
Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice		Veggie Lasagne served with a Bread Wedge
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage		Green Beans and Sweetcorn
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin	Strawberry Ice Cream		Creamy Peach Rice Pudding

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

Census Day
KS1 Free  
KS2 £2.15

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## Census Day Menu

**Did you know?**  
Eating oily fish like salmon and fresh tuna helps to keep your brain healthy!

Choose a Main Meal...


Golden Fish Fingers & Chips  
Meat Free Nuggets & Chips (v)  
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo

On the Side...

Peas  
Baked Beans


For Dessert...

Chocolate Sponge Cake  
or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt



Please speak to reception to sign up today!

Don't forget! If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2 then you can get their meal free of charge!





## Dates for your Diary

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October break up for the half term holiday at 3 pm  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November children return to school at 8.40 am  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3:15 – 5:00 Parents and carers consultation evening  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 3:30 – 7.00 Parents and carers consultation evening  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November No Pens Day – spoken language only  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 Reception Nativity show to parents  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas dinner day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carol Service in St James Church (tbc)  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party day – children off timetable and in mufti  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December break up the Christmas holiday at 3 pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December INSET day  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December day off for all in lieu of the Queen's birthday  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 INSET day  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 children return to school at 8.40 am



# Isle of Wight Family Centres

Our next online workshop is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9:30-11am.

Please go to Eventbrite - <https://iowfamilycentres.eventbrite.co.uk>

Healthy Balance Workshop (Friday 15th October) 9.30am-  
11.30am

Fri, 15 Oct 2021 09:30 BST

Free



Breastfeeding Workshop (Wednesday 3rd November 2021) 9.30-  
11.30am

Wed, 3 Nov 2021 09:30 GMT

Free



## Nut Free School

Please can I remind you that we have some children with severe nut allergies so please ensure there are no products containing nuts in lunch boxes. Many thanks

## Benji Blog



After spending Monday afternoon searching for insects during 6LR's science class, it was time for Benji club. This week the focus of the club was to help improve Benji's area to make it more interesting for him. The children planted some lavender to help him relax, made some sand pits for him to dig in and made some agility challenges. At first Benji found going through the tyres a challenge so we had to break it down into stages for him so he could succeed. Zac then created his own obstacle course for Benji to attempt. Thanks to **Osborne Garage** for the tyres.



This was too much of a challenge.

Smaller steps worked though.



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## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



The Year 5 football team played their first league game in the new school football kit, sponsored by Utilita. The Bay were the opponents – led by Mr Mitchell who used to work at Queensgate. The game finished 0-0 but the effort by both teams was excellent and neither team deserved to lose. Plenty to build on for the team – well done.

Big thanks To Utilita for sponsoring our new football kit.

## Love reading?

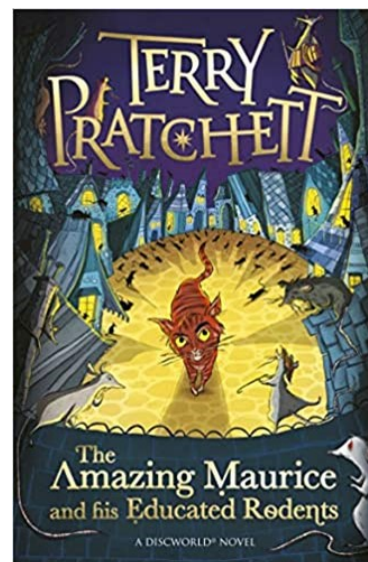
## Then try this....

Ella in 6LR loves reading and she reads everything! Lately she has read *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents* by Terry Pratchett.

Ella enjoyed this book because she likes animals and the way that the animal characters came up with cunning plans to scare humans to get their food. Maurice, the cat and his rat friends are special because they can talk to humans.

There were happy and sad parts to this story which kept Ella on the edge of her seat.

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 it here.



**Whole school attendance 94.16%.**

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

**This week 1KS achieved 99.18% attendance! Well done.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher