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# Changes

Queensgate Foundation Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Sad News

This week I lead with very sad news. Kyea Pinder, who was in our Year 6 cohort, sadly passed away during the half term holiday. Kyea, as you might know, suffered a cardiac arrest when she was in Year 3 and had a heart condition ever since. Her heart became worn out. Our thoughts go to her family at this time.

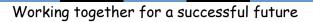
Kyea's funeral will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, which is an INSET day for Queensgate, leaving her house at 10:15am. Her mum is happy for Kyea's school friends and their families to come to outside her house at that time. There will be a service at the crematorium, which is invite only. If you would like to donate any money, please use this link.

#### **Mrs Turner's Bench**

You may remember earlier in the year we lost our dear colleague and friend, Fay Turner. Mrs Turner worked in Reception class and loved going to The Patch with the children. We have purchased a bench in her memory, which has been sited at The Patch. Here is a picture of the bench with Miss Turner, her daughter and of course, Benji the dog has made it in to the picture!



Miss Saunders got married during the half term break. Here is a picture! Miss Saunders is now called Mrs Barnett. Congratulations!











#### **Play Equipment**

The children have had their training and know how to stay safe and enjoy the new playground equipment. They have been using it at break times and lunchtimes this week.

**Please could you keep younger children off the equipment at drop off and pick up times**. The equipment is age appropriate for children in primary school and not younger siblings. Your support with this will be much appreciated. The school will not be responsible for any accidents that occur to non-Queensgate children, or non-school supervised sessions. Please also make sure your children do not ride their bikes and scooters.

#### Reading – Bug Club

As a school, we purchase Bug Club to support the children with their reading both at school and at home. I was disappointed to hear that the children are not accessing this at home. This can be accessed through computers, tablets or phones, as it is web based and has hundreds of beautiful books on it. Your child should know how to log on, if not please contact your child's class teacher via their class emails. Remember we suggest that you **read, play and chat** with your children every day.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

On the back of this newsletter you will find all the provisional dates of events between now and the summer holidays. They are provisional at the moment, depending on the road map and Covid restrictions.

There are two dates I would like to highlight to you:

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021** – Class photo day – please make sure the children are in full school uniform even if they have PE on Tuesday. If they do have PE, they will need to bring their PE kit with them.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021** – INSET day – Queensgate is closed to children for a staff-training day.

#### Trips Out

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of classes going out on school trips to enhance the children's learning, in addition to out and about. Please have a read about the trips and have a look at the photos later in the newsletter.

#### CD and DVD Cases

Mrs Webb, our librarian, is requesting any CD or DVD cases (empty) as they will make great book dividers. If you have any going spare please send them in to the office. Many thanks.

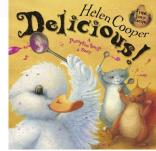




# Then try this....

Evie in 2KA has been reading Delicious – A Pumpkin Soup Story by Helen Cooper.

In this picture book, the animals set off to find pumpkins for dinner but they don't have much luck. It made Evie laugh when the squirrel in the story tried each soup the animals made because he didn't like any of them! Evie thinks everyone that likes pumpkin soup will like enjoy this book, especially if you want to learn how to make it, as there's a recipe in it.



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.

# Benji Blog

Benji had an exciting half term, he went to the beach every day and is building his way up to using a paddle board, by practicing first on a body board (see photo!). He has grown a lot over the holiday. He has continued to work with lots of children and adults this week.



**Active Travel Week** 



#### Out & About

It was great to see the **Year 5** children begin their swimming lessons this week. The children all tried hard with their assessment sessions and are looking forward to group lessons beginning next week.



On Tuesday afternoon the **3BM** Out and About group visited Newport Roman Villa. The children were given a tour of the remains of the baths then took part in some activities to learn more about life in Roman times. They especially enjoyed trying on a Roman helmet, armour, shield and holding a real sword!



The final **4MC** Out and About team took on the challenge to walk up to Tennyson Monument on Wednesday morning. As part of their topic on Victorians, we learnt about Alfred Lord Tennyson and Julia Margaret Cameron and their homes on the Island. The children demonstrated great determination, confidently completing the walk as the mist descended.



On Wednesday afternoon the **6TS** group of Out and About children went Geocaching near Merstone. Using their mobile phones they were able to navigate with GPS to locate different caches around the cycle path and farmland. They worked well as a team to solve the hints and riddles, finding six caches altogether.







Out and About next week...

#### Tuesday am: Year 5 Swimming

Please come to school with swimwear <u>under</u> school clothes and bring a towel, underwear and goggles in a named bag. The coach is due to leave by 9am.

## Tuesday pm: 3BM- Out and About

No play clothes needed. Please wear uniform as normal.

Su, Harrison, Sophie, Max, Mason, Jacob, Vincent, Maya, Zoe, Sarah, Tommy, Amelia, Sadie, Jude and Grace.

## Tuesday pm: 3BM- PE

Please wear PE kits and trainers.

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

## Wednesday am: 4AH- Out and About

Please wear play clothes and suitable trainers.

# Henry, Toby, Charlie, Jaylen, Oliver, Roxy, Ellie, Lily, Kayder and Olivia.

## Wednesday am: 4AH- PE

Please wear PE kits and trainers

Shay, Leo, Jaydon, Jack D, Jamie, Jada, Emma, Millie, Poppy and Jazmine.

Wednesday pm: Year 6 children (that are not on the residential trip)- Out and About

Please wear play clothes and trainers.

We are hoping to go Geocaching with the Shift-It team. If you have a mobile phone and would like to bring it please download the free app (green logo titled 'Geocaching'). A text will be sent out on Tuesday to confirm the plan.

#### A Right Royal Visit

On Thursday **Year 4** went to Osborne House as part of our Victorians topic this half term. We wanted to find out lots about Queen Victoria and her impact on East Cowes and the Isle of Wight. We were very lucky to be given a tour of the house itself where we could ask all of our questions and gain an insight into how Queen Victoria and Albert lived. Then we took time to walk around the grounds, do some sketching and have some lunch next to the beach. The children had a wonderful time in the play area and even got to buy some souvenirs from the gift shop!



## Year 6 go Sailing at Cowes

Both classes have enjoyed great days out on the water. Meeting down at the floating bridge, they nipped across to Cowes and walked to the UKSA sailing academy. They then donned their wetsuits and lifejackets and couldn't wait to get in and on the water. Both classes did really well.















#### Wildheart Animal Sanctuary

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary last half-term to support our learning about habitats and our English work. We had a fabulous day and the children were engaged, enthusiastic and polite! We were taken on a tour of the sanctuary and got to find out lots about how the animals adapted to survive in their environments and about food chains. We even got to watch the keepers feeding the tigers and Frosty and Casper the two white lions. The spider monkeys were very popular and we heard Casper count as his roars echoed across the sanctuary. We had lots to write about the next day and the children wrote beautiful thank you letters to the sanctuary as well.





# 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 French Bread Pizza	Beef Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with 50/50 Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
Jacket Potato with BBQ Beans	Vegetable Hotpot	Potato & Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes	Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegan Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Cauliflower	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
Oaty Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge & Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Peaches & Ice Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

#### Positive Quote:

"You're not created for everyone to like you, just be yourself and the right ones will".

Whole school attendance 96.68%. Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

> <u>This week 2KA achieved 100%</u> <u>attendance! Well done.</u> Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

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Samantha Sillito Headteacher

# **Diary Dates for the Summer Term**

Please note that some of these events and dates will be dependent on COVID-19 restrictions and advise from the Department of Education (DoE).

Friday 11.06.21 Cricket Coaching Y 3	Tuesday 13.07.21 Year 6 Transition Day				
	AM Year 5 Swimming (6 of 7)				
Tuesday 15.06.21 AM Year 5 Swimming (2 of 7)	Wednesday 14.07.21 Move up Morning R to 5				
Class Photo Day	Year 6 Transition Day				
Friday 18.06.21 Cricket Coaching Y 3	Friday 16.07.21				
	Reports out to Parents				
	Cricket Coaching Y 3				
	Year 5 trip to Robin Hill				
Monday 21.06.21 INSET DAY 5	Tuesday 20.07.21 AM Year 5 Swimming (7 of 7)				
Tuesday 22.06.21 AM Year 5 Swimming (3 of 7)	Friday 23.07.21 Last Day of term				
	1.30 Year 6 Leavers Assembly				
Friday 25.06.21 Cricket Coaching Y 3					
Monday 28.06.21 Visit in school by Hampshire Inspectors	Next Academic Year:				
<b>Tuesday 29.06.21</b> Year 6 photoshoot day – Year books	Tuesday 31.08.21 INSET DAY 1				
AM Year 5 Swimming (4 of 7)					
Wednesday 30.06.21 9.15 KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 01.09.21 Term starts with children				
Thursday 01.07.21 9.15 KS2 Sports Day	Monday 20.09.21 INSET Day 2				
Friday 02.07.21 Cricket Coaching Y 3	Other INSETs to be confirmed.				
Tuesday 06.07.21 AM Year 5 Swimming (5 of 7)					
Wednesday 07.07.21 9.15 KS1 Sports Day (Reserve)					
Thursday 08.07.21 9.15 KS2 Sports Day (Reserve)					
Thursday 08.07.21 2pm PTFA Meeting					
Friday 09.07.21 Cricket Coaching Y 3					

# Girls Cricket Festival @ Newclose CCG Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> June, 10-11.30am

FREE Dynamos Cricket Session for 8-11yr old girls, give it a go!! All abilities welcome, no kit required.

# Email: <u>stuart.chatfield@iwcb.org.uk</u> to register your little Dynamo<mark>!</mark>!

#womenscricketmonth



Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Fitness, Strength & Self Confidence Adults and Juniors Age 5yrs onwards Mondays 5-6pm Queensgate Primary Kerry Scotcher 07920 180120 tigger2way@gmail.com



#### Chelsea Foundation IOW Tuesday Evening Sessions

#### Dear parent/guardian,

The Chelsea Foundation, football development team on the Isle of Wight hope that this letter finds you well.

We are delighted to announce that following the successful completion of our first Community Skills session training block last term, we will be continuing to deliver the session until the end of the academic year (Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June – Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July). The session will have a focus on developing players technical and teamwork skills, prioritising game play and match like situations to achieve this.

The session will continue to be split into two, one-hour slots. Which will be delivered in the following format:

- 5:00pm-6:00pm: Years 1, 2 & 3 (U6, U7 & U8)
- 6:00pm-7:00pm: Years 4, 5 & 6 (U9, U10 & U11)

To take part in the club, can parents/guardians please ensure that their child has the following:

- Suitable footwear and clothing for sports activity.
- Shin pads and preferably football socks, so that they remain covered.
- A clearly identifiable drinks bottle.
- All medication, that is clearly marked (this can be left in their school bag).

To book your son/daughter on to our Chelsea Foundation Community Skills Centre, please click the link needed below and complete your booking on our <u>www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk</u> platform:

Community Skills Training Centre (Years 1-3): Please click here

Community Skills Training Centre (Years 4-6): Please click here

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If you would like to know more before booking, please contact me on Jacob.toms@chelseafc.com

Kind regards,

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

CFCF hope that this letter finds you well.

Our Chelsea Foundation football development team on the Isle of Wight, are delighted to announce, that we have decided to extend the free trial sessions for our Female Player Development Programme Centre to include Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

Our CFCF PDP centres are delivered by Chelsea Foundation coaches at Cowes Enterprise College on the 4G pitch, with players receiving a structured, football development programme.

Our female PDP centre is delivered on a Tuesday evening, starting at 17:30 and finishing at 19:00. With players from U7 (Year 2) through to U14 (Year 9), able to register.

- Chelsea Foundation Female PDP Centre Registration Please Click Here.
- Invitation code: IOWPDP

As the training session will involve playing competitive football, participants must wear shin pads in order to take part. Additionally, the rules of the facility are that participants must wear clean, moulder rubber/plastic studded football boots.

I look forward to hopefully welcoming your daughter to our CFCF PDP centre.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me using the details below.

Kind regards,

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