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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## A Big Day!

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Raising Funds for the Ukraine

We have been blown away by your generosity both in terms of donating items and money to help transport the items to Ukraine. Last Friday the children looked brilliant – have a look at the photos. The overall amount raised was £723 Well done everyone.



Victoria from Mad-Aid will be collecting the Money in our Key Stage 2 assembly this afternoon.

### Big Day - Monday

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March we have a very full and busy day here at Queensgate. Firstly, we will have Maritime Museum Discovery Bus at school for Years 3, 4 and 5 will be visiting.

We have Lord Lieutenant Mrs Susie Sheldon JP (the Queen's representative on the Isle of Wight) visiting our school and we have the Hampshire Inspection team in for our termly visit.

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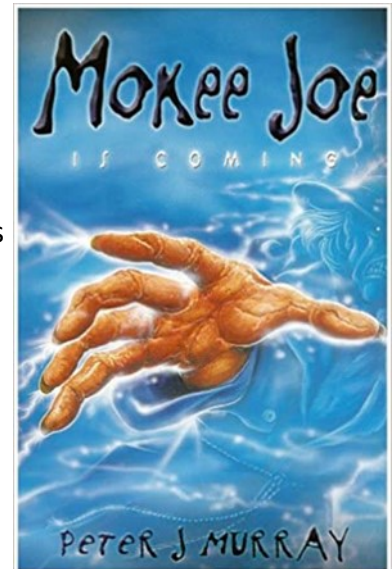
# Love reading?

Then try this....

Braiden in 3BM was so inspired when Queensgate had a visit from Peter J Murray who writes the Mokee Joe series of books. Braiden has read the first book in the series called Mokee Joe is Coming and he has the next one ready to start soon.

Braiden really enjoyed this book because it was terrifying and made his heart pound. It was fun too because he likes to be scared. In the story, the main character, Hudson, is chased by the bad guy Mokee Joe and he tries to get away. Braiden wants to keep most of the story secret so that there are no spoilers but he says you should definitely read this book if you like spine tingling, scary stories.

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.



## 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 and Ventnor), people shopping will be given a token and asked to put it in one of the projects. 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 from 1st April please

put the token into the Queensgate container!

Every little helps!



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## Out & About

The Out and About team from **Mrs Barnett's** class visited Ventnor Botanic Garden on Tuesday morning looking for signs of Spring. The children were all fascinated watching the wall lizards as they moved around on the sunny rocks, as well as seeing the terrapins sunning themselves by the pond. They explored the gardens and were able to see lots of magnolias, camellias and daffodils in flower. The children enjoyed listening to Spring stories whilst having a snack, followed by a play in the park.



On Wednesday morning the **1CE** Out and About group went to Nettlecombe Farm in Whitwell. The children were given little buckets and Tallulah, the farmer, gave each child different types of animal food as we walked around the farm. They were very brave and let the chickens peck the food from the palm of their hands. The children then went on to hand feed the kids, goats, sheep and donkeys. We talked about animal life cycles, what they need, how they are cared for and the similarities and differences between the different breeds. At the end of our visit, the children loved meeting Oreo and Fern, two rather large and cuddly sheep!



A huge well done to our Year 3 children. They all worked really hard to show their swimming instructors how well and how far they could swim in their assessments this week.

Our Year 5 swimmers took part in a water safety course and were then able to enjoy a 'fun session' in the pool with the large floats and pool toys.

This week our Year 3 and 5 Super Swimmers, for showing most progress, are; Sophia-Leigh, Destiny, Hayley, Harley and Maria.

### 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.

#### Tuesday 29th March am - RSJ

Ventnor Botanic Gardens

Ellis, Amelia-Lily, Joe, Marleigh, Macie, Ava, Harry N, Edward, Arlo, Amelia, Logan, Clay, Kaiya and Isabelle.

#### Wednesday 30th March am - 1KS

Nettlecombe Farm

Ellie, Ethan, Daisy, Lilly, Miller, Oliver, Max, Daniel, Samuel, Juniper, Corey, Eve and Chloe.

#### Wednesday 30th March pm - 5RA

Classic Boat Museum

Whole class - Please come in school uniform.

Swimming lessons next week:

#### Tuesday pm - Year 3 (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 in advance 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 Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetable Burrito Wrap	Allegra's BBQ Beans served with cornbread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Meat-free Nuggets and Chips
Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard	Orange, Sultana & Carrot Cake Slice

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



## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Two teams played their semi-finals in football this week. First up were the Under 11 Boys who took on Barton. It was cracking game and the match winner was the Barton goalie who kept out everything. Barton eventually won 2-0. The Queensgate team can look back on a great season, just narrowly missing out on further silverware.

In the Under 9 Girls semi-final, the team took on The Bay and just a single goal decided the game in favour of the visitors. However, the team can look back on a great season, just missing out on a place in the final.

Please can ALL the football team players return their shirts directly to Mr Giles.



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 below and return directly to Mr Giles. There are just 5 places left and there are some letters at the office should you wish to do it that way.

Big walk/wheel; Sustrans, a national organisation, are holding a national survey about active travel. We started on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> and are continuing until 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.

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.



### **Be Kind - Mountbatten Project**

Rebecca in Year 6 dropped the donation buckets and also bags of donations to Mountbatten. Their Events Manager, Charlotte Hornblow received them and was really impressed with Rebecca's efforts and that Queensgate allowed it. The buckets have gone up to their finance department and they will let us know the totals as soon as they can.

Thanks to all who helped her and made it possible, Lilly in her class really helped her a lot when it mattered.



## Anti-bullying Ambassador Training

If your child is an anti-bullying ambassador they will be receiving further online training on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March between 9 and 11:30. They will be accompanied by Mrs Barnett.

## School Council

The School Council are meeting again on Thursday 31st March. They will be discussing the sensory garden, the pond area at the front and also anything else that their classes have asked them to raise at the meeting.



## Year 4 Kingswood Trip

On **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** there is a parent talk about the Year 4 residential trip. The talk is at **2:15pm** in the school hall. Please come along and find out more about the trip.

## PTFA

Our PTFA are a small group of staff and parents who organise events and raise money for the school to buy things for the children that the school would not otherwise be able to afford. The next meeting for the PTFA is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** at **1:45pm** in the dining room. Please come a long if you can – the more the merrier!

## Bunny Dash!

Just a reminder that on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** the children will be taking part in a Bunny Run. The children brought home a sponsor form last Friday. Please support them to get sponsorship. All monies raised will go to the PTFA and will then be used for the development of the school site.



## CAKE SALE

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Thank you for the donations to the cake sale. We will let you know how much was raised next week.

## Single Use Plastic Bottles

Some of the children in Year 6 have been upset with the amount of single use plastic bottles coming into school. It is so much better to have a sturdy water bottle that can be taken home, washed and returned the next day rather than plastic bottles that are difficult to recycle. Please could you try and send in more permanent water bottles - I believe the school council will be addressing this issues next week.

Many thanks for your support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.



**Whole school attendance 93.62%.**

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

**This week RAB achieved 98.9% 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Isle of Wight Volunteer Centre



## Community Days

**An opportunity to find out about local groups that support the communities of Cowes and East Cowes and how you can get involved in a range of opportunities that help them make things happen**

**All Welcome!**

**Saturday 19th March at the IOW Community Club 11am-3pm**

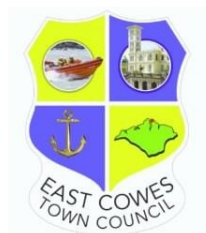
**Saturday 26th March at East Cowes Town Hall 1-4pm**



**Community Action  
Isle of Wight**



**Isle of Wight  
Community Club**



[www.iwvolunteer.org](http://www.iwvolunteer.org)



# WANT TO TRY HOCKEY?

JOIN THE IOWHC TODAY!



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.



WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
ARTS  
LITTLE LIFE



## Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days - Easter Holiday Clubs! Aerial Silks Also Included!



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022



10:00 - 15:00 each day

Sea Cadets Cowes,  
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

£25 per Child for the Whole Day  
(£23 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)  
A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available

### HOW TO BOOK

Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319  
Thank you ☺

# 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

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

# 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



**connect4 communities**

Department for Education

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## 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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## “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

Do you

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

GOALKEEPER  
**ACADEMY**  
ASMIR BEGOVIC

## EASTER GK CAMPS

ABBAY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB,  
ADDLESTONE MOOR, ADDLESTONE  
KT15 2QH.

**APRIL 4TH  
MONDAY**

ABBAY RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB,  
ADDLESTONE MOOR, ADDLESTONE  
KT15 2QH.

**APRIL 8TH  
FRIDAY**

ISLE OF WIGHT  
HOLY CROSS PRIMARY  
PO32 6AS

**APRIL 20TH  
WEDNESDAY**

GK CAMPS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7-16.

