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Issue 2







Aim High!

Dear Families,

High Expectations

We have one overarching aim this academic year and that is to raise attainment. Although our children make good progress our standards are not yet at national averages. Last year 66% of our Year 1 children achieved the phonics screen, but nationally 80% did.

In Year 6 there is something called a combined measure. (This means the children that achieved their Age-Related Expectations in reading, writing and maths achieve combined) 49% of our Year 6 cohort achieved this, whereas nationally the figure was 59%. We are absolutely committed, as a team, to raise attainment for all children.

In our School Development Plan there are two strands to this work – beliefs and fluency.

Our beliefs as adults can affect children through things we say and the behaviours we exhibit. I would like to invite you to express positive beliefs to your children about what they can achieve both at school and in life in general.

Our fluency strand is working on pace and being able to automatically be able to do tasks. Please join us in supporting the youngest children with their fluency in phonics — this will directly impact their reading. Please hear your child read every day. This will help their fluency in reading. In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we have introduced Kinetic letters to help support the children with their fluency in handwriting. If children learn to read and write fluently in the younger years it means they are in a better place when they get into Key Stage 2 to tackle the curriculum with confidence. If you have any questions about aiming high please get in touch.

Meet Your Teams

One of the ways we can raise attainment is by working closely together. We would like to offer you a chance to come and meet your child's teachers.

Year Group	What and When
Reception	Wednesday 27th September 2.30pm in Reception classrooms
Year 1	Wednesday 20th September 2.30pm in Year 1 classes
Year 2	Thursday 21st September 2.30pm - 2.50pm 2KA in sensory garden Friday 22nd September 2.30 - 2.50pm 2KG in sensory garden
Year 3	Thursday 21st September 2.30pm in the hall
Year 4	Wednesday 20th September 2.30pm in Year 4 classes
Year 5	Monday 25th September 2.15pm 5RA in sensory garden Thursday 28th September 2.15pm %TS in sensory garden
Year 6	Wednesday 27th September 1.30 – 2.30 Year 6 Parent SPaG orienteering event followed by meet the teacher



Wight Aid Grant

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Croutear has been successful in securing a grant of £250.00 from Wight Aid to support with the costs of Dance Live.

Clubs

Clubs are starting next week. I just wanted to let you know that part of the fun at reading club will be to try and get a Blue Peter reading badge. Blue Peter has unveiled a new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake. The Blue Peter Book badge will be awarded to children



aged 5-15 who send in their thoughts on a book, draw a character or scene and share which other books and writers they love. Getting kids excited about great books has always been important for Blue Peter and so, as well as launching the new badge, they have teamed up with The Reading Agency and BBC Arts to bring viewers a monthly Book Club jam-packed with fantastic stories. Each month, presenters will showcase a new book and be joined by young readers to talk about the incredible stories, new worlds and fascinating characters they discover. This fits in with our fluency in reading objective very well!

Focus Learners

If your child is a Focus Learner this half term you should have now received your letter explaining the week that you are welcome to join us in school.

Across this academic year, each child in the school will have the opportunity to be a Focus Learner. This means that they will be given special responsibilities for that week. It also means that you can come in at a mutually agreed time with your child's class teacher to observe and join in with a lesson. When your child is Focus Learner, you are welcome to join us on a Friday for an assembly. If your child is in RBH, 1SM, 2KG, 3PT, 4BM, 5RA or 6TM the assembly will be at 1:10pm. If your child is in RSD, 1CE, 2KA, 3AH,4MC, 5TS or 6LR the assembly time will be 2:30pm.

Don't forget to collect and complete a quick survey, available from Miss Rorich in the office, to let us know about your experience.

PTFA AGM

Our Parents Teachers and Friends Association has its AGM on Monday 18th September at 2:30pm in the music room. Please, please, please come along if you can. I know that our Chair and Treasurer are both stepping down and the PTFA cannot run without these positions being filled. We also need committee members. Without the PTFA it is difficult for us to run fundraising events.

Governing Board

Another way to get involved is to become a school governor. We will be including details of our Parent Governor vacancy in next week's newsletter.

Committees

There are currently two jobs for children to apply for at school. Year 5 children can apply to join our Year 6 team of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Application forms have been given out by Mrs Rowsell. We will be interviewing for this role next Monday.

In addition, I spoke to KS2 children about forming an Eco Committee. Application forms are available from the school office or Mrs Tilling. (Please see page 8 for further details)

I will let you know who has been appointed to these jobs after the interviews have taken place.

News from NHS Solent Trust

I'm writing to inform you that there has been a change in how we contact parents/carers of YrR children with regards to gaining consent for the hearing and vision screening service we offer.

This year we have sent a text with a link for the parents/carers to complete an online form. Once completed, it will come back directly to the school nursing team.

You may have some parents/carers who ask if the text is genuine, please reassure them that it is safe to respond.

By using this new method we hope to cutback on the amount of time spent on administration.

If you have any queries please get in touch.

Kind regards

Debby Brennen Public Health Nurse Assistant





The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for nasal flu vaccinations. If your child missed this and you would like them to receive it the Team will be returning on

Please use the previously sent link or QR code to access the consent form.

There are also community clinics available through until January.

Clinics available are:

Sat 23 rd Sept 09:30 – 12:30	Ryde Academy
Thurs 5th Oct 17:00 – 19:00	Enterprise House, Newport
Sat 14 th Oct 09:30 – 12:30	West Wight Family Centre, Freshwater
Thurs 26 th Oct 15:00 – 17:00	East Newport Family Centre
Sat 11 th Nov 09:30 – 12:30	Sandown Family Centre
Wed 22 nd Nov 15:00 – 17:00	Cowes Family Centre
Sat 9 th Dec TBC	Ryde area TBC
Thurs 11 th Jan 15:00 – 17:00	West Wight Family Centre, Freshwater
Sat 27 th Jan 09:30 – 12:30	Enterprise House, Newport

Please contact the school Aged Immunisation Service if you need any help or advice.

Email: snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net or Tel: 0300 123 5074

Prevent the spread of flu this winter



Protect your family



Out and About

On Tuesday morning the **Year 2** Out and About group visited St Helens beach. The children have been reading the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. We shared the story and discussed how Vashti felt within the story and how she demonstrated a growth mindset, overcoming her dislike and frustration of drawing in art class and developing a passion for art. The Out and About group were challenged to design their own 'dot' creations using stones, shells and found objects on the beach. The children worked well in small groups, listening to one another's ideas. They were all very proud of their creations, some even made frames and signed their names in the sand.







The children in **Year 3** have begun learning about *forces* in Science. The **3PT** Out and About group visited Steyne Park in Bembridge to explore and identify forces when using the play equipment. The children worked together to decide when there was a push or pull force acting upon an object. They wrote down which force was in action and shared their learning with each other. The group all enjoyed playing together in the park and had fun trying out all the different equipment.







As part of the **Year 4**'s topic on *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* the **4MC** Out and About team visited The Sweet Manufactory at the Needles. The children watched a demonstration and learnt how sweets were traditionally made using original tools, techniques and machinery (some nearly 100 years old!). The group were mesmerised as the glucose and sugar mixture were heated to 154°C, slowly cooled, manipulated and gradually transformed into perfect little sweets. They were very excited to take a few freshly made sweets home to share with their families. After learning about how sweets are made, the children walked down to Alum Bay to see the colourful cliffs and the Needles Lighthouse.







Out and About

Our **Year 1** children have been sharing the story *The Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson. This week our **1CE** Out and About children took their own paper doll chain on a special adventure around East Cowes, following a photo trail across the town. The children are learning about their local area so took it in turns to lead the group, along with their paper dolls, to different play parks, shops, monuments and land marks. The children demonstrated a great understanding of where they live and lots were able to confidently explain how to get to the next point on our trail.







Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes and brings a water bottle and a sun hat/raincoat (depending on the forecast).

Tuesday am - 2KG

Beach sculptures inspired by 'The Dot'

Ella-Rose, Isabelle, Paisley, Gracie-Mai, Amelia-Lily, William, Caleb, Harry, Jamie, Corey, Jimmy, Rory, Eli and Arlo.

Tuesday pm - 3PT

Identifying forces within play parks

Tylan, Theo, Nathan, Daniel, Nimalan, Jamie, Kingsley, Adeline, Layla, Bonnie, Amber, Juniper and Chloe.

Wednesday am - 4MC

Sweet making demo at The Needles

Benjamin, Mia-Rose, Oscar G, Harry, Oscar H, Ruben, Jacob, Paloma, Harvey R, Fletcher, River, Rhys, Adhvika, Lily and Vincent.

*Please note - the children will be given a sample sweet to bring home at the end of the day.

Wednesday pm - 1CE

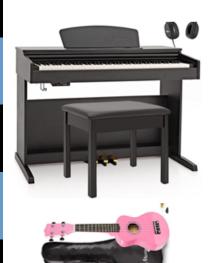
East Cowes photo trail

Bowie, George, Titan, Jasper, Wyatt, Frederick, Sully, Nathan, Evelyn, Inara, Mollie, Raemarni, Peyton and Naomi.



Music Tuition at Queensgate

At Queensgate we are aiming to give as many children as possible the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. This year we are able to offer piano, ukulele and guitar lessons to all children from Year 1 to Year 6.





Totally Rad Music

Totally Rad Music provide our piano and ukulele lessons at really reasonable rates:

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

If you are interested in your child having music lessons with Totally Rad, please sign them up online using this link: <u>SIGN ME UP</u>





Wight Music Tuition Service

Guitar lessons are provided by Wight Music Tuition Service and are available for £8 per 20 minute group lesson (maximum of 4 per group). We have a lovely set of new guitars with carry cases available for free loan to any child taking up these lessons.

To sign your child up for guitar lessons please follow this link: https://iwmt.org.uk/apply-online/

Please do sign up for lessons as soon as possible to make the most of the year. When you do sign up, please also email Mrs Webb to let her know and include your child's name, class and chosen instrument. This helps us to work out timetables. Thank you.

wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 97.53%

Whole School Attendance this week is 97.19%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RBH with 99.57%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 100%

10 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 95% 20 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 90% 40 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 80%

If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as persistently absent



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	Port Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
Tomato Pasta Served with Two Vegetables	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Roasted Vegetable Butterbean Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips
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
Vanilla Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Lemon Slice with Fruit	Crispy Crackle Bar

All main meals are served with two vegetables

Sports Report

On Thursday, the Year 6 girl football team had their first couple of games of the season. They played Binstead, Shalfleet and Northwood all in one night. It was a round robin format; the team with the most point from three games going through to the finals. The girls played really well throughout the night, improving in every game. They were unfortunate to come away with two losses and one draw. This was a very good starting point from the girls and they will hope to improve further going into their next few matches.

The results table from the games:

Queensgate 0-0 Northwood

Shalfleet 0-0 Binstead

Queensgate 0-1 Binstead

Shalfleet 0-1 Northwood

Queensgate 0-1 Shalfleet

Northwood 0-3 Binstead

Points table

Binstead 7

Shalfleet 4

Northwood 4

Queensgate 1



Eco School

Your child may have already spoken to you after their assembly on Monday, but I am writing to you to share some exciting news. This year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. Mrs Selle and Mrs Tilling will be our Eco-Coordinators for this fantastic opportunity.

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home.

To enable us to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in our school and local community, we are inviting children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to form our first ever Queensgate Eco – School committee and become Eco Warriors.

An Eco-Schools' assessor will look over our school's application and evidence in May 2024, with a view to recognising and celebrating our achievements, when we hope to be awarded with the Green Flag.

Please speak to your child over the weekend about this and if they would like to apply for a place on the Eco – School Committee, please ask them to collect an application form from the office, if they haven't already done so.

Closing date for applications is 20th September.

You can find out more on the Eco – Schools website here: https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/

Dates for your diary for Next Academic Year

Monday 18th September - AGM for PTFA 1.30 pm in Music room

3.15 Y6 girls football vs Carisbrooke @ Queensgate

Tuesday 19th September - Skateboarding club starts on KS1 playground

Thursday 21st September - 2.30pm - 2.50pm Yr2 read with your child (2KA) in Sensory Garden

3.15 Year 3 / 4 girls football vs The Bay @ Queensgate (Harry)

Friday 22nd September - First school council meeting

2.30pm - 2.50pm Yr2 read with you child (2KG) in sensory garden

Y 5/6 Boys Pokemon cup football @ Queensgate

Monday 25th September - 3.15 Y6 boys football vs Carisbrooke @ Carisbrooke

Thursday 28th September - Peter Murray (Author) to launch new book to Year 4, 5 & 6 (in hall)

1.30 pm – 4pm Girls tag rugby @ Wootton Recreation Ground

Friday 29th September - 3.15pm Year 6 Girls football vs Gurnard

Tuesday 3rd October - 3.15pm Year 6 boys football vs The Bay

Wednesday 4th October - 1pm – 3pm Island boys/mixed tag rugby competition @ Queensgate

Thursday 5th October - 9.15am - 10.30am New Parents open morning

Wednesday 11th October - Individual photos in hall

Simon Murray (Author and illustrator) in with Reception and KS1 in classes

Thursday 12th October - Sport for Champions Visit in

3.15pm Year 4 boys football vs Gurnard @ Queensgate

Friday 13th October - Year 6 Sailing at UKSA - all day

3.15pm Y6 boys football vs Greenmount @ Queensgate

Thursday 19th October - 3.15pm Year 5 boys football vs The Bay @ Queensgate

Friday 20th October - Year 6 Sailing at UKSA – all day

Monday 23rd October until Friday 3rd November is the half term holiday

Tuesday 7th November - Peace at Last Musical: For Reception, Year 1

3.30pm – 6.50pm Parents Evening 1

Thursday 9th November - 3.15pm - 4.50pm Parents Evening 2

Tuesday 14th November - 3.15pm Y6 girls football vs Greenmount @ Greenmount

Thursday 14th December - 9.15am Nativity to parents

Friday 15th December - Movie Night for Yr 4, 5 & 6 in hall (Raising funds for Dance Live)

Monday 18th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December until Monday 1st January are the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – INSET day – school closed to children

Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024 Half term holiday

Friday 29th March 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024 Easter Holidays

Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024 Half term holiday

Monday 24th June – INSET day school closed to children

Friday 12th **July** – provisional INSET day school closed to children

Monday 29th July 2024 – start of the summer holidays

Bikes and Scooters

We love children riding their bikes and scooters to school. However, for the safety of everyone please ensure that your child gets off and walks when on school grounds. Thank you.

Lost Property

Thank you so much for all your help in labelling jumpers, lunch boxes and water bottles. It has been so successful that by close of play yesterday we only had one jumper and two bottles not returned to their owners. If you haven't labelled your child's belongings please do as it makes a huge difference - remember to include name and class. Here are the items still unclaimed:



Play Equipment

Please can you ensure that your children do not play on the equipment before or after school on the school grounds. Our teachers are having to shout from upstairs windows for children to get down from highly dangerous position on the equipment. Before the children enter the classroom in the mornings and are returned to you at the end of the day, they are your responsibility - Please ensure they are safe by waiting with you. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Car Park

Towards the end of last year I asked you to please only park in the car park if you were a registered blue badge holder or had specific permission from the school for safeguarding reasons. Unfortunately, the situation in the car park at the end of the day is still chaotic and dangerous so I have had to make the decision to shut the gates. The gates will now be manned by a member of staff who will have a list of cars allowed in the car park. If the car park is full then even a blue badge will not get you in and you will need to park on the street. I am sorry that I have had to take this course of action but I would rather this than have a serious accident. Please can I remind all pedestrians that you should be walking down designated pathways and not across the car park. We do not tolerate any unacceptable behaviour towards our staff, so any abusive language or physical action towards the staff member carrying out a health and safety role could result in a six month ban from the school site. Please see our Unacceptable Behaviour Policy Including Habitual or Vexatious Complainants on the school website.

And Finally... School Council

We have now appointed our School Council for the year through a democratic process whereby children are voted on to the council through votes from their classmates. Congratulations to: Freddie F, Evelyn D, Joe L, Tyler W, Layla E, Arlo R, Zayn C, Hannah L, Elsie-May K, Rosie J, Alayna E, Lilly H-D.

Best wishes,

Ouensgate

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form 2023-24 Open Day/Evening dates

(as at 09/07/2023)

School/College	Date	Time	
Carisbrooke College	28/09/2023	Year 6 open evening 5-8pm	
Christ the King College	20/09/2023	Year 6 open evening	
	08/11/2023	Year 12 open evening	
Cowes Enterprise College		Open week; commencing 4 October. Series of limited group tours am/pm. AM tours are at 9.15am, 9.30am and 10am. PM tours now fully booked. Separate SEN Tours by request. Please call 203103 to reserve am tour place or SEN tour.	
Island Free School	14/10/2023	Y6 open day	
Medina College	26/09/2023	Year 6 open evening 5-8pm	
Ryde Academy	04/10/2023	Y6 Open Evening	
	09/11/2023	6th Form Open Evening	
Ryde School	07/10/2022 & 03/02/2023	10-12.30pm	
The Bay CE School	05/10/2023	Y6 Open Evening 5-8pm	
The Island VI Form	16/11/2023	Y12 open evening	
The Isle of Wight College	25/11/2023 &	10.00-14.00 hrs	
	27/01/2024 &	10.00-14.00 hrs	
	06/03/2024 &	16.00-18.30 hrs	
	23/04/2024 & 10/06/2024	16.00-18.30 hrs	
	19/06/2024	16.00-18.30 hrs	
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk	



PACKAGES ON OFFER



IW Fostering ?

Island children need local homes

Fit to Foster?

they are either too young or too old to foster. The truth is that you must be at least 21 years of age. There is no upper age limit, as long as you are physically fit and healthy.

Many people think that



If you don't think you are suitable to foster, think again! Foster carers come from a variety of different backgrounds. There are children in care who may need you. Explore fostering with the IW Council.





SENSORY ISLAND VENUE HIRE	2 HOURS	6 HOURS
VENUE PARTY PACKAGE (MOST BUNDLES & MORE)	£ 200	£300

PRIVATE VENUE HIRE ADD ON'S	7 ITEMS	11 ITEMS
SENSORY PARTY BAGS	£3 PER BAG	£4.50 per bag

PLEASE NOTE:

- · MORE INFORMATION ON PRIVATE BOOKINGS CAN BE GIVEN UPON REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT US DIRECTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION · A 20% DISCOUNT WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL BOOKINGS
 - THERE IS NO MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR PRIVATE BOOKINGS
- · ONLY DRY FOOD IS ALLOWED WITHIN SENSORY ISLAND. WE CAN SET THIS UP FOR YOU IF ITEMS ARE DELIVERED TO OUR VENUE 24 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR BOOKING

The MacNaughton-Howe Festival Association presents:



Arts & Crafts Festival

27 & 28 October 2023

St Catherine's Church Ventnor

Tombola - Craft Sales - Refreshments

Admission:

Adults £1 - Competitors & Exhibitors 50p - Children free

For a full list of classes and to enter the competition visit:

www.macnaughtonhowe.co.uk



East Cowes Community Market

Saturday 14th October 2023

10:00am - 2:00pm

East Cowes Town Council invites all to the monthly Community Market





Food & Drink Crafts Information Plants Soap And More





Feel free to stay for a coffee and a chat

Following Market:

Saturday 11th November 202 10:00am - 2:00pm



Contact Details: Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO32 6RU (01983) 299082 admin@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk | www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk



EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve Tuesday afternoons 4pm

Why not change your library books before or after the stories?



Come and join us to enjoy an informal story session from 4pm to 4.30pm every Tuesday afternoon.

Stories aimed at 7 and unders.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve Wednesday mornings 10.15am

About 30 minutes of songs and rhymes. Stay for a chat and choose some books to borrow.



Fun, informal and noisy session for babies and toddlers (0 to 5 years).

Support your child's learning development through songs, rhymes and rhythm activities.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, P032 6RU
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year, Don't forget that our community library is free to join and access all year round,

On a 0 to 16 years library card there are no charges for late returns. Ordering children's books is also free on this card. You can order books on any subject or by your favourite author by bringing a list into the library or through the online library catalogue at www.iow.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-heritage When your ordered book arrives in East Cowes we will contact you. (Sadly Adults are charged 60p for this service.)

To access free online library services and apps you will need your borrower number (under your card barcode) and a four digit PIN, You can request a new PIN at any library.

We look forward to seeing you anytime. Good luck and best wishes for the new school year ahead!

Kind regards from library volunteer Angie.

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are based in the East Side Curve, our community hub beside the Town Hall in York Avenue.

Do pop in to view our new building and meet the staff and volunteers.

Opening Times Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 1pm

We look forward to offering our community

- books for adults and children to browse and borrow
- · books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading, poetry and creative writing groups
- weekly Rhyme Time and Story Time
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi and laptop computer access
- help with enquiries, information and anward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a 'Welcome & Safe Space' with free coffee, tea or soup

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, P032 6RU
Phone: 01083 200082 (option 5)

