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# **Festival Fun!**



Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Queensgate Closed on Monday**

Just a reminder that due to the one way system and traffic situation, we are having an **INSET** day on Monday and school will not be open for the children. If you are going to festival I hope you have a good time.

## **Open Morning**

On Thursday we held our open morning for our parents and carers who have children starting in September. We met forty families, which was great. We are full for September in our Reception classes with sixty children signed up.

# **Krispy Kreme Sale**

Our PTFA have organised a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale. It is at on Tuesday 21st June at 3 pm on the front lawn.



#### **Science Days**



Next week all the children will take part in a science day using an enquiry approach. The question that the children will be exploring is:

What are the different types of plants and animals found in different areas of the Queensqate Site?

#### **Class Photos**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June we are having our class and team photo day. Please make sure the children are all in full school uniform and hair is neatly tied back. If it is a PE day for your child please send their PE kit in their PE bag, so they can change at school.

# Year 6 Show - Rock Bottom

Tickets go on sale next Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June for our Year 6 show. Tickets are £2 and will be available from our school office. There are two performances on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The matinee is at 1:30pm and the evening show is at 6 pm.

#### Year 6 School Journey - Runways End

Our Year 6 children will be on their residential trip from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

# Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **RAB** Out and About group visited Bembridge Lifeboat Station. The children are learning about the seaside this half term in class so they found out about how to keep safe at the beach and in the sea. The group had a tour of the boathouse and saw both the big lifeboat and RIB. They learnt about what happens if someone needs rescuing at sea and how the RNLI can help you. The children all listened attentively and were a credit to Queensgate, well done!







The **6TS** Out and About team went orienteering around Firestone Copse. The children recapped how to use a compass and navigated around the forest to find 13 orienteering markers across the full breadth and depth of the woods. The children were great at hunting each of them out and demonstrated great teamwork when helping each other across the muddy paths and streams.







On Wednesday morning all of **Year 5** took part in the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra 'Midnight Magic' concert online. The children have been rehearsing a song and piece of body percussion with Mrs W. Webb which they performed as part of the interactive section of the concert. They were fantastic at staying focused throughout the session and joined in well.

After the concert, the Year 5s enjoyed exploring the Patch. They enjoyed using tools and paint to

make Space themed decorations on log circles.







The **4AH** Out and About children went to Ryde beach on Wednesday afternoon. Year 4s are learning about how Queen Victoria influenced tourism on the Island. The children looked at photographs of Ryde seafront during the Victorian era. We discussed the similarities and differences of the seaside, now and then, including what people wear and the beach toys children play with. The children sketched the beach using pen, trying to include as much detail as possible. Afterwards, the children had fun paddling in the sea, building sandcastles and digging holes!







The **Out and About club** went to Hazelgrove Farm, Ashey, on Wednesday after school. The children had the amazing opportunity to bottle feed lambs as well as feeding piglets, hens and ducks. The children also got to see some piglets and calves that had recently been born. They each collected an egg from the coop to take home with them. It was wonderful to see the children so hands on with the animals.









Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (including jumper), comfortable walking boots / trainers and a waterproof coat or sun hat depending on the forecast.

Tuesday 21st June am - RSJ (Bembridge Lifeboat Station - Please bring a small donation if possible) Bella-Louise, Sophie, Harry, Dèva-Mae, Elijah, Charlie, Paisley, Jesse, Figgy, Harry H, Rory, Jack and Milania.

Tuesday 21st June pm - 6TS (Orienteering)

\*Please bring wellies, walking boots or old trainers as it may be muddy!

Joe Burr, Joe Butler, Ryan, Jake, Gabriel, Rio, Ben, Harvey, Robbie, Oliwia, Chloe, Layla, Lily-Rose and Summer M.

Wednesday 22nd June am - 5PG (Planetarium)

Nyah, Jaydon, Kaydee, Jack D, Leo E, Lily, Toby, Oliver, Shay, Millie, Owen, Thea and Poppy.

Wednesday 22nd June pm - 4MC (Seaside sketching)

Hollie, Wynter, Amber J, Charlotte, Kahlel, Jack, Brooke, McKenzie, Chyna-Rae, Chloe Shambrook, Oliver, Logan, Harrison and Robert.



## **QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP**

Cricket; the under 11 team took on Dover Park in round one of the knockout cup. Queensgate batted first and scored a massive 317-2. In reply, Dover Park were restricted to 236-6 so a win for Queensgate by 81 runs.





The under 10 team completed their league fixtures against Brighstone. Queensgate batted first and scored a huge 299-2. In reply, Brighstone were always slightly ahead but faded in the last two overs with wickets going down as they finished on 266-5 so Queensgate emerged with a 33 run victory. They have finished second in their section.

Finally, the Year 4 team played their three way fixture with Wootton and Haylands. In the first game against Wootton, the team scored 241-1 – a good score on a rough, old, grass strip. Some good bowling and fielding restricted Wootton to 209-5 so a win by 32 runs. Against Haylands, the team batted first and scored 254-2 – a very health score. In reply, Haylands ended up on 236-4 so a win for Queensgate by 18 runs. The team now qualify for the IOW finals at Queensgate in July.

Special mention must be made of Max Ebbs in Year 4 who has stepped up to play in older year groups. He has bowled some fantastic final overs in securing vital wins as well as scoring some impressive runs. It is a team game but sometimes, individuals can make a huge difference.

Year 5/6 athletics; 24 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Cowes Area Athletics meet at Lanesend. All the children competed well with some good performances and should be pleased with an overall 4<sup>th</sup> overall.









# Benji's Crate and Puppy Pen

Benji has grown out of his puppy pen and no longer uses his crate. Miss Radcliffe has very generously said that the school can offer these up for free. The cage is 105cm x 70cm x 75cm it has a hard plastic base and a blackout cover. Would suite a medium to large dog.

The Hexagon playpen is 60cm high and each panel is 80 cm wide.

If you would like either of these products please ring the school or call in at the office. This will be on first come, first served basis. Thank you.



# Then try this...

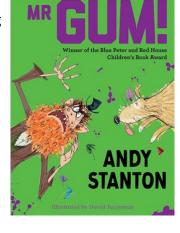
Léon in 3PT has been reading 'You're a Bad Man Mr Gum' written by Andy Stanton.

Mr Gum lives in a stinky, dirty, messy house – he doesn't even sleep in a bed! He is a tip! However, he has the most perfect, greatest garden in the whole universe. The only thing he cares about is keeping his garden looking its best or else he will get whacked on the head with a frying pan by a fairy that lives in his bath tub (that he doesn't use).

There's a giant dog called Ted who leaves nasty smelly surprises everywhere!

Léon says this book is funny and uses lots of exciting, descriptive words.

Léon's favourite part of the book is the secret extra bonus story at the end.



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 them here.

#### **Family Support**

Would you like to help make a positive difference to a family in your local community? Can you spare a couple of hours a week? Home-Start IOW is looking to add to our team of fabulous home visiting volunteers.



We are looking for people with parenting/caring experience who can spare a couple of hours each week to visit a family in their local community to help parents cope with the challenges of family life. In these uncertain time parents need us more than ever and we are working hard to ensure that we can safely provide support that can make a world of difference.

All volunteers are DBS checked and full training and support is given. Our new look volunteer training combines face to face sessions with online learning which means that training is more flexible to fit around you and your other commitments

To find out more please contact us by email on <u>admin@homestartiow.org</u> or via our website www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk

We would love to hear from you.

#### **Mardi Gras**

It is great to see so many of you signed up to Mardi Gras.

You must be available in the afternoon and be able to get to Ryde and be collected from the esplanade at the end of the parade. We will be representing "Green and Active Travel" so some of you could be on bikes and scooters; others will be on foot but it will be lots of fun. This year we are being joined by a special guest and there are some other surprises too.

We will need you to help but only one session will be after school and will not impact on any show rehearsals.

# **Tesco Community Grant for Queensgate Sensory Garden**



Don't forget, the Queensgate Sensory garden project is currently up against other community projects in stores across the Island.

Until **30th June**, people shopping will be given a token and asked to put it in one of the project boxes. The winning project (the one with the most tokens) will get a £1,500 grant, 2nd place will get £1,000 and 3rd place £500. Obviously, we would love to win the £1,500.

So if you shop in Tesco or know anyone who does, then spread the word, that until 30th June, please put the token into the Queensgate container!



# Every little helps!





# 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
INSE	Γ DAY	BBQ Chicken Burger, Corn and Pineapple Relish with Potato Wedges	Tender Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
		Macaroni Cheese	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Quorn Nuggets and Chips
		Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
,		Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Banana Cake	Chocolate and Raspberry Swirl Cake

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

#### **Bike and Scooter Helmets**

Please can we remind all parents how important it is for your children to wear helmets if riding to school on bikes or scooters. Beatrice Avenue and surrounding roads are all busy roads and care needs to be taken. A helmet can and will help protect from serious injury as opposed to not wearing one. Please encourage your children to wear one and talk about the benefits of doing so. Thank you.

#### Disco

Our PTFA are organising a summer term disco for the Queensgate children. The disco is on Thursday  $7^{th}$  July. Reception are 3:15pm-3:45pm. Year 1, 2 and 3 are from 4:00pm-5:15pm. Year 4, 5 and 6 will be from 5:30pm-6:45pm. It costs £2 to attend and Year 6 go free.

## **Secondary Transfer Day and Move Up Morning**

Please note there was a mistake in last week's newsletter about this and we subsequently sent out a text with the right date. Secondary Transfer day is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July for all children. All Year 6 children have a second transfer day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July apart from Cowes Enterprise College children, who need to attend their primary school that day. This means that our own internal move up day has to be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, whilst all our Year 6 children are out.

#### **Showcase**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July school will be open from 5:15pm until 6:15pm for you to come and look at the classrooms and meet your child's teacher for next academic year.

### **6TS to Osborne House**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6TS will be visiting Osborne House to complete the Flower Bed design competition. The children will be picked up or released from Osborne House not Queensgate that day.

#### Summer Fair – Keep the Date!

Our Summer Fair is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July on the school field. If you are able to help run a stall please let the office or one of our PTFA know.

# **Sports Days**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 9:15am it is Key Stage 2 sports day and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 9:15am is Key Stage 1 sports day.

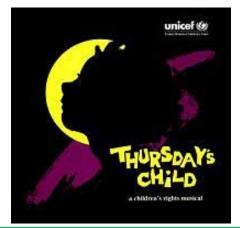
# Year 4/5 Show - Thursday's Child

This show will be on Wednesday  $20^{th}$  July from 5 - 6:30pm.

All proceeds are going to UNICEF.

# And Finally...

Enjoy the weather this weekend - remember the sun screen!



#### Whole school attendance 93.74%.

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

This week 2GC & 2KA achieved 98.15% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

#### **Diary Dates for Summer Term 2**

Monday 20th June - INSET Day

Wednesday 22nd June - Science Day

Monday 27th June - Class photos

Monday 27th June - PEACH games at Freshwater

Monday 27th June - Jo Rudd from Cowes Enterprise College in to speak to Year 6's going there

Wednesday 29th June - Transition day for pre-schools to Reception classes

Wednesday 29th June - Year 2 trip to Carisbrooke Castle

Wednesday 29th June - Year 1, 3, 4 & 5 watch dress rehearsal of Year 6 show

Thursday 30th June - Year 6 Show Day (1.30 Matinee performance, 6pm evening performance)

Friday 1st July - Transition day for pre-schools to Reception classes

Friday 1st July - Noel Turner Science Festival at Cowes Enterprise College (Year 5)

Monday 4th July - Year 6 residential to Runways End, Aldershot

Monday 4th July - Home visits by reception team to new parents

Monday 4th July - Governors (Year 5 School council reps to attend)

Tuesday 5th July - Year 6s at Residential

Tuesday 5th July - Home visits by reception team to new parents

Tuesday 5th July - Quad kids at Holy Cross (some Year 4)

Wednesday 6th July - Last day of Year 6 residential

Wednesday 6th July - Helen Goodman mosaic art session with Year 3 class

Thursday 7th July - PTFA school discos

Friday 8th July - Home visits by reception team to new parents

Monday 11th July - Year 3 trip to Brading Roman Villa

Monday 11th July - Swim Safe Program (Some Year 6s)

Tuesday 12th July - Move up morning @ Queensgate

Tuesday 12th July - Secondary Transfer Day

Wednesday 13th July - Secondary Transfer Day (Not Cowes Enterprise College)

Wednesday 13th July - Showcase evening - school open to all parents and prospective parents

Thursday 14th July - School Council Meeting

Friday 15th July - Year 5 trip to Robin Hill

Saturday 16th July - School Summer Fayre

Tuesday 19th July - 9.15am Key Stage 2 Sports Morning

Wednesday 20th July - 9.15am Key Stage 1 Sports Morning

Wednesday 20th July - Year 4 / 5 Drama Club show - 'Thursday Child' to parents

Thursday 21st July - Year 6 water fight and BBQ

Friday 22nd July - Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers assembly (1.15pm)

Monday 25th July to Wednesday 31st August - Summer Holidays

Thursday 1st September - INSET Day 1 for staff only

Friday 2nd September - INSET Day 2 for staff only

# Privilege Seat Application Window - Academic Year 2022/2023

This notice applies to those parents of current Year 6 students who are moving up to secondary school next year and wish to apply for a place on a Council-contracted school bus service.

# Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2022 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply between **9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and 4pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.** Please note that the online form will only be live between the above times and that applications received outside of this window will not be accepted.

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here:

https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport.

Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Monday 27**<sup>th</sup> **June 2022**. Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

Up to a full term £130.00 Up to half a term £65.00 Up to a full term AM or PM only £65.00 Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.

#### **Important Points to Note**

- There will only be 1 application window before the start of the academic year so please ensure you apply during this window for your child to be considered for a seat.
- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- There is be a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.





# Getting Ready for School Nurturing Young Brains Workshop









Workshops throughout the year Book a free place now on Eventbrite:

https://iowfamilycentres.eventbrite.co.uk

A recent survey shows that 71% of parents feel anxious about their child starting school. It is quite natural to feel this way

During this workshop we'll look at Brain development; Learning at home; Play; Early independence; Routines and more

#### How to get in touch and find out more

Find us on Facebook: Isle of Wight Family Centres

Email us: iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk

Call us: 01983 529208 / 617617 / 408718

Barnardo's Family Space

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TELEPHONE: 07896 342 860 OR 07976 769 274

# Notice to Parents/Carers about Applying for Secondary School Transport Starting from Academic Year 2022/23

Upcoming Deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Dear Parent/Carer

If you think your child is eligible for free Home to School Transport, please complete the relevant application form 'Application for Free Home to School Transport' or 'Application for Free Home to School Transport - Low income' in order to have transport in place for your child for the start of the new academic year 2022/23. Please complete your form by the deadline of **26**<sup>th</sup> **June 2022**. Should your application be received after this date, transport may not be in place for the start of the new year.

The forms are available online here:

https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/School-Admissions/Tasks.

If you would like to check your eligibility or would prefer a paper application form to be posted to you, please telephone School Admissions on 01983 823455 or email <a href="mailto:school.admissions@iow.gov.uk">school.admissions@iow.gov.uk</a>. Please be aware that paper applications must also be received by School Admissions by the deadline of **26th June 2022**.

The Home to School Transport Policy is available to read at https://www.iow.gov.uk/schooladmissions.



