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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



# The Queensgate Rainbow!

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Rainbow Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in our rainbow day today. Here are some photos! Thank you to everyone who brought a coloured item in. Thanks to the PTFA for organising the event. After the holiday, the PTFA will be making up rainbow raffle hampers with your donations. Raffle tickets will be on sale after the half term holiday and the raffle will be called on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



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## Attendance and Punctuality

I always include our ongoing attendance at the end of the newsletter. You may have noticed that it is going down week on week and this week is 93.96%. This is the worst attendance figure that Queensgate has had in the last ten years. Some of this is understandable due to the times we live in with people getting Covid and people being more cautious with colds and coughs.

However, we do need to work together to improve this. It is really important that children attend school every day to make the best progress. We need to be filling the gaps that the children have in their learning, not creating more. Here is what the Department of Education (DfE) has said this week:



*As the new Secretary of State for Education has made clear, young people regularly attending school is a national priority and is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development. This is particularly true for children who were persistently absent before the pandemic or who are at risk of becoming persistently absent. Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance.*

At Queensgate, we have taken a lenient view to both fining and taking family holidays, which had been re-arranged since lockdown. After the half term break, we will not be authorising holidays in term time and we will return to fining for unauthorised time off. I therefore, thought it was timely to remind you what to do if your child is unable to attend school.

1. Please call the school office in the morning if your child is off school clearly explaining the reason why
2. Please keep in touch with us whilst your child is off ill
3. When your child comes back to school please send in a letter or email putting in writing the reason they were off

## Appropriate Viewing

Please make sure you know what your child is watching and playing. The age recommendations are there for a reason. They should not be watching films, programmes or playing games over a PG.

## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Ten teams took part in the IOW Girls Tag Rugby Festival, held at Queensgate. The Queensgate team played some excellent rugby and were involved in some very close games. In the end, the team beat Holy Cross but lost to Brighstone, Newport and Newchurch – all narrowly.

The Year 4 football team had their first match at Queensgate. The team did well to go in at half time 0-0 but Nine Acres scored two quick goals afterwards.

Queensgate pulled one goal back but were unable to find an equaliser.



### Interested in cricket?

#### NEW Junior Winter All Stars /Dynamos Cricket Session



The Isle of Wight Cricket Board are delivering cricket coaching for pupils in Year 3,4 & 5.

**WHERE:** Every Wednesday at Barton Primary starting 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Every Friday at Ryde Private School Sports Hall starting 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**TIME:** 5.00pm – 6.00pm at Barton and 5.30-6.30 at Ryde School

**Cost:** £18 for the 6 weeks



The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of Wight County Coaches who are ECB qualified, and DBS checked, **BOOKING is ESSENTIAL.**

**To book your place please contact:  
Andrew Jasper on 0791762780 or [andrewjasper@live.co.uk](mailto:andrewjasper@live.co.uk)**

## Parents' and Carers' Evenings

Please remember to book your appointment to see your child's class teacher. We would like to see every family as working together really supporting your child's progress. Please go onto your Scopay account to book your appointment any time between now and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, closes at 12 noon. Parents' and Carers' evenings are during the first week back after the half term break. The consultations will be in the hall and the dining room will be the waiting area.

## Focus Learner Assemblies

As you know, we have too many staff and children to all fit in the hall altogether, which means that we have to hold two assemblies each time instead of one. We are going to try changing the time of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Focus Learner assembly to 1 pm on Fridays, so that we can fit a lesson in after the assembly. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 assembly will remain at 2:30 pm on a Friday afternoon.

## Open Morning

Thank you for promoting our open morning. We had many families visit us on Thursday and all seemed to enjoy their tour.

## Staffing

We are currently advertising for a two day a week music teacher. Please go to <http://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/our-school/staff-vacancies> to see all the details of the job and how to apply.

I am also pleased to welcome **Mrs Jeffers** who will be joining the team after half term. She will be working with families in the Early Help process, as well as taking on some of Benji's timetable.

Here's a little bio about her:

Hello, I'm Mrs Jeffers.

I have been appointed as the new inclusion assistant and wanted to introduce myself.

I have been working for the last four years as a Family Support Worker for Barnardos, so I come with a wealth of knowledge around 'Early Help' and supporting children with additional needs. I am very passionate about making a difference to families lives.

In my personal life I love being outdoors with my family, at the beach or the forest.

I very much look forward to joining your school and becoming part of the Queensgate family.



## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the second **1CE** Out and About group went for a walk in Borthwood Copse. The children looked for signs of Autumn and talked about their senses as they listened for birds and the rustling leaves. They collected dry leaves and created wreaths to take home as well as listening to Autumn stories during snack time and working together to build a den!



Some of the children in **3PT** walked up to The Longstone at Mottistone on Tuesday afternoon. Next half term they will be learning about the Stone Age and pre-history. The children visited the 6,000 year old Neolithic stones that were once the gateway to a burial ground or long barrow.



Our **4AH** Out and About team visited Yaverland beach on Wednesday morning. The children will be learning about Ancient Egypt after half term so began their topic a little early as they had a go at creating sand sculptures of Egyptian pyramids and the mythical Sphinx. We also looked at the work of artists that create beach sculptures including Andy Goldsworthy and James Brunt.



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On Wednesday afternoon the **2GC** Out and About group visited Firestone Copse. As part of their recent Science work (identifying if objects are alive, dead or never been alive and what living things need to survive) the children hunted for bugs, created leaf rubbings using fallen leaves and explored artefacts lent to us by the Isle of Wight Natural History and Archeological Society.



In Out and About after-school club, the children chose to visit Osborne House. They enjoyed going inside the house, walking around the terrace and walled gardens and having a play in the park.



**Out and About** after half term (first week back)

- Please wear warm, old play clothes (eg. leggings, joggers or jeans, long sleeved T-shirt and jumper or fleece), bring a warm/ waterproof coat with you and hat, scarf and gloves.

-Please bring wellies or walking boots in a named carrier bag (wellies are not to be worn in school).

**Year 1** - 1KS Tuesday am Visiting the forest

Ellie, Ethan, Daisy, Lilly, Miller, Oliver C, Max, Daniel, Samuel, Juniper, Corey, Eve and Chloe.

**Year 3** - 3BM Tuesday pm Walking at Mottistone

Destiny, Xachary, George, Maizy, Bradley, Harley, Thomas, Halle, Logan, Braiden, Lucas, Elanor, Emmie, Jonny and Grace.

**Year 4** - 4MC Wednesday am Nettlecombe Farm

Scarlett, Ryan, Hollie, Elise, Wynter, Amber J, Charlotte, Kahlel, Jack, Brooke, James, McKenzie, Chyna-Rae and Chloe Shambrook.

**Year 2** - 2KA Wednesday pm Woodland walk

Christopher, Tyler, Lily, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan E, Logan F, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella R, Freddie, Ella S, Alfie and Keian-Lee

**Year 2** - 2KA Wednesday PE activities during PPA.

Please come to school in PE kit.

Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Harvey, Scarlett, Maisy, Ella L, Toby, Harley T, Leah, Flynn, James and Mirabelle.



# 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
Macaroni Cheese	Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetable Burrito Wrap	Allegra's BBQ Beans served with Cornbread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Meat-free Nuggets and Chips
Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with	Orange, Sultana & Carrot Cake Slice

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

## Nut Free School

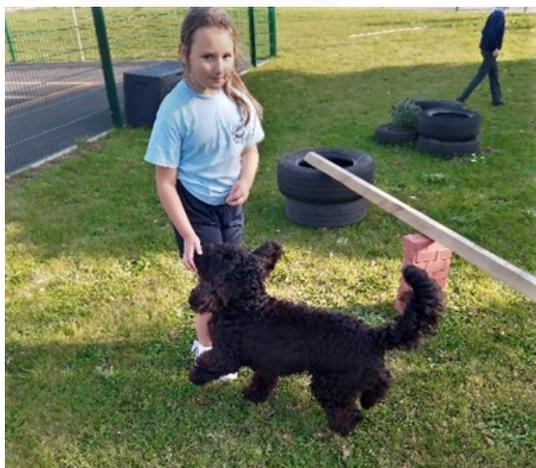
Please can I remind you that we have some children with severe nut allergies so please ensure there are no products containing nuts in lunch boxes. Many thanks

## Benji Blog

This week's club was all about teaching Benji some more prepositions and new commands. The children were teaching him over, under, on and through as part of an agility course which they designed. As he is still growing, Benji is only allowed to do a few little jumps so the children also trained him to go under the bar on command as well as over it. Benji has also been set some homework for half term.



Zachery has set him the challenge of improving his balance by walking along a plank of wood and Sarah has asked him to learn to weave on command – this involves him weaving in and out the legs of the trainer (quite a challenge especially when the trainers have short legs).



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# Love reading?

## Then try this....

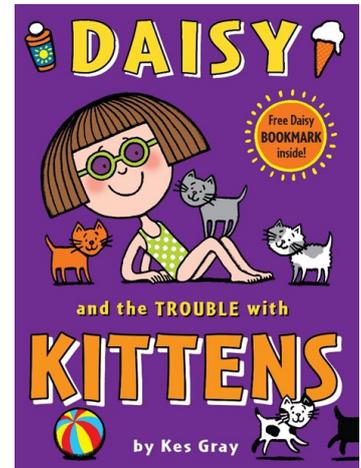
Mia in 2GC can't get enough of reading! This week she has been reading Daisy and The Trouble with Kittens, written by Kes Gray. She loves this book!

This book is all about a little girl called Daisy and how she gets herself into lots of trouble! She's very funny and she loves kittens.

Mia thinks everyone should read this book because it's a good reading challenge and you will definitely enjoy it if you are an animal person!

There are lots of Daisy books in our school library so come and have a look!

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.



**Year 6** parents/guardians are reminded that the closing date to submit their application for a place in Secondary School for September 2022 is Midnight on Sunday 31 October 2021. You can do this online at: [www.iwight.com/schooladmissions](http://www.iwight.com/schooladmissions) and then click on the 'Secondary School Sept 2022' tab. If you have any queries on the process, please email [school.admissions@iow.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@iow.gov.uk) and they will assist you with your application. Many Thanks

### Over the half term break...

Please work with your children on their multiplication tables over the half term break.

Reception – lots of counting forwards and backwards

Year 1 - Counting in 2s and 10s

Year 2 – to know their 2, 5 and 10 times table

Year 3 – to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 times table

Year 4 – to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 times table and all associated division facts

Year 5 and 6 need to know all this with confidence and speed.

Please **chat, read and play** with your child every day during the holidays - they learn so much from this and it is fun for you too!

### Half Term Holiday

Thank you for your continued support this half term. I would like to wish you all a happy break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8:40am.

**Whole school attendance 93.96%.**

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

**This week 1CE achieved 96.89% attendance! Well done.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Best wishes,**

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**

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