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Visit from Peter Murray - an Author

Dear Families,

Author Visit

We once again invited the charismatic author, Peter J Murray, in to talk to our Key Stage 2 children.

At breaktime it was lovely hearing so many children talk about the books and story. Here are a few photos and quotes:

"I don't really enjoy scary stories but I enjoyed Pete coming to talk to us about his book." Jack 6LR

"I really enjoyed it because it was both scary and funny at the same time!" Millie 6LR

"It was good, interesting and funny and I really enjoyed the visit by Pete." Biz 6TM











Parents and Carers Evenings

Our next parents and carer consultations will be on Wednesday 22nd February from 3:10pm to 5:00pm and Thursday 23rd February from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. This is a time for you to meet your child's class teacher to see how they are progressing and to answer any queries you have about their learning.

As always this will be bookable through Scopay. The booking system is now live and will close on Monday 20th at 12 noon. I would encourage you all to make an appointment.

Year 1 Amazon World Trip

On Tuesday 21st February Year 1 are heading to Amazon World to support their work within their topic, What a Wonderful World and about rainforests in particular.

Staying Safe Online

Google Family Link connects your Android or iPhone to your child's Android phone or tablet to help you set and tailor certain digital ground rules that work for your family. These features include:

- Manage the apps your child can use: approve or block the apps your child wants to download from the Google Play Store
- **Keep an eye on screen time**: see how much time your child spends on their favourite apps with weekly or monthly activity reports. You can also set daily screen time limits for their device
- Set device bedtime
- See your child's device location
- Remotely lock their device when it's time to play, study or sleep.

Parents and carers can download Google Family Link onto their own device. They then create a Google Account for their child through the app. Find out more here

Apple Safety

Expanded Protections for Children

At Apple, our goal is to create technology that empowers people and enriches their lives — while helping them stay safe.

iOS 15.2, iPadOS 15.2, watchOS 8.3, and macOS 12.1 include features designed to help keep children safe.

Read more by clicking https://www.apple.com/child-safety/

WhatsApp Groups

Within WhatsApp under Settings, Privacy, Groups - the default is set to 'everyone'. As a minimum this should be changed to 'My Contacts'. However, if friends and contacts are adding your child (or you) to groups that you don't want to be a part of, then you can choose 'My Contacts Except...' and choose certain contacts - they will then not be able to add you to any groups without your permission.







Above is a useful calendar of upcoming events - nearer to the time more details will be given in this newsletter and on ClassList.

As you can see the next event is the Wonderful Woman Shop, and permission and payment return slips will be coming out after half term.

The PTFA are also producing a newsletter and issue 1 is here to the left.

My continued thanks to all those involved with the PTFA and for all parents who get involved and raise extra money for the school - it is very much appreciated.

Attendance Information from the Isle of Wight Council

What to do if your child is unwell

Most schools will have an attendance policy which is aligned to the expectations and guidance of the Isle of Wight local authority, including the specific procedures a parent/carer should follow in the event of their child needing to be absent from school. Parents/carers are advised to refer to the school's own procedures alongside this guidance.

As a parent/carer you should notify the school on the first day your child is unable to attend due to illness. Generally this is done by telephone and many schools now have an answerphone facility specifically for this purpose. Schools should authorise absences, unless in very rare cases when they have cause for concern about the genuineness of an illness. If this is in doubt, schools can request that medical evidence is provided, such as a prescription or an appointment card; a note from a doctor may not be necessary. Schools can record the absence as unauthorised if they are not satisfied that the illness is genuine but should advise parents/carers if they intend to do so.

You should let the school know:

- the nature of the illness (although you may wish to talk confidentially about this)
- whether your child has seen their GP, or whether an appointment has been made for some other specialist service
- how long you expect your child to be absent from school
- the prognosis for the child's recovery.

For absences that are expected to last up to 15 school days and that are not part of a pattern of a recurring illness, the parents/carers should discuss with the school whether they are willing to organise for work and homework to be set as soon as the child is able to cope with it. The school should also agree with you how completed work will be collected, marked and returned.

Longer absence through illness, injury or medical condition

If absence is long-term or repeated, schools may request proof that your child is genuinely unwell and unable to attend school as this is a key part of their safeguarding duties. Keep copies of any appointment letters or medical reports.

If your child:

- has a long term or chronic condition, and is expected to be absent from school for a longer period
- has intermittent attendance due to an illness (such as epilepsy or sickle cell anaemia)
- is going to be absent from school for a period of therapy or surgery

The school may want to draw up a support plan with you, and consider whether to refer your child to our specialist services.

Education for pupils who are unable to attend school because of medical needs can be provided for in the following ways:

- children who are in-patients of most hospitals will be taught through the in hospital teaching service
- children who are not in-patients, may receive home tutoring organised via the Education Inclusion Service and a local education centre

Children who are admitted to NHS hospitals (including psychiatric units) in other areas will receive education through local hospitals, schools or an education centre.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 93.83%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.39%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KG with 99.15%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 99.26%



Attendance League Table

In the corridor leading down to the dining hall, Mrs Cade, updates the league table on a weekly basis. The children all decided on class names - some are based on books and some are based on the teacher's names (Hunter's Heroes and Tilling's Tigers!) and some are just random names!

The children often look to see where their class is on the league table. The winning class each week receives the attendance trophy - a magnificent and impressive gold one!



Out & About

The **RSD** Out and About team visited the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary, in Wroxall, on Tuesday morning. The children have been exploring the topic of *Animals* this half term so extended their learning to find out more about donkeys and ponies. They had a tour of the farm where they met the 117 donkeys, 15 ponies and one mule that live at the sanctuary. The children found out about what they eat, how they are cared for and why the donkeys were rescued. They all had the opportunity to meet Whizzy, one of the miniature donkeys to give him a gentle stroke. The children were amazed at how soft the donkeys were, especially their long ears. They all fell in love with Kitchi, one of the youngest- but tallest- donkeys at the sanctuary! The team of staff and volunteers would like to pass on their thanks to our Reception parents and carers for the kind donations they have made this half term which will go to provide food and care for the donkeys.







As part of their Science work, the children in Year 1 will be learning about animals next half term.

1CE had a very special visit to the Isle of Wight Deer Farm on Wednesday to begin their topic. The Deer Farm is home to over 200 Wapiti, Red and Fallow deer that live within 334 acres of land. Although the deer are raised for venison, the farm aims to give the animals a natural and relaxed environment, without human contact, just like they would experience in the wild. As part of their walking tour, the children had to be extremely calm and quiet so as not to scare the deer. Juan, the farmer, explained to the children how deer can hear, see and smell things within a 4-5km radius! He also told the children that deer are ungulates (a type of hoofed animal), that have shorter front legs and longer back legs. The children enjoyed watching the female Wapiti deer climb the field in formation, all with their noses held high checking the group out. At the end of the tour, the children learnt about antlers and how they fall off once a year and then re-grow. They were able to handle and compare the antlers from different breeds of deer.





Yet again, staff were amazed by the determination and effort all of our Year 3 and Year 5 swimming children this week. We are so impressed with their attitude to improve and make progress!

This week our swimming awards go to;

Year 3: Harvey D, Ella R, Maddie, Alfie S, Bella and Toby G.

Year 5: Toby H, Wynter, Si, Logan, Maya, Summer, Harrison P, Robert and Lexi.

Out and About after half-term...

Please send your child to school in warm play clothes (lots of layers if it's cold!) with a waterproof / warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves and wellies in a named bag (an extra pair of socks or fluffy socks are great too if the weather is chilly). Lots of children have been complaining of being under-dressed in the cold weather this week which can hinder the enjoyment of their Out and About experience.

Tuesday 21st February - RAB Ventnor Botanical Garden

Ellis, Bowie, Milly, Louis, Rudy, Marnie-Rae, Evelyn, Jack, Freddie, Max, Lacey, Cassidy and Raemarnie.

Wednesday 22nd February - 1SG Isle of Wight Deer Farm

Whole Class

Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming Lessons (6 of 10)

Please ensure your child has a <u>swimming costume/ swim shorts, towel and goggles</u> in a named bag. The coach and minibus will get back to school approximately 3.15pm depending on traffic, thank you in advance for your understanding. Unfortunately we will no longer be able to loan out goggles as children have not been returning them. Please check swimming bags over the holiday and return any goggles that aren't yours.

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

On Thursday, the Year 5 girls team faced Hunnyhill at home. This was the first game the girls had played together as a team and they were very excited. The game kicked off and the girls started slowly. Hunnyhill produced some great



football to cut through our defence, scoring three goals in quick succession. The first half had flown by and the girls went into the break trailing three goals to nil. At half time, we spoke as a team about what we could improve on going into the second half. We highlighted that we needed to stick to our positions and be stronger in our tackles. The second half begun and the girls started much better. Throughout the half, the girls kept to their positions much better and made more tackles. Despite going onto lose the game 5-0, the girls performance improved massively throughout the game and they should all be very proud of themselves. Keep going girls!

Cross Country Inter Class Competition

On Thursday all the children in Year 6 took part in a cross-country running competition. Everyone had to run four laps of the field and everyone's finishing position contributed to the final result. It was great to see everyone running more and faster than they had during our training runs in PE Lessons. The best thing to see was that the children supported each other - some of 6LR even ran an extra lap to support and encourage their final teammate to keep on going until the end. This was done spontaneously by the children and really demonstrated great sportsmanship skills and team work - so proud of the those children who weren't going to leave a classmate to struggle on their own - well done! **Overall winners were 6LR**.

Skipping Workshops

Dear Families,



Skipping Workshops held on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March 2023.

I am delighted to inform you that we have invited Skipping Workshops to work with our school, teaching different skipping skills to every class.

Skipping Workshops have presented demonstrations in over 3000 schools and are the longest most experienced company in the UK.

To help children & parents interested in encouraging skipping we have a series of brief videos that illustrate various skills & challenges http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/videos/

Their aim is to introduce modern and traditional skipping games including individual rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch, back into the playground and into the PE curriculum.

The same high quality 'speed ropes' as used by the international team, will be available to buy or order using this form *just £5*. The ropes are made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are £6. Adult ropes are also available for taller children, older siblings and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at £7 each, 4m 'family ropes' at £8 each and 2 x 4m Double Dutch set for £14.

<u>Please put your correct cash or cheque in an envelope with child's name class and which ropes you</u> wish to purchase on the front and hand it to your teacher.

Ropes can also be purchased through our website www.skipping-workshops.co.uk with a small postage fee added. We can also sell ropes after school.

Yours sincerely,

Skipping Workshop Team

Name of Child:Class:Class:
Would like to purchase
x children's ropes (£5.00 each)
x children's SOLAR rope (£6 each)
x adult ropes (£7 each)
x family ropes (£8 each)
x Double Dutch ropes (£14 each set)
x children's SOLAR rope (£6 each)x adult ropes (£7 each)x family ropes (£8 each)



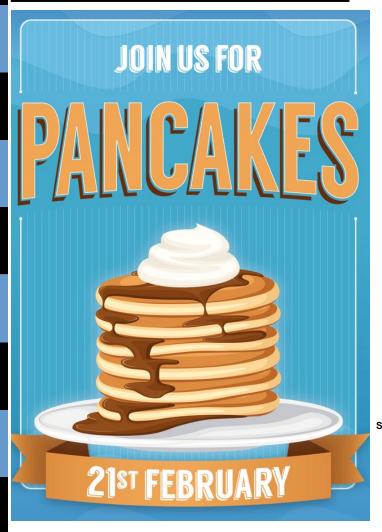
What's for dinner next week?

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges and Two Vegetables	Pork Sausages Served with Mash Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Chicken Curry Served with Wholemeal Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Chinese Vegetarian Noodles Served with Two Vegetables	Veggie Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Chocolate Crispy Bar	Pancakes - see below	Chocolate Ice Cream	Apple and Berry Crumble served with Custard	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit

Please note that dinners now cost £2.61 per day.



PANCAKES

American Pancake with Syrup

American Pancake with Chocolate Sauce

ALLERGY AWARE MENU

SD PLAIN PANCAKE (93199457) CONTAINS MILK
OR
SD SHORTBREAD (93177181) CONTAINS GLUTEN FREE OATS

TOPPED WITH;
SD CHOCOLATE SAUCE (93176566)
OR
GOLDEN SYRUP (93087032)

Girl Guiding Day

The 22nd February is a very special day in the Girlguiding calendar. It is when the birthdays of the founders of the Girlguiding, Lady Olave Baden Powell and Sir Robert Baden Powell, are celebrated. On this day, thousands of girls, in the 128 different countries of the world, who are part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts learn something about one of these countries and the types of activities they enjoy. We have said that on Tuesday 22nd February any Girl Guides may wear their uniform to school that day.

Drinking Water

It is our school policy that the children only have water in their drink bottles for school. No juice.

Clubs

All clubs after half term will remain the same apart from cooking and computing. Sign up to cooking and computing will go live on Tuesday 14th February at 6pm



Je m'appelle Coco et je suis une pomme.

Each week I will share with you a French word.



S'il vous plaît (si voo play)

Excusez-moi, s'il vous plaît.

Excuse me please.

Répétez s'il vous plaît.

Can you repeat that please.

And Finally...

Have a brilliant half term break. See you on Monday 20th February at 8:40 am.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito Headteacher

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- Host in summer Students are from more than 15
- · Host up to 4 students at the
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- commitment
- A welcoming and comfortable
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NHS Join our winter <mark>wheeze</mark> web<u>inar</u>

- Does your child suffer with wheeze when they have coughs and colds?
- Have they been given an
- Are you unsure what any of this means?





Friday 27th January 2023 1pm - 2pm via Teams Sign up today - bit.ly/JanWheeze



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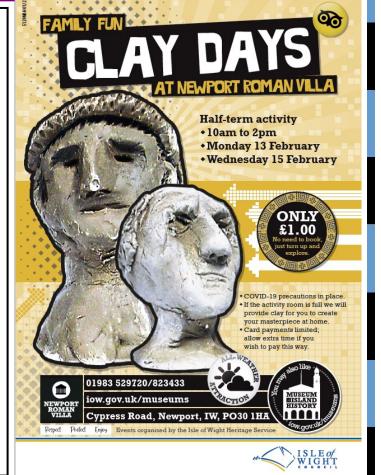
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DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL **DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!** FESTIVAL Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s



Q: Do I need to get my tickets

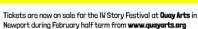
A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from www.quayarts.org

Q: How much are tickets?

others cost between £3 and £6

0: Is it just for people who

NO! The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands—on activities for you to get involved with - from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story There will be storytellers and theatre perfomances too!



It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like Simon Farnaby (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Vizard in My Shed** series of books

Former CBeebies star, Cerrie **Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, Wilder than Midnight.

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time The King's Pants (some of you

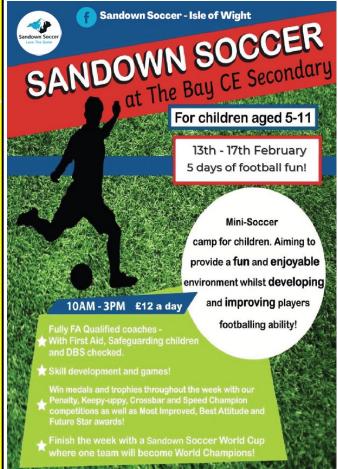


may already know and love one of his most famous books, The

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: Laura Ellen Adnders Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Ju Marriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com





Adult Education

Adult Community Learning are running 2 morning workshops on Sunday 5 March, 10am -12pm to celebrate the above. If you have room please could you pop the piece below into your newsletter?

Celebrate International Women's Day with Adult Community Learning (adults 19+), and bring a child over the age of 10yrs with you to our workshop morning, on Sunday 5 March 10am-12pm. Choose between weaving your own beautiful unique piece of wall art, using mixed media and personal items, or create a colourful keyring (heart, flower etc) and hopefully you'll never lose your keys again!

Workshops take place at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde and cost £10/£5 concession per person (child pays £5). Booking is essential, to book an adult and child place please call 817280, or adults 19+ only can book via our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses.

Classorama

Naturezones' Creative Programme for Schools

For the entire class or individual pupils

Recycalogical Sat 27th and Sun 28th May & Spring Competition

Create a piece of art work with a 2D or 3D element inspired by British nature using recycled materials. To be displayed during Recycalogical

Materials used could be old furniture, plastic, old clothes etc.

Entries must be delivered to Naturezones On 23rd & 25th May between 10.30 and 4pm

Summer Competition

Using your knowledge from science lessons create something to inform our visitors about Native British plants.

Entries should be submitted by 5th July

More Info:

Details of the Spring and Summer competition can be found on our website. www.naturezones.org.uk

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Naturezones is based at Birchmore Lane, Blackwater. PO30 3BP

Postal entries: c/o Padmore Lodge, Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6LP

Christmas Tree Festival

Imaginatively decorate a Christmas tree

To be displayed in the Naturezones Pavilion
On the 16th & 17th December
Deliver on Tuesday 12th or Thursday 14th Dec









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Saturday 11th Feb 10:30 AM — 4 PM

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