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Friday 21st April 2023







Welcome Back to the Summer Term!

Dear Families,

Year 4 Residential Trip

Our Year 4 children head off on their residential trip to Kingswood next week. They will leave school on Monday and will return at normal pick up time on Wednesday. We wish all the children and staff a fabulous time!

Strike Days

The National Education Union (NEU) have again called their members to take strike action due to pay and funding issues within the education sector. The next day of strike action is Thursday 27th April. I am anticipating that we will be open as usual, but if this changes I will let you know.

Newsletters and Overviews

Each teacher will be providing you with a class newsletter and learning overview so that you know what is going on and what you can support your child with. The family homework is also listed on the overview. These can be found on our website under the curriculum tab.

Bank Holidays

There are a few bank holidays coming up. Monday 1st of May Queensgate will be closed due to the May Day Bank Holiday and Monday 8th May Queensgate will be closed due to a bank holiday for the Coronation.

Coronation Themed Mufti Day

On Friday 5th May we are holding a coronation themed mufti day. Chartwells are offering a picnic lunch and we are hoping we can picnic on the field together - weather permitting.



Just Water Please

Please send your child to school with a water bottle that they can refill – no squash, energy or prime drinks. It causes problems in school.

Easter Reading Challenge

Please could all sponsorship forms and money for the Easter Reading Challenge, be handed into the office in a named envelope by Friday 28th April. Thank you.

Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **RAB** Out and About group began their topic on Transport with a ride on the electric train. The children enjoyed watching the hovercraft hover into Ryde and then caught the train from Ryde Esplanade to Brading station. They thought it was great fun going underground through the tunnels, under bridges, meeting the conductor, looking at the changing scenery out of the windows and changing platforms. The children listened to some facts from non-fiction books about trains as well as sharing some stories about *The Little Red Train* by Benedict Blathwayt whilst they had snack and waited for the return train. All of the children were superbly behaved and incredibly sensible.





Our **Year 5** children will be learning about Space this term. The Out and About team visited Bonchurch on Tuesday afternoon to follow the Space Trail along the seafront towards Ventnor. The children took it in turns to read facts about each planet and compared their relative distance from the sun. They also explored the comparable size of each planet using a variety of sports balls.







The children in **Year 4** are going to be learning about wind power and renewable energy this term within Science. To tie into their new topic, the Out and About group visited Bembridge Windmill on Wednesday morning. The children had a go at doodling the windmill using pen, tried timed drawings and had fun trying to not take their pen off the paper! The children learnt about the history of the windmill and how it began providing flour to the local community over 300 years ago. After a bit of drawing time, the group used their map reading skills to navigate their way towards Whitecliff Bay and then back to the minibus.







On Wednesday afternoon the first Out and About team from **6TM** went Geocaching. The children hunted for caches along the old railway line at Merstone and surrounding farmland. They used the Geocaching app on their phones to follow maps, decipher hints and clues, then navigate to find different caches. The children worked really well as a team to find all six in the area, writing in the log -book at each one they found. Well done team!







Out and About next week...

Tuesday 25th April am RAB

Train ride from Ryde Esplanade

Wear play-clothes and comfortable shoes.

Jacob, Daenerys, Titan, George, Jaxson, Vienna, Declan, Isabelle, Holly, Jake, Poppy, Nathan, Sully and Talima.

Tuesday 25th April pm Year 5

Bonchurch Solar System trail

Please wear play-clothes, a waterproof coat and trainers.

Logan, Harrison B, Oliver, Sarah, George, Lexie, James D, Evie, Mason, Jacob, Harrison P, Harrison F, Toby H, Amber J and Amelia.

Wednesday 26th April am Year 4

Year 4 away on residential.

(Those not attending the residential trip please wear play-clothes, a waterproof coat and bring wellies to change into).

Wednesday 26th April pm 6LR

Geocaching at Merstone

See letter for details about downloading the app in advance and bringing phones.

Please wear play-clothes, a waterproof coat and trainers.

Grayson, Jude, Malix, Shay, Nyah, Lily, Lexy, Hattie, Alfie K, Leana, Millie, Malachi, Thea and Ethan.

Sims Lite

We have now begun the process of inviting parents to sign up for SIMs Parent Lite, starting with the Reception classes this week. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the sign up process quickly. It is much appreciated. Next week we will send out the invites to Year 1 parents, moving upwards through the school each week until all parents have received their email invite. This will mean all parents can be signed up by the end of the summer term. Instructions of how to sign up were included in a previous newsletter – 31st March.



Dragonfly: Impact Education



Did you know?

What used to be known as 'school refusal' refers to when a child's anxiety reaches a level where they can't go to

It's now called Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) because 'school refusal' makes it sound like the child's choice not to attend. This is 'within child deficit' - which means assuming it is the child/young person who needs to change or be 'fixed' rather than their environment.

https://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/Page/20029

Exploring reasons

There are lots of possible reasons for a child's level of anxiety to build to the point that they don't feel able to go to school. These might be to do with the school environment - perhaps it's related to SEND, or social problems in school. Or, it might be because of family breakdown, or bereavement.

Sometimes the child can't express why they are anxious. Rather than ask 'what's wrong?', Young Minds recommend drawing an 'anxiety iceberg' with them. Here's a video explaining how: https://youtu.be/s5IavDmJ91



Tailored plan

A meeting between a member of staff from the school, the child and a parent can help to begin form a plan of what can be adapted to reduce some of the anxiety.

The stress hormone cortisol is often higher in the morning (to help get us out of bed!), however this can make feelings of anxiety worse in the mornings. It can therefore be helpful to focus on morning routines to start with - maybe arriving 10 minutes early to do a 'job' or chat with a mentor. This also provides them with a 'safe space' in the school.



Build on strengths

It can be helpful to normalise anxiety and let children (and parents) know that school is a demanding place, so lots of people feel anxious from time to time.

Work with the young person's strengths and areas of interest and resilience - point out past successes and positive relationships. Then build these things into a support plan. For example, if a young person has had past success in Maths, [art of the plan might be the initially coming in for these lessons and building from there.

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Islands in the Stream: Senior Mental Health Leads





Multiply is a free maths skills programme for adults that includes courses, workshops and support

Brush up on your maths skills Increase your confidence in maths Support the kids with their homework

Friday mornings, 9:15 - 10:15am

Please contact Mrs Selle for more details





What's for dinner next week?



(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)

				1.00
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges and Vegetables	Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice and Vegetables	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread and vegetables	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Vegetables
Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Potato Wedges and Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread and vegetables	Vegetable Dippers Served with Chips and Vegetables
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
Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit	Orange Jelly	Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Ice Cream

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This April, we're excited to be launching our **NEW** tastier than ever menu that reflects the freshness and excitement of summer. Our pupils can also expect some extra exciting theme days this term to tantalise their tastebuds. See what's in store below.





BUSY BEES

Now is the most important time of year for the humble bumble bee who have such an impact on the food we eat every day.

Did you know if bees weren't here, we'd run out of most foods within three years!

Look out for brilliant bee themed activities this May in partnership with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust!

Buzzing to find out more?



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Let's make sure you're getting the most out of your school lunches, all children can get a FREE school lunch if they're in reception or year 1 and 2. Simply speak to your school office for more details.

Children in year 3 or above may also be eligible for a free school lunch.

Check if you're eligible here



Utilita Colouring Competition

This year in honour of the King's Coronation we are inviting your school to colour a crown worthy of being placed on the head of a royal. We think this will be an excellent way for the kids to start thinking about the Royals and the importance they hold over the nation, as well as the incredible work they carry out in the community. The lucky winners will receive a £25 Amazon voucher, the designs will be on display in Utilita Hub which is situated at 121 High Street, Newport.

This competition is for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Please find the 'Design a Crown' attached, which can be printed off.

We will collect the pictures from your school reception on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd May, with the winner announced during the week. Please see the crowns on page 17 and 18. Printed versions are available from the school office.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 93.9%

Whole School Attendance this week is 89.43%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 94.9%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6TM with 100%

Well done 6TM for achieving 100% - keep it up.



Attendance

On Monday we had a whole school assembly and celebrated the attendance from the spring term. 95 children achieved a gold award. Here are their names.

Dates for your Diary

As always, there is a lot going on this term. Please see the next page of this newsletter for dates of events.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Diary Dates	
Monday 24th April - Year 4 residential to Kingswood School Council Meeting	Friday 9th June - Year 6 residential to Runway End, Aldershot Day 3
Tuesday 25th April - Year 4 residential to Kingswood Day 2	Monday 12th June - Start of Year 1 Phonics Check week
NHS Nurse in to carry out height and weight checks - EYFS and Year 6	
Wednesday 26th April - Year 4 residential to Kingswood Day 3 and return	Thursday 15th June - Queensgate Open Morning for new Reception parents Isle of Wight Festival Starts
Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday - School closed	Friday 16th June - PTFA Mighty Men Shop
Thursday 4th May - Al Sylvester (Author, mountaineer & Explorer visit in) – Year 5 am and Year 6 pm	Monday 19th June - INSET Day - school closed
Friday 5th May - Royal Theme Dress Up Day	Wednesday 21st June - Mrs Dye - Home visits 1
Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday - School closed	Friday 23rd June - Reception and Seashells Patch party
Tuesday 9th May - Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling SATs test	Saturday 24th June - Queensgate Summer Fair
Wednesday 10th May - Year 6 English Reading SATs test	Tuesday 27th June - Year 5 trip to Boat Museum
Thursday 11th May - Year 6 Maths SATs tests 1 & 2	Wednesday 28th June - Preschool visit to Queensgate Day
Friday 12th May - Year 6 Maths SATs test 3	Thursday 29th June - Mrs Dye home visit 2 Year 6 production to school (1.15pm) and parents (6pm)
Monday 15th May - Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATs week	Friday 30th June - Class and group photos, Year 6 leavers photos
	Preschool visit to Queensgate Day 2 Year 6 production to parents (1.15pm)
Wednesday 17th May - Simon Murray (Author and Illustrator) in to visit Key Stage 1	Monday 3rd July - School Council Meeting
Monday 22nd May - Ash Randal (Freestyle Footballer) assembly to Key Stage 1 and 2	Tuesday 4th July - Secondary School transition day Move up morning Queensgate
Tuesday 23rd May - PTFA Meeting in dining room	Wednesday 5th July - Showcase Evening (Open school) 5.15pm to 6.15pm
Friday 26th May - RSPCA Themed Dress up Day (money for RSPCA & bottles for summer Fair.	Tuesday 11th July - Key Stage 1 Sports Day 9.15 - 12.00
Last Day for Mrs Barnett before maternity leave	
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Whitsun Half term Holiday	Wednesday 12th July - Key Stage 2 Sports Day 9.15 - 12.00. Year 1 Parent & child phonic treasure hunt PTFA Meeting @ The Lifeboat
Monday 5th June - Children return to school Mrs Heng starts in Reception (RAB)	Friday 14th July - Reports out to parents
Year 4 Multiplication Check start of week 1 School Council Meeting with Mrs Michelmore	
Wednesday 7th June - Year 6 residential to Runway End, Aldershot	Thursday 20th July - Kezi's Kindness Assembly, Year 6 waterfight & BBQ, School Disco
Thursday 8th June - Year 6 residential to Runway End, Aldershot Day 2	Friday 21st July - Last day of term, Year 6 leavers assembly 1.10pm





Come on Queensgate - get those entries in. It'd be great to get to the top of the leader board!

Schools Walk the Wight Leaderboard			
1st	Lanesend Primary		
2nd	The Bay CE Primary		
3rd	Queensgate Foundation		
4th	Gurnard Primary		
5th	Broadlea Primary		

isorropia foundation

Fully-funded Wellbeing Community Event

Mastering Anxiety

Open to the public for all adults over 18 who are interested in gaining new lifelong skills to improve their own mental health and wellbeing.

For more information please contact Isorropia on 01983 217791 or email hello@isorropia.uk

WHERE?

Medina Valley Centre

Dodnor lane, Newport, IOW PO30 5TE

WHEN?

Wednesday 3rd May 2023 18:00- 20:00pm

ADULT LEARNING

Summer 2023

All classes take place at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde, PO33 1QS. *Concessionary rates are offered to learners who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits.

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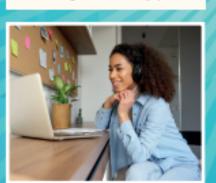




MULTIPLY

Does the thought of needing to do maths at work or at home make you anxious? Are you interested in **free** flexible courses to help improve your numeracy skills? Multiply is a new government-funded programme offering you free and easy-to-access courses and initiatives to help you brush up on your numeracy skills. Take your next step today and find courses and support to help.

For more information on Multiply courses being offered on the Island and to see if you qualify, please visit: www.iow.gov.uk/multiply



FREE ONLINE COURSES

A wide range of short courses are on offer through the Equal Learning Platform. New modules include:

Keeping Young People Safe Online, Stalking and Harassment Awareness, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Menopause Awareness, Knife Crime Awareness and Understanding the Power of the Influencer.

For more details, please contact acl@iow.gov.uk

All classes are for adults (19+ years old)

For more information and to book your place please get in touch.

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ICT

Computers for Beginners

6 week course > Thursday 20 April to 25 May > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

Computers for Beginners

6 week course » Monday 5 June to 10 July » 1pm to 4pm » Free

Essential Digital Skills For Life Level Entry 3

12 week course > Thursday 20 April to 13 July > 1pm to 3.30pm > Free

Essential Digital Skills For Work Level 1

12 week course » Tuesday 18 April to 11 July » 1pm to 3.30pm » Free

ICDL Spreadsheets Level 1 and 2

6 week course > Tuesday 18 April to 23 May > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

ICDL Word Processing Level 1 and 2

6 week course > Monday 5 June to 10 July > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free



ICT (CONTINUED)

ICDL Presentation Level 1 and 2

6 week course > Thursday 8 June to 13 July > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

Safety Online

Workshop » Sunday 30 April » 10am to 12pm » £10/£5*

Chrome Books

Workshop » Sunday 21 May » 10am to 12pm » £10/£5*

Video Calling

Workshop » Sunday 25 June » 10am to 12pm » £10/£5*

ART

How to Paint Better

4 week course > Wednesday 3 to 24 May > 10am to 12.30pm > £55/£32*

Digital Art for Beginners

2 week course > Monday 15 to 22 May > 10am to 1pm > £35/£22*

Painting in the Style of Folk/Barge Art

2 week course > Wednesday 7 to 14 June >
10am to 1pm > £40/£25*

Drawing Still Life

Workshop » Tuesday 13 June » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22*

Drawing with Charcoal and Chalk

Workshop » Wednesday 28 June » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22*

Painting with Melted Wax

3 week course > Monday 3 to 17 July >
6pm to 8pm > £40/£25*

CKAFT

Willow Woven Wall Sculpture

2 day course » Saturday 29 April and Sunday 30 April » 10am to 3pm » £60/£35*

Patchwork Landscape Picture

3 week course > Friday 12 to 26 May >
10am to 12pm > £40/£25*

Nature Inspired Mosaic Picture

2 day course » Saturday 3 June and Sunday 4 June » 10am to 4pm » £70/£40*

Personalised Clay Plant Pot

2 day course » Saturday 10 June and Sunday 11 June » 10am to 1.30pm » £45/£28*

Punch Needle Embroidery

3 week course > Monday 12 to 26 June >
6pm to 9pm > £60/£35*

Sachiko Clutch Bag

3 week course > Sunday 2 to 16 July >
10am to 1pm > £55/£32*

Upcycling with Wallpaper

2 week course » Wednesday 5 to 12 July » 6pm to 8.30pm » £38/£25*

Wire and Silk Suncatchers

3 week course > Thursday 6 to 20 July > 10am to 1.30pm > £65/£38*

For more information and to book your place please get in touch.

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HEALTH, WELLBEING AND LANGUAGE

Conversational Holiday French

4 week course > Wednesday 3 to 24 May >
6.30pm to 8pm > £35/£22*

Reflexology - Hand Massage

Workshop » Sunday 28 May » 10am to 1pm » £15/£8"

CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Do you need impartial information, advice and guidance to enable you to realise your potential, so that you can confidently take the next step into learning or employment?

If your answer is **yes**, call us to book a **free** face to face or telephone appointment with our careers advisor Claire, who can tailor it around your needs, whatever they may be.

For more details, please contact acl@iow.gov.uk

WORKSHOP MORNING

Workshop » Sunday 14 May » 10.30am to 12.30pm

Air Dried Clay Roses

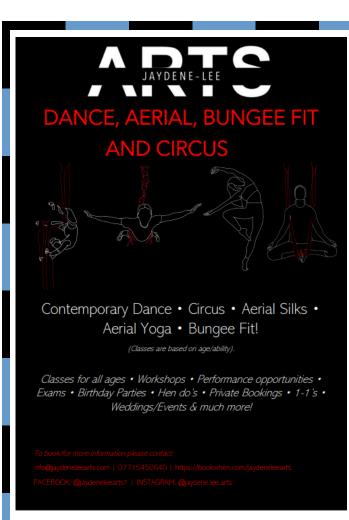
Learn how to mould and form clay into rose petals, to create decorative roses.

Feng Shui

Understand the basic principles of Feng Shui and use the five elements to enhance a space.

Wire Button Tree Sculpture

Create a small-scale twisted garden wire sculptured tree, embellished with buttons, beads and ribbons.







Contact: BembridgeYouth@gmail.com or call 07713024015







27th—28th May 11 am—3pm Naturezones—Blackwater

COMPETITION

View the winners of the recycling materials competition Created by Island children

Recycle, Reuse, Revamp, REFILL

We have some great ideas

The REFILL STATION will be there

Bring your empty bottles to fill with eco friendly.....
washing up liquid, laundry liquid, fabric conditioner,
multipurpose cleaner, sanitiser, hand wash,
shampoo, conditioner and shower gel.
At competitive prices

Creative ideas by Ali's Bloomin Bottles

Be a Transport Greenie—Catch the bus (no3), car-share, cycle, park and stride/walk from Shide or Merstone (small carpark)

ww.naturezones.org.uk







INTRODUCING OUR

SANDOWN SOCCER

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSION!

OUR FUN SESSION WILL BE:

WHEN: Every Wednesday. 5pm to 6pm
WHERE: The Bay CE Primary School, Sandown
COST: £4 for the 1 hour session

To Book: Text your child's name, school, year group and parent name to 07594 389531



Sandown Soccer - Jole of Wight

IS YOUR CHILD TOO YOUNG TO JOIN A TEAM?

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE IN A SPORTING ENVIRONMENT?



DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL BUT NOT IN A TEAM YET?

IF YOU'VE ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS, WE'VE GOT THE PERFECT SOLUTION!

WE PROVIDE A SAFE, ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN CAN HAVE FUN WHILST IMPROVING THEIR FOOTBALL SKILLS.

OURS AIMS ARE:

- TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO HAVE FUN THROUGH FOOTBALI
 TO IMPROVE CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS.
- TO LEARN AND IMPROVE BASIC FOOTBALL SKILLS: CONTROL PASSING, DRIBBLING.
 - TO DEVELOP AGILITY, BALANCE, CO-ORDINATION, SPEED (ABC'S).

Our fully FA qualified coaches have up to date First Aid training and are DBS checked. Each session will be packed full of fun games played in teams, and as individuals, to help children build friendships as well as independence

To Book: Text your child's name, school, year group and parent name to 07594 389531



FUN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL!



FREE Football for Reception and V1 pupils

Where?

The Bay CE Primary School



When?

Wednesday 4:20pm-5pm

Meet new friends and get active! Enjoy positive early experiences of sport! Boost confidence and improve social skills!

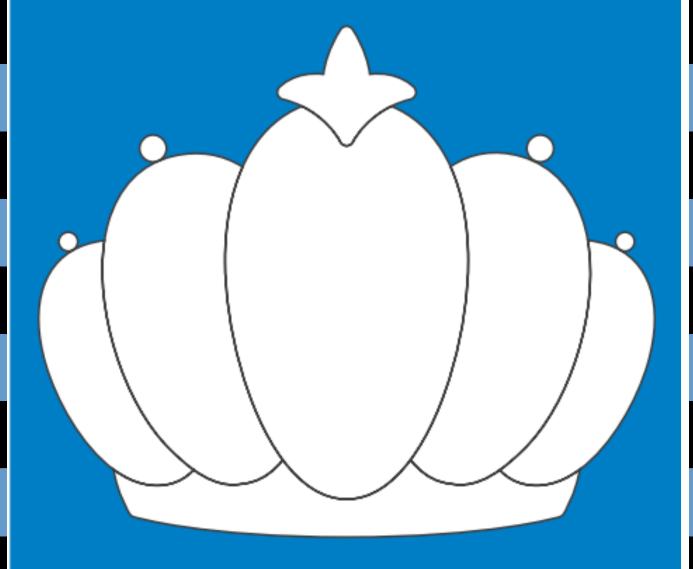
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Crown the royals Colouring competition.



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Your details

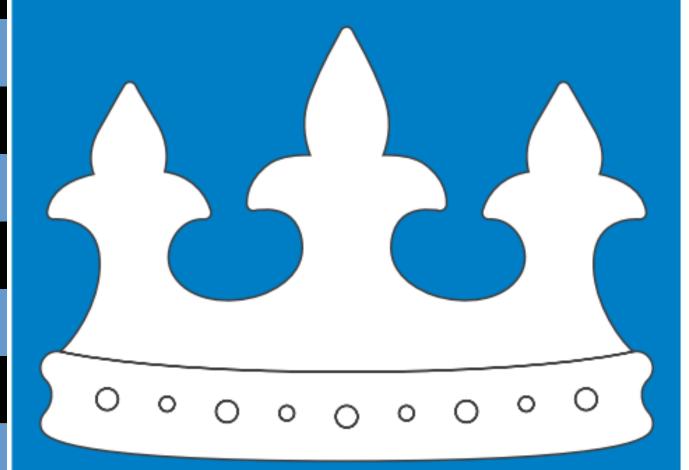
Class School

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Tour details				
Name	Age			
Class	School			