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Primary School



## Cake Sale Next Friday

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Cake Sale

Next Friday the PTFA are organising a cake sale. Your child should have brought home a cake box today. Please fill it with delicious cakes and bring back into school next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please bring all donations to the training room, (in the mobile building to the left of the small playground at the back of the school) before school.

The cake sale will take place on the lawn at the front of the school if the weather is good and in the dining room if it is raining. The cake sale will be from 3:00 to 3:30 pm.



### Bunny Run

Also coming home today is a sponsor form for the Bunny Run which is happening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. All monies raised will go to the PTFA and will then be used for the development of the school site.

### School Meal Reminder

I just want to remind you that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. Every child can have a free hot meal. The meals are delicious offering a meat option, vegetarian option, jacket potato, salad bar and tomato pasta.

As household bills and the cost of living generally are rising so much, it would be good to have more children take up this free opportunity. Some families in Key Stage two may also be eligible for free school meals.

Have a look at this link to see if you are

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Tasks>



If you are on benefits please sign up to free school meals whatever year group your child is in as the school gets extra funding for this.

### New Governor

Hello my name is Alison May. I moved to the beautiful Isle of Wight eight years ago it is the best place I have ever lived. I have many years experience of administration and accounting. I am currently self-employed and I work in a small company in Newport covering their office during the school holidays which is always busy but as I enjoy being busy that is good for me. When not working I love crafting including sewing (due to lockdowns rediscovered!) and all things Pompom.



I am looking forward to the challenge of being a Governor at Queensgate Foundation Primary School and would like to thank everyone for making me very welcome.

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# Love reading?

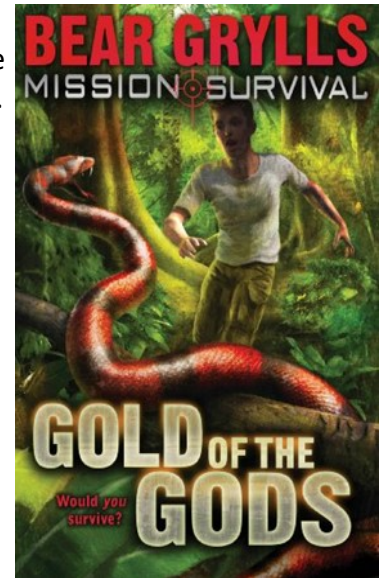
Then try this....

Jacob in 4AH is really excited to tell you all about the book he has been reading. It's called Gold of the Gods by Bear Grylls (the one off the telly). Jacob chose this book because he is a big fan of Bear Grylls.

In the story, the main character, Beck, goes on an adventure in a jungle to save his family who have been kidnapped and taken to the Lost City. Lots of really cool stuff happens to him; he has to climb The Staircase of a Thousand Steps, cross a dangerous river with rapids and he survives a vicious attack by a cobra. Fortunately Beck is an expert in surviving in the wild.

Jacob really enjoys the adventurous parts of this book as he likes going on adventures himself. He also likes the detailed descriptions of how everything happens in the story – it makes him feel like he's actually on the adventures with Beck.

Jacob borrowed this book from our amazing school library so come and have a look for it if you would like to read it.



## Tesco Community Grant for Queensgate Sensory Garden



Mr Chubb is pleased to announce that following a recent application, the Queensgate Sensory garden will be going up against other community projects in store. From the 1st April until 30th June, in all Isle of Wight Tesco stores (Ryde, Wootton, Lake, Ventnor & Freshwater), 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 £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 from 1st April please put the token into the Queensgate container!



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## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **RAB** Out and About team visited Ventnor Botanical Gardens to look out for signs of Spring. They enjoyed seeing lots of magnolias, camellias, hyacinths, primroses and daffodils in bloom as they explored the grounds. The two resident terrapins have now surfaced from the bottom of the pond after winter and the children watched them both swim around in the sun. After a play in the park we shared the story Hello Spring by Jo Lindley. When walking back to the minibus, the children even spotted a butterfly, showing us that Spring is definitely on it's way.



The children in Year 1 are learning about animals this half term. On Wednesday, the **1CE** Out and About group went to Nettlecombe Farm in Whitwell, to meet lots of different farm animals. The children were very confident helping hand feed the chickens, goats, sheep, alpacas and donkeys. It was lovely to see the children so relaxed and happy around the animals, interacting and talking to each other as they walked around the farm. They didn't even seem to notice it was raining!



It was assessment week for our **Year 5** swimmers and they were amazing! The children have worked so hard and really demonstrated their best swimming to their instructors this week. They are looking forward to their final session next week.

The children in **Year 3** have two more swimming sessions to go. They have also been showing great determination in their lessons and their assessments will take place next week, with their final session on Tuesday 29th March.

Our Year 3 Super Swimmers from this Tuesday are: Jack P, Ryan, Brooke and Bradley.

This week our Year 5 swimming certificates are awarded to: Zak, Jayden, Jaydon, Rose, Owen, Toby and Jamie W.

### Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears warm play clothes, lots of layers, hat, scarf, gloves, wellies and a warm waterproof coat. Bring shoes in a named bag to change into for the afternoon. If your child does not own wellies, please let us know beforehand and we will do our best to loan them a pair for their O&A session.

Tuesday 22nd March am- RAB

Ventnor Botanic Gardens- Signs of Spring

Henry, Lacey, Forest, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ and Kendall.

Wednesday 23rd March am-1CE

Nettlecombe Farm

Adeline, Esmee, Archie, Bayley, Bonnie, James, Maddie, Nimalan, Johnny, Annie and Harlan.

Swimming lessons next week:

Tuesday pm- Year 3 (lesson 9 of 10)

Wednesday pm- Year 5 (lesson 10 of 10)

Please ensure your child has a swimsuit/ swim shorts, goggles and a towel with them in a bag. Please note, the coach and minibus will not return to school until approx 3.15pm. Thanks again for your support and understanding.



## 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 Garlicky Chicken and Spanishy Spuds	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice	Veggie Lasagne served with a Bread Wedge	Soft Taco and Chips
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding

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





Dr Bike; on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, we have a bike mechanic visiting the school with the task of mending any scooters or bikes you might have. It is free but you need to fill in the attached letter on page eight of this newsletter and return directly to Mr Giles.

### Year 4 Science

In Year 4 we are investigating habitats in our Science lessons. We ventured to the patch to look for invertebrates and vertebrates in their natural environments. On the way, we stopped off to plant a row of saplings from a collection that has been donated to the school by the Woodland Trust. **4AH** planted rowan, blackthorn and elders. We are looking forward to seeing how much they grow before the children leave to go to Secondary School and have made some predictions!



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### Breakfast Club

In order for the staff to be able to clear up and get children into class by 8.40am, please make sure your child is in Breakfast Club by **8.15am**. Many thanks

### Play Equipment

Please can I give all parents a gentle reminder that your children (especially younger ones that don't even attend Queensgate) are not allowed to use the play equipment at the back of the school. The equipment is to be used under supervision of the Queensgate staff only. This is for the safety of your child. Thank you.

### Spare Cereal Boxes

Year 5 will soon be making moveable dragons in Art/DT. If you have recently finished a cereal box, this would be really helpful for the children in Year 5 to make their dragons. Please send up to 5RA or 5PG. Many thanks.

### Queensgate Sports Roundup



The **U-11 mixed Hockey** team took part in the IOW Championship and played extremely well. After all the group matches were played, Queensgate found themselves as IOW Runners up – a fantastic achievement. The team had a very quick turn around as they qualified for the Hampshire leg of the competition, played in Southampton on Tuesday. This was much tougher but they gained lots of good experience as they held their own in several matches. Well done.

The **year 5 mixed football team** played their final match of the season against Priory and gained their first win, 4-0. After a fairly even first half, the team pulled away near the end. Please can the team return their shirts directly to Mr Giles.

**Big walk/wheel;** Sustrans, a national organisation, are holding a national survey about active travel. So from Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, we are encouraging all children in each class to say how they come to school. We know for some people, this might not be a choice but for some it is a chance to walk or scooter etc. Children or the school might win prizes but it is about being active. There is a poster on page 8 of this newsletter.

On **Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>**, we have another Olympic potential star visiting our school Jaydon Paddock, a gymnast. We look forward to meeting him.

**Whole school attendance 93.7%.**

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

**This week 6TS achieved 98% attendance!**  
**Well done.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Dear Parent/Carers and pupils,

**MAINTENANCE /REPAIR SESSION; WEDNESDAY MARCH 30TH**

As part of our work with SHIFT IT and our aim to promote active travel to school we are able to offer pupils the opportunity to have their bikes checked, maintained and mended (if possible) for free by a qualified bike mechanic on Wednesday March 30th. This session will take place during the school day and be held within the school grounds. This is an ideal opportunity to have bikes checked to make sure that your child's bike is safe and in good working order. Minor repairs will be carried out and advice will also be provided regarding any further work that needs to be carried out. Places are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis. If you wish for your child's bike to be looked at please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible. You will then be notified if a place has been allocated to you so that your child's bike is at school on the day.

As an addition, (if there is time/space), if there are any parents who would like their bike checked, please indicate on the form below.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P. Giles

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I would like my child's bike to be checked by Dr Bike on Wednesday March 30th.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would an adult bike checked; (please circle) yes/no

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Did you or a family member / friend receive a food voucher direct from the Isle of Wight Council connect4communities team in January?***

*If the voucher hasn't yet been redeemed, there is help available.*

*Either:*

- Visit your local Isle of Wight Council library
- Contact Evouchers, the company who provide the vouchers on 01638 438095 or [support@evouchers.com](mailto:support@evouchers.com)
- Contact the Help Through Crisis Team on 01983 823859

Contact the connect4communities team at [connect4communities@iow.gov.uk](mailto:connect4communities@iow.gov.uk)

*If you have mislaid your voucher, please contact Help Through Crisis or connect4communities using the phone number and email address above.*

# WANT TO TRY HOCKEY?

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MAKE FRIENDS, IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND GET THE CHANCE TO REPRESENT OUR CLUB!

JUNIOR TRAINING

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ SMALLBROOK STADIUM  
10AM-11:30AM

Mouth guards and shinpads required  
Sticks provided

For more info head to [www.iowhc.co.uk](http://www.iowhc.co.uk) or find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



21 March – 1 April 2022

Go on an amazing journey every day

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help your school win some fantastic prizes

Are you taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition?

21 March – 1 April 2022

[www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk)

Headline sponsor:



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# Big Moments of summer fun!



For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

Sign up today at

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre



# This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!

Sign up today, at

[dynamoscricet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricet.co.uk)

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The **A to Z** of being a **YOUNG CARER**

**1 in 5** young people in the UK have a caring responsibility for a member of their family

## Easter holiday activities



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## “F is for the FEAR

I feel when I have to leave my parent alone, is it fair I should fear the worst may happen simply because I am not there?”

Young Carers have a caring role for a member (or members) of their family due to a long term illness, physical or mental health condition, disability or substance misuse. On the Isle of Wight, Barnardo's and the YMCA work together to ensure Young Carers, aged 5 to 18, receive the support they need to lead happy and healthy lives.

For more information visit [www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk](http://www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk) or call 01983 529208

connect4 communities

Do you help to look after someone in your family? For help and support in school please speak to



## Easter holiday activities

Free places available for children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

A wide range of engaging activities with a nutritious meal are on offer for school ages (5 to 16) during the Easter holidays.

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. To find out more and book, visit: [www.connect4communities.org](http://www.connect4communities.org)

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