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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## We're In!

Dear Parents and Carers,

### New Building

We are absolutely thrilled with our new building and the children like it too. Have a chat to them about it. If you were unable to make the tours today please ring or call into the front office and we will try and arrange another time for you.

### Grand Sale – Part 2

Our new school is smaller than our old building so we have had to get rid of some furniture. We have also bought some new furniture for our new building. Tomorrow (Saturday) there will be a sale in the old school hall between 8.30 and 12.30. Please come a long and see if you can bag a bargain.

### The New Queensgate Code

During an assembly in the old building I asked the children if they would like to keep our Queensgate code or write a new one for the new building. The children wanted to write a new one. The children talked about what they wanted in the code in their classes and this was fed through to School Council who put the words together. Then Isobel M, Ashton B and Shaylei N worked with Miss Stone and came up with some characters to illustrate the code. See the result on page 4. Please go through the new code with your children.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March it is World Book Day. The children are very welcome to dress up as a book character if they would like to.



### Social, Emotional, Aspects of Learning

Our SEAL theme for this half term is, "It's Good to be Me", celebrating the unique and individual wonderfulness of each child.

### Visitors in School

Next week is a busy week for us with many visitors coming into school. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March we have Natalie Smith, the School Improvement Manager for the Isle of Wight, Hannah Satchel English Consultant and Dave Parnell, Maths Consultant all visiting us.

### Focus Learners

Focus Learners start up again next week. We will still have assembly at 2.30 on Friday, it may be a bit of a squish, but we'll give it a go!

### Walk the Wight

Please see the letter and form at the back of this newsletter. If you would like a copy please ask for one at the office.



# 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
Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	See Menu below ↓	Fish Fingers with Chips
Cheese Whirl with New Potatoes	Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
Sweetcorn Cabbage	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Green Beans		Baked Beans Peas
Apple Flapjack Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit		Orange & Lemon Shortbread Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

Just before half term, the whole school

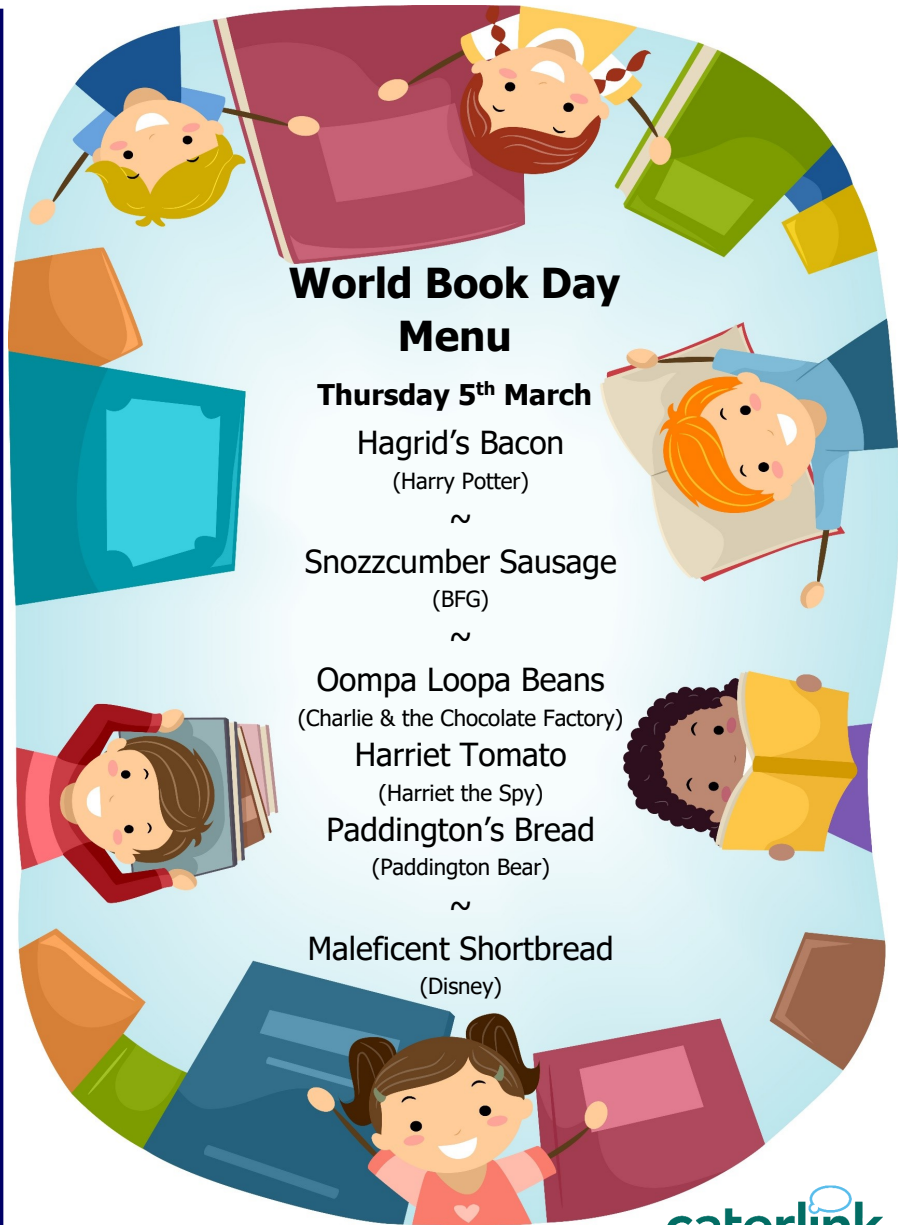


took part in the annual skipping workshops. These were led by our annual visitor, Lizzie, who showed the children a good variety of skills and exercises. At the end of each day, a special assembly was held for those classes who took part during that day. As usual, Lizzie complimented the children on their enthusiasm and good behaviour.

Under nine Open Football.



The team moved into the semi-final of the IOW Cup with a hard fought 2 - 0 win at neighbours Holy Cross. The team are now at Lanesend for a place in the final.



## World Book Day Menu

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Hagrid's Bacon  
(Harry Potter)

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Snozzcumber Sausage  
(BFG)

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Oompa Loopa Beans  
(Charlie & the Chocolate Factory)

Harriet Tomato  
(Harriet the Spy)

Paddington's Bread  
(Paddington Bear)

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Maleficent Shortbread  
(Disney)

**caterlink**  
feeding the imagination



## OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

**Tuesday morning - Reception** (We will be visiting the Donkey Sanctuary. Please ensure children come to school in wellies, play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a warm, waterproof coat. Children will need to bring their school clothes in to change into afterwards. There is no entry fee as they are a charity but we would like to ask the children to bring in a small donation to pop in the donation bucket. We would suggest some loose change up to 50p) Keian, Joshua, Harley T, Zayn, Logan F, Logan E, Ella S, Ella L, Maisy, Tayla, Jesse, Benjamin

**Tuesday afternoon - Year 5 Swimming** (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

**Wednesday morning - Year 1** (We will be going to the beach, learning about how to look after our environment. Please ensure children come to school in wellies, play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a warm, waterproof coat. Children will need to bring their school clothes in to change into afterwards.) Destiny, Hayley, Joshua, Harley, Jonny, Arthur, Evie M, Amy T, Liam W, Grace

**Wednesday afternoon - Year 3 Swimming** (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

### **Aerial Drone Photos**

Big thanks to Jack Lumley and his dad, for taking these amazing aerial photos of the two buildings.



Working together for a successful future



# Our School Code

- To use good manners all day, every day.

- Listening to teachers, adults and other children



- Being polite

- Being gentle

- Being helpful



- Looking after ourselves, other people and our school, inside and outside



- To make sensible choices

- Remember to say sorry if necessary

- Always tell the truth

- Be proud of ourselves, our uniform and our school



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## Positive Quote

*If your mind can conceive it, and your heart can believe it - then you can achieve it.*

## Message from the Chair of Governors

Welcome to a new term, and to a brand-new chapter for the Queensgate family, as we settle into our new home. I'm sure you'll agree that it is looking fantastic and is such a great space for our children to learn and grow.

We may have a brilliant new building – but, for me, what really makes Queensgate are our wonderful children and amazing team. I can't wait to visit again next week when everyone has settled in and to see how much they are enjoying their new space.

Thank you for your support during this transition period, and on behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to extend massive thanks to all the team - with special thanks to Mrs Sillito and Mr Chubb for managing the project so well, ensuring minimum disruption to learning and giving so much of their own time to make sure that everything went to plan. It is truly appreciated.

Best wishes

Leighton Atchison-Warne

Chair of Governors

## And finally...

Huge thanks to all of the following for their contribution to the new school:

Sir Robert McAlpine and contractors for the amazing building;

Jade Kennett and Emma Goldring from the Local Authority for their help and organisation during the project and during the move into the new building;

Kevin and Tom from Mountjoys for the little extras like putting up extra whiteboards and building the trophy cabinet support;

Johnsons and Page the Packers for the decant from one building to the other;

Indigo Printers for printing our new code for free;

GKN, Sandhams, Strictly Education & Wightfibre for the kind donations;

To you and your children for your understanding and adaptability to all situations thrown at you;

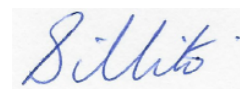
and last but not least to all the staff at Queensgate who have worked their socks off to keep the disruption to the education of your children to a minimum, packing the old building so efficiently and unpacking and getting the new building ready, not only in the two inset days but over the weekend too. Myself and Mr Chubb are immensely proud of the team and are captivated with the enthusiasm of the children to their new learning environment. Have a lovely weekend.

**Whole school attendance 96.42%.**

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

**This week RAS, 2BG & 4AH all achieved 100% attendance!**  
**Well done.**

Best wishes,



**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**



# EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED?**



### READING GROUP

We are about to start a Book Club/Reading Group (or 2 depending on numbers).

The group(s) will meet once a month in the Library at the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

I would love to hear from you and whether you have a preference for morning or afternoon meetings.

A chance to exercise our "little grey cells" and chat about what we have read.

### RHYMETIME

We are also planning to start rhymetime sessions for babies and pre-school children in the Library.

Bring your child/grandchild along for a chance to socialise and get involved in half-hour sessions once a week.

An opportunity for adults and children to meet up.



If you are interested in either of these groups please ring Di on **01983 280118** (leave a message if I am not available) giving your name and phone number and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

**Celebrate International Women's Day on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm with Adult Community Learning.**

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Sign up to one of our workshop and have fun learning a new skill with your child whilst celebrating this great day. Call 817280 or e-mail [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk) for more information and to book. £10 a workshop, one child 10+ per adult – booking essential.

**Indian Block Printing** - Taster session to introduce you to fabric printing with genuine blocks purchased in India, be transported back to the days of potato printing as a child! Learn how to use single and double printing blocks to build your own patterns and create colourful designs and prints. (Please bring a piece of pure natural fabric (cotton or silk), minimum of half a metre square).

**Tie Dye T-Shirt** - Short workshop that gives an opportunity to work alongside your child to create a matching (or not), fun and usable tie dye t-shirt. Experience a range of tie dye methods and transfer them to your t-shirt design whilst considering basic colour theory in order to create an appealing colour on your t-shirt. (Please both bring a plain white t-shirt each and carrier bags to take them home in).

**Creative Mask Decoration** - Bring your mask alive with a variety of bright, sparkly coloured embellishments and transform it into a character of your choice, or design your own unique one. Whether you chose to wear your mask or use it as a wall decoration, the choice is up to you. Masks can be fun, mysterious and even frightening!

**Dot Art Mandal** - Draw a dot mandala onto a wooden heart and then use different sized dowels to create a Chakra pattern in different colours using acrylic paint.

# EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM 2020

In February 2020 ITV and Veg Power are launching another, even bigger, *Eat Them to Defeat Them* campaign focussed once again at primary school age kids.

- ITV, Channel 4 and Sky have committed £3.6m of advertising plus celebrity support
- Our adverts will run across cinemas during half term and you'll see our posters across the UK
- Our creatively acclaimed ad will again engage kids. This year it will be supported by six 10 seconds ads challenging them to eat that week's featured veg
- Supermarkets across the UK will be supporting the campaign in-store and online
- Our new programme for schools will reach 400,000 children in 1,500 schools

## Schools Walk the Wight - Sunday 10th May 2020

To register your child, fill out the enclosed registration form and return to your school by **9th March**. Walker packs will be **delivered to school** and sent home in book bags before the Easter holidays.

The **4 mile Schools Walk** from Freshwater Bay to The Needles Landmark Attraction is for all SWTW registered children and their families who wish to **participate** on the day of **Walk the Wight**, having completed miles on their map. Children do not have to take part in this walk to complete their miles, although we'd love to see as many people as possible join us on the day. So, if you cannot join us on 10<sup>th</sup> May – just carry on with your mile stickers as usual. If you want to take part in any of longer walks on the day, children can still register for SWTW and just add more map stickers.

Children who take part in the Schools Walk on **Sunday 10th May** will receive their **medal** at the end of the walk. Children who do not take part on the day and have completed their map will receive their medal at a special assembly held at their school – all children will get a certificate at school.

**Southern Vectis** are offering **FREE all day travel** on any of their services to all participants with Walker numbers. This offer has been extended to include the parent/guardian of each child taking part in the Schools Walk.

Full details and event information of this walk are contained in the **SWTW walker pack** which each registered child receives.

Details of registration dates and walker pack delivery can vary with each school so contact your **SWTW coordinator** in your school for further information or call our Community Events Fund-raiser, **Dani Johnson** on **01983 217300**.

Many thanks for your support, The Walk the Wight Team x



### Registration form

Sunday, 10 May

[www.mountbatten.org.uk](http://www.mountbatten.org.uk)

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#### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Child's First Name	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	School name	<input type="text"/>
Parent's email address	<input type="text"/>		

NB: Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult when taking part in Walk the Wight with Mountbatten on Sunday 10 May

#### How we use your personal information

We will use the information you provide for the purposes of organising, staging and administering the event, processing your child's donations and any eligible Gift Aid from their sponsors, including to send your child their fundraising pack. Any images or footage of your child taken by us (or our authorised service providers and agents) at the event may be used to publicise the event in accordance with our terms and conditions, a printed copy of which will be included in your child's fundraising pack. We may also contact you about our work, fundraising initiatives and opportunities to support us. If you do not wish to receive further contact from us, please call (01983) 217300 or email [fundraisingiow@mountbatten.org.uk](mailto:fundraisingiow@mountbatten.org.uk). All personal information held by us will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws and our privacy statement which can be found at [mountbatten.org.uk/privacy](http://mountbatten.org.uk/privacy) or you can ask us for a printed copy.

#### Terms and conditions

All participants and spectators enter and attend this event entirely at their own risk and confirm that Earl Mountbatten Hospice, its sponsors, suppliers and/or their respective agents shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss to participants or their property that might occur as a result of, or as occasioned by, their participation or attendance at this event. Participation in this event is subject to our terms and conditions, a printed copy of which will be included in your child's fundraising pack. If you do not accept the terms and conditions you must contact us to withdraw your child's registration/participation in the event; call (01983) 217300 or email [fundraisingiow@mountbatten.org.uk](mailto:fundraisingiow@mountbatten.org.uk).

As the parent/legal guardian, I accept the terms and conditions	Signed: <input type="text"/>	Print Name <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
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Please return this form to your child's school before 9th March 2020