



Welcome to the Summer Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

I can't believe it is the summer term already. This year is speeding by. We have many dates for your diaries, which you will find on the back page of this newsletter. I hope you all had a break over Easter and enjoyed the sunshine. Just a reminder that next Monday 2nd May it is also a bank holiday, so no school until Tuesday 3rd May.

Attendance

It is really important that the children attend school every day. There are, on average, five lessons a day and children can get behind very quickly. Each lesson is carefully planned and builds on the previous lesson's learning. Our current attendance is 93.5% which is very low. To put this in context we would have averaged 96% attendance prior to Covid. We need to work hard together to ensure that we get back to these levels. Please remember to call the office on the morning of the absence and follow this up in writing.

We do not authorise family holidays in term time and these will be subject to a fine of £60 per adult.

Inappropriate Language from Parents and Carers

It has come to my attention, twice this week, that parents or carers have been heard swearing on the school site. Please do not do this. On both occasions children and parents were in ear shot. Here is our school code we expect our whole community to adhere to.

Year 4 Residential

Our Year 4 children are off to Kingswood for their residential school trip from Monday 9th May until Wednesday 11th May.



Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



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
- Working Together for a Successful Future

Out & About

The children in **Reception** are learning about transport this half term. The Out and About group from Mrs Barnett's class started their topic with a ride on the train from Ryde Esplanade to Brading (and back). They were all very excited and especially loved going under bridges, through the tunnel and changing platforms! The children listened to the story *Green Light for the Little Red Train* by Benedict Blathwayt at the station. They looked out for different types of transport in Ryde, watching the hovercraft depart and the buses come in and out of the bus station too.



On Tuesday afternoon the **6LR** Out and About team went geocaching near Merstone old railway line. They used the geocaching app on their phones to navigate to different caches near the cycle track and nearby farmland. They worked well as a team using the 'hints' provided to hunt for the caches, finding seven in total.



Year 5 have begun their new topic, *Space*. The **5PG** Out and About group went to Bonchurch on Wednesday morning. The children followed the Solar System trail along the seafront to Ventnor, learning about the different planets as they walked. The children also explored the comparable size of the planets, scaled down using a range of different sports balls. When they got back to Bonchurch Green they used the balls to act out how the planets orbit the sun and how the sun's gravitational pull means the closest planets orbit quicker.



Next half term the children in **Year 4** will be exploring how Queen Victoria influenced the popularity of the Isle of Wight. The Out and About team learnt about another popular Victorian, poet Alfred Lord Tennyson, as they hiked up to the Tennyson Monument on Wednesday afternoon. The children demonstrated great resilience and were very proud of themselves for their determination to make it up to the top of the downs. Well done!



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (including jumper), comfortable walking boots or trainers and a waterproof coat.

Tuesday 3rd May am - RAB

Ryde - Train ride

Lacey, Forest, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ, Kendall and Henry.

Tuesday 3rd May pm - 6LR

Geocaching (please see letter for further details - children to bring mobile phones with app downloaded ready)

Blayze, Kayla, Summer P, Ashton, Alfie, Finn, Logan, Kia, Jaiden, Lily-Mae C, Summer S, Matthew, James, George and Tony.

Wednesday 4th May am - 5PG

Bonchurch - Solar system trail

Nyah, Jaydon, Kaydee, Jack D, Leo E, Lily, Toby, Oliver, Shay, Millie, Owen, Thea and Poppy.

Wednesday 4th May pm - 4AH

Tennyson Down walk

Su, Harrison, Sophie, Max, Mason, Jacob, Vincent, Maya, Zoe, Sarah, Tommy, Amelia, Sadie, Jude and Grace.

Year 4 / 5 Drama production Club

Miss Croutear will be running a club to produce a play at the end of the year. For more details please see the advert on Page 10 of the newsletter.

PTFA News

The PTFA are very small in number and could do with extra people to join the committee. There is also a vacancy for a secretary within the group. Let me or Ekine know, if you are able to help. Her email address is ptfa@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Thank you for supporting the Bunny Run. We had a great day. Please make sure all sponsor money is sent in.

Thank you for supporting the Easter raffle - **£139.50** was made.

The PTFA have given us money towards our new sensory area and towards the development of the pond at the front of the school. They have also bought us a history timeline, see below for more details.

The next event is on **Friday 27th May**, which will tie in with our work about the Queen's platinum jubilee. It will be a mufti day and the children are invited to dress as kings or queens or in red, white and blue. There will also be a special English lunch that day, which will involve sandwiches and cakes and other yummy things!

The staff will judge the costumes and the winners names will go into a hat and one name will be pulled out, the winner will receive a family pass to Osborne House.

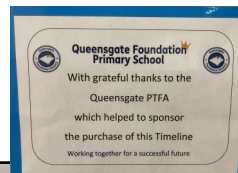
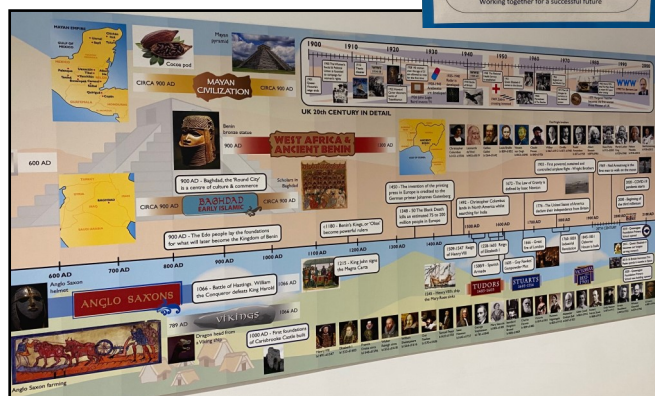
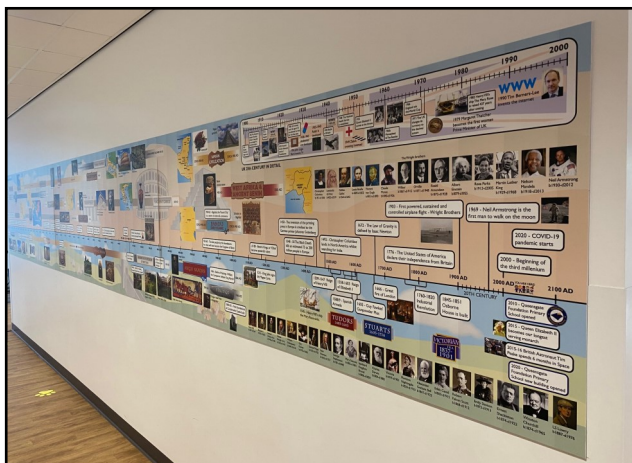
The next PTFA meeting is on **23rd of May at 7pm** at The Lifeboat.

Save the Date – Queensgate Summer Fayre will be on **Saturday 16th July 11 – 3**.

For more dates please see the back page of this newsletter.

Our Timeline is up!

Running along the wall into the dining room is our brand new timeline. Every child in the school will see this when going to lunch or assembly and will be able to use it as part of their historical knowledge during lessons. Huge thanks to the PTFA for funding this project.



Love reading?

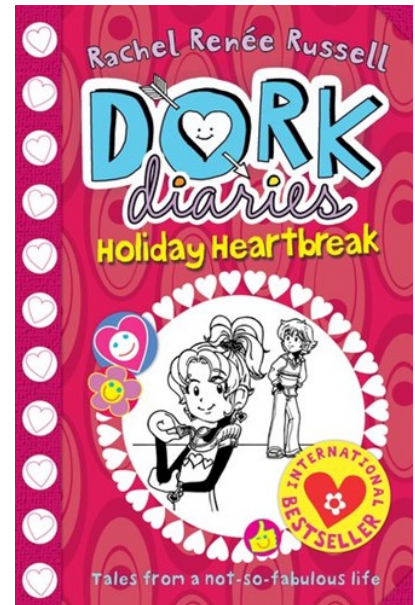
Then try this....

Grace in 4AH is really excited to tell you about one of her favourite books: Dork Diaries – Holiday Heartbreak by Rachel Renee Russell.

In this book, the main character, Nikki tells us all about what happens on her holiday. It's like reading her actual diary. Grace doesn't want to give too much away but she says there's lots of exciting drama that goes on including; arguments, stealing, crying, laughing, meltdowns and dancing!

There are lots of other great books in this series and it's a good idea to read the first book called Dork Diaries. Grace says if you read it, you will be hooked!

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 project boxes. 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!



QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

On Thursday afternoon the Year 6 tag rugby team competed in the South Island Schools Seven. 12 teams competed from around the Island. The team got off to a great start winning their opening three matches. This put them in the top seeded group for the next round of matches. At this stage the level of competition was very strong and Queensgate played extremely well; the improvement shown in their skills since we last competed in tag rugby was impressive. Overall Queensgate finished in third place.



Year 3 and 4 End of the Day procedure

As you know space is tight for pick up times. We currently release Year 4 from the front of the building. This is to allow Year 3 parents to collect from the side door. If you are a Year 3 parent please pick your child up from this door, if the Teacher or adult releasing cannot see you they will not release the child.

Sensory Garden Ideas

On **Thursday 5th May** on the front lawn of the school, Mr Chubb and some of the school councillors will have tables outside with large pieces of sugar paper on them! On these are ideas raised by the children for the sensory garden. We would very much welcome your views and ideas for this area so please take time to stop and add anything to the paper. With the investment of £3,000 from the PTFA and hopefully £1,500 from Tesco we hope to make a memorable and useful area for all pupils.

Easter Reading Challenge

Thank you for taking part in the reading challenge, so far we have received £150, if you have any sponsorship money outstanding please pay it into the school as soon as possible.



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
BANK HOLIDAY ↓	Chinese Chicken Noodles	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	BBQ Veggie Burger with Chips
	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
	Fruity Flapjack Bar	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate	Crispy Crackle Bar

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

Anti-Bullying Ambassador Assemblies

You may recall our anti-bullying ambassadors had some on-line training before the holiday. They suggested to me that they run the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assemblies this week. They did a fabulous job reminding the school about the bullying definition:

“Where someone is mean or unkind to someone else in a planned way and over time.”

A further definition is:

“Bullying is when you keep picking on someone because you think you’re cooler, smarter, stronger or better than them.”

The anti-bullying ambassadors taught us about VIP - verbal bullying, indirect bullying and physical bullying. We all agree that they did a great job.

Exams and Tests

We are coming to the time of year of formal assessments. Year 1 will be doing their phonics screen. Year 2 will be doing their SATs in English and maths and some children will be re-doing their phonics screen. Year 4 children will be doing their government multiplication test. Remember they need to know their times tables and division facts to 12 times 12 very quickly.

Year 6 SATs are week beginning Monday 9th May. Here is the timetable.

Day	Test
Monday 9 th May	Grammar Test Spelling Test
Tuesday 10 th May	English Reading paper
Wednesday 11 th May	Arithmetic Paper 1 Maths Fluency Paper 2
Thursday 12 th May	Maths Fluency Paper 3

You do not need to provide any equipment for the tests as we will do that. All Year 6 children are welcome to join us for a free breakfast at 8 am on the mornings of the SATs. We have found this to be of benefit to the children in previous years as they not only get a good breakfast but get to spend time with their friends which has really helped with any anxiety they may be feeling.

Medical Bum-bags

Please can we put out an appeal for any bum-bags people no longer use but might like to donate to school. We use them so children can carry their own asthma inhalers and epipens, if you can send them into 5PG, Mrs Norsworthy will get them to the children that need them.

Thank you



Whole school attendance 93.58%.

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

This week 4AH & 2KA achieved 98.9% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Samantha Sillito.

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Summer Term Dates

Week Beginning 9th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th	Year 4 Residential trip to Kingswood
Week beginning 16th May	Key Stage 1 SATs week
Wednesday 18th May	Year 4—Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra live feed
Monday 23rd May	7pm PTFA meeting at The Lifeboat
Thursday 26th May	School Council Meeting
Friday 27th May	MUFTI DAY—Kings & Queens / Red, White & Blue theme
Sunday 5th June	5.15 for 6pm start—School choir singing at Quenn’s Jubilee celebrations at Newport Minster
Tuesday 7th June	4,30 pm Junior Prom / Platinum Jubilee at Osborne House 5pm Sound check, 5.30 Concert starts & picnic, 7.15 concert ends
Tuesday 14th June	Year 5 & 6 Cowes Cluster Athletics
Thursday 16th June	Reception Open Morning
Friday 17th June	PTFA Krispy Krème sale after school
Monday 20th June	INSET day
Wednesday 22nd June	Whole school Science Day
Monday 27th June	Class photos
Tuesday 28th June	Visit in from Debbie Allen - Hampshire Local Authority
Wednesday 29th June	Year 5 & 6 school council meeting - preparation for Governors meeting Year 2 trip to Carisbrooke Castle
Thursday 30th June	Year 6 Showday 1.30 Matinee performance, 6pm evening performance
Friday 1st July	Noel Turner Science Festival - Year 5 to Cowes Enterprise College
Monday 4th July to Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 residential to Runways End. Aldershot
Monday 11th July	Year 3 trip to Brading Roman Villa Some Year 6’s—Swim Safe Program
Tuesday 12th July	Move up Morning Secondary Transfer Day - current Year 6s
Wednesday 13th July	Secondary Transfer Day - current Year 6s School Showcase Evening 5.15 - 6.15
Thursday 14th July	School Council Meeting
Friday 15th July	Reports out to parents Year 5 trip to Robin Hill
Saturday 16th July	11 - 3 Summer Fayre
Tuesday 19th July	Key Stage 2 Sports Morning
Wednesday 20th July	Key Stage 1 Sports Morning 5pm Year 4/5 Drame Club Show - Thursday’s Child
Thursday 21st July	Year 6 Water fight & BBQ PTFA Disco
Friday 22nd July	Last Day of Term 1.15 Year 6 Leavers Assembly

DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.

dynamoscriccket.co.uk

Join us at:
East Cowes Cricket Club, Beatrice Avenue, Whippingham

Session dates:
Thursday 12th May - 30th June, 8 sessions

Session timings:
17.45 - 18.45 To book- <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/dynamos/course>

Contact:
Eastcowescriccketcolts@gmail.com Annette Purser - 07970 824134

Adult Learning

Summer 2022

iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses

01983 817280

acl@iow.gov.uk

IWCACL

The Adult Community Learning Service summer programme is now out and we have a wide range of workshops and courses on offer including ICT, Art, Craft and Wellbeing. For more information and to book, head over to our new website pages www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses or call us on 817280.

East Cowes Cricket Club are delivering a **Dynamos Cricket** programme for boys and girls aged 8-11 years old. The sessions start on **Thursday 12th May 17.45 -18.45** for 8 weeks. Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build confidence and ability, as well as fun games of countdown cricket.

Dynamos Cricket will help grow your child's love of the game and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

Dynamos Cricket is a game/play based programme for **8-11-year-old girls and boys** as the next step from All Stars Cricket, or for those of this age group who are new to the game.

The programme costs £25 which includes 8 sessions, a Personalised New Balance playing shirt, Topps Cricket Attax cards + Exclusive access to the Dynamos Cricket app for every player!

To book your place please use this link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/c8ac110c-b301-45c3-8c87-f08034e26f57>

For more information please contact:- Annette Purser. T: 07970 824134 E: eastcowescriccketcolts@gmail.com

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

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EAST COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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30TH APRIL - 12TH JUNE 2022

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You are invited to

Take part in this historic celebration with the official family story-trail in East Cowes. Nearby are 7 whimsical characters to find as they go on an adventure. Not only that but Sir Barnaby Beacon will guide you through the history of The Queen's 70 year reign.

Simply scan the QR codes, displayed at 7 locations nearby, to collect digital stamps. You'll get to choose what happens in the story and see the characters come to life in augmented reality.

Go to the website below to start your free, family adventure.

East Cowes Town Centre
30th April - 12th June 2022
JubileeBeaconTrail.com



The **Isorropia** Team would like to invite all friends, family, colleagues and previous, current and future members to

The Priory, Carisbrooke on Tuesday 10th May at 3pm

for a cup of tea, slice of cake, and a walk around Carisbrooke Castle.

Carisbrooke Priory

For Mental Health Awareness week this year the topic is #loneliness, and we'd love nothing more for you to join us and help to raise awareness for mental health and wellbeing.

We hope you'll join us for this event and enjoy the sunshine with us.

See you then!

isorropia foundation

Carisbrooke Priory


Working together for a successful future


YOUTH CAFÉ @ PARKSIDE PAVILION EAST COWES ... COMING SOON!

- **Board games, arts and crafting, pc and wii games**
- **Free hot chocolate and cold drinks, toast and snacks**
- **Friendly, experienced youth workers and a safe place to be**
- **Work experience and volunteering opportunities for ages 14+**

**For more information and to request a registration form
please email Laura :**

lreid@actioniw.org.uk

 unicef



**THURSDAY'S
CHILD**

a children's rights musical

Year 4/5 Auditions!

A letter has been sent home to parents of all children in year 4/5 inviting them to audition for a year 4/5 musical! Please read and send back the forms by Wednesday the 4th of May. Auditions will take place on the Thursday the 5th of May at 3:15 to 5:00 in the hall. Please come and take part as we need to make sure we have enough people! All proceeds will go to UNICEF so it is a fantastic cause! Can't wait to see you all there!

Any Questions feel free to contact the 4MC email.

80th ANNIVERSARY

of the defence of Cowes & East Cowes by the Polish destroyer

ORP Błyskawica



EVENTS IN EAST COWES 30th April - 7th May

EAST COWES HERITAGE CENTRE Monday 2nd May to Friday 6th May 10am-1pm.

The centre will be open for visitors. A new Blitz Art Exhibition will be on set up in the shop windows.

EAST COWES TOWN HALL Sat. 30th April to Mon. 2nd May and Sat. 7th May **EXHIBITION**

Photographs and artifacts from the time will be on show. 'Voices of the East Cowes Blitz', an oral history film record of the attacks will be shown. Artwork inspired by the events of 1942 will be on display, created by local youth organisations and pupils from East Cowes and Whippingham schools. **FREE ADMISSION**

EAST COWES TOWN HALL Weds 4th May, 7.00pm

BLITZ TALK & FILM

A talk by Sarah Burdett telling the events of May 1942 and a showing of 'Voices of the East Cowes Blitz' film on the big screen. **FREE**

KINGS SQUARE Thurs. 5th May 2.00pm **Unveiling the plaque of ORP Błyskawica and Grom**

KINGS SQUARE Thurs. 5th May, 2.30pm to 4.00pm

BLITZ WALK

A walk around East Cowes starting at Kings Square highlighting the town's role in WW2 and the areas affected by the air raids. Led by Sarah Burdett. Arriving at Kingston Cemetery for a memorial service. **FREE**

KINGSTON CEMETERY Thurs. 5th May, 4.00pm

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

A service at the civilian war memorial to remember the people of East Cowes killed in the air raids. Wreaths will be laid and the Last Post played. Blitz walk returns to Kings Square.

EAST COWES TOWN HALL Friday 6th May, 7.30pm to 11pm

EVENING OF MUSIC

On stage **THE MEDINA MARCHING BAND**. East Cowes welcomes **KATY CARR** - Award-winning British singer/songwriter with Polish roots. **TICKETS: £10 available from www.ticketsource.co.uk** (Limited No. of tickets on door. At least 45% of price going to Ukraine Appeal)

KINGS SQUARE Sat. 7th May From 11am

POLISH FOOD MARKET AND STALLS

Market stalls selling Polish foods will be on the square near Waitrose. Traditional and regional favorites.

KINGS SQUARE Sat. 7th May between 1pm & 4pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Pete Walkden - DJ. **The Rug Band** - Ukelele and folk band. **Learning Zone** - Children's performance.

Little Karpaty - Polish Dancing. **Wight Variety Company** - Wartime songs

Karolinka Dance Company - Polish Dancing.

EAST COWES TOWN HALL

1940s DANCE EVENING

Saturday 7th May 7pm to 11pm (Licensed Bar and snacks)

TICKETS £5 (Proceeds to local charities) On sale at Heritage Centre and Flix Hairdressers or on the door
An evening of wartime dance music hosted by Alan and Sylvia Williams. V40'sV. Period dress encouraged.