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Queensgate Foundation Primary School

Queensgate Win the Music Double!

Dear Families,

Our Key Stage 2 Choir win the Newport Parish Council Challenge Shield for the second year running.

Last Friday, we took our KS1 choir of just nine children and our KS2 choir of 20 children to compete in the primary school choir classes at the Isle of Wight Festival of Music, Dance and Drama. Some children were a bit nervous about performing at All Saint's Church Ryde, as they had never done anything like this before, but everybody overcame their nerves and sang their hearts out.



The judge, a professionally trained singer, performer and singing teacher, had some lovely things to say to the children and commended them for singing with good tone and expression and for



communicating the stories and feelings in the songs so convincingly. She also gave us some really useful pointers on how to get even better.

The KS1 choir competed against Ryde Pre-Prep School and won their class and the Sister Patricia Cup with 85/100 points. The KS2 choir competed against both The Priory and Ryde Junior School and achieved a mark of 87/100 which meant they won with distinction; they retained the Newport Parish Council Challenge Shield which they won last year.

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Our Key Stage 1 choir with the Sister Patricia Cup.

I am so proud of all the children, not only for their great performances but for their hard work and dedication put in prior to the festival. Their behaviour was exemplary on the day and I hope that this is an experience they will never forget. Well done!

We must also say a big thank you to Mrs Kingsbury who supports the choirs every week, our pianist Judi Coombes who we could not do without and Mrs Cox and Miss Lovett for supporting and supervising the children on the day. And finally thank you to all our parents who have been so supportive. We are very glad so many of you were able to come and watch the children perform and share the success with us.

Mrs W.Webb

I would like to add my huge thanks to Mrs Webb for all her hard work and time running two after school clubs. Congratulations to you and the choirs.

Wonderful Woman Shop

Thank you to our PTFA who organised the Wonderful Woman Shop last Friday.





The event went really well and the children loved the independence of getting their gifts. Hopefully the wonderful women in our community enjoyed their gifts too.

Queensgate Pupils make an Animation!

The PEACH project, Quay Arts and other island schools present a showcase of work by children from Schools on the Isle of Wight exploring the theme of 'Movement'. A small selection of Queensgate Foundation Primary children across Key Stage 1 and 2 came together to create their very first stop motion animation. Children thought carefully of symbols that represent movement and how to sequence drawings and images to show various movements. The animation is being shown as part of an exhibition at Quay Arts, Newport until 18th April 2023. It would be fabulous if you could go along with your children and view the animation.

Please find more information about the exhibition at this web address

https://www.quayarts.org/event/peach-movement/

Events Next Week

It is a very busy week at Queensgate next week. Here is an outline of what is going on.

Progress Meetings – Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and I will be meeting with each teacher to, once again, chat about every child in school regarding their progress this term.

On **Tuesday 28th March** I am delighted to announce that **James Dasaolu** will be in school leading assemblies and doing a short physical session with each class in the school. **Please send the children** to school in their school PE kits.

Here is some information about James.

Dasaolu announced himself on the world stage in 2012, reaching the semi-finals at the Olympic Games in London, before claiming 60m European indoor silver the following year.

In 2013, he also broke the ten-second barrier, running 9.91 at the 2013 British Championships – making him the second fastest man in British history.

He followed it up by winning 100m gold in Zurich at the



2014 European Championships, his first major senior gold medal, before reaching the semi-finals of the 100m at Rio 2016.

He was also part of the British relay team which claimed gold in the 4x100m at the 2016 European Championships in Amsterdam.

On **Wednesday 29th March** we will be celebrating Easter with a whole school assembly. The children will be singing Easter songs and we will have a visitor called Peter Young, Church minister, talking to the children about the Easter story.

On **Thursday 30th March** Year 4 parents are welcome to join us in school from 1:30pm for poetry and a trip to The Patch.

On **Friday 31st March** all the children will be taking part in a sponsored bunny hop! The PTFA have sent the sponsor forms out yesterday for this event. Please could the children all come to school in their PE kits again on this day?

Easter Reading Challenge

Mrs N Webb will, once again, be organising a sponsored reading challenge over the Easter break to raise money for more library books. More information about this in next week's newsletter.





SIMS PARENT LITE APP PARENT SET UP GUIDE

In order to support compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and in our bid to become a paper-free Eco school, instead of handing out our current data sheets, Queensgate will be using SIMS Parent Lite to collect, manage and handle key information about your child by obtaining accurate data securely from you. This will begin to roll out to each year group in turn after the Easter break, starting on Week 1 with Reception with Year 1 on the second week and so on until Year 6 on the first week back after the half term break. We will send a text out once the invitation is sent so you can check your inbox/junk folder.

The SIMS Parent Lite app provides a convenient and accessible solution for parents and carers to electronically review and request changes to the data held on them and their children via smartphone, tablet, or PC anytime, anywhere. You will be able to provide additional information on crucial details such as medical information or dietary requirements. When a change request is submitted by you, automatic emails are sent to Queensgate's school office. Administrators are able to view previous requests and details of any action taken via the audit trail within SIMS.

Invites will only be sent out to parents/carers with PARENTAL responsibility – nobody else on your contact list will be able to see information related to your child/ren. Only those with parental responsibility will be able to make changes to the information held.

From time to time, we may send notifications to remind you to update your child's details, eliminating paper-based data collection and manual errors. To Access SIMS Parent Lite Usernames and passwords are not issued directly by the school but are managed by the school administrators through the SIMS management system.

Step 1. You will receive an email invite from noreply@sims.co.uk

Step 2. Select 'Accept Invitation'. You have 5 days to do this.

Step 3. Select the account type you want to register with....



You can use your existing personal Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft Account credentials to log into the SIMS Parent Lite App as pictured below.

DO NOT USE SIMS ID

If you do not have any of the above then please find below links to create a free Google or Microsoft Account:

Creating a Google Account Instructions for how to set up a Google Account are available directly from Google (<u>https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/27441?hl=en</u>).

Creating a Microsoft Account Instructions for how to set up a Microsoft Account are available directly from Microsoft (<u>http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows-live/sign-upcreateaccount-how</u>).

Step 4. Log in with your preferred account using your own log in details.

Step 5. Registration! The following page will appear:

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ou will have received an invite code hool service.	from either Capita SIMS for a new service of	or from your school administrator if you are being invited to join a
ease enter the code below and tap	or click Register.	
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Name		
Signed in with		

The invitation code field will be populated automatically.

Step 6. Security question – please enter the date of birth of one of your children.

Step 7. Wait for about 30 seconds while your account is created.

Step 8. You are now registered to use SIMS Parent Lite which can be accessed from either www.sims-parent.co.uk on your PC or ipad or by downloading the SIMS Parent App from Google Play Store (Android) or Apple Store. To download the app; simply go to your app store and search for SIMS Parent.

For information about the Privacy of SIMS Parent please click here <u>https://www.simsparent.co.uk/</u> <u>#/privacy</u>

If you need any help/support to register please come in and speak to our office staff, we are here to help.

<u>Please ensure that all second contacts (who have parental responsibility) have an email address</u> prior to this going live. The email address can be emailed to office@queensgateprimary.co.uk



Will your egg colouring skills win you lunch on the Isle of Wight County Press and The Lime Tree, this Easter? *(Image: Canva/IWCP.)*

Calling on the Isle of Wight's artistic young Easter egg fans - we want your colouring skills!

The Isle of Wight County Press and The Lime Tree are joining forces to give away a family meal, with a £30 gift voucher up for grabs.

The winner of our Easter egg colouring competition will be able to spend it at the cafe at 26, High Street, Shanklin.

For more information please click <u>here</u>.

Safety in the Car Park

We remain concerned about safety in the car park. Only people with a blue badge, who have permission from the school should be in the car park. Children should be walking with parents on the paths provided. Please do not



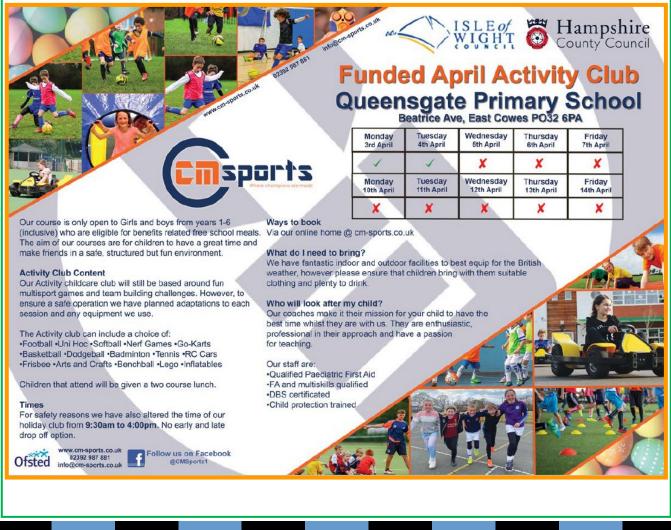
come into the car park as this increases the risk to our children.



Free Easter Holiday Activity Club

If your child receives Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free School Meals), then they are entitled to join this Free Easter Club on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April.

Please see the advert below for more details. This is also available for parents whose child is **NOT** in receipt of FSM - they can pay to attend.



<u>Out & About</u>

On Tuesday morning all of RSD visited the Monkey Haven. The children learnt about animals earlier in the term and have just begun finding out more about mini-beasts. We had a brilliant 'Creepy Crawlies' talk from Jordan, one of the keepers and the children had the opportunity to hold some of the bugs. The children met two different types of stick insect; Jungle Nymphs and Black beauties. We learnt about how important it is for lots of insects to camouflage to avoid predators. Some of the children held a Giant African Millipede. The millipede had over 250 pairs of legs and can live for up to 15 years. Jordan showed us the exoskeleton of a tarantula and explained how they are invertebrates and shed their outer skins as they grow. He told the children that despite having eight eyes, many spiders have poor vision so use the hairs on their body to feel vibrations from around them. Some of the children (and adults) were incredibly brave and held a Royal Python snake! Jordan explained that Jasmine the python, is a carnivore and she only eats one rat every two weeks. After our talk, the children enjoyed exploring the Monkey Haven and seeing all the monkeys, apes and owls.







The 1SG Out and About team visited Nettelcombe Farm in Whitwell on Wednesday morning. The children have been learning about animals this half term so had the chance to get hands on and find out more about farm animals. They fed the chickens, which pecked the grain from the palm of their hands. The children learnt the red bit on a chicken's head is called a comb and the bit under their chin is called a wattle. We looked at their feet and could see they have three toes at the front and one at the back, used for stability or to dig with. They then fed the goats and a variety of breeds of sheep. The children were amazingly confident hand feeding them and learnt that they only have front teeth at the bottom. After meeting the alpacas, we went to the stables to feed the donkeys their carrots! A huge well done to the group for being so well mannered and enthusiastic, despite the very wet and windy weather we had throughout their visit.



Working together for a successful future

Out & About continued

The Year 3 and Year 5 completed their Water Safety training this week in their final session of swimming. The Year 3s had fun practising rescuing each other from the pool and the Year 5s were treated to some fun games in the pool after they'd completed theirs.

Our Super Swimming Award this week goes to Adhvika for trying really hard in her swimming assessment.

We were delighted that the staff at Waterside Swimming Pool chose Freddie Knight from Year 5 to be awarded their 'Achiever of the month' certificate for gaining water confidence and trying every skill set. Well done Freddie!

Out and About next week...

Please send your child to school in warm play clothes (lots of layers if it's cold!) with a waterproof/ warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves and wellies (and thick socks) in a named bag.

Tuesday 28th March am - RSD Monkey Haven Whole class (Please see letter for details)

Tuesday 29th March pm - Year 3 On the Patch gardening (weather permitting)

Wednesday 29th March am - Year 1 *To be confirmed

Wednesday 29th March pm - Year 5 On the Patch (weather permitting)

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.08%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.82%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 98.74%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 98.47%

Let's see if we can get a class or two with 100% for the last week of term!



Family Support

This week has been Debt Awareness Week.

Led by the UK's leading debt advice charity StepChange, Debt Awareness Week (DAW) aims to increase awareness of problem debt and the advice and solutions available to help.

During a cost of living crisis, with costs for essentials rising, we know that many people across the UK will be struggling to make ends meet in 2023. However, our research has shown that many people don't seek help because they don't understand what debt advice is or how it can help them. Therefore, our theme for DAW 2023 will be 'What is debt advice?' The week will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to shine a light on what debt advice looks like, and how it helps people, and raises awareness of how anyone experiencing problems with debt can access free, confidential support from StepChange.

Please see the step change website for more information www.stepchange.org

If you are struggling with Debt, or with the cost of living and would like further support please get in touch with Mrs Jeffers.





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 Served with Two Vegetables	Chicken Pie Served with Potato Wedges, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Fish Fingers Served with Chips	
Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges and Two Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Quorn Dippers Served with Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	
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	
Vanilla Ice Cream	Jelly with Fruit Slices	Mini Egg Chocolate Muffin Cake	Apple Crumble served with Custard	Shortbread	

Please note that dinners now cost £2.61 per day.

And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing all the children next week for the final week of Spring half term.

I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6's that have sat their Mock SATs this week, I know how hard they have worked.

As always I invite you to chat, read and play with your children.



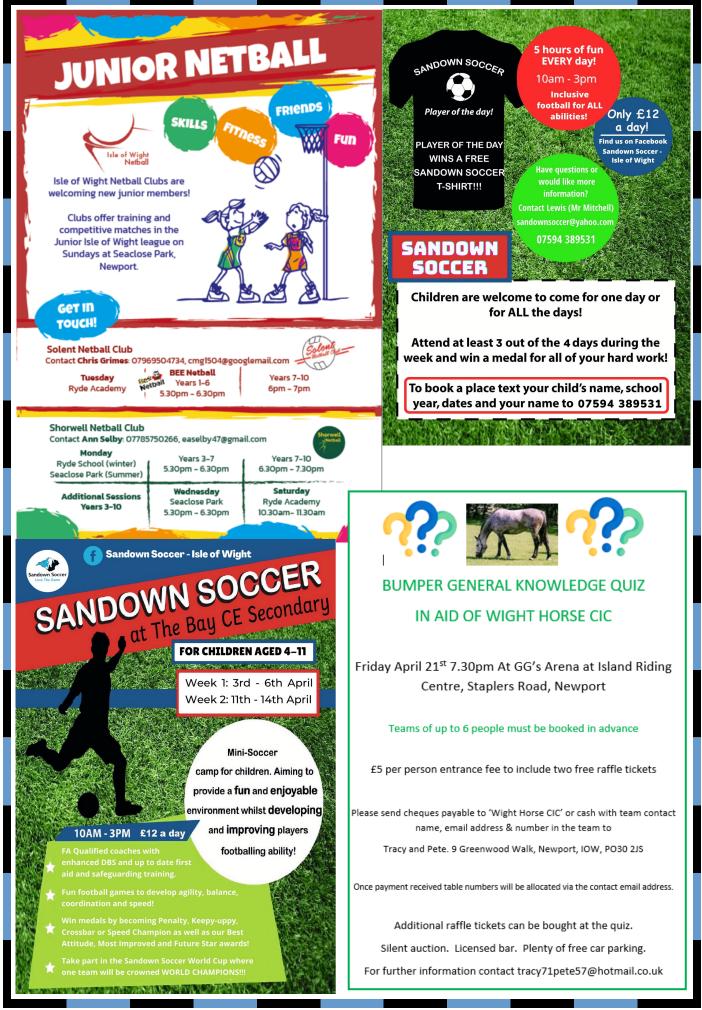


Things may be hard today but hard does not mean impossible.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





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

For more information please contact Isorropia on

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