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## Year 4 Fun!

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 4 Trip

Our Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Kingswood. Here are some photos and quotes from the children.



"Kingswood was amazing! My favourite activity was Jacob's Ladder because I got to challenge myself." Zoe G

"My favourite activity was archery because I had never done it before. The food and dormitories were amazing - I would definitely go back again!" Max E

"The best thing about Kingswood was the Balance Beam. I said I would get to the top and I did! I felt proud that I achieved my goals!" Rochelle L

"Kingswood was really, really fun! One of my favourite activities was the den building at bush-craft because I enjoyed working with my team. We cooperated and communicated well and we won the shelter competition, the food was really nice too!" George T

"I liked the bushcraft because we got to make dens and then had a competition to see who won." Amber J

"I liked Jacobs ladder—it was really high and I didn't want to do it, but a friend went up with me—I was proud of myself." Evie S

"I liked the balance beam because it tugs you back and you don't know if you're going to fall off." Joe S

Working together for a successful future



## Out & About

To tie in with their topic on transport, the **RSJ** Out and About group went on a special train ride on Tuesday morning. The group travelled from Ryde Esplanade to Brading Station, where they listened to different train themed story books on the platform waiting for the next train. The children loved going through the tunnels and under bridges. They all listened carefully to instructions and were very sensible when waiting on the platforms and boarding / disembarking the trains. The group also enjoyed spotting lots of other types of transport and watching the hovercraft take flight across the Solent.



On Tuesday afternoon the **6TS** Out and About team went geocaching around Merstone old railway station. The children were amazing at using their phones to navigate (using GPS) to find lots of caches hidden around the cycle path and surrounding farmland. They were very eager to find them, following the clues and literally racing to each cache! It was great to see the children so active and engaged throughout the afternoon. If you haven't given geocaching a go before it might be something you could try as a family or with friends?



The Year 5 classes enjoyed a trip up to the Patch on Wednesday morning. We recapped what is needed to start a fire (The Fire Triangle) and they all had the opportunity to use the flint and steel. The children had fun toasting marshmallows on the fire and playing on the Patch together.



Working together for a successful future



The Out and About after school club visited Wootton recreation ground and play park on Wednesday afternoon. They toggged up in waterproofs and wellies and weren't put off by the rain! They played brilliantly together in the park. It was great to see new friendships forming and everyone getting on so well.



### **Out and About next week...**

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (including jumper), comfortable walking boots / trainers and a waterproof coat or sun hat depending on the forecast.

Tuesday 17th May am - **RSJ**

Ryde- Train ride

Bella- Louise, Sophie, Harry D, Dèva-Mae, Elijah, Lena, Charlie, Paisley, Riley, Jesse, Figgy, Harry H, Rory, Jack and Milania.

Tuesday 17th May pm - **6TS**

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

\*Please wear PE kits.

Joe Burr, Joe B, Ryan, Jake, Gabriel, Rio, Ben, Harvey, Robbie, Oliwia, Chloe, Layla, Lily-Rose and Summer.

Wednesday 18th May am - **Year 5**

Bonchurch- Solar system walk

Megan, Ollie, Jude, Katie, Chloe, Alfie K, Hattie, Jayden, Emilia, Lacey, Zak, Leo W and Elise.

Wednesday 18th May pm - **Year 4**

Tennyson Downs walk

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

# Love reading?

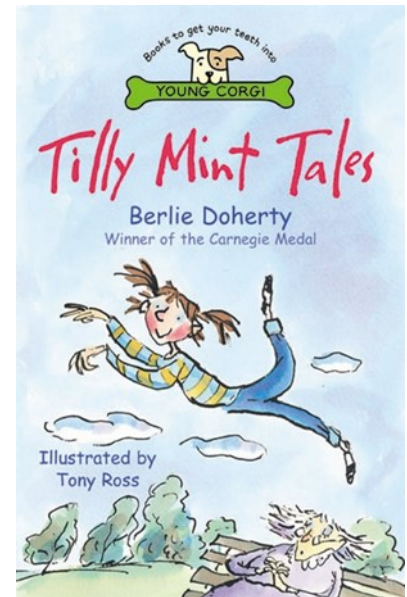
Then try this....

Miss Cordon would like to share one of her all-time favourite books: Tilly Mint Tales by Berlie Doherty. This is a book that she has read to many of the year 2 and 3 classes she has known and all of the children have loved it.

Tilly often has to get looked after by her neighbour while her mum goes to work. Her neighbour is called Mrs Hardcastle and she's lovely but really loves an afternoon nap. Sometimes she even snores! Tilly doesn't mind though because when Mrs Hardcastle snoozes, something magical always happens to Tilly.

This story will make you feel good and put a smile on your face. The illustrations are great too. It's a brilliant book to read on your own or with your grown-ups.

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.



## More vaccination slots available as 'Super Sundays' launched

More children aged 5-11 will be able to access the vaccine from 1 May as the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Vaccination Programme puts on clinics every Sunday for the whole of May.

An additional 3,500 appointments will be available to book online across the three mass vaccination sites at **Riverside on the Isle of Wight**, Oakley Road in Southampton and Hamble House in Portsmouth.

Slots must be booked via the national booking system ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)). People can also call the Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 0300 561 0018 to find their nearest site (including walk-ins and pop-ups) and book their next appointment. Those wanting to attend as a family but who aren't the parent must bring evidence of parental guardianship or parental responsibility.



## The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** we will be having a mufti day. We would like the children to dress as kings or queens or in red, white and blue. There will be a voluntary contribution of £1 cash to go to the PTFA for more equipment around school. There will be a prize for the best boy and girl in each class and their names will go into a hat and the overall winner will win tickets to Osborne House.

If the weather is fine we will be having a parade around the field and a picnic lunch on the field.

In the date list in the newsletter two weeks ago it said that the Krispy Kreme sale was on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The actual day is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June after the festival craziness – a mid-summer treat!

## Tesco Community Grant for Queensgate Sensory Garden



Don't forget, the Queensgate Sensory garden project is currently up against other community projects in stores across the Island.

Until **30th June**, 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 until 30th June, please put the token into the Queensgate container!



Every little helps!



## 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 Potato Wedges	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Bolognese	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Lasagne served with a Garlic and herb Bread Wedge	Tomato Veggie Burger with Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Broccoli and Peas	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Orange Shortbread with Fruit Slices	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

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

### Bike and Scooter Helmets

Please can we remind all parents how important it is for your children to wear helmets if riding to school on bikes or scooters. Beatrice Avenue and surrounding roads are all busy roads and care needs to be taken. A helmet can and will help protect from serious injury as opposed to not wearing one. Please encourage your children to wear one and talk about the benefits of doing so. Thank you.



## Benji Club

As a treat we took Benji for a walk around the big field and let him off lead to run free. The children did really well to recall Benji and make sure he was behaving himself. An old football was found which meant that Benji was able to have a game of football. He then finished his play session checking out the KS1 play equipment. Last year, he was scared of the equipment however this year he had no issues crossing the wobbly bridge and going down the slide. Both children showed great skills getting Benji to respond to all of their commands.



## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

The cricket season has started and it was the turn of the U-11 Girls to play first in a 3 way tie. First up, Queensgate beat Newport by just 4 runs; 249-2 to 245-3.

Next up, Queensgate played Brighstone - Brighstone scored 251-3 and Queensgate lost a wicket off the final ball to lose by 3 runs ending on 248-3.

In the final game Brighstone 238 -2 lost to Newport 242-0 by 4 runs. As you can see, all very close games but Queensgate won the group by scoring most runs – 497 to Brighstone’s 489 and Newport’s 487!! So well done the girls and a quarter final place awaits.



## Bunny Dash

Thank you so much for your support in getting sponsorship for the dash, the event raised £578 which will be used in and around school on the various projects we have going currently.

### **Original Festival Choir Members Needed!**

Our award-winning choir has been invited to sing at the main Platinum Jubilee Service in the Minster in the centre of Newport on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June and we need as many of our original members back with us for the occasion. It was your winning performance which led to our invitation so you deserve to be there! Please let Mrs W Webb know if you would like to join us. (If you have any trouble signing up on Clubbly, don't worry, just let us know and come along!) We have three Tuesday rehearsals plus one in half term (probably Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June) and the service itself on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

Any parents of those children attending this event are more than welcome to join us for the service in Newport Minster - just please let us know in advance and we can inform the organisers.

### **Music Tuition for September 2022**

We are looking into organising some small group and individual instrumental lessons for pupils in the next academic year and need to find out how many children might be interested in this. The lessons would be priced as follows:

- a) £5 per week for a 20 min lesson with 3 in a group
- b) £9 per week for a 15 min individual lesson
- c) £12 per week for a 20 min individual lesson

If there was enough interest, we would be looking to offer piano, guitar and drumming lessons. Children would be leaving class to attend these lessons during the day and parents would need to think about purchasing an instrument for their child eventually if it is something they want to commit to long term. (You do not have to own an instrument to try the classes.)

If your child is interested, please email Mrs Webb on [wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk) stating the full name of your child, their class, which instrument they are interested in learning and which lesson option you are interested in (a,b or c).

### **Food Voucher Scheme - message from the Local Authority**

Since October 2020, we have provided Early Years Settings, Schools and post-16 provisions funding to purchase food vouchers for distribution to pupils in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium, benefits related Free School Meals, or those open to social care or early help services, covering each of the school holiday periods.

Although we have received additional funding to cover the period from 1 April – 30 September 2022, it is unlikely that this scheme will continue, due to a change in the guidance received from DWP. This will be confirmed later in May when the proposed delivery plan will be presented for approval.

By May half-term there will be 2 community pantries open on the Island, one in East Cowes and the other in Ventnor. Parents can be sign-posted to join the pantry scheme, which will provide in excess of £15 worth of food for a contribution of £5. An additional pantry is scheduled to open in Ryde at the beginning of June. For further details on the community pantry scheme, please visit our website [www.connect4communities.org](http://www.connect4communities.org) or contact [connect4communities@iow.gov.uk](mailto:connect4communities@iow.gov.uk)

### **Year 6 SATS**

The vast majority of our Year 6 children have now completed their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. Year 2 will be doing their SATs next week.

**Whole school attendance 93.67%.**

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

**This week 4AH achieved 99.26% attendance! Well done.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Best wishes,**



**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**