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**Queensgate Foundation
Primary School**



We look forward to seeing you at Parents and Carers Evenings Next Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evenings

A letter came out earlier in the week about this. Here is a reminder. Our parents and carers meetings are being held on Wednesday 18th March from 3.10 until 4.50 and Thursday 19th March 3.30 – 6.50. Please book your appointment through Scopay on line. Please only book one appointment per child so that there are enough appointments for everyone. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress with you.

On Wednesday Harriet, our school nurse and Barnardos will be joining us.

Cake and Table Top Sale

On Wednesday 1st April we will be holding a cake and table top sale. Tables are £5 each. Please let the front office team know if you would like a table. Please could the children bring cakes in that day in the morning? There will also be a raffle. Hopefully cake boxes will be coming home on Friday 27th March.



Staffing News

As some of you know Mrs Merwood is retiring at the end of the summer term. Our advert is out for a new member of our teaching team.

Coronavirus – Covid 19

We have daily updates from the Department for Education and are following advice which is around good hygiene at the moment. We have shared clips with children about how to wash their hands. Have a chat with them about this. We also shared some myths and truths.

If we are ever recommended to close either by the Government or our Local Authority we will let you know by text so please ensure your contact details are up to date. We will also put it on the website www.queensgateprimary.co.uk We will also add work for the children to do at home onto our website. **At the moment Queensgate Foundation Primary School intends to stay open.**

Music Festival

music festival



Last week I told you that our Year 5 children had entered the music festival at All Saints Church. I am very pleased to announce that they achieved a commendation and were runners up. Here are some of the judges comments

“Two part work was well balanced and confidently presented.” “Focus was generally well maintained along the way.” “Most of the bouncy tune and harmony work was caught, and the up-tempo groove was nicely felt by all.”



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 Wedges	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Roll with Mash	Fishfingers with Chips
Chickpea Curry with Rice	Tomato & Veg Pasta With Garlic Bread	Potato and Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes	Vegan Sausage Roll with Mash	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips
Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Green Beans	Cauliflower Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
Oaty Pear Crumble and Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

Tuesday morning - Reception (We will be visiting the Donkey Sanctuary. Please ensure children come to school in wellies, play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a warm, waterproof coat. Children will need to bring their school clothes in to change into afterwards. There is no entry fee as they are a charity but we would like to ask the children to bring in a small donation to pop in the donation bucket. We would suggest some loose change up to 50p) **Maddie, Kaelan, Oscar G, Marnie, Elliott, Paloma, Logan R, Charley, Harry, Annabella, Destiny, Teddy.**

Tuesday afternoon - Year 5 Swimming (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

Wednesday morning - Year 1 (We will be going to the beach, learning about how to look after our environment. Please ensure children come to school in wellies, play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a warm, waterproof coat. Children will need to bring their school clothes in to change into afterwards.) **Archie, Ava, Bradley, Eliana, Jack P, Leon S, Maxul, Sophia, Skyla, Teddy, Logan N.**

Wednesday afternoon - Year 3 Swimming (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

This week our Year 5 Swimming Superstar certificates are awarded to... Ella B, Michael, Neavie, Rio, Imogen J and Vinnie.

Our Year 3 children to receive Swimming Superstar certificates this week are... Lottie, Rachel, Cosmo, Jaymie, Nyah and Leo L.

On Tuesday morning the Reception Out and About group visited the Donkey Sanctuary. The children loved meeting all the donkeys and feeding them special biscuits called pony nuts. All of the donkeys have been re-homed from across the country to be well cared for at the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary in Wroxall. The children learnt a lot about what they eat, how they are looked after and the difference between hay and straw. Their favourite donkey was Tommy as he kept sticking his tongue out at them! The team of volunteers were very grateful for the donations the children made to the charity which will go towards the food, vets bills and general upkeep of running the sanctuary.



This week's Year 1 Out and About children visited St Helens beach. They practised using compasses and played some games on the sand. The children shared the story Duffy's Lucky Escape by Ellie Jackson about a turtle that became ill after eating plastic waste in the sea. They then walked south, down the beach using their Surfers Against Sewage litter pickers, gathering bits of plastic that had been washed ashore. The children were thanked and congratulated by lots of passers-by who were very impressed at their enthusiasm to help the environment. The Isle of Wight Surfers Against Sewage Rep, Cordelia, has been in touch to thank Year 1 for their efforts too. Well done children!



Reduce plastic

Beach Clean

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



The Year 4 football team played their league quarter-final against Bembridge.

After a nervous start, the team scored before half time. After the break further goals were scored by Queensgate to win 3-0 and set up a semi-final with Newchurch or Greenmount.

The Year 4 team also played their IOW Cup semi-final at Lanesend. The team raced into a 2-0 lead by half time but Lanesend hit back to make it 2-1. However, the team hung on to win and reach the final on Friday March 27th with a 4.45 KO, at Queensgate.

Well done to everyone who participated in active travel week and to the children for providing the daily data.

Key Dates

Week beginning 16th March - Year 6 Mock SATs week

18th March - Parents Evening 3.15 - 4.50

19th March - Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.50

20th March - Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country at County Showground

24th March - Year 5 Swimming (session 9)

25th March - Year 3 Swimming (session 9)

27th March - pm Jaguar Primary Challenge testing at CECAMMs (Mr Chubb's club members)

27th March - Focus Learner Assembly

27th March - Scootability 4AH

Week beginning 30th March - Pupil Progress Meetings with all teachers

30th March - School Council Meeting

1st April - 3pm until 4pm Easter Cake Sale in hall

2nd April - Interview Day for new teacher

3rd April - Last day of term

6th April - 17th April Easter Holidays

Positive Quote

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you'll land among the stars.

Whole school attendance 96.34%.

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

This week RSJ achieved 98.57% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



ENGLISH
HERITAGE

Family Activities On the Isle of Wight at Osborne and Carisbrooke 2020

All events are free to English Heritage Members and just normal entry fees apply for non-members except for the events with a * where supplementary charges will be applied for members and an event price for non-members.

At Osborne House	
15 th February – 23 rd February	Half Term event: Get Hands on With History: Country House – come and meet the butler, create napkin art, join our etiquette school and more.
7 th and 8 th March	Family Activities: World Book Day/Mothering Sunday crafts and activities.
4 th April – 19 th April	Easter Adventure Quest
26 th May – 28 th May	The Great Victorian Show
20 th and 21 st June*	Blooming Gardens Weekend including a family craft tent
25 th and 26 th July	Family Activities: Seaside theme activities
August	Punch And Judy
26 th and 27 th September	Family Activities: Autumn theme
26 th to 30 th October	Victorian Falconry
28 th and 29 th November*	Victorian Christmas
December Date TBC	Family Activities: Christmas Crafts
At Carisbrooke Castle	
15 th February – 23 rd February	Get Hands On With History - Outdoor Adventures
4 th April – 19 th April	Easter Adventure Quest
8 th , 9 th and 10 th May	Family Activity Weekend
23 rd May – 31 st May	Get Hands On With History: Normans and Saxons
27 th and 28 th June*	Open Air Shakespeare Event : Hamlet Activities for children pre-show and during the interval
11 th and 12 th July	Family Activity Weekend
25 th July – 2 nd August	Summer Kids Fun
4 th August – 6 th August*	A Civil War event
18 th August – 20 th August*	Legendary Joust
25 th August – 27 th August*	Legendary Joust
24 th to 31 st October	Spooky Carisbrooke Castle
5 th and 6 th December	Christmas Market