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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



Good Luck Year 6!

Dear Parents and Carers,

SATs and Other Statutory Tests

Next week sees the start of test season.

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) next week. Here is the timetable. See some top tips on page 11 of this newsletter.

Day	Test
Monday 9 th May	Grammar Test Spelling Test
Tuesday 10 th May	English Reading paper
Wednesday 11 th May	Arithmetic Paper 1 Maths Fluency Paper 2
Thursday 12 th May	Maths Fluency Paper 3

Next Friday the two year 6 classes will be off timetable to celebrate the end of the SATs and their hard work preparing for them. 6LR are heading to the seafront and 6TS are doing activities onsite.

We are providing our Year 6 children with a free breakfast next week. Please send the children in at 8am, so they can enjoy breakfast with their friends.

Year 2 will carrying out their SATs the following week.

Year 1 will do their phonics screen week beginning Monday 6th June.

Year 4 will carry out their multiplication check week beginning Monday 13th June.

Year 4 Residential

Our Year 4 children are off to Kingswood next week. We wish them well. We will send a text and update our website to let you know how they are getting on.

Focus Learners

We resume Focus Learners next week. The Key Stage 1 assembly will be 1 pm and the Key Stage 2 assembly will be at 2:30 pm both on Fridays.

Assembly Theme

Our assembly theme for next week is "Should we have the right to say whatever we choose?"

Out & About

The Out and About team from Mrs Barnett's class had a fantastic time, riding on the train on Tuesday morning! The children are learning about different types of transport in class. We visited Ryde to see how many different types of transport we could spot and were lucky enough to watch the hovercraft departing in front of us. The children then travelled on the train from Ryde Esplanade to Brading and back. The children listened to train stories whilst having a snack at the station, waiting for their train to arrive. They enjoyed changing platforms, going under bridges and through tunnels.



On Tuesday afternoon the second Out and About group from 6LR went geocaching near Merstone old railway station. The children used their phones to access the free Geocaching app. They navigated their way around the cycle path, across fields and farmland using GPS to find some very well-hidden caches. The group demonstrated great enthusiasm, running to find the next caches.



This term Year 5 are learning about the Solar System. During Out and About on Wednesday morning, half of 5PG visited Bonchurch to take part in the Solar System trail along the seafront to Ventnor. The children took it in turns to read the information boards about each planet and discover how far apart they are from the sun and from each other- pacing out the walk to find the next planet (based on a scale of 1" to 100,000 miles). Using various sports balls, we also looked at the comparable sizes of the planets.



After half term, Year 4 will be learning about how Queen Victoria influenced tourism on the Island. On Wednesday afternoon the 4AH Out and About team walked up to Tennyson monument to find out about another influential Victorian. The children were challenged to walk to the top of the downs, against the clock. They showed great determination and were all very proud of themselves for reaching the monument. We had just enough time for a biscuit at the top before heading back down to the bay. Well done 4AH!



This week in the **Out and About after school club** the children visited Quarr Abbey to see the piglets. They had fun feeding all the pigs and then enjoyed a snack in the sunshine.



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (including jumper), comfortable walking boots or trainers and a waterproof coat.

Tuesday 10th May am - RSJ Ryde - Train ride

Ellis, Amelia-Lily, Joe, Marleigh-Rose, Marcie, Ava, Harry N, Edward, Arlo, Amelia, Logan, Clay, Kaiya and Isabelle.

Tuesday 10th May pm - 6TS Geocaching (please see letter for further details- children to bring mobile phones with app downloaded ready).

*Please wear PE kits.

Nash, Samson, Jake, Archie, Jimmy, Charlie, Oliver, Fraser, Felix, Riley, Esmae, Tianna, Marika and Alexis.

Wednesday 11th May am - Year 5 On the Patch.

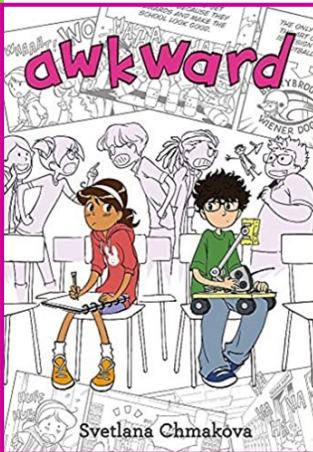
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Love reading?

Then try this....

Rochelle in 4AH can't stop reading because she loves it so much! This week she would like to tell you about *Awkward*, written by Svetlana Chmakova. **IT IS BRILLIANT!** This book is part of a series that follows a group of middle school children in a really cool American school.

This is the main character, Peppi (real name Penelope) and she is really good at art. Her and her friends are part of an afterschool art club. They have a really big fight with the science club and the story is about friendships, relationships, feelings and what it's like to be a young person at school. Rochelle says the book is great because you can really understand how Peppi feels and it's a lot like real life at school.



This book is a graphic novel and so the illustrations are an important part of the story too. They help to understand how the characters are feeling and they are so detailed.

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.

Bike and Scooter Helmets

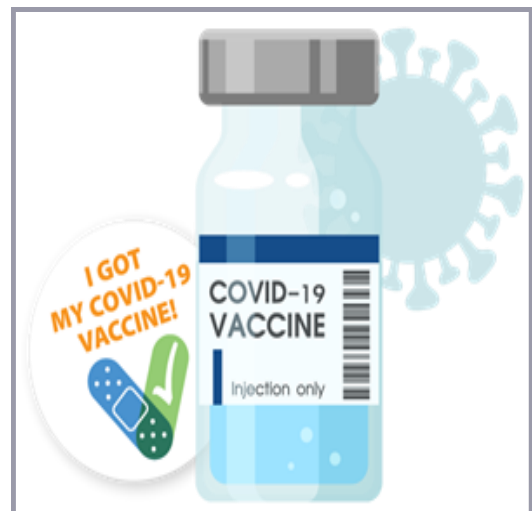
Please can we remind all parents how important it is for your children to wear helmets if riding to school on bikes or scooters. Beatrice Avenue and surrounding roads are all busy roads and care needs to be taken. A helmet can and will help protect from serious injury as opposed to not wearing one. Please encourage your children to wear one and talk about the benefits of doing so. Thank you.

More vaccination slots available as 'Super Sundays' launched

More children aged 5-11 will be able to access the vaccine from 1 May as the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Vaccination Programme puts on clinics every Sunday for the whole of May.

An additional 3,500 appointments will be available to book online across the three mass vaccination sites at **Riverside on the Isle of Wight**, Oakley Road in Southampton and Hamble House in Portsmouth.

Slots must be booked via the national booking system (www.nhs.uk). People can also call the Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 0300 561 0018 to find their nearest site (including walk-ins and pop-ups) and book their next appointment. Those wanting to attend as a family but who aren't the parent must bring evidence of parental guardianship or parental responsibility.



Tesco Community Grant for Queensgate Sensory Garden



Don't forget, the Queensgate Sensory garden project is currently up against other community projects in stores across the Island.

Until **30th June**, people shopping will be given a token and asked to put it in one of the project boxes. The winning project (the one with the most tokens) will get a £1,500 grant, 2nd place will get £1,000 and 3rd place £500.

Obviously, we would love to win the £1,500.

So if you shop in Tesco or know anyone who does, then spread the word, that until 30th June, please put the token into the Queensgate container!



Every little helps!



What's for dinner next week?

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



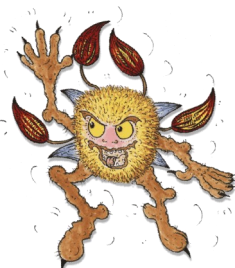
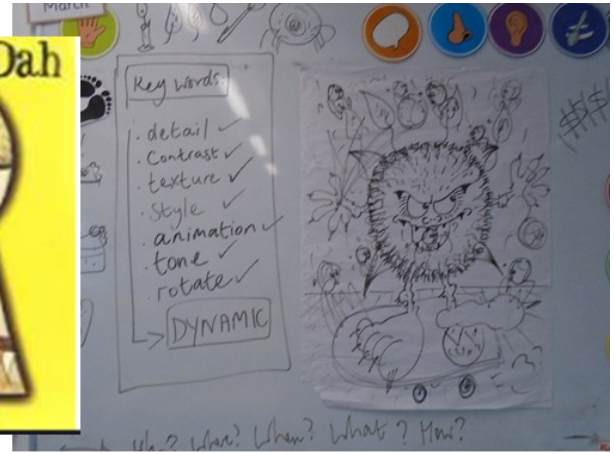
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Burger, Corn and Pineapple Relish with Potato Wedges	Tender Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Burrito	Macaroni Cheese	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Quorn Nuggets and Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Chocolate Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Banana Cake	Chocolate & Raspberry Swirl Cake

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

Working together for a successful future

Another Author Visit

Author and illustrator Simon Murray came to visit KS1 on Thursday to talk about his books. The children learnt about where he got his idea from for the character Icky Doo Dah, the mischievous monster that lives in an attic of a farmhouse. He then showed the children how to draw the character too and the children all drew their own. They produced some super art work and learnt new techniques and have been inspired to write their own stories....



Working together for a successful future

Original Festival Choir Members Needed!

Our award-winning choir has been invited to sing at the main Platinum Jubilee Service in the Minster in the centre of Newport on Sunday 5th June and we need as many of our original members back with us for the occasion. It was your winning performance which led to our invitation so you deserve to be there! Please let Mrs W Webb know if you would like to join us. (If you have any trouble signing up on Clubbly, don't worry, just let us know and come along!) We have three Tuesday rehearsals plus one in half term (probably Wednesday 1st June) and the service itself on Sunday 5th June at 6pm.

Any parents of those children attending this event are more than welcome to join us for the service in Newport Minster - just please let us know in advance and we can inform the organisers.

Music Tuition for September 2022

We are looking into organising some small group and individual instrumental lessons for pupils in the next academic year and need to find out how many children might be interested in this. The lessons would be priced as follows:

- a) £5 per week for a 20 min lesson with 3 in a group
- b) £9 per week for a 15 min individual lesson
- c) £12 per week for a 20 min individual lesson

If there was enough interest, we would be looking to offer piano, guitar and drumming lessons. Children would be leaving class to attend these lessons during the day and parents would need to think about purchasing an instrument for their child eventually if it is something they want to commit to long term. (You do not have to own an instrument to try the classes.)

If your child is interested, please email Mrs Webb on wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk stating the full name of your child, their class, which instrument they are interested in learning and which lesson option you are interested in (a,b or c).

Easter Reading Challenge

Many thanks to all of you who took part in this year's Easter Reading Challenge. 22 children took part raising a total of £271 for books for our library. A £10 book token will go to Archie D for reading for 480 minutes and Mia-Rose for raising the highest amount of £31.

Well done to you both.

Enjoy your weekend

It looks like it could be a lovely weather weekend, so enjoy and have a wonderful time. Year 6 children should not spend their weekend worrying about SATS and trying to cram in last minute revision - just do the normal amount of homework. It is more important to rest, sleep and maintain a healthy mental health balance! As always please Read, Chat & Play with your children.

Whole school attendance 93.67%.

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

This week 4AH achieved 99.05% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.

dynamoscriccket.co.uk

Join us at:
East Cowes Cricket Club, Beatrice Avenue, Whippingham

Session dates:
Thursday 12th May - 30th June, 8 sessions

Session timings:
17.45 - 18.45 To book- <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/dynamos/course>

Contact:
Eastcowescriccketcolts@gmail.com Annette Purser - 07970 824134

Adult Learning

Summer 2022

iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses

01983 817280

acl@iow.gov.uk

IWCACL

The Adult Community Learning Service summer programme is now out and we have a wide range of workshops and courses on offer including ICT, Art, Craft and Wellbeing. For more information and to book, head over to our new website pages www.iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses or call us on 817280.

East Cowes Cricket Club are delivering a **Dynamos Cricket** programme for boys and girls aged 8-11 years old. The sessions start on **Thursday 12th May 17.45 -18.45** for 8 weeks. Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build confidence and ability, as well as fun games of countdown cricket.

Dynamos Cricket will help grow your child's love of the game and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

Dynamos Cricket is a game/play based programme for **8-11-year-old girls and boys** as the next step from All Stars Cricket, or for those of this age group who are new to the game.

The programme costs £25 which includes 8 sessions, a Personalised New Balance playing shirt, Topps Cricket Attax cards + Exclusive access to the Dynamos Cricket app for every player!

To book your place please use this link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/c8ac110c-b301-45c3-8c87-f08034e26f57>

For more information please contact:- Annette Purser. T: 07970 824134 E: eastcowescriccketcolts@gmail.com

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

HIGH STREET SAFARI

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON TRAIL
30TH APRIL - 12TH JUNE 2022

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You are invited to

Take part in this historic celebration with the official family story-trail in East Cowes. Nearby are 7 whimsical characters to find as they go on an adventure. Not only that but Sir Barnaby Beacon will guide you through the history of The Queen's 70 year reign.

Simply scan the QR codes, displayed at 7 locations nearby, to collect digital stamps. You'll get to choose what happens in the story and see the characters come to life in augmented reality.

Go to the website below to start your free, family adventure.

East Cowes Town Centre
30th April - 12th June 2022
JubileeBeaconTrail.com



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YOUTH CAFÉ @ PARKSIDE PAVILION EAST COWES ... COMING SOON!

- Board games, arts and crafting, pc and wii games
- Free hot chocolate and cold drinks, toast and snacks
- Friendly, experienced youth workers and a safe place to be
- Work experience and volunteering opportunities for ages 14+

For more information and to request a registration form please email Laura :

lreid@actioniw.org.uk

Years 2, 3 & 4
Girls Cricket Festival

No Experience required!



10am-11:30am 21st of May at **ARRETON CC**
Heasley Lane PO303AN

For details or to register, contact Alex: wgdo@isleofwightcricket.co.uk

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ASMIR BEGOVIĆ

ISLE OF WIGHT

HOLY CROSS PRIMARY
PO32 6AS

JUNE 1ST
WEDNESDAY

10.00-15.00

GK CAMPS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7-16.

Tips for SATs Week



- The SATs don't effect what school you will get into
- They are important, but most teachers just want you to do your best
- Lots of schools make the SATs week really relaxed, having breakfast clubs, extra playtime, relaxation time, no other lessons, so it can even be fun. Find out what your school is doing
- This is good practice for taking tests. But you can do it in the comfort of your school which you know well and will help support you
- Talk to your friends and family about how you are feeling about the SATs. It's likely that other people are feeling a bit nervous too
- If you're struggling, talk to your teacher or another adult at school that you trust and you know will listen
- If it helps, write a timetable for the week. Make sure you add some treats, like watching your favourite show, doing sport, or having your favourite meal/snack
- Talk to the people around you and tell them what you think would help you in that week, e.g. I might need more hugs or down time; I need to get to bed on time; I want you to walk me to school in the mornings
- Concentrate on the tests one at a time. Do your best and however they go, try to let the last one go and then focus on the next one
- Try to eat well, sleep well and take some exercise that week
- Get your clothes and school bag ready each night, so in the morning you can stay calm
- Celebrate when they are over!



Will you take on Polly's Challenge this Summer?



Polly's Challenge is an opportunity for 10 to 14-year-olds (yr6 - yr9), who may not be able to afford to get back out on the water after taking part in UKSA Test the Water programme.



We ask students to raise £20* for the week through sponsorship. This then goes back into Polly's Fund to support more children in the future.

UKSA will provide all the specialist equipment your child needs; lunch will also be included. All they will need to bring is a swimsuit, towel and shoes they can get wet (full kit list will be provided).

Who can take part? Isle of Wight young people in school year 6, 7, 8 & 9. There are limited spaces available so follow the steps below and enquire **TODAY!**

*This should not be a barrier, please speak to us if you require financial assistance

1

Enquire by contacting Jade



01983 203037
Mon to Fri 9am - 2pm



jade.beasley@uksa.org

Multi Activity week

5 days of land and waterbased activities

July

Monday 25th - Friday 29th

August

Monday 1st - Friday 5th
Monday 8th - Friday 12th
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th

RYA Dingy Start

5 days of dinghy sailing gaining stage 1 & 2

May

Monday 30th - Friday 3rd

August

Monday 15th - Friday 19th



To **provisionally** book a space, you will be asked which date you are interested in, details about your child, and contact details for yourself. You will then be sent a sponsorship form which your child needs to complete by **Monday 11th July 2022** to confirm their space on the programme.

2

Get sponsored

From tidy bedrooms, walking the dog to washing the car each child is asked to raise a minimum of £20 by **Monday 11th July 2022**

3

Complete booking

To **confirm** your child's place contact Jade by **Monday 11th July 2022** to pay in sponsored money and send in the sponsorship form.



About Polly's Fund

Polly's Fund, which supports Polly's Challenge, was set up thanks to the family and friends of Polly Birch. Polly was a much-loved vet, sailor, mum, wife, sister, daughter and friend. Above all Polly loved adventure and wanted to encourage other people to go out and experience the world.

"Appreciate the people around you, adventure with them, buy less stuff and go out to experience the world. Laugh, dance and have fun, respect the world and look after the bees" - Polly Birch

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Anxiety Workshop

JOIN US FOR OUR PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE TOPIC OF ANXIETY

When is it?

Wednesday, May 25th from 13:00 - 14:30pm

Where is it?

Better Days Café
Central Hotel, 64 High Street, Ventnor

The Isorropia team are a group of impassioned lived-experience coaches who are dedicated to empowering the island community to manage and overcome many common mental wellbeing issues.

The workshop will focus on:

- The origins of anxiety
- Our unique paths into anxiety
- Universal solutions to help us master anxiety

Please arrive 10mins early,
attendance will be on a first come first serve basis.

See you there!



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SCHOOL YEARS 5 - 8

7:15PM - 8:45PM

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FRIDAY 13TH MAY | FRIDAY 10TH JUNE | FRIDAY 8TH JULY
JULY SESSION @ THE ORCHARD, ST MILDRED'S CHURCH - WEATHER PERMITTING