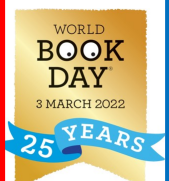


Tremendous World Book Day Characters

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

Thank you so much for your support with the children's costumes today, the children (and staff) looked absolutely amazing! There were lots of recognisable characters from some very famous books, and some not so obvious ones! We held two assemblies; one for Reception Year 1 and Year 2 and another for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. This was to announce the winners (a very tricky task and thanks to the teachers and other adults for making these very difficult decisions) and also to show the rest of the school all of the wonderful costumes. Here are some photos of the winning costumes:



Staff News

Today we say good-bye to Mr Cox after eleven years of working at Queensgate. We would like to thank Mr Cox for everything that he has done and all the hard work and commitment he has given to the school. We wish Mr Cox a long and happy retirement.



Year 6 Visit Osborne House

Our Year 6 children have been taking part in a competition to design a flowerbed to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was a very wet day but it did not dampen the spirits of either the children or Benji the dog.

We met not one but three Lord Lieutenants. These people are the representatives of the Queen on the Isle of Wight. We saw ceremonial tree planting as part of the Queen's Jubilee canopy project. This is a long tradition at Osborne House and each tree tells a story of an event.

Once the tree was planted we went to a very large empty flower bed where the new commemorative flowerbed will be. Four Queensgate children received a certificate for their great designs. These were Summer McGrath, Rebecca Barber, Chloe Lewin and Ben Page. Here is a picture of the four children with their designs.



Ben Page was the overall winner. His design will now be made by the gardeners at Osborne House, with the help of our Year 6 children, of course. Firstly, they will help to plant the seeds and when the seedlings are big enough they will help plant them to make the flowerbed, which will be in full bloom in August for you all to visit.

Ben was instantly thrown into a media frenzy. He will be in the County Press. He has been on Isle of Wight Radio and you may also have seen him on Wednesday's BBC South Today. Here is Ben with his design. Congratulations to Ben!

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Under 10 mixed football at Holy Cross. In very wet and damp conditions, Queensgate and Holy Cross played in an end to end game. It was a very enjoyable game but unfortunately the team lost 4 - 3.



Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **RSJ** Out and About group visited Hersey Nature Reserve on Seaview Duver. The children were all very excited to use binoculars and look for different birds. They were fortunate to see an egret, shovelers, a heron, teal, mallards, swans, a buzzard and snipe! We talked about the birds' different beaks and what they might eat. We met some birdwatchers who showed us their close up photographs of the snipe. The children enjoyed a hot chocolate (sheltering in the hide from the rain) whilst we looked through some non-fiction bird books.



The Out and About team from **1CE** visited Newtown on Wednesday morning. As part of their new topic on animals, the children enjoyed exploring the bird hide, salt marshes and creek, looking out for different wildlife. We had quite a muddy adventure (thankfully wearing wellies!) and had to go a little off-piste due to the deep muddy puddles and flooded meadows. The children spotted lots of wading birds as well as Brent geese. We talked about migration and the long journey the geese make each winter. As we walked around Newtown we looked out for signs of Spring too, spotting lots of snowdrops and daffodils.



The Year 3 and Year 5 children are demonstrating great determination within their swimming lessons and are all really striving to do their best in the pool each week. It was great to see them raring to go this week, after the half term break.

Our Year 3 Super Swimmers from this Wednesday are:

Jamie, George J, Bradley, Afie PF, Jake P, Rosie, Amy, Leon S, Ryan, Elsie-Mae and Levi.

This week our Year 5 swimming certificates are awarded to:

Megan, Jaylen, Poppy, Jaymie, Charlie, Zak, Emilia, Rachel, Rose, Maria, Jude, Freddy and Thea.

Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears warm play clothes, lots of layers, hat, scarf, gloves, wellies and a warm waterproof coat. Bring shoes in a named bag to change into for the afternoon. If your child does not own wellies, please let us know beforehand and we will do our best to loan them a pair for their O&A session.

Tuesday 1st March am - RSJ

Hersey Nature Reserve

Bella-Louise, Sophie, Harry D, Dèva-Mae, Elijah, Lena, Charlie, Paisley, Riley, Jesse, Figgy, Harry H, Rory and Jack.

Wednesday 2nd March am -1KS

Newtown walk

Tylan, Henley, Ralph, Ayrton, Amber-Rose, Peyton, Kamahlie, Jack, George, Danielle and Darcie.

Swimming lessons next week:

Tuesday pm - Year 3 (lesson 7 of 10)

Wednesday pm - Year 5 (lesson 8 of 10)

Please ensure your child has a swimsuit /swim shorts, goggles and a towel with them in a bag. Please note, the coach and minibus will not return to school until approx 3.15pm. Thanks again for your support and understanding



What's for dinner next week?

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

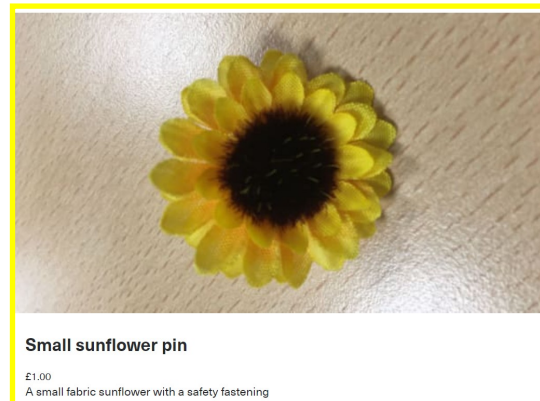
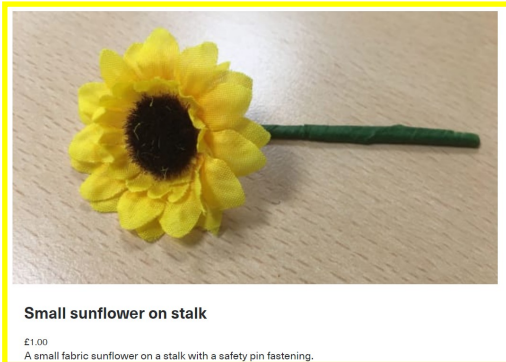


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetable Burrito Wrap	Allegra's BBQ Beans served with cornbread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Meat-free Nuggets and Chips
Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Brownie	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard	Orange, Sultana & Carrot Cake Slice

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

Raising Funds for Mountbatten Hospice

Rebecca B from 6LR, as part of her kindness project, has decided to raise money for Mountbatten. To do this she will be selling sunflower badges on **Friday 11th March**, outside the offices at the front of the school. In addition, there will be a quiz for sale (50p or any donations higher than this) to be completed over the weekend and returned to school on Monday 14th March. Rebecca will then mark the quiz and put all the top scores into a bag and pull out 4 winners, who will each receive a prize. Please support this worthwhile cause and Rebecca for this great initiative.



Love reading?

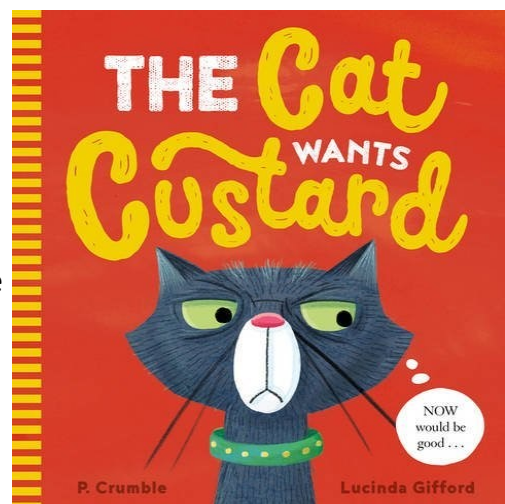
Then try this....

Jesse in 2GC has recently been reading *The Cat Wants Custard*, written by P. Crumble. He loves this book because the cat is just like him – they both love custard!

Kevin the cat gets up to lots of mischief in the story because he's always trying to get custard even though cats aren't supposed to eat it! Jesse says it's very funny when Kevin finally gets the custard after trying so hard and he realises that he doesn't like it after all!

The cat is very cute in this story and Jesse says it helped him to improve his reading because there were some new words to learn in the book. Jesse borrowed this book from our school library – come and have a look for it the next time you visit.

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.



Parents/Carers Evenings

It has been brilliant to see so many of you at Parents and Carers consultation evenings this week. If you have not yet caught up with your child's teacher please do so. It is important that you know how they are getting on at school and how you can support them at home. You will have been given some targets to work on. Please also remember you need to chat, play and read with your children every day.

Covid Update

With the Government's "Living with Covid" plan it is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate. The UKHSA, the nation's new public health body, says that children should not attend school if they have any of the following symptoms: high temperature; a continuous cough or have lost their taste and smell or if they test positive for Covid. As with most decisions during this pandemic there is a balance to be struck; ensuring that absence levels are kept under control to protect continuity of teaching and attendance of children and limiting contact to stop infection and the absence it causes. Please take a sensible approach. We are happy to chat through decisions with you if that helps.

PTFA Lottery Reminder

Our lovely PTFA have set up a school lottery that has now gone live.

The first draw will take place on the first Saturday in March but tickets are on sale already.

All you have to do is follow this link or Google 'Your school lottery' and then search for Queensgate. We have currently sold 30 tickets but would love to hit 50 by the first draw date!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/queensgate-foundation-primary-school>

Why don't you try your luck and make some money for Queensgate at the same time!

For PTFA and school events please see a list of dates at the back of this newsletter.

SATS

Both Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) this academic year. The Year 6 SATs week is week beginning Monday 9th May. They are having a Mock SATs week on week beginning Monday 14th March.

Miss Saddington and Miss Radcliffe are holding a SATs talk for parents next **Thursday 10th March at 2:30 pm**. Please come a long if you can so that you understand the process both for the mocks and the real thing.

Whole school attendance 93.85%.

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

This week 4AH achieved 98.89% attendance!
Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Monday 07.03.22	Year 1 trip to Amazon World U11 Girls football Vs Barton
Tuesday 08.03.22	Year 3 Swimming (7 of 10)
Wednesday 09.03.22	Year 5 Swimming (8 of 10) Year 2 trip to Wildheart Sanctuary U11 boys football team to final of Danone Cup on the mainland
Thursday 10.03.22	Year 4 Cross Country @ Lanesend 2.30 Year 6 SATS parents information meeting
Friday 11.03.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Monday 14.03.22	Mock SATs week (Year 6)
Tuesday 15.03.22	Year 3 Swimming (8 of 10)
Wednesday 16.03.22	9.30 - 2pm Mobile visit in Year 5 Swimming (9 of 10)
Friday 18.03.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Tuesday 22.03.22	Year 3 Swimming (9 of 10)
Wednesday 23.03.22	Year 5 Swimming (10 of 10)
Friday 25.03.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2) 3.00 PTFA cake sale on front lawn / training room if wet
Monday 28.03.22	Maritime Museum Discovery Bus visiting Queensgate with Mrs Susie Sheridan, the Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight
Tuesday 29.03.22	Sport for Champions athlete in to visit school Year 3 Swimming (10 of 10)
Wednesday 26.03.22	World Wide teach in on climate solutions Dr Bike—children and adult bring in scooters and bikes that need fixing Year 5 Swimming (3 of 10)
Friday 01.04.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Monday 04.04.22	1.45 PTFA Meeting in school - all welcome
Friday 08.04.22	Bunny Dash—sponsored Run 1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Monday 11.04.22 to Friday 22.04.22	Easter Holidays
Monday 25th April	First day of Summer term

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