

Happy Easter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is time for the Easter holidays after a very unusual term. Once again I would like to say thank you for your support of us as a team and the children and their learning. I have been really impressed with the way the children have returned to school and some of the work being produced is excellent.

Good News

I end this term with some good news. The National Education Union ran a competition Island wide for the children to design an Easter card with the theme, "What are you most looking forward to after Covid." Olivia Puzey from 4AH designed a card. Here is a picture of it. As you can see Olivia is looking forward to a roller coaster ride after lockdown. Oliva won an Easter egg and £20 voucher. We are very proud of Olivia – Congratulations!



Benji Blog

Benji has worked hard this week. He has met all the children in the school. He has looked at some art work and maths work. He met quite a few children from Reception class and has given them stickers for working hard. Benji will be having his next lot of jabs over the holiday and then will be going out a little further afield. I am very happy that Queensgate is working with Benji and I think he is a real asset to our school.



Out & About

On Tuesday morning the final **Year 4** Out and About group enjoyed a good, muddy walk down to the River Medina and back. The children discussed the different habitats they could identify in the hedgerows, fields, woodland and riverside. They especially enjoyed hunting for crabs under the seaweed and rocks by the edge of the river and seeing whether they were male or female.



Some of the children in **Year 3** walked to St Mildred's Church on Tuesday afternoon to sketch Spring flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe. They used oil pastels to create colourful images, focusing on part of the flower.



On Wednesday, **Year 1** were learning about mini-beasts. The Out and About children walked to the copse at the end of Newbarn Road. The children hunted for bugs in the woodland, listened to lots of stories about insects as well as painting their own ladybird pebbles to take home. They were excited to find centipedes, beetles, spiders, worms, a ladybird and lots of woodlice.



Working together for a successful future

Year 5 enjoyed an end of term treat on the Patch. The two classes took it in turns to build fires, toast marshmallows, drink hot chocolate and even had an Easter egg hunt!



Swimming lessons after Easter



Tuesday am - All of Year 3

Please make sure your child comes to school with their swimwear on under their school clothes with a towel, underwear and goggles in a named bag. The coach is due to arrive at 8.50am.

Out and About after Easter

Please wear old, play clothes and comfortable trainers or bring wellies to school.

Tuesday pm - Y5 (5RA)

George, Lily-Mae, Eron, Dylan, Maisy, Tony, Arthur, Benjamin, Sophie, Buddy, Riley N, Summer P, Ella, Finn and James.

Wednesday am - Y4 (all children)

Both classes will have a Patch session.

Wednesday pm - Y6 (6LR)

Michael, Jay Jay, Joe, Maks, Lyla, Ruby, Ollie, Max, Mylea, Dougie, Kelsie, Rays, Emily, Riley.

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Dodgeball

Some classes in KS2 have been taking part in the IOW Virtual dodgeball competition, although we didn't finish in the top three, we did gain a certificate

ISLE OF WIGHT SCHOOL GAMES DODGEBALL CHALLENGE

Competition Intention: To Develop Physical Skills, Honesty and Teamwork

This certificate is awarded to

QUEENSGATE FOUNDATION PRIMARY

For showing the School Games values while competing
in the Isle of Wight School Games Dodgeball Challenge in March 2021



Signed: *Andy Day*
Isle of Wight School Games Organiser

Signed: *Tony Harris*
Isle of Wight School Games Organiser



@GamesIw



Shift It School Streets Survey

Please could you complete the following short survey it only takes 2 minutes to complete. Many thanks.

<https://forms.gle/e4vYCSnWcec6FzMP7>



Grounds Maintenance Tender

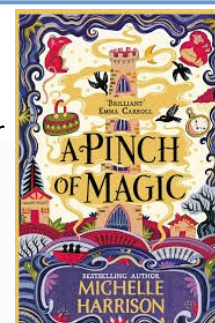
Queensgate Foundation Primary School is seeking tenders for the provision of its Grounds Maintenance Contract from interested suppliers. If you would like the opportunity to submit a tender, please contact admin@queensgateprimaryschool for further information.

Recommended Book

I loved **A Pinch of Magic** because I am a fan of Harry Potter, and the books are similar because of all the magic. I'm into books that include magic spells and other stuff.

I can't wait to read other **Michelle Harrison** books.

Review by Summer McGrath 5PG





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

Easter Sponsored Reading

Today the children have brought home a sponsor form. Please ask family and friends to sponsor the children. Please make sure the children read every day and keep a count of the total number of minutes read.



As World Book Day was during a time when not all the children were in school we are holding our own World Book Day on **Friday 23rd April**, so please have a chat to the children about what book character they would like to be on that day. Maybe they can choose a book from their Easter reading challenge.

Financial Support

Are you struggling with bills? Or having enough food for your family? Or paying for uniform? We may be able to help. Please get in touch, it will all be confidential.

Happy Easter

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 12th April at 8:40 am. The arrangements for drop off and pick up will remain the same after the break.

Advice from a tree:

"Stand tall and proud. Go out on a limb. Remember your roots. Drink plenty of water. Be content with your natural beauty. Enjoy the view."

Whole school attendance 97.04%.

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

This week 5PG achieved 100% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

**Samantha Sillito
Headteacher**

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the internet. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

Explore together and chat little and often: Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. For a breakdown of report services, visit: [Supporting your child with reporting unwanted content online](#)

Take a look at Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow is the national online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. Thinkuknow offers learning activities, advice and support for children and young people aged 4-18 and their families. The [Jessie & Friends animations](#) for 4 to 7s will help you start a conversation about online safety and for 8-10's, there's the [Play Like Share animations](#) and the [Band Runner game and advice website](#).

Help your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried: This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults.

Talk about how their online actions affect others: If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

Use 'SafeSearch': Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.

Visit Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents for more information on keeping your child safer online.

COMPETITION



Calling all budding artists in years 4-6 (aged 9-11years)

How would you like to design a brand new

“ ← **TO THE SEAFRONT** ”

sign and mural showing some of the attractions on offer for display on the wall at the corner of Columbine Road and Maresfield Road, East Cowes ?

WIN Wight Card vouchers

£100 for your school and £50 for yourself

Please send your entries to East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6RU by **30th June 2021**



Big Moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!



Includes Personalised Kit!

Northwood CC, IOW

Park Road, Cowes, PO31 7NN

9:00am - 10:00am, Saturdays (July 3rd - August 21st)

Contact: NorthwoodCricketClub@gmail.com

Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

LJR COACHING

SOCCER CAMP

March 30th - 2nd

April 6th - 9th

For 4 - 11 years

£10 per day

10am until 2:45pm

St Mary's Primary

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NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN FOOTBALL

For 4 - 11 years

Reception, Year One and Two - 5-6pm

Year Three & Four - 6-7pm

Year Five & Six - 7-8pm

Limited spaces available

St Mary's Primary

**£21 for seven weeks - payment upfront to
secure places**

Our coaches are FA level 2 qualified and have all been CRB checked.

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