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## Book Fair Next Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

### No Pens Day

No pens day was a great success at Queensgate. Much reading, art, drama, practical science, lots of talking, practical maths, design and technology and miming took place! As well as a great practical day of learning, the teachers were delighted that no marking was needed! Have a look at some photos from the day:



Working together for a successful future

# NEWS

## NOVEMBER ISSUE 2021

A special thank you this month goes to the three students who designed the new PTFA logo for us as shown off on this newsletter, Bella Willmott in year 4, Jada Harris in year 5 and Esmæ Savagar in year 6. They were the only three entries so we ended up combining all three of their designs together and giving them a voucher each instead of choosing a winner. Thank you for all the work girls!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

03 December - EAST COWES CHRISTMAS MARKET

17 December – TREAT STALL in the meeting room

20 December – CHILDRENS CLASS PARTY DAY and LAST DAY OF TERM



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Queensgate Primary PTFA



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[parentkind.org.uk](http://parentkind.org.uk)

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

## QUEENSGATE PRIMARY PTFA



Dear parents, students and family members.

The PTFA at Queensgate Primary has been active for over 10 years however; over the last two, we have not done very much fundraising due to Covid, so you may not have heard of us!

We have had a lot of new members join, a few members leave the committee, and therefore we are in the middle of a restructure. We will be holding an EGM in January open to everyone and to agree to roles officially.

As a parent and staff member at Queensgate you are already part of the PTFA, but we always welcome new members who want to take a more active role and join the committee, so don't be shy come and say hi!

### 2021 Autumn Term Fundraising

On the last day of term in October, we held a treat stall outside the school. This raised just over £100 for the PTFA so THANK YOU to everyone for stopping and buying treats for your children.

### Rainbow Raffle

During the last Friday of term in October we asked you all to bring donations in exchange of an 'own clothes day'. We then created 9 beautiful hampers that we raffled off on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November during Focus Learner assemblies, the winners were all contacted by Mrs Rorich and informed so congratulations all! Thank you all for buying raffle tickets, we managed to raise £475!



### Christmas Fundraising

We are not holding a Christmas Fair again this year due to Covid but we do have a stall at the East Cowes Christmas Market, so please come down and say hello! There will be crafts for the children, games to play and lots of information of what we do, how we do it and why we do it!

We would also love any donations of unwanted children's gifts or good condition books and DVDs (especially Christmas ones) that you may not need any more, we need them in before the 1<sup>st</sup> of December please ☺

We have also managed to raise over £375 with the Christmas cards this year. So thank you again we hope you all like your children's creations! Hopefully cards will be back from the printers in the second week of December

### Vacancies, EGM and Coffee morning

As mentioned above we will be holding an EGM in January which will be well advertised throughout December, this will be to vote and decide on new committee members, we are still looking for someone with accounting experience to join us as treasurer so if you think you could help us please email or message us on Facebook!

We will also be holding a 'coffee morning' and 'pub night' in January to try to get more parents involved in a more informal and open way! Please come along and meet us.

We promise we're quite nice!

**Parentkind**  
Member Association





## Benji Blog

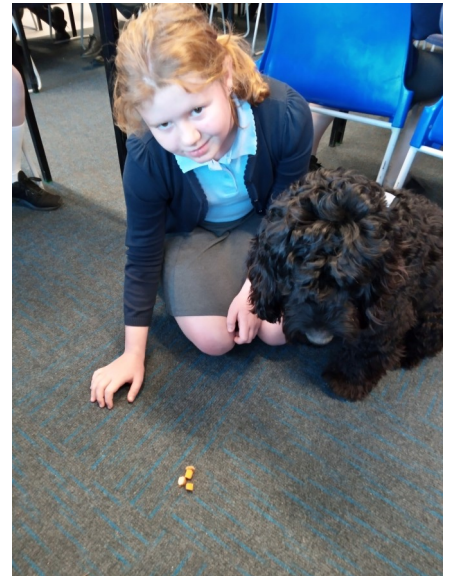
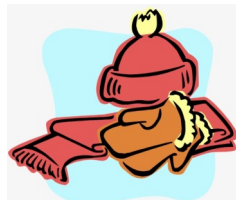


Benji has worked with Marika and Jimmy on commands such as 'drop' and 'roll over'. He also enjoyed a treasure hunt using treats with Elise.



In Benji club he has been working on self control - that's where he has to leave food until he is told to get it - it's a tricky skill to learn as it goes way past natural instincts of a dog to ignore food!

He is also working on not picking up hats, gloves and scarves (and furry hoods) that have dropped to the floor in the corridors - all are super tempting for him!



## Love reading?

## Then try this....

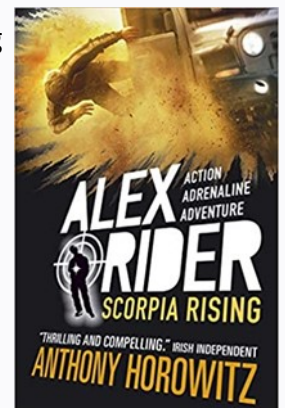
Ashton in 6LR has been reading Alex Rider: Scorpia Rising and he says he hasn't been able to stop reading it because it's so good! It kept him wondering what would happen next!

The Main Character, Alex Rider is a spy and he has to solve a mystery in this book. Along the way he gets in trouble with some bad guys and ends up getting kidnapped!

Alex Rider has lots of super cool gadgets to help him complete his missions. Ashton would really like a watch like Alex's!

There are lots of books in this series. Come and have a look for them in our brilliant school library.

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 it here.





## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **1CE** Out and About group went to Puckpool Park. The children were brilliant detectives, helping to find a lost teddy. They read and followed clues that lead them around the old battery, beach huts and park to find Ted. Afterwards, the children enjoyed a hot chocolate whilst we read the story *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes then had a play in the park together.



The **3PT** Out and About team walked across the fields and down to the Folly on Tuesday afternoon. The children loved climbing over the stiles and taking it in turns to lead the way. When we were by the river we talked about life in the Stone Age. Some children hunted for crabs, whilst others acted out Stone Age spear fishing and built a pretend fire, gathering washed up sticks. Unfortunately their visit to the Shipwreck and Maritime Museum was postponed but has been rescheduled for Tuesday 14th December.



The final **Year 4** Out and About group visited Nettlecombe Farm as part of last half term's topic on Farming. The children had a great time learning about lots of different animals on the farm in Whitwell. They even had the opportunity to feed chickens, goats, sheep, donkeys and cows as well as meeting alpacas and reindeer! The children loved sheep cuddles too with Oreo the sheep.



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Year 2 are learning about the history of flight in class this half term. This week's Out and About group from 2GC visited the Wight Aviation Museum at Sandown Airport. The children were made very welcome by a friendly team of volunteers that were keen to impart their knowledge and passion about the museum. They learnt about different types of planes (propeller, glider and jet), Island manufacture of aeroplanes and the life of Mary Ellis (a female pilot that fought in the 2nd World War).



The children in Out and About Club went to Puckpool Park after school on Wednesday. They enjoyed having a play in the park as well as designing and making some Christmas tree decorations ready for the St Mildred's Tree Festival.

**Out and About next week:**

Please ensure your child is in suitable play clothes and brings a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Bring wellies in a named bag to change into. Many thanks in advance.

**Year 1 - 1CE Tuesday am**

*Visiting the Puckpool Park*

Adeline, Esmee, Archie, Bayley, Bonnie, James, Riley, Maddie, Ella, Nimalan, Johnny and Annie.

**Year 3 - 3PT Tuesday pm**

*Shipwreck and Maritime Museum*

School uniform (no play clothes)

Destiny, Xachary, George, Maizy, Bradley, Harley, Thomas, Halle, Logan, Braiden, Lucas, Elanor, Emmie, Jonny and Grace.

**Year 4 - 4MC Wednesday am**

*Going to the beach*

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

**Year 2 - 2KA Wednesday pm**

*Visiting the airport*

Christopher, Tyler, Lily, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan E, Logan F, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella R, Freddie, Ella S and Alfie.





# 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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls	Sausages and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Bolognese	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding and Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

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

## Parent Helpers

We are always on the lookout for parents who may have a little time to offer the school.

If you have some time and would like to be a parent helper please see me or the team in the mornings or pop into the office and let us know.

Every volunteer needs to have an enhanced DBS check, but we can help with that.

**FESTIVE MENU!**

**MAINS**

**DESSERTS**

**Chartwells**  
So much more than fantastic food.

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



The Under 9 team played their last league match at Cowes. The team held out until just before half time but once Cowes scored, there was no stopping them. Queensgate did score a late penalty. However, there is the cup and some friendlies to look forward to.

Revised fixture dates:

Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> – Under 11 Away at Broadlea

Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> Under 11 Away at Ryde School



## Covid Update

We have had some children and staff with Covid so have returned to tighter measures this week including no assemblies or mass gatherings, more ventilation and keeping groups apart. We continue with hand gel and washing hands with the children and good respiratory hygiene and extra cleaning. Huge thanks to 6TS parents and carers for your patience with us on Tuesday as we were unable to staff the class. I am pleased to say the 6TS team are all back at work now.

## Isle of Wight Food Bank Vouchers

As the colder weather hits, please remember that we do have a small quantity of food bank vouchers here at the school. If you would like any help please contact myself or any of the team discretely and we will arrange for Mrs Jeffers to get in contact to provide you with some vouchers. More information about the food bank can be found here: <https://isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk/>



### East Cowes

### Community Library

While our new community hub and library is being built you can find us in the Town Hall!



MONDAY 10.00am to 1.00pm

TUESDAY 5.00pm to 6.00pm

THURSDAY 9.30am to 12.30pm

email: [eastcoweslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:eastcoweslibrary@gmail.com)

Phone and post messages and enquiries via  
The Town Hall,  
York Avenue, East Cowes, PO326RU  
01983 299082

Do pop in to see us! We can help you to join the library or replace your membership card.

To see an artist's impression of our new build visit:

<https://www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Interpretation-Board-1.jpg>

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was very lucky to be able to visit both Reception classes to share a story, poem and look at some information books to promote our local library and the Booktrust 'Time To Read' programme. The children were so interested and enthusiastic and behaved beautifully.

I was also able to have a whole school tour with Mrs Sillito to see how things had changed since my last visit in March 2020. It was lovely to see all the children working hard and proud of their school. They certainly seemed very settled, secure and happy - a credit to you all and the staff teams in such challenging times.

Until our new library building is ready we can be found at the Town Hall. Our times are limited, squeezed in between other users, but we are doing our best to keep going. Our children's books are all available for browsing, choosing and borrowing in these sessions. You can have a new book for bedtime every evening! The library is also a great way for children to try out different stories for free, with no obligation to finish if they don't like them. We also have a good range of information books. Craft, art, cookery, sports and animal care are very popular at the moment.

Adults are also able to borrow books but by ordering only. We will give you a call when your book arrives. Of course some adults come in to choose books for their children too.

All best wishes,  
Angie Mathews, Library Volunteer



## Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school in the dining room next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3 - 3.30pm.) Scholastic have some excellent deals and the books make great Christmas presents. Any books purchased will earn the school commission, which we can then use for buying books for the children at Queensgate. If you can't come to the actual fair at school please see the next page of this newsletter for details of how to purchase books online. The doors will be left open to ensure airflow but please also wear a mask if coming inside. Thank you.



## Toy Museum for Year 1

On Monday Estelle from the toy museum will be visiting Year 1 to talk through a range of historical artefacts, both antique and reproduction toys. The children will begin to develop an understanding of chronology, recent history and 'living memory' and find out some of the ways we know about the past. They will have the opportunity to explore the toys in a workshop session and ask questions. Estelle will also leave the school with resources to continue the history focus in the following weeks. Look out for photos in next week's newsletter.

## Site Manager Post

Are you or anyone else you know interested in being the new Queensgate Site Manager? Here is the advert, for more details go to the website here:

<https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/assets/images/branding/Advert-1-1-Premises-Manager-Nov.2021.pdf>

## Christmas Dates

**Wednesday 15th December** at 9.30am in the school hall (COVID dependent) - Reception Nativity for parents and carers.

**Thursday 16th December** - Christmas lunch, Children (and staff) can wear their Christmas jumpers!

**Friday 17th December** - 9.45am Christmas Carol service at St James' Church, East Cowes (Covid dependent)

**Monday 20th December** - Last day of term: Christmas Party Day, off timetable - school uniform not necessary!

## Should your child go to school or nursery today?

The NHS has put together a useful guide to help parents and carers work out what to do if their child is poorly and whether they should go to school.

Get all the information on this website:

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool-1>

**Whole school attendance 93.89%.**

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

**This week 1KS achieved 97.7% attendance!**  
**Well done.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sillito'.

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



# ONLINE PAYMENT AT YOUR BOOK FAIR

WHETHER YOU'RE ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR IN PERSON OR ORDERING FROM HOME, YOU CAN NOW PAY FOR YOUR BOOKS SECURELY ONLINE



Once you've selected your books, simply scan the QR code on the right or visit [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and enter your school's name or postcode. Then, follow the instructions below based on where you're making your payment.

## OPTION 1

I AM ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR IN PERSON AND WOULD LIKE TO PAY AT THE FAIR

On the Scholastic website, select 'I am paying at the Book Fair'. Enter your details, along with the total amount you are paying for your books. Once payment is complete, show your payment reference and the books you are purchasing to your Book Fair Organiser. Then, take your brand new books home!



## OPTION 2

MY CHILD HAS ATTENDED THE BOOK FAIR AND ADDED BOOKS TO THEIR WISH LIST. I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SOME/ALL OF THESE BOOKS

On the Scholastic website, select 'I am paying for books from a Wish List'. Enter your details, along with the total amount you are paying for your books. Once payment is complete, forward your payment reference and details of the books you have purchased to your Book Fair Organiser at school. They will arrange getting your brand new books to you!

NAME	CLASS

## OPTION 3

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BOOK FAIR, BUT WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE BOOKS FROM THE BOOK FAIR INVITATION

On the Scholastic website, select 'I am unable to attend the Book Fair'. Type in the title of each book you'd like to purchase from the Book Fair Invitation and click 'Add'. Once you have finished adding your chosen books, click 'Confirm & pay' and enter your details. Once payment is received your books will be sent to the school for you to collect.\*

\*only titles listed on the Invitation can be purchased using this option.



To find the payment page on the Book Fair website, simply scan the QR code or visit [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)  
If you're unsure of which payment method to use, please speak to your Book Fair Organiser or visit [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents)

# Santa Dash with Mountbatten

SAVE THE  
DATE!

SUNDAY 12th  
DECEMBER

AT VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDENS

Enjoy Mountbatten's Christmas themed family fun run with...  
Christmas Village | Festive Fancy Dress | Santa Appearance  
Local Christmas Gifts | Free Entry to the gardens  
Chance to win tickets to Robin Hill's POLAR , VIP tickets to  
Beauty and the Beast Pantomime and many many more.

FAMILY FUN TO  
SUPPORT MOUNTBATTEN



Santa Dash with Mountbatten is back for 2021! We're delighted to let you now that Santa Dash is back this year and bigger than ever. One of Mountbatten's main fundraising events of the year, join us with your family and do the 'Santa Dash' in your festive fancy-dress, all in aid of Mountbatten. Entrants receive their own medal on completion and have the chance to be entered into an exclusive family prize draw where you could win tickets to POLAR, Beauty and the Beast at Shanklin Theatre, the IW Steam Railway and many more. You are all invited to join us at our Christmas Village following the dash, with festive appearances from Santa & other festive friends. The Christmas Village provides you and your family the chance to browse local stalls for Christmas goodies and make a full day of it. We can't wait to see you on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Ventnor Botanic Gardens and meet all the wonderful families supporting Mountbatten and remembering those once closest to us at Christmas.

## *Garage inc Collective Christmas Fayre*

*Trade stalls      Donkeys  
Raffle              Music  
Fun stuff          Lots to see*

*December 3rd 12-6pm*

*Garage inc  
York Avenue  
East Cowes*

The Donkeys from the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary will be on site from 12pm to 4pm.

The raffle includes some amazing prizes including toys, games and soft animals.

Hot food stalls will be available.

Santa's grotto will be open from 4pm to 6pm.

Please come and support this local event and in turn raise lots of money for local charities.





# PARENTS VOICE IW

Cordially Invites You to Our

## CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Riverside Centre - 2pm to 4pm

**Free Christmas party for children with SEN and/or disabilities. Free Food and Dancing.**

**ALL children MUST be accompanied by an adult at ALL times.**

**Adults will be supplied with free tea, coffee and cake.**

**A special guest will be giving out gift bags too**

There is limited availability so please email for a ticket to ensure a place.  
Please also let us know of any special dietary requirements.  
For any further information or to book a place please email.....

[parentsvoice@peoplematteriw.org](mailto:parentsvoice@peoplematteriw.org)

Charity Number: - 1195733



# CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE

KINGS SQUARE EAST COWES  
FRIDAY 3rd of DECEMBER  
12PM – 6PM

**CRAFT + FOOD  
+ FESTIVE TRADERS**

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT**  
INCLUDING

**THE RUC BAND JULES NELSON  
EAST COWES CHURCH CHOIRS  
THE OUTFIT ATTICUS  
TRACY'S FACES STEVO & KAI  
FACE PAINTING MAGIC SHOW**



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**THEATRE TRAIN** DANCE  
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PIERS CHATER ROBINSON'S

# PETER PAN

MUSICAL

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Saturday 11th  
and  
Sunday 12th  
DECEMBER  
2.30pm & 7pm  
both days

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[https://www.shanklintheatre.com/events/theatretain\\_presents\\_peter\\_pan\\_the\\_musical/details.aspx](https://www.shanklintheatre.com/events/theatretain_presents_peter_pan_the_musical/details.aspx)

**APOLLO** THEATRE  
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@ApolloIW /ApolloTheatreIOW

# THE DEVIL'S MIRROR

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER - 7PM  
SATURDAY 18TH - 2PM & 7PM  
SUNDAY 19TH - 2PM

ALL TICKETS £5

AVAILABLE FROM  
APOLLO-THEATRE.ORG.UK

Fun, excitement and family entertainment in an enchanting wintry story just perfect for Christmas.



## Missing Cat - East Cowes



Her name is Sling, she's a black cat and her eye colour is black and green. She's 10 years old and very friendly. If anyone sees her please get in contact with Kayleigh on 07842486187.