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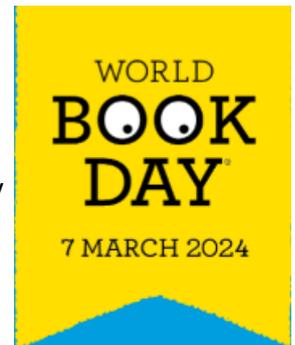


# World Book Day!

Dear Families,

## World Book Day!

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** (this coming Thursday) it is World Book Day. Each child will receive a voucher to spend on a book. At Queensgate we are celebrating by having a dress up day. We would love for the children to come dressed as a book character. It would be great if they could bring the book in too. (Don't worry if you do not have a copy of the book.) We will be having a whole school assembly and there will be one class winner for imaginative and home-made costumes. There is also a special lunch menu that day. Please see page six of this newsletter to find out the detail.



## Good News from this Week

We have welcomed many visitors into school this week. One of our visitors was Naomi Carter, who is the newly appointed Service Director of Education, Inclusion and Access for the Isle of Wight.

This is what Naomi had to say about Queensgate:

*"Today I visited Queensgate Foundation Primary School in East Cowes on the Isle of Wight. What a lovely school, with respectful children engaged in a range of activities. In every class I walked into children greeted me with hello and warm smiles.*

*The headteacher, Sam Sillito, runs a wonderful school and was proud to show off her school.*

*Across the entire school, children's work is proudly displayed, highlighting the curriculum opportunities the children have and the quality of learning going on across the school."*

## Queensgate Instagram and Facebook

We are aiming to share what we do at school with you a little more by setting up an Instagram and Facebook (coming soon) account. You can follow us at:

[https://www.instagram.com/queensgate\\_foundation\\_primary/](https://www.instagram.com/queensgate_foundation_primary/)

## School Place Planning across the Isle of Wight

As I have mentioned before there are too many school places for the number of children on the Isle of Wight. The result of this is many schools have empty places meaning that they can not provide the staff and opportunities that a full school could do. This has been recognised by the Isle of Wight Council and there is a letter for you to read from them on our website at

<https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/parents/school-place-planning-letter>

Although Queensgate is full in the higher years we are not full in the lower years and have a low intake for September. This is an issue that is affecting all schools.

## Skipping Workshops

We, once again, had Lizzie come to Queensgate and gave every child the opportunity to take part in a skipping workshop. As always, the children thoroughly enjoyed this. You can still order a skipping rope by ordering it online at <http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/>. Here are some photos and quotes from the children.



*"It was easy to skip because I was trying my best, it was funny because the skipping rope kept going over my head!" Owen H (RSD)*

*"I liked how it was bouncy because I love bouncing. With the wave game it was so much fun. I was scared to begin with and then I liked it." Rhue H-R (RSD)*

Theo (6LR) said, *"good to make the most out of it as not all schools get the chance to do it."*

Alayna (6LR) said, *"it was fun and quite easy to learn the different types of skipping."*

### Assessment Week and Mock SATs Week

Next week is assessment week for Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. This is the termly time to take stock and look at the children's progress since December.

The following week starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March will be mock Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) week for Year 6. Here is the timetable for the mock SATs which will be exactly the same as the real SATs week starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)  Spelling (Paper 2)	English Reading Paper	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic  Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

It is important that the children attend school on time and have a good breakfast before coming to school. Remember we have a breakfast club costing £2 starting at 8 am if that would work better for your family.

### SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents and Carers

It is important that parents and carers understand the process for SATs and the kind of papers the children will be taking. There is a meeting for parents and carers of Year 6 children on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm**. Please arrive at the front of the school at 2:25pm to be taken through to the Year 6 classroom. Miss Radcliffe and Mrs Michelmores will be leading the session and it is your opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

### Queensgate Car Park

Queensgate is private property. We invite you onto the school site at our discretion. The carpark is for staff and approved blue badge holders only (because we have given them permission to use the car park.) Please could people who have not got a blue badge, or not asked for permission, **NOT** to enter the carpark. Clearly, there is not room for over three hundred families!

This week there were two cars parked on the zigzags outside the school preventing the coach full of children being able to park there. It is important that you put the children first and find an alternative place to park. I would really appreciate your support with this to ensure all children are kept safe.



Please can I also remind you to be considerate of our neighbours in the estate and respect their personal car parking bays - we really would encourage you to walk if you can as it is better for you, better for your child and better for the environment.

## Out and About

On Tuesday morning our **Reception** Out and About children visited Ventnor Botanic Garden, hunting for signs of Spring. The children enjoyed a walk around the grounds, admiring the magnolias, camellias, daffodils and primroses in flower. They loved spotting a red squirrel scurrying from tree to tree. In the play park the children had a hot chocolate whilst listening to a story about a squirrel learning all about Spring and what plants need to grow.

*"I liked playing in the park. I went on the slide. I liked walking, we saw a bridge and a pond. We saw flowers."* Layton RSD

*"We had hot chocolate in the park. We saw a squirrel climbing in the trees. We saw some daffodils. My favourite bit was playing in the park."* Luca RSD



The **1SM** Out and About team went birdwatching in Yarmouth on Wednesday. The children met Charlotte from Bird Aware Solent, a charity that aims to educate people about birds in the local environment and how we can protect them. The children loved looking through her telescope to see a variety of different wading and coastal birds, including turnstones, dunlin, curlew, black-tailed godwit, wigeon, herring gull, teal, greylag geese, cormorants, and little egret! They were each given a chart where they could tick off which birds they'd seen as well learn about where they usually live. The children discovered that many of the birds have migrated to the Isle of Wight for the Winter and will begin their long journeys home in March.

*"We saw some birds; I saw a curlew and lots of wigeons. We had to tick them off our charts. We met a lady called Charlotte and she let us look through her telescope to see the birds closer. My favourite bird was the curlew because it has long beak to get food from the mud."* Louie 1SM



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

Please ensure your child wears suitable warm play clothes (that can get muddy), and they bring a warm coat, hat, scarves, gloves and wellies (warm socks to go in wellies are also highly recommended!).

### **Tuesday am - Reception**

*Ventnor Botanic Garden*

Clayton, Antonia, Emily, Felicity, Theo WF, Nova, Riley, Quinn, Remi-Rose, Amelia, Jovi, Kaden and Theo T.

### **Wednesday am - Year 1**

*Nettlecombe Farm*

Rudy, Freddie, Elijah, Ace, Lenny, Marley, Harrison, Harry, Milly, Marnie-Rae, Rosie, Isabelle, Cassidy, Sadie and Rainie.

\*Please not children must wear wellies on the farm. If your child does not have any please let us know and will try and loan them some for the session

### **Next week swimming lessons for Year 3 on Tuesdays and Year 5 on Wednesdays**

*Lesson 8 of 10*

\*Please note that although we aim to get back to school by approximately 3.15pm, we may be a little late due to high levels of traffic and road closures around the Ryde area. Apologies in advance.

It is amazing to see how hard all of our Year 3 and Year 5 children are working within their swimming lessons. Our strongest swimmers took part in some lifesaving drills this week and were challenged to rescue each other safely, as well as saving manikins from the bottom of the pool!

This week our Superstar Swimming Awards go to...

**Y3:** Arlo, Jamie, Theo, Danielle, Nimalan, Johnny, Daniel and Freddie.

**Y5:** George J, Jack, Jake, Ellie, Maya, Skyla, Bradley, Harry H, Riley R.



### **Cooking Next Week**

Your child in **Year 6** has cookery on **Tuesday**. Please can they bring in a container suitable for stir-fried noodles.

Vincent, Theo, Harrison P, Toby H, Summer, Gracie, Mason, Sienna, Jude C, Oscar, McKenzie, Hollie, Maya, Amber and Brooke.

Your child in **Year 2** has cookery on **Tuesday**. Please can they bring in a container suitable for pies.

Lexi, Lena, Daisy, Poppy, Miliana, Macie, Ellis, Teddy, Levi, Harvey, Joe, Seb, Harry, Jack and Tyler.

Your child in **Year 4** has cookery on **Wednesday**. Please bring in a container suitable for welsh cakes.

Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Harvey, Scarlett, Maisy, Toby, Harley T, Flynn, James, Mirabelle, Georgie and Logan F.

Your child in **Year 1** has cookery on **Wednesday**. Please bring in a container suitable for ratatouille.

Bowie, George, Titan, Jasper, Wyatt, Frederick, Sully, Nathan, Evelyn, Inara, Mollie, Raemarni, Peyton and Naomi.



# What's for dinner after half term?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



**Chartwells**  
Schools



## WEEK 2

Monday

tuesday

Wednesday

THURSDAY

Friday

**Cheese and Tomato Pizza**  
Served with Potato Wedges

**Turkey Con Chili**  
Served with Wholegrain Rice

**Roast Beef**  
Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

**Breaded Fish Fingers**  
Served with Chips

**Sweet potato Curry**  
Served with whole grain rice

**Macaroni Cheese**

**Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble**  
Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

**See Special menu below**

**Crispy Vegan Nuggets**  
Served with Chips

**Jacket Potatoes**  
with a choice of hot and cold fillings

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**Tomato Pasta** Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta

All Main Meals are served with two vegetables

Dessert

Apple Crumble with Custard

Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit

Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake

Carrot Cake

Strawberry Ice Cream

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

HOT SPECIALS

# WORLD BOOK day

## MAINS

### All Day Full Breakfast

(Bacon, Scrambled Egg and Sausage)

## VEGETARIAN

### All Day Breakfast

(Sausage, Tomato and Mushrooms)

## SIDES

Bread Wedge with Baked Beans

## DESSERT

Buried Jelly Treasure or  
Sticky Marmalade Roll with  
'Eat Me' Custard

Menus may be subject to change

## Mental Health Support Team

Have you been...

- **sad and low in mood?**
- **afraid to go to certain places?**
- **anxious, worried or panicked?**
- **feeling angry a lot of the time?**
- **struggling with your sleep?**
- **stressed about exams?**
- **scared about something? E.G. spiders, heights or busy crowds?**
- **worrying about certain things? E.G. your health, appearance, relationships?**

Please speak to a member of staff at school who can refer you to meet with an Education Mental Health Practitioner.

You can also visit [youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk) for online support  
Text THEMIX to 85258 for free, anonymous confidential support  
For urgent mental health support, please contact 111  
For medical emergencies, please call 999



The Mental Health Support Team is a collaboration between the Isle of Wight NHS Trust, Barnardo's and the Isle of Wight Youth Trust.

## Your MHST Team



The Isle of Wight Mental Health Support Team (IOW MHST) – is a collaboration between the Youth Trust, Barnardo's, and the NHS – and is a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs), working in your Primary school. Many primary-school aged children can experience anxiety, worries, common phobias, and challenging behaviours – these are all problems that can be treated successfully through parent-led, Self-help, Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapies (LI CBT). We offer group and one-to-one interventions for parents, as well as whole school approach, emotional resilience workshops, and assemblies for young children. (Aged 5 to 11)  
To make a referral to the MHST service, please contact your Designated Mental Health Lead (DMHL) in your school or call 0300 365 4010. (Please note, this is not a mental health crisis line.)



If you feel like you can't cope or are worried about how you are feeling:

- Text **THEMIX** to **85258** (24/7) or call **0800 808 4994** (4pm-11pm)
- Call Childline on **0800 1111**
- Visit **Young Minds** [youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk)
- Contact **Youth Trust** on **01983 529569**
- Contact **Samaritans** on **116 123** or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

For **urgent mental health support**, please contact the NHS service on **111**.  
In an **emergency**, please contact **999**.



If you would like to speak to the MHST team about your child, then please contact either Miss Jeffers or Mr Chubb in the first instance.

## Sports Report

### Year 4 Football



On Wednesday, the Year 4 boys team had their quarter final of the league against Lanesend. The boys were buzzing going into the game and were hopeful that they could get a positive result to qualify for the semi-finals. The game began and the team were quick to put Lanesend under pressure. Through some high pressing, the boys managed to win the ball in the Lanesend half and create many chances. Lanesend were playing some quick counter attacking football, however our defence was sharp to cut out any danger. Just before the half came to an end, the boys managed to find a goal to lead going into the break. It was a quick turn around at half time and with a few subs made, the boys got straight back to business. Throughout the second half, the boys continued to dominate and came close to scoring on many occasions. With not long left of the game, a brilliant move played down the right side was crossed in to one of our strikers who sealed the win with a fantastic finish. The full-time whistle blew and the game finished 2-0 to Queensgate. This was a great performance from the boys and they will look to take this fantastic form into the semi-finals, where they will face either Binstead or The Bay. Well done boys!

# Year 4's Trip to see Orchestra

Last week, Year 4 travelled over to Portsmouth to take part in an interactive schools' concert performed by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. It was a soggy wet day but that did not dampen our spirits.

We had been preparing for the concert since the beginning of term, learning body percussion parts, a song "I Wanna Dance" with Makaton signs and exciting dance moves to accompany Dvorak's Slavonic Dances. We enjoyed practising but performing these works with a professional orchestra was a thrilling experience! Lots of us were on the edges of seats as we experienced live classical and contemporary music for the very first time in our lives.



Owing to the windy weather, our journey home was extremely bumpy but it was absolutely worth it for the chance to hear great music from Medieval court dances to Abba's Dancing Queen. A superb day!

# African Drumming Workshops

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Queensgate welcomed renowned musician, Andy Warn, and his "Sounds of Africa" roadshow. Years 3, 5 and 6 each had an hour-long workshop with Andy during the day and the rest of the school were able to come and watch a short performance by Year 6 at the end of the afternoon. Here's what some of the children said about playing authentic African instruments and learning exciting rhythms:

*"I really enjoyed the African drumming because we were allowed to make lots of noise and we were allowed to perform it to KS1" (Charlotte)*

*"I really enjoyed this experience because we learned about how they make the instruments and the chants" (Logan)*

*"Wednesday was really fun! Although Andy .....did make fun of us (banter), I had a really good time. It was mostly smiles and jokes but we did learn a lot: chants, the names of drums and some African language too" (Sarah)*

*"It was an amazing experience to have. I liked the fact that some of the instruments were recycled." (Lilly)*



Working together for a successful future

## Attendance

**Whole School Attendance since September is 95.18%**

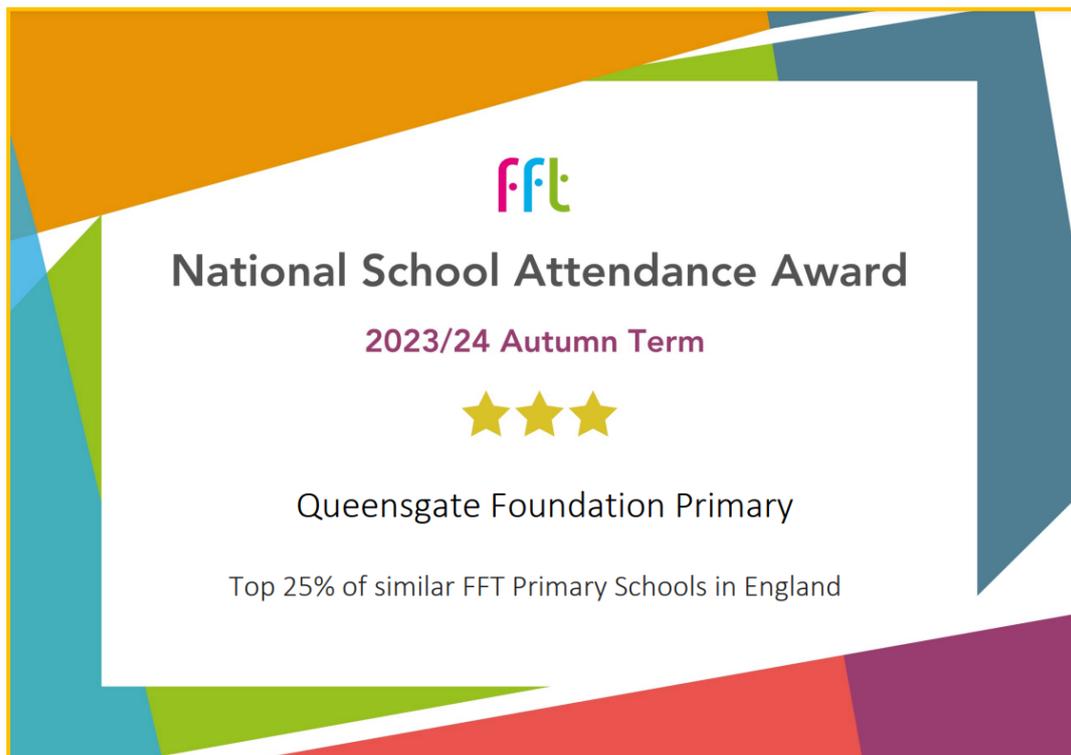
**Whole School Attendance this week is 93.98%**

**KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 97.62%**

**KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 4MC with 98.92%**

## Attendance Matters

I am pleased to let you know that our attendance figures are going well, which importantly mean lots of children have good attendance meaning they are learning more across the curriculum and life skills like resilience. We are in the top 25% for attendance when compared to schools with similar characteristics to ourselves. Well done everyone. Keep up the good work!



## And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend, lets hope the weather is better!

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



# JUNIOR NETBALL



**SKILLS**

**FITNESS**

**FRIENDS**

**FUN**

Isle of Wight Netball Clubs are welcoming new junior members!

Clubs offer training and competitive matches in the Junior Isle of Wight league on Sundays at Seaclose Park, Newport.

**GET IN TOUCH!**



**Solent Netball Club**  
 Contact **Chris Grimes**: 07969504734, cmg1504@googlemail.com

<b>Tuesday</b> Ryde Academy	<b>BEE Netball</b> Years 1-6 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Years 7-10 6pm - 7pm
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**Shorwell Netball Club**  
 Contact **Ann Selby**: 07785750266, easelby47@gmail.com

<b>Monday</b> Ryde School (winter) Seaclose Park (Summer)	Years 3-7 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Years 7-10 6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>Additional Sessions</b> Years 3-10	<b>Wednesday</b> Seaclose Park 5.30pm - 6.30pm	<b>Saturday</b> Ryde Academy 10am - 11am
<b>Shorwell Mini's</b> ages 5-8	<b>Thursday @ Christ the King</b> 5pm - 5.30/6pm	

# SLOW COOKER WORKSHOP

Learn how to use a slow cooker and make healthy, low-cost meals

**FREE SLOW COOKER**

**INGREDIENTS & TUITION INCLUDED**

**Starts**  
**4th March 2024 | 11 am**

**Aspire Ryde, Dover Street**

To apply for a place, please email  
[reception@aspireryde.org.uk](mailto:reception@aspireryde.org.uk)

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1163336




# EASTER POTTERY CLUB

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 10AM - 12PM & 2PM - 4PM  
 25TH MARCH, 1ST APRIL, 8TH APRIL

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March 2024

## Newsletter

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Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

**National Standards CPD accredited with certificate**

Thursday 21 March 19:00 - 20:00 <b>FREE</b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FREE SESSION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Understanding Addictive Behaviour - Screens, gaming, drugs and more</p>
Tuesday 19 March 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What is ACT?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy</p>
Thursday 28 March 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supporting a child with ADHD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice</p>

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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All-stars age 5-8  
Dynamo's age 8-11  
U11 teams, U13 teams,  
U15 teams, mens & womens

## ADULT LEARNING



### International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. **#Inspireinclusion**

Come and celebrate with us, workshops open to adults 19+ with one accompanied child over 10 years. Please note that only adult bookings and payments can be made on our website, so please call us if you would also like to book for a child.

**Sunday 10 March, 10.30am to 12.30pm, cost £10 adults/£5 children**

#### Brush lettering

Learn the technique and apply it to make greeting cards.

#### Springtime wreath

Produce a decoration for your door or table.

#### Macrame bracelets

Create colourful bracelets with beads and decorations.

For more information and to book your place.

[www.iow.uk/ACLcourses](http://www.iow.uk/ACLcourses)

01983 817280

[acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk)

[Facebook IWCACL](https://www.facebook.com/IWCACL)

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### ✿ Join Us for Support and Understanding! ✿



Parent & Carer Meetup for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Are you a parent or carer navigating the challenges of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or suspect that your child may be affected? Join us for an informative and supportive meetup.

Date: 13 March 2024

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Venue: Seminar Room, Quay Arts Centre, Newport

Connect with other parents facing similar journeys.

Share stories, strategies, and support in a judgment-free zone.

Share and learn about the latest developments in FASD research and resources.

This meetup aims to create a space where parents can come together to share experiences, exchange valuable information, and build a strong support network. Whether you are seeking advice or offering your own, we welcome you to join this compassionate community.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Alison on 07969 598080.

Hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase from the Quay Arts Café.

Let's build a community of understanding, empathy, and support for parents navigating the unique challenges of FASD. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Green Time – Green Skills - Multiply**  
**Spring Creative Crafts with a Splash of Fun Maths**  
 Meeting Time: 6.15pm – 9pm  
 Meeting Location: Riverside Centre, Medina Room,  
 The Quay, Newport, PO30 2QR  
 Date: Monday 11th March 2024  
 Free Parking



Join Mark for this fun craft session where you can develop your creative skills by making either a wooden wheelbarrow flowerpot holder or tall wooden flowerpot holder decorated with your own design. Your flowerpot holder will be perfect for the window sill, on a table, or balcony and in the garden. Use your plant pot for growing flowers, herbs, strawberries or a plant. You can also decorate your own porcelain Easter Bunny and Egg Cup. All resources are provided.



Creative Crafts with a Splash of Fun Maths enables you to increase your confidence with numbers through the use of crafts and arts to develop maths skills in a fun informal way. Good maths skills can help in everyday life, such as cooking, travelling on public transport and budgeting money.

- ✓ Green Time
- ✓ Physical Exercise
- ✓ Creative Activities
- ✓ Food & Health
- ✓ Emotional Wellbeing
- ✓ Mental Health

This session will also enable you to promote and enhance your own positive emotional wellbeing, self-confidence, self-esteem and mental health.

Please book your place as soon as possible so that your wooden flowerpot holder kit can be prepared in advance.



**Text or Call Mark Today To Book A Place!**  
**0785 485 2518**

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