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**Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School**



## Reminder – INSET Day on Monday

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just want to remind you that we are not at school on Monday as we have an INSET day.

### **Kyea's Funeral**

Last week I reported sad news regarding the passing of Kyea Pinder. Just a reminder that the cortege will be leaving her house at 10:15am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and you are welcome to attend outside the house to see Kyea off. The dress code is bright colours.

### **Covid Update**

As the prime minister announced that Covid restrictions would carry on for a further four weeks, I wanted to share how this has affected our thinking and planning at Queensgate.

Staggered start and finish times will continue for all year groups - it is important your child arrives on time for the start of the school day and is in class at the correct registration time. This avoids class disruption when children come in late. We continue to ask parents and visitors to support the wearing of face masks whilst on site and particularly when entering the school.

We will continue with our out and about curriculum and our trips out. We feel trips are hugely beneficial for the children and we are able to keep consistent year group bubbles and still continue with this work.

As you know Year 6 are currently on their residential. We are keen to give the children some of the Year 6 traditional leavers' events. We will still be having a Year 6 BBQ and Kezi's Kindness will support with the costs for food for that occasion. We will still have some form of leavers' assembly, although it may be outside. As I have previously said we will not be having a show this year.

Secondary schools will not be inviting Year 6 children to visit their schools this year, but we will still be aiming to have a move up morning and invite our new starters to come into our school. We are also continuing with our home visits.

We are going ahead with sports days but without parents attending.

We will not be doing our usual showcase evening due to restrictions on numbers inside the building. We have to remember that Covid is still around and no-one, families or staff, want to be unwell or self-isolating for the start of the summer holidays.

## School Vacancies

Queensgate currently have two staff vacancies. We are recruiting for a 1:1 SEND teaching assistant with experience of working with autistic children. You can find the advert on our website: <https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/our-school/staff-vacancies> If you know someone who may be interested please direct them to website: [www.uk.indeed.com](http://www.uk.indeed.com)

In addition, we are looking for an apprentice to join our Early Years Team. Further details can be found on this link: [https://www.isleofwightjobs.com/job/education-schools-and-playschools/queensgate\\_primary\\_school\\_teaching\\_assistant\\_apprenticeship\\_vacancy/](https://www.isleofwightjobs.com/job/education-schools-and-playschools/queensgate_primary_school_teaching_assistant_apprenticeship_vacancy/)



### Year 6 Residential

Gathered around the camp fire.

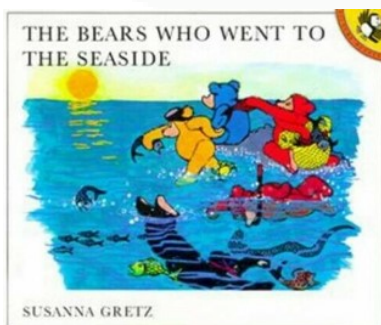
It may be wet but the children enjoyed toasting marshmallows! We can't wait to hear about their adventures while they were away.

### CD and DVD Cases

Mrs Webb, our librarian, is requesting any CD or DVD cases (empty) as they will make great book dividers. If you have any going spare please send them in to the office. Many thanks



## Love reading? Then try this...



Charlie, in 3PT, has an all time favourite book that he would love to tell you about. The Bears Who Went to the Beach by Susanna Gretz.

This story is about the adventures of five bears who spend the day at the seaside. Charlie loves this book so much because it's about the beach and he loves going to the beach. The bears get to catch fish, build sandcastles and play in the water.

Please remember to read every day at home. We'd love to hear about what exciting things you've been reading. Please let us know your recommendations so we can share them here.

## Benji Blog

Benji has continued to do great work at school. He has been separated from Miss Radcliffe this week as she has been on school journey with Year 6 and he has stayed with Mrs Sillito. He's not quite so well trained in the home situation!



Benji has continued to do some great work 1:1 with the children, helping them to build confidence and find their voices. Benji has also provided much comfort and laughter to children needing emotional support. Benji has helped children to stay sensible and calm around him. He has enjoyed being brushed by children this week and did some good walking off lead (in the tennis courts).



## Swimming

Year 5 were fantastic in their swimming lessons on Tuesday. The pool staff were very impressed with the children's eagerness to learn. Well done Year 5!

Our Swimming Superstar awards this week go to...

Maisy, Jaiden, Summer Schuhart, Layla, Owen, Brogyn, Oliwia, Alexis, Jake Griffiths, Eron and Dylan.



Latest original photograph snapped by Doug Cox - bringing a glimpse of nature to our newsletter this week.

## Out and About

On Tuesday afternoon the second 3BM Out and About team visited Newport Roman Villa. Estelle Baker, from the Heritage Education Centre, gave the children a tour of the villa remains and explained how the Roman baths would have been used. The children were able to take part in a range of activities to help them understand about Roman life.



Year 4 are learning about how Queen Victoria influenced tourism on the Island. The 4AH Out and About group visited Shanklin Chine on Wednesday morning. They enjoyed walking through the chine and learnt about why it was a fashionable tourist attraction in the Victorian era. The children could see why people were fascinated by the geology of the chine and the beauty of the plants that grow within the ravine.



Working together for a successful future

## **Out and About next week...**

### **Tuesday am: Year 5 Swimming**

Please come to school with swimwear under school clothes and bring a towel, underwear and goggles in a named bag. The coach is due to leave by 9am.

### **Tuesday pm: 3PT- Out and About**

Wear play clothes and comfortable shoes/ trainers for walking.

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

### **Tuesday pm: 3BM- PE**

Please wear PE kits and trainers.

Su, Harrison, Sophie, Max, Mason, Jacob, Vincent, Maya, Zoe, Sarah, Tommy, Amelia, Sadie, Jude and Grace.

### **Wednesday am: 4AH- Out and About**

Please wear play clothes and suitable trainers.

Harry, Owen, Malix, Jack EJ, Eloise, Scarlett, Maria, Thea, Rachel and Nyah.

### **Wednesday am: 4AH- PE**

Please wear PE kits and trainers

Henry, Toby, Charlie, Jayden, Oliver, Roxy, Ellie, Lily, Kaydee and Olivia.

### **Wednesday pm: 6TS- Out and About**

Please wear play clothes and trainers.

We will be going Geocaching. If you have a mobile phone and would like to bring it please download the free app (green logo titled 'Geocaching'). A letter will go home about this.

Vinnie, Brandon, Adam, Reilly, Jacob, Henley, Jensen, Bethany, Nicole, Evie, Crystal, Erynn, Ellie and Ostara.



On Wednesday afternoon the Year 6 children that didn't attend the residential trip, went Out and About. They had fun digging holes, building sandcastles and playing volleyball on the beach at Ryde!



## 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
INSET DAY	Pork Sausages, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Curry with 50/50 Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
INSET DAY	Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lentil & Basil Puff Pastry Whirl with Wedges	Cheese Frittata with Chips
INSET DAY	Cauliflower Cabbage	Swede & Carrot Mash	Broccoli Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
INSET DAY	Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

**Positive Quote:** "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today"

**Whole school attendance 96.8%.**

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

**This week RSJ achieved 99.6% attendance!**

**Well done.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

**Samantha Sillito  
Headteacher**

# Girls Cricket Festival @ Newclose CCG Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> June, 10-11.30am

FREE Dynamos Cricket Session for 8-11yr old girls, give it a go!! All abilities welcome, no kit required.



Email: [stuart.chatfield@iwcb.org.uk](mailto:stuart.chatfield@iwcb.org.uk) to register your little Dynamo!!

#womenscricketmonth

**RSPCA**

**VIRTUAL ONE FUN DAY**

**HOME PET SHOW**

**BEST RESCUE**  
The embodiment of why we #adoptdontshop. We want to hear all about your stories of rescue, transformation and what you can achieve together with patience, love and determination.

**PEAS IN A POD**  
Pets that look like their owners.

**GOLDEN OLDIE**  
Your much loved, mature animal friend in their autumn years.

**BEST LOCKDOWN BUDDIES**  
Celebrating the special bond between animals and their human friends, or each other.

**BEST BABY**  
Here's looking at you, kid. Your best, bonnie baby.

**BEST TRICK**  
A video or link to the trick you both most enjoy to perform together.

**17 May to 14 June**

Join the all-animal fun by entering your pet at:  
[www.rspca.org.uk/onefunday](http://www.rspca.org.uk/onefunday)

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## Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts

Fitness, Strength  
& Self Confidence

Adults and Juniors

Age 5yrs onwards

**Mondays 5-6pm**  
**Queensgate Primary**



**Kerry Scotcher**

**07920 180120**

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## Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2021/22

**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 2021 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and 4pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.
- 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.
- **Due to a change in legislation we are unable to confirm if we can offer seats on some services.** You may still apply for these services but please be aware that it may not be until mid-August that we receive updates on whether these services can be offered. These services are listed at the bottom of the webpage
- There will 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.