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Queensgate Newsletter

A newsletter for the pupils, families and staff of Queensgate Primary

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Year 6 go out and about on the water

Dear families,

Year 6 STEM day

On Monday 10th June the Year 6's completed a STEM day in the hall. During the morning they completed a task around structures and in the afternoon they completed a rocket launcher challenge. Please turn to page 5 for further details and photos of the event.

Year 6 UKSA trip

Fresh from their residential, Year 6 didn't settle long before going sailing at UKSA on Wednesday of this week. This is such a great opportunity, giving the children first hand experience of being in a sailing boat. By all accounts they had a great time but I'll let the Year 6's tell you about it themselves through their accounts of the morning and some photos which you will find on pages 7 and 8.

Vocal Prom

Last night, I had the pleasure of accompanying Mrs Kingsbury and one of our governors, Mrs Tuck and the school choir to a vocal prom at Carisbrooke Castle. After some pretty poor weather in the morning and at lunch time the sun shone beautifully for the late afternoon and early evening performances. The choir rehearsed their song, then performed it on the stage before a rather large crowd. They sang with all of of the other schools for a few numbers too and it was a truly lovely evening. Thank you to Mrs Riches for getting the choir prepared - she was very busy organising and leading all the schools - although she did lead Queensgate individual song too.

Staffing News

I have received a resignation, from Miss Young in Year 6. Miss Young has been with the team for five years but has made the decision to move to the mainland. She will be greatly missed, not only by the Year 6 team, but from all the sports teams she has been involved with - helping them achieve tremendous success over the years.

Apart from teachers, we will not be employing any new teaching assistants - instead we will be having a shift around internally. I have nearly completed having 1:1 conversations with all of the staff; by having these discussions it helps myself and the other Senior Leaders to build the staffing structure for next year.

Any changes will be shared after the Move up morning on 8th July. Although not employed directly by the school, the Chartwells team in the kitchen are very much part of the Queensgate team. I am pleased (and also sad) to report that Mrs Norman, our cook for over 20 years, has secured a promotion as Area Manager. This is amazing news for her but is another change for Queensgate. Mrs Norman is continuing until the end of the summer term, then Chartwells will find a suitable replacement for the new academic year. We wish Mrs Norman all the very best in her new role.

Dance Live

I have given the go ahead for Queensgate to enter the Dance Live event again next year. They have already arranged for rehearsals to start and I can't wait to see the theme and what they come up with. To help with costumes, make up, background and props the PTFA has donated some money to the team. They also started tuck again today (which is very popular with the children!) Thank you for your continued support.

National tests and checks

Year 1 have administered the phonics screen to all children and I will share with you the results when the pass mark has been been confirmed. The children did really well and the staffing team in Reception and Year 1 have worked really hard delivering our phonics scheme to the children. Early reading is improving as a result. Some children in Year 2, who did not pass in Year 1 have resat the phonics screen, and again I hope for some positive news to reflect the hard work of the children and the Year 2 teaching team. Year 4 also sat their Multiplication Tables Check this week - there has been a production line of pupils going in one at a time to complete the test online. Once again I will share with you results at a later date.
Year 6 SATs results will be released on July 8th and the Year 6 team will share these with the children after they return from their secondary school transition day. Parents will receive official confirmation as part of the end of year reports, and I will share whole Year 6 data as a percentage towards the end of term.

Summer Term Assessments

Next week is assessment week. This is the final opportunity for children to show how much they have learned in Reading , writing and maths. The tests are internal only and it helps the teachers with their Teacher Assessments - which will be shared with you in the end of year reports. The children are used to this and view it as part of their lessons; these tests are intentionally low key so as to not inflict any unnecessary stress on the children. Many have told me that they like to do them and see their scores increase which is a great attitude to have. As always, where extra support or differentiation is needed, tests will be adapted to ensure that individually all children can show they have made progress.

Sports News

Another busy sports week with Year 3/4 netball and Year 5/6 handball.
Please turn to the next page for more details.

Sports News

Year 3 and 4 Netball

On Monday 9th June children from Year 3 and 4 travelled to Ryde Academy to take part in a netball festival, along with three other island schools. This was an opportunity for children to learn and expand their skills including, passing, shooting and most importantly team work.
They started with a warm up and then got straight into some game play. The children gained more and more confidence throughout the afternoon and had a great time playing together.

Year 5 and 6 Handball

On Thursday 12th June, a team from Year 6 travelled to Smallbrook to take part in the Island Handball competition. We did well in our group, winning three out of four games and progressing through to the next round. The competition was tough and we certainly stepped up to the mark. We faced, Hunnyhill, Haylands and Barton; coming out with two wins and a loss. This meant we finished second overall securing silver medals and a place in the Hampshire Finals on Friday 11th July.
Well done Queensgate!

Year 6 STEM Day

On Tuesday 10th June, Year 6 took on the summer NCR STEM Quest - their third and final challenge of the year.
During the morning the children took on the Structures Challenge where they learnt about the basic principles of civil engineering. During their discovery mission they explored strong shapes, learnt about different kinds of bridges and the forces acting on a bridge – tension and compression. They were then tasked with designing and building a bridge that spans a 30cm gap and that could support a 500g load. All bridges were tested with varying success. Some bridges were sadly unable to sustain 100g while others managed the 500g target. Two managed to support 800g and one supported a huge 1000g load!
During the afternoon, the children embarked on an exciting journey with the Rocket Launcher Challenge. Again when tested there was mixed success! Some failed to launch but the winning rocket travelled 2.5meters.
The children worked incredibly well in their teams showing perseverance, resilience and problems were solved when needed to improve designs.

UKSA

On Wednesday 11th June the children in Year 6 took part in UKSA's free Test the Water programme. This gives children the opportunity to experience sailing in a safe and supportive environment. The children had the chance to sail on a range of different boats all skippered by an instructor, they had a ride on the RIB, some had a go at capsizing, some faced their fear of the water; but most importantly all of them had an amazing time. The children behaved impeccably both on the walk to and from UKSA and while sailing. They were a credit to Queensgate.

Emily Taylor: 'On Wednesday 11th June, Year 6 went to UKSA and went sailing. We had a lot of fun and had a nice time. We did lots of different activities like swimming, sailing and practicing what to do if your boat tips over. I think it was a blast and would do it again.'

Zachary Smith: ‘ On Wednesday 11th June, we went to UKSA. We had to put on really, really tight wetsuits, buoyancy aids and helmets but I didn’t mind. Our boats and us were towed down river by motorboats and I really enjoyed looking at the boats as we went past. We practiced capsizing and going sailing. I liked pulling on the power rope to make us go faster. In the end I utterly enjoyed it and would recommend it to anyone who wants a bit more of a thrill in their life.’

Queensgate Out & About

Our Reception Out and About team had a great time on the beach, on Tuesday morning. The children loved making cakes and ice-creams in our sand café, paddling in the sea, collecting water, burying each other in the sand, collecting shells and jumping off the wall! The group demonstrated great focus, especially when making their sand cakes and played beautifully together. We had some lovely comments from members of the public about what a lovely time the children were having, exploring the different toys on the beach.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 3 Out and About group hiked across the fields, down to the Folly as part of their work on rivers. The children drew comparisons between the Western Yar estuary and the River Medina, noting that there was more litter, more boats, more housing and larger scale industries along the riverbank. The group identified key features of the river, applying their new vocabulary.

The children in Year 1 will soon begin their learning about Grace Darling and the role of the RNLI. This week's Out and About group travelled over to Niton to see St Catherine's Lighthouse. The group sketched the octagonal tower (making sure they included key details within their drawing). They listened to The Lighthouse Keeper's Catastrophe whilst sketching and then had a walk along the coast towards Watershoot Bay.

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 2 adventurers enjoyed a walk around Firestone Copse identifying types of trees and plants. The children used their 'Leaf ID charts' to name different species and discussed which trees are evergreen and which are deciduous. The group had fun playing in dens, climbing on fallen trees and taking it in turns to lead the group.

Queensgate Out & About

Out and About next week...

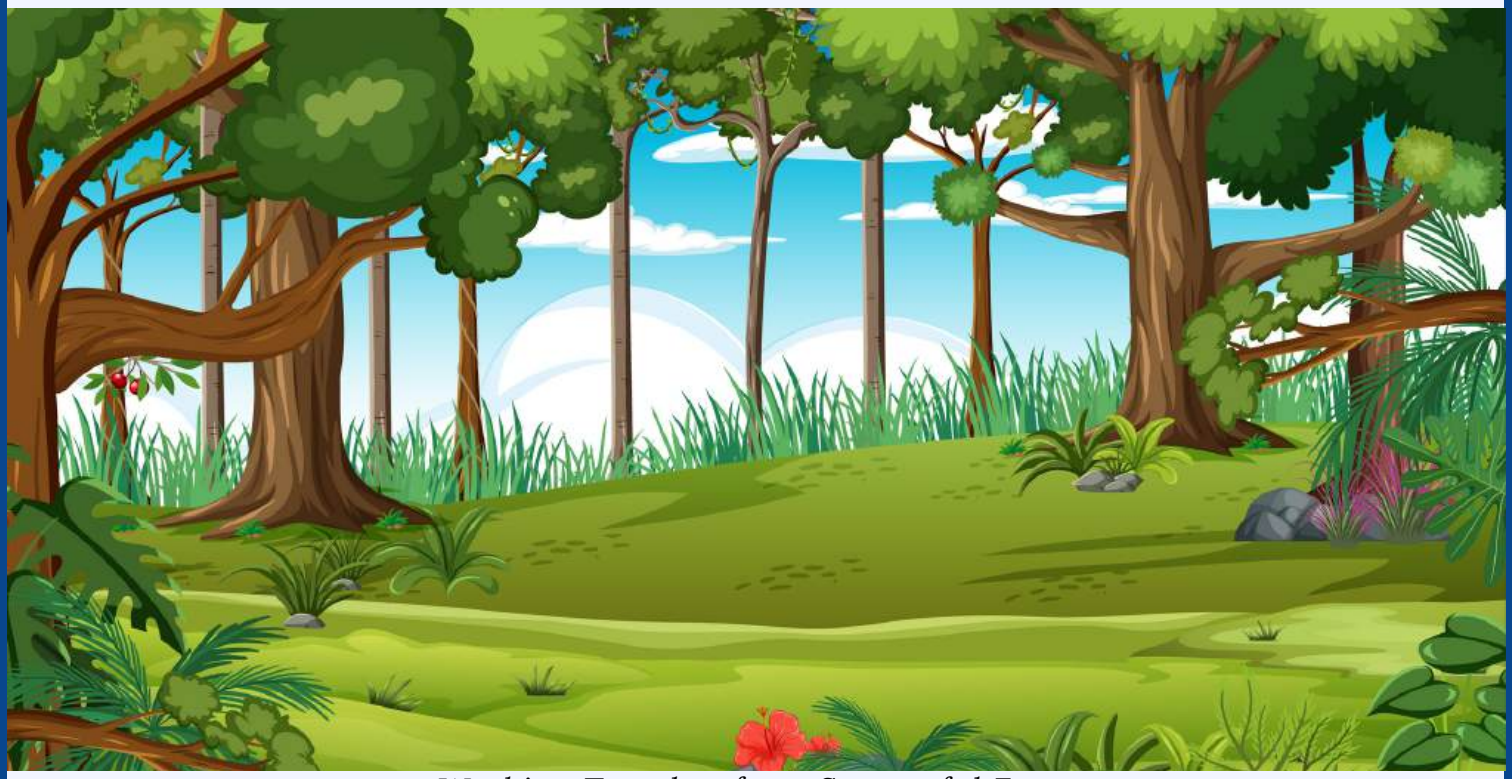
Please send your child to school wearing old play-clothes, suitable footwear, a sunhat and waterproof coat. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has suncream applied at home. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 17th May am - Reception- RLM
Beach
Albie, Luna, Harvey, Jessie, Isaac, Ellisa, Marley, Raiyn, Demi, Andy, Ernest and Elliot.

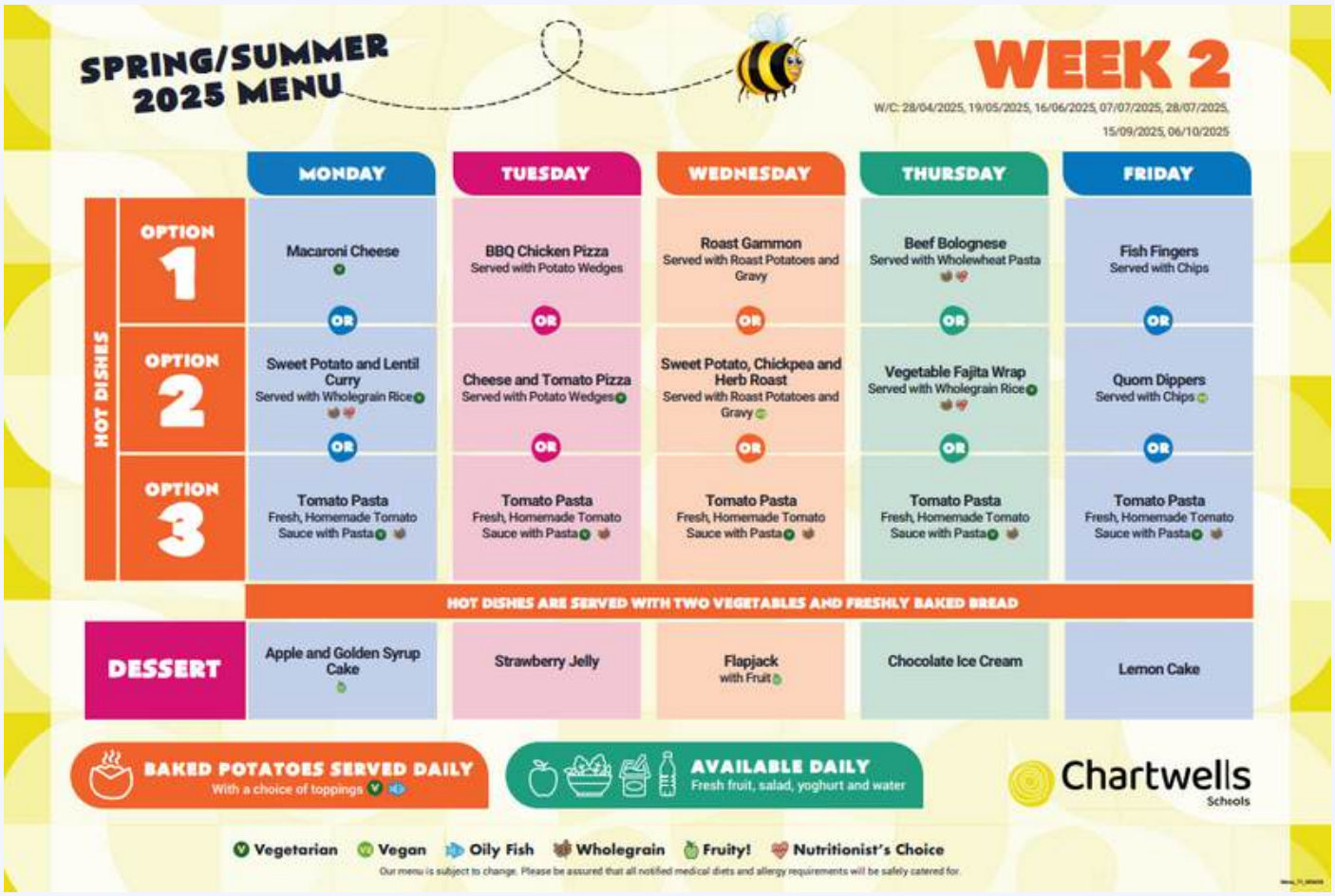
Tuesday 17th May pm - Year 3
River Medina walk
Arthur, Rosa, Charlie F, Abel, Caleb, Macie, Lexi, Paisley T, Ellis, Paisley G, Brody, Oliver and Tyler.

Wednesday 18th May am - Year 1 - 1CE
St Catherine's Lighthouse walk
Yazan, Layton, Felicity, Remi-Rose, Leo, Mia-Rose, Alfie, Rhue, Freddie, Denis, Charlie, Joshua and Louie.

Wednesday 18th May pm - Year 2 - 2KA
Firestone walk
Millie, Jacob, Amelia, Titan, Freddie, Rosie, Ace, Rainie, Bodhi, Inara, Verbena, Nathan, Naomi, Penny and Francesca.



What's for lunch next week …



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 16/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 28/07/2025, 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025

HOT DISHES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
OPTION 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
	HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD				
DESSERT	Apple and Golden Syrup Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Chartwells Schools

Vegetarian · Vegan · Oily Fish · Wholegrain · Fruity! · Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

Working Together for a Successful Future

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.34%

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.53%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 97.69%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5RA with 98.89%

READ Chat Play

And finally…

Have a lovely weekend, let's hope the thunderstorms aren't too heavy and that we enjoy some lovely weather too! Just to remind you that the school is closed on Monday 23rd June due to festival traffic. The staff will be busy compiling the children's end of year reports.

Best wishes,

Robin Chubb
Acting Headteacher

Working Together for a Successful Future

NHS 111 Online & Local Pharmacies

NHS 111 online and local pharmacies can help you get the right care

People with urgent but non-life-threatening medical needs are encouraged to use NHS 111 online to get quick advice and be directed to the most appropriate care, especially over the bank holiday weekend when services are expected to be busy.
NHS 111 online is a fast and easy-to-use alternative to the NHS 111 phone service. It can provide help for people 5 years and over by assessing symptoms, giving advice on what to do next, and connecting people to local services without having to wait on the phone.
Whether you need help with a minor injury, mental health support, advice about dental pain, or emergency medication, NHS 111 online is available 24/7. It's especially useful if you can't get a GP appointment or your surgery is closed.
Sophia from Newport recently searched 111.nhs.uk for help when she woke up with red, itchy insect bites after a family BBQ. When they started getting worse, she used NHS 111 online for advice and was directed to her local pharmacy. The pharmacist recommended a cream and gave her tips on managing the symptoms including what to do if the bites got worse.
Sophia said: "I was glad I went online first. A friend suggested I go to hospital but that didn't feel right for a few bites. The pharmacy was exactly what I needed."
You can access NHS 111 by:
Visiting 111.nhs.uk
Using the NHS App
Calling 111
Lee Haward, IW Ambulance Service Head of Clinical Coordination Centre, said: "If you've got access to the internet, NHS 111 online is a really quick and easy way to get help. It works just like calling 111, but you can do it all online, anytime, day or night. Just go to the NHS 111 website or use the NHS App, answer a few questions about how you're feeling, and it will guide you to the right care. It's really easy to use and there when you need help."

Pharmacies can help with minor illnesses - Your local pharmacy is also a great source of expert help for minor conditions. As part of the Pharmacy First scheme, many community pharmacies can now offer clinical advice and treatment for common illnesses without the need to see a GP:
Sinusitis
Sore throat
Earache
Infected insect bites
Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection)
Shingles
Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (in women)

Pharmacists are qualified healthcare professionals who can provide advice, reassurance, and treatment options, often with no need for an appointment. Many pharmacies will remain open over the bank holiday weekend. You can find a list of pharmacies online

Classorama

News from Naturezones June '25

10 for Free

July Special

We are NOW taking bookings on a first come basis

Limiting the number to 10 means a more satisfying experience for the participants and, no cost. We can extend to 16 but there would we be a charge of £60 and the group must be accompanied by 2 appropriate adults.

The group of 10 children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. Either the class teacher. Or teaching assistant.

You may wish to bring the Eco group, special achievers, or children that would benefit from a nature-therapy experience.

Length of visit 2 hrs

An exploring activity will be provided

Times. Wednesday or Thursday 10.30am — 12.30pm or 12noon—2pm

Morning Assembley Presentation

An introduction to Naturezones and what your learning visit will entail

Includes short film

From Reception Class to Yr 6

To book, Email Vicky

naturezones@outlook.com

Reception Class Special

2 hr visit for just £78.00

Children (max 30) should bring with them their favourite soft toy to take on a Bear Hunt

They will make a habitat for their little friend. They will collect natural items to make a paper mounted nature museum

They will listen to bird song and be read a story. The session will end with soft drink and fruit

Make it a morning session, bring a packed lunch and stay a little longer

NOW £50

NATURE'S TABLE

Planning your Spring/Summer Class visit?

Bring your science lessons alive at Naturezones

Covering Food and Life cycles, food sources and emergence of new life, plants, habitats and climate effects.

Led by our experienced workshop leaders.

For years 1,2 3,4, 5 and 6

Sessions commence 10 am —2.30 pm'ish

Max 30 children normally £220/session

currently £75/session

Numbers are limited to 30 because Naturezones is a sensitive area to be protected.

We recommend planning two smaller group visits for large cohorts

Heritage Fund

ISLE of WIGHT

NATUREZONES

Isle of Wight SENDIASS — Drop in Sessions

- Free impartial and confidential advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Peer support, talking to others who may be experiencing a similar journey
- Free beverages and biscuits

10 JUNE
12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX
16:00 - 18:00 Cowes Family Centre PO31 7ET

25 JUNE
09:30 - 11:30 Ryde Family Centre PO33 2JF
12:30 - 14:30 East Cowes Family Centre PO32 6PA

17 JULY
12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX
16:00 - 18:00 West Wight Family Centre PO40 9XH

26 AUG
09:30 - 11:30 Sandown Family Centre PO36 9EQ
11:30 - 14:30 Ventnor Family Centre PO38 1EX

No booking required

Any questions email: info@iowsendiass.org.uk

A huge thank you to Barnardo's Family Hubs for the use of their family centres for our in-person sessions across the island

Family Hubs

Reduced Fees School Visits 2025

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust (NWET) a grant to support Scientific and Natural History educational visits to it's dedicated 10 acre site for primary school children on the Isle of Wight.

We can also accommodate some small-groups visits for free.

PEACH NEWS

Supporting Physical Activity and Emotional Health and Wellbeing

What we can offer at Naturezones is in fact interlinked.

Physical outdoor activities in nature, such as tree planting, hay making, raking, digging a pond, clearing a ditch, orienteering, dancing in the meadow, play acting, chasing butterflies, breathing in the air, creating some nature based art is actually connecting with nature as a form of green-prescribing. Connecting with nature rather than just being in nature brings about a state of quality mindfulness.

Green Prescribing - max no 16 children. £60

How to Book:

Have two date options available

Email: angela.hewitt@btclick.com

stating which option you want to book..

Green Prescribing
Assembly visit
Reception Class Special
Nature's Table
Ten for Free

We will also need to know
Year group and subject you want covered if booking Nature's Table
We will check availability and get back to you asap

Nature Notes in Brief

Bumble bees are not the same as Honey bees

Bumble bees are wild bees. They live in small colonies or even on their own (solitary bees) in tiny holes in the ground - often previously made and abandoned by a mouse or in a tree hole. Bumble bees only live for a year. The queen bee once mated, will hibernate for the Winter. The other bees die having done their job. The queen emerges in early Spring looking for pollen and nectar to feed her larva now in a cocoon. The larva emerge as female worker bees bringing back more pollen to the nest. The queen lays more eggs which will hatch into new queens and male bumble bees. The newly mated queens feed on nector and pollen ready to overwinter in an underground burrow. The rest of the bumblebees in the colony die as the weather begins to turn colder.

www.naturezones.org.uk

A bunch of meadow flowers sends a buzz through the air

Greenmount—Activities were fun and informative. Instructors knowledgeable and enthusiastic

Wootton—Great, children kept busy and engaged throughout. Instructors, top quality, clearly experienced

Gatten and Lake—Better than expected. We have had an amazing time

Arreton—The flower/tree detective activities were very scientific and covered a lot of our objectives.

Do you have a child in need of NHS dental care?

We have an opportunity at CHURCH STREET DENTAL PRACTICE VENTNOR to take on children for NHS dental care.

Please contact our team on 01983 853721

You can also visit our practice at 4, Church Street, Ventnor PO38 1SW to make an appointment.

Do you have any:

broken plastic toys

unwanted mechanical items

small damaged electrical goods ?

Year 3 want them!

We have an art project coming up that requires some extra resources. So, if you want to clear some space and get rid of broken items send them in! All donations will be gratefully received.

ISLAND TENNIS COACHING

RYDE MEAD LTC COACHING SCHEDULE

TOTS TENNIS AGES 2-5

Monday 0930-1015
Thursday 0930-1015

MINI RED/ORANGE AGES 5-9

Thursday 1020-1115 (Home Ed)
Thursday 1545-1640
Saturday 0900-0955

MINI ORANGE/GREEN AGES 9-14

Thursday 1120-1215 (Home Ed)
Thursday 1645-1740
Saturday 1000-1055
saturday 1100-1155 (all ages welcome)

ADULT BEGINNERS AGES 14+

Monday 1130-1225
Thursday 1445-1540
Friday 0930-1025

ADULT ADVANCED AGES 14+

Tuesday 1700-1815
Saturday 1200-1315
Sunday 1130-1245

TENNIS FITNESS ALL AGES

Thursday 1345-1440

PICKLEBALL ALL AGES

Monday 1230-1325
Thursday 1245-1340

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