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**Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School**



Interim Reports will be out Next Friday

Dear Parents/carers,

### English and Maths Projects

Even though these are unusual times Queensgate has signed up for two projects – an English project to support the children with their writing and a maths mastery project to support maths learning through the school. We welcome Hannah Satchel, an English consultant, to our school on Monday.



### Google Classroom Training

We are currently working behind the scenes to get Google Classroom up and running so that if we have a local or national lockdown or any bubbles need to be sent home we can continue teaching using Google Classroom for Year 2 – 6. Tapestry will be used for Reception and Year 1. Please see Page 4 for more details.



### Interim Reports

As you are aware we are unable to hold Parents and carer consultations at this time.

Interim reports are due out next Friday letting you know about how the children have settled into their new classes, what your child's attitude to learning and work is and their next steps in reading, writing and maths. If, having read the report, you would like to discuss anything with your child's class teacher please let us know. If your child has special needs you should also have a pupil passport sent home for you to read and sign and return too.

### Open Mornings

We are unable to hold our open mornings for next year's prospective Reception class. Instead we will make a short film about Queensgate and show a tour of the school. This will be uploaded to our website next Friday. I am happy to show people around individually so if you know any friends or family looking for a primary school next September please let them know about these arrangements.

### Building Update

Sir Robert McAlpine and their contractors are working at pace to complete the area to the front of the new school. They have tarmacked the paths and our new playground. They are currently bringing in topsoil for the landscaped areas and will be completing security fences along the paths. On Monday 5th October, the carpark will be completely closed to **ALL** cars as they are line painting. Any blue badge holders should use their badges to park on the double yellow lines on Beatrice Avenue. As staff will be parking on the road, it may be much easier if you live in East Cowes to walk your children to school that day. Over the page are some shots from the 2nd floor!



## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **1CE** Out and About group enjoyed visiting Osborne House. The children learnt about how the Royal Princes and Princesses grew up at their holiday home in East Cowes. 1CE used their senses to hunt for objects to complete a trail around the beautiful gardens too.

As part of Year 1s class work about Our bodies, the children from 1CE have been invited back to Osborne over the next fortnight to explore how they use their bodies in the play parks!



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3BM Out and About children had an amazing adventure on Tuesday afternoon. The children were set the challenge of using their map and compass skills to plan an orienteering trail for the other half of their class to complete next week. They led Mrs Hiscock and I (Mrs Johnson) over fallen trees, through overgrown pathways and across muddy puddles. They demonstrated great team work and we all had a super time!



On Wednesday the children in reception were learning about the sound m. The Out and About group from RSJ had a call from the Owl and Monkey Haven to see if they could hunt for some monkeys that had escaped from their enclosures! The children went for a walk around East Cowes and managed to rescue the missing monkeys. They enjoyed taking them to the play park and listened nicely to some monkey stories whilst they had their snack in the park.



All of 2GC enjoyed some Out and About time on the Patch in the rain on Wednesday afternoon. The children have been practising the graphemes oi and oy in phonics. They had fun throwing pine cones and acorns into the sound buckets, hunting for real and nonsense words to feed Obb and Bob as well as exploring the Patch.



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# 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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Salad	Lemon Turkey stuffed Pitta Pouch with Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish Fingers with Chips
Summer Vegetable Risotto	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Cheese & Potato Wheel With Chips
Sweetcorn Peas	Tomato & Onion Slaw Grated Carrot & Raisin Salad	Carrot Cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
Banana Chocolate Oaty Square Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Marble Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Orange Drizzle Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Peaches & Ice Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

## Google Classroom

We will be carrying out a survey soon to find out what access to the internet children have. Google Classroom is available as an APP so will work on smart phones and tablets, as well as laptops (especially Chromebooks). We won't be setting work that has to be printed, all work set should be available to do online. Or it may be that the children do some written work, drawing, painting etc - this can be 'turned in' by taking a photo of the work and uploading it to Google Classroom. We certainly don't want to have loads of paper and printing as in the last lockdown, although we will obviously do this if a child doesn't have any access at all. Over the next few weeks Years 2 to 6 should be getting their log in details and some training within the classroom—the great thing about Google Classroom is that any work they do in school - they can pick up again at home.



As an introduction, here is the link that I sent out in last week's newsletter to give you a quick taster of Google Classroom.

<https://youtu.be/OUaAC6j8HZk>

## Positive Quote

"The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them."

**Whole school attendance 96.82%.**

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

**This week 6LR achieved 99.63% attendance!**

**Well done.**

Best wishes,

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**



## Newsletter - September / October 2020

**COVID - 19** Following a period of lockdown brought on by COVID-19, and a forced change to our pace of life, many people have taken time to reflect upon many aspects of their lives. One being the way we travel from place to place.



Bike sales around the world, went through the roof, as people re-discovered the joy and simplicity of cycling. Many scientific studies have shown that even a short period of time with increased active travel trips and decreased car trips has made a significant and positive difference to our fragile world.

We would like to encourage all IOW school communities to embrace the changing seasons



### WALK to SCHOOL WEEK

12th to 16th October

We are challenging parents to 'ditch the car' and Walk to school. If you'd prefer to Cycle or Scoot then that's also great.

Just let your teacher know how you got to school at morning registration and you could be in with a chance of winning a prize.

### THE SHIFT IT APP

Our APP has been given a facelift and is ready to go. Schools can use it as part of morning registration to collect evidence that supports your school's health and wellbeing agenda.



### PRIZES AVAILABLE

This academic year we have prizes on offer for individuals that travel to school by walking, cycling or scooting.

### SHIFT IT RIDES and TRAINING

We are pleased to say that we are able to deliver cycle and scooter training in schools and in the community. We are following the government guidance for group cycling and scooting.

[www.shift-it.iub](http://www.shift-it.iub) / [contact@shift-it.iub](mailto:contact@shift-it.iub)



### Schools Award

GOLD SCHOOL HALL OF FAME



Bembridge...  
Queensgate...  
Binstead... Newport...  
Gurnard... Holy Cross...  
Gatten & Lake...  
The Bay... Newchurch...  
Dover Park... St Francis...  
Cowes... Lanesend...  
St Marys... Haylands

The award has three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold), which provide a structure to measure a school's commitment to active and sustainable travel.

Most schools on the IOW have achieved at least Bronze level



## CONGRATULATIONS

Your PE teacher has selected you to attend some girls only football sessions delivered by FA Qualified Coaches at Oakfield Youth FC. The first session is FREE.

If you enjoy the session and would like to join, the signing on fee is £45 which includes all training, matches and a playing kit.

We are looking for players for our u9s (year 3 & 4) and U11s (year 5 & 6) to participate in monthly Girls football festivals and regular matches. We also have an u13 team who train at the same time.

**PLACE: Ryde Academy 6<sup>th</sup> form site field, entry off playstreet lane.**

**TIME: 5.00pm – 6.00pm**

**DATES: Every Thursday (term time only)**

You will need Shinpads (we have some spare if required), trainers or boots and a bottle of water.



For more information and to confirm your place, please text or call Donna Day or Andy Day on 07731771660 or email [andyday77@live.co.uk](mailto:andyday77@live.co.uk).

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**Share what is best | Enjoy the challenge**

### Results from 2019...

- KS4:** Our GCSE Progress 8 score of +0.12 places us in the top third of schools nationally.
- KS4:** Progress score places us as the top school on the Isle of Wight and in the top quarter of all schools in the Hampshire and IoW region.
- KS4:** All our core subject departments are in top third of schools nationally, and our Maths progress score of +0.33 places us in the top sixth, nationally.
- KS5:** Average grade of C and point score of 31.59 places us in top third of schools and colleges nationally.
- KS5:** Percentage of students achieving A-level AAB or higher in at least two facilitating subjects (Commonly needed for entry to leading universities) was 27%, placing us top of all schools and colleges in the Hampshire and IoW region, and in the top 6% nationally.

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# Christ the King College

**Year 6 Virtual Open Evening**  
**Wednesday 30th September, 6pm**



Join us on our website from 6pm:

[christthekingcollege.co.uk](http://christthekingcollege.co.uk)

The evening will involve: a virtual tour, a welcome from our Executive Principal and Head of Year 7 and a general introduction to our school community

If you are unable to attend, you will be able to access all information including the virtual tour and presentations via the Year 6 transition page of our website. If you would like any further information regarding the admissions process, please contact our Admissions Officer at: [amanda.holloway@christthekingcollege.co.uk](mailto:amanda.holloway@christthekingcollege.co.uk), 01983 537070

[christthekingcollege.co.uk](http://christthekingcollege.co.uk)

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## Dates for Your Diary

In current times we are doing a lot less with you than normal. Here are dates for your diary.

<b>Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October, 2020</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 21st December, 2020</b>	Last Day of Autumn Term
<b>Tuesday 22nd December, 2020</b>	INSET day (3) for staff
<b>Monday 4th January, 2021</b>	INSET day (4) for staff
<b>Tuesday 5th January, 2021</b>	Children start back for Spring Term 1
<b>Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February, 2021</b>	February Half Term
<b>Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April, 2020</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June, 2020</b>	Summer Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 21st June, 2021</b>	INSET day (5) for Staff
<b>Friday 23rd July, 2021</b>	Last day of the Summer Term

### CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES!





*RYDE / MONDAYS  
COWES / WEDNESDAYS  
NEWPORT / THURSDAYS  
VENTNOR / FRIDAYS  
(CLASS TIMES VARY)*

BEGINNERS,  
IMPROVERS &  
ADVANCED CLASSES.  
AGES 4+

*"AN ENERGETIC, EXPRESSIVE,  
UNIQUE STYLE, EXPLORING  
TECHNIQUE AND CREATIVITY."  
HAVING THE FREEDOM TO MOVE!*

QUALIFIED AND INSURED TEACHER  
DBS CHECKED  
FIRST AID TRAINED  
COVID-19 PREVENTION COURSE  
COMPLETED - (CLASSES ARE COVID-19  
SAFE WITH ESSENTIAL MEASURES PUT  
IN PLACE)

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**OPEN MORNING (VIRTUAL/ONLINE)**  
 SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 10AM TO 12.00 NOON

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER:  
[www.rydeschool.org.uk](http://www.rydeschool.org.uk)



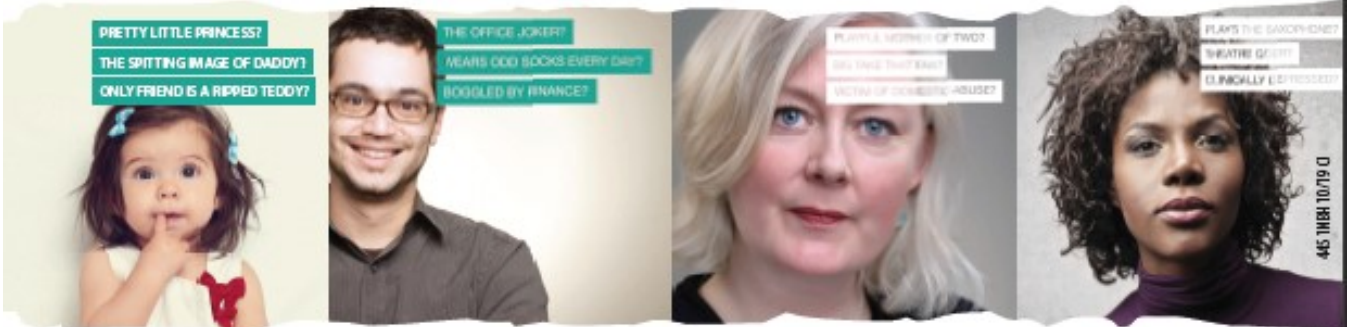
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# Domestic abuse can affect anyone.

If you are concerned about yourself, a friend or family member, we are here to help you.



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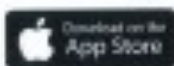
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2020 GET A **FREE**  
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Learn the alphabet with Hairy Letters!

**FREE**

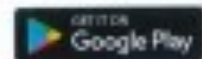
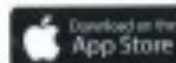
OCTOBER 1-7



Learn the 9 most common phonemes!

**FREE**

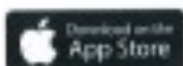
OCTOBER 8-14



Learn 100 common tricky words!

**FREE**

OCTOBER 15 - 21



Learn syllable division!

**FREE**

OCTOBER 22 - 31

