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Thank you!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Half Term Like no Other

Although we went through a lockdown last year and during the autumn term, we have never managed the numbers of children in school and those learning from home in such a joined up way before. I am amazed at all the work you have managed to achieve at home. As I have said before we know it is really difficult juggling home learning with your own jobs. We think you are all fantastic.

Thanks for your feedback and compliments. I have shared them with the staff.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the Queensgate staff, many of whom have managed home learning and school learning at the same time. I think they have done a great job.

Don't forget if you need any support with anything, you can email

enquiries@queensgateprimary.co.uk or mentalhealthsupport@queensgateprimary.co.uk and we will get back to you after the half term break.

Hardship Fund

Both Queensgate and East Cowes Town Council have received some money to support families who are having a particularly difficult time. It may be that you have had your work hours reduced or a member of your family has lost their job or is facing redundancy. It may be that you need help with fuel bills. Please get in touch and we will see if we can support you and how best to do that.

Parents' and Carers' Evenings

Bookings are now open on Scopay for you to reserve your parents' evening slot. Each slot is ten minutes long. In the week after half term, your child's class teacher will send you a Zoom link to the meeting and your time. Your child's teacher will let you into the meeting from a virtual waiting room and will let you out of the meeting after ten minutes. Please make sure you are using a name that we recognise, preferably your surname or mum of or dad of so that we can recognise you. Please book your slot by next **Friday 19th February** by 6 pm.

Thank you Cakes

On Wednesday this week, thank you cakes arrived as a surprise. I would like to say a huge thank you to The Orchard Bakery in East Cowes who delivered them and Eight Foundation in Fareham who organised for the delivery.



Out & About

The children in school have been enjoying activities on the Patch this half term linked to their classroom learning. As it was the last week of half term (and it was freezing cold) it was all about hot chocolates and toasting marshmallows on the fire this week!

The children in **Year 2** took their house models to the Patch and acted out the Fire of London. They watched how quickly the fire spread and the impact the wind had.

The children in **Year 1** took on the Out and About Challenge at home to make their own Stick Men last weekend. It was super to see their creations. A huge well done to River Wheeler, Tommy Wilkinson and Destiny-Grace Hesketh.

We hope that you'll enjoy getting 'Out and About' over the half term break with your families. We'd love to see photos of you having fun in muddy puddles, exploring in nature or out on your bikes or scooters!

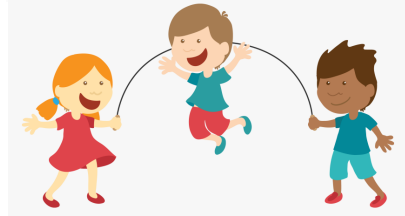


Working together for a successful future

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP - By Mr Giles

The return of a favourite newsletter column – the sports round up.

This week, many of the pupils and adults in school have been taking part in the **skipping** challenge. Children had to skip for one minute and adults two minutes. All the children participating in school, as well as some remotely, did really well; we await to see how the school has done once the results have been sent in and judged.



In the adult competition, there were three categories – in the Under 30's, Mr Butt scored 9 sorry 232 - confused between his skips and the number of goals Southampton have let in recently. In the Over 30's, Miss Radcliffe scored 292, Miss Brown 210, Mrs Jones 86, Miss Hunter 112, Mrs Webb 140 and in the veteran class, Mr Giles 170 – this was just a fun competition but all were good sports for having a go!!



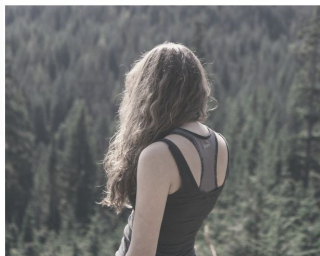
Football; you might remember from about a year ago that the U-9 (Year 4) Football team reached the semi-finals of the league competition and the final of the Cup. Sadly, due to all the covid restrictions etc, these competitions have now been abandoned; however, the team will receive medals for reaching the latter stages of these competitions and once school has fully reopened, we will present the medals to the team.

A Note from Elys Norman at Shift It

Shift It would like your opinions on how you experience the school run and how the experience could be improved, in the future. Please could you complete this short online survey. Thank you.



Survey Link - <https://forms.gle/EebnxwYqU4kBTQow6>



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PHOTO CHALLENGE**
Send us a photo of your
activity and you could
win a £10 voucher



Send your photo to sports.unit@iow.gov.uk





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 couscous	Sausage Roll / Mexican Vegan Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Maccaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips
Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Lemon & Orange Shortbread	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit and Ice Cream	Fruit Sponge Cake	Oaty Cookie

A message from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Board, I wanted to write to say a big 'thank you' to all our wonderful parents, carers and children for your remarkable efforts during these challenging times.

Despite not being able to be physically together, it is clear that the Queensgate community are all pulling together to make the best of a difficult situation. Thanks also to our brilliant team – of Teachers, TA's, and support staff who are continuing to work hard to ensure that we can support you.

It seems unbelievable to think that we are approaching our 1st anniversary in our new building – so much has happened during that time, and we hope very much that it won't be long until we are reunited.

But, in the meantime, we hope that you keep safe, well... and warm. Enjoy the half term break!

Best wishes,
Leighton Atchison-Warne
Chair of Governors

Positive Quote

"There are magical moments in every day, we just have to take time to see them."

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher