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Queensgate Foundation
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Bunny Run on Friday!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cake Sale

Thank you so much for all the cakes you sent in last Friday. They looked delicious. The cake sale made £400. This money will go towards items for the children at school.

Bunny Run

Hopefully, the children are gathering sponsors for the sponsored Bunny Run next Friday. Each year group will get a chance to run laps of the field, whilst wearing their bunny ears that they have made. Please send sponsor money in after the Easter break. The PTFA will let you know how much they raise and what they will be spending it on. As always we have many ideas!



If your child is unable to get any sponsors we completely understand and there is no need to worry at all. Please send the children in PE kit on Friday.

Visitors in School

As I said in last week's newsletter it was a busy week for visitors. The Marine Archaeology bus was a great success with the children. Here is a link to the press release about the visit.

<https://iow-newsroom.prgloo.com/news/maritime-archaeology-discovery-bus-arrives-on-the-isle-of-wight>



Next Week...

Another busy week is planned next week. Year 1 are off to Osborne House to support their learning about plants and to see the results of the bulbs that they planted earlier in the term.

Rev. Sue will be leading our Easter assemblies for both Key Stage 1 and 2.

6TS will also be heading to Osborne House to mark out Ben's flowerbed plan and plant up the seeds.

The children have all had their assessments and the data is on the system. Next week Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and I will be meeting each teacher to talk about each child in the school to check they are all making good progress.

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Love reading?

Then try this....

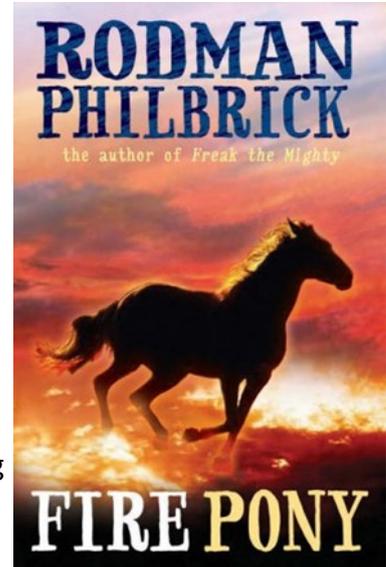
The wonderful Mrs Webb runs our fantastic school library and she has really loved your reading recommendations so far. She is so excited because it's finally her turn!

Mrs Webb has been reading *Fire Pony*, written by Rodman Philbrick. This book was donated to our library and Mrs Webb was drawn to the front cover because she loves horses.

In this story, two brothers are on the run from something in their past. They find a safe place on a horse ranch where one of the brothers falls in love with an untameable pony. As you read, you find out more about why the boys had to run away.

The book ends with a thrilling, fiery climax which Mrs Webb is keeping secret so she doesn't give away any spoilers.

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, Ventnor and Freshwater), people shopping will be given a token and asked to put it in one of the projects 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!



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Out & About

The **RSJ** Out and About group visited Ventnor Botanic Gardens on Tuesday morning looking for signs of Spring. We enjoyed the rain, splashing in puddles togged up in waterproofs, wellies and umbrellas! The children spotted lots of Spring flowers in bloom including daffodils, hyacinths, camellias and magnolias. We shared the story *Hello Spring* by Jo Lindley and *Skip through the Seasons* by Stella Blackstone whilst huddled together out of the rain in the New Zealand Garden's shelter. The children had fun looking for the terrapins in the pond as well as having a play in the park too!



On Wednesday morning the **1KS** Out and About team had a fantastic time feeding the animals at Nettlecombe Farm to tie in with their topic on Animals. Some of the children were a little nervous to start with but it was great to see them develop in confidence during our visit, working together to support and encourage each other. The children fed the hens, kids, goats, donkeys and a variety of different breeds of sheep, whilst learning all about how they are cared for on the farm. They even got to go into the field for sheep cuddles with Oreo and Fern!



Children in Year 5 have been given the opportunity to visit the Classic Boat Museum during Out and About. **5RA** had a great time trialling the new dinghy simulator and taking part in a trail around the museum on Wednesday afternoon. They each had a go sitting in the dinghy and sailing around a course, learning about how to use the tiller to steer the boat, developing an understanding of the wind and how to sail.



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The children in **Year 3** took part in their final swimming session on Tuesday where they completed water safety challenges and had fun with the big floats and pool toys.

Ash, one of the swimming instructors at Waterside Pool, nominated Jamie Widlake in **5PG** for *Achiever of the Month*. It was great to see Jamie's photo on display at the pool as this month's winner. Huge well done Jamie for always giving 100% effort.

Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears warm play clothes, lots of layers, wellies and a warm waterproof coat. Bring shoes in a named bag to change into for the afternoon. If your child does not own wellies, please let us know beforehand and we will do our best to loan them a pair for their O&A session.

Tuesday 5th April am - **RSJ** - Ventnor Botanic Garden

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

Tuesday 5th April pm - **All of Year 3** - The Patch

Wednesday 6th April am - **1KS** - Nettlecombe Farm

Tylan, Henley, Ralph, Ayrton, Amber-Rose, Peyton, Kamahlie, Jack, George, Danielle, Ollie L and Darcie.

Wednesday 6th April pm - **5PG** - Classic Boat Museum- school uniform



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 Dough Balls	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic & Herb Bread Wedge	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Bolognese	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Broccoli and Peas	Cabbage and Carrots	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Baked Beans
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding & Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

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

Price increase

Please note that prices for school dinners will be **increasing** after Easter to **£2.20** a day. Thank you.

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QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

On Friday children represented Queensgate at an Island badminton competition. Six teams from across the island competed against each other in singles and doubles. The children played brilliantly and showed great improvement in their skills and their understanding of the game as the afternoon progressed. The team took 4th place overall. All of the team should be very proud of themselves.



This week, Queensgate have been hosting the IOW Primary school football finals and again, we have received some pleasing comments from the teams and spectators.

Reminder; please can ALL the football teams return their shirts directly to Mr Giles.

Dr Bike; on Wednesday Dr Bike sorted out/mended 14 scooters or bikes. The bike mechanics were again very complimentary about the children and the school. Let's hope those bikes/scooters can now be actively used again.

Jaydon Paddock

Jaydon worked with all of the children this week. He delivered some fun exercises for each year group and followed this up with an assembly for each Key Stage. At this assembly he explained about his gymnastic career so far - he started at the age of 4!



The children were impressed when Jaydon tumbled over a seated Mr Giles!

Mr Giles has been a supporter of Sport For Champions for the entire time he has been at Queensgate. The school was one of the first to sign up to have athletes in to provide inspiration to the children. Sports for Champions started with 36 schools, it now goes into over 800! In recognition of this they presented Mr Giles and Queensgate with a GB tracksuit top that was very special to Jaydon as it was what he wore when he first won a gold medal. Jaydon has signed it and we are currently getting it framed ready for displaying in the school.

Jaydon is a mentor for the Sport for Champions fan club. It is a subscription service but you can get a months free trial, more details can be found at: <https://fanclub.sportsforchampions.com/>

Outstanding Money

Please can all monies outstanding for breakfast club / trips / lunches be paid by **Wednesday 6th April** for end of term banking. Thank you

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP - Extra

Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards.

THE creme-de-la-creme of the local sporting community was rewarded with accolades at the 2022 Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards gala on Thursday evening.

With most sports thriving on the Isle of Wight and with so many achieving in them — all passionately backed up by dedicated coaches — it was a difficult decision for judges in the run-up to the awards ceremony, held at Newport's Medina Theatre.

There were many deserved winners and nominees in categories, that ranged from making a difference in school sports, to marking the achievements of emerging young talents and the support given to clubs and organisations by willing volunteers.

Special guest at the awards ceremony was gold medal winning Olympic sailor, Shirley Robertson and Lord Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight, Susie Sheldon.

It is my pleasure to announce that our very own Mr Giles won the Service to Sport (The Delphie Lakeman Memorial Trust) - and very well deserved it was too. We're all very proud of Mr Giles and all he does with sport on the Island.



Congratulations!



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ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

On Thursday all of the anti-bullying ambassadors took part in The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors training. We learnt the definition of bullying (repeated, negative behaviour that is intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe), the three different types of bullying, what a bystander and an upstander is, also we learnt what V.I.P means and what the three U's are.

The three U's stand for upset, uncomfortable and unsafe while V.I.P means verbal, indirect and physical.

Our next steps as ambassadors are to plan and run campaigns to help raise awareness and prevent bullying at Queensgate.

To Parents and Carers,

As Anti-Bullying ambassadors, we have been aiming to do some activities to make students feel more respected, happy and comfortable in school and out. We have listed some different types of bullying so your child will be able to understand if they are being bullied or not, here are some examples:

Verbal bullying

- .Swearing repeatedly
- .Calling names
- .Picking on someone
- .Being racist, being rude about religion and culture
- .Shouting at people repeatedly.

Indirect bullying

- .Cyber bullying
- .Talking about someone behind their back.
- .Breaking/damaging someone's belongings.

Physical bullying

- .Throwing objects at people
- .Pulling hair
- .Fighting
- .and any other type of harm or abuse to someone.

We hope your children now have an idea of what bullying means.

By the School Anti-bullying Ambassadors.



PTFA

Our PTFA are a small group of staff and parents who organise events and raise money for the school to buy things for the children that the school would not otherwise be able to afford. The next meeting for the PTFA is on **Monday 4th April at 1:45pm** in the dining room. Please come a long if you can – the more the merrier!

Rebecca 6LR - Mountbatten appeal

Rebecca has had official notification of how much she raised by selling the sunflower badges outside of school a couple of weeks ago. She managed to raise £102.11, well done Rebecca and thank you to all of you that supported this worthwhile cause.

Benji club

Benji's area now has a couple of new activities for him to be working on - weaving poles and a hoop jump. At club, the children have been creating agility courses using a range of equipment and then worked with Benji to help him complete their course. They have also been enjoying some relaxing time playing football with Benji even if he likes to run away with the ball or just lie on it to show that he is the winner.

He has been practising his assault course with the children. He confidently runs round most of the course but is working on mastering the see-saw.



Term Dates

We break up from school for the Easter holiday next Friday 8th April at 3 pm.

We restart on Monday 25th April at 8:40 am. Breakfast club will be open as normal from 8 am.

The half term holiday is from Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June.

There is one INSET day during the summer term, which is festival Monday 20th June.

The end of the summer term is Friday 22nd July.

I will put a list of summer term dates on the first newsletter after the holiday.

Update around COVID from DfE

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For **children** and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be **3 days**.

Finally...

As always it has been a busy half term with many visits out and many visitors in and some fantastic teaching going on. It has also had its challenges with Covid and staff absence. Thank you, as always, for your support. You are a great community to work with.

Happy Easter everyone.

Whole school attendance 93.57%.

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

This week 6TS achieved 96.3% attendance!
Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

45 years of kindness



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Schools Walk the Wight with Mountbatten



Schools Walk the Wight was originally launched as part of a Healthy Schools initiative encouraging children to be as active as possible and support their local community by fundraising for Mountbatten Isle of Wight.

Children take up the challenge of completing 26 miles, the distance of one Walk the Wight during their everyday activities. They receive a WTW map to clock up their miles and a sponsorship form to raise funds for Mountbatten.

30 minutes of activity = one WTW mile. All activity counts - walking, scooting, skating, running, jumping, playing sports etc.

Children are invited to complete the last four miles of their map by taking part in the Schools Walk at Walk the Wight on Sunday 8 May and receive their WTW medal for completing their challenge when they cross the finish line.

If they complete their challenge without taking part on the day they will receive their medal via their school after the event.

All children who take part also receive a certificate of achievement via their school after the event.

The Schools Walk - Sunday 8 May

Your child can just walk the final four miles of Walk the Wight on Sunday 8 May. If they wish to do this, you still need to register them.

The 4-mile Schools Walk from Freshwater Bay to The Needles Landmark Attraction is for all registered children and their families who wish to participate on the day of Walk the Wight.

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One parent/guardian may accompany a registered child for free on the Schools Walk. Anyone else wishing to walk with them will be asked to register on the day for a suggested minimum donation of £10 per adult and £5 for children.

Southern Vectis provides FREE all-day travel on any of their services to all participants with walker numbers. This offer has been extended to include the parents/guardians of children taking part in the Schools Walk.

To make registration easier this year, parents can register online via [our website](#).

<https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/Event/schools-walk-the-wight-registration>.

Anyone who is unable to register online can call us on 01983 217300 to register over the phone. Our office is open Mon-Fri, 08:30-16:30.

Registrations close on Friday 8 April.

You can register for free or choose to give a donation of £3.50 to help cover our costs. When you register online you also have the option of giving a further donation.

You will receive a digital fundraising pack and event information by email that includes a sponsorship form and a Walk the Wight map for your child to clock up their miles. These will also be available on our website. Your child's walker number will be sent to your child's school ahead of Walk the Wight on Sunday 8 May.

We hope many of you will join us to walk and raise funds for Island people.

Warmest wishes,

Charlotte Hornblow

Campaigns and Community Fundraiser
Mountbatten Isle of Wight



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**APRIL 8TH
FRIDAY**

ISLE OF WIGHT
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PO32 6AS

**APRIL 20TH
WEDNESDAY**

GK CAMPS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7-16.



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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

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SUNDAY MORNINGS @ SMALLBROOK STADIUM
10AM-11:30AM

Mouth guards and shinpads required
Sticks provided

For more info head to www.iowhc.co.uk or find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



WITH SPECIAL GUEST
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Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days - Easter Holiday Clubs! Aerial Silks Also Included!



Tuesday 12th April 2022
Wednesday 13th April 2022



10:00 - 15:00 each day

Sea Cadets Cowes,
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

£25 per Child for the Whole Day
(£23 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)
A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available

HOW TO BOOK

Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319
Thank you ☺

Big Moments of summer fun!



For all 5 - 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

Sign up today at

allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

An advertisement for 'DYNAMO'S CRICKET'. It features two children, a girl and a boy, in yellow cricket shirts. The girl is holding a yellow cricket ball, and the boy is in a batting stance. The background is a vibrant mix of purple, pink, and yellow. The text 'This is our game.' is written in large white letters. The Dynamo's Cricket logo is in the top right corner.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!
Sign up today, at
dynamicscricket.co.uk

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The **A to Z** of being a **YOUNG CARER**

1 in 5 young people in the UK have a caring responsibility for a member of their family

Easter holiday activities



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“F is for the FEAR

I feel when I have to leave my parent alone, is it fair I should fear the worst may happen simply because I am not there?”

Young Carers have a caring role for a member (or members) of their family due to a long term illness, physical or mental health condition, disability or substance misuse. On the Isle of Wight, Barnardo's and the YMCA work together to ensure Young Carers, aged 5 to 18, receive the support they need to lead happy and healthy lives.

For more information visit www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk or call 01983 529208

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Do you help to look after someone in your family?
For help and support in school please speak to



Easter holiday activities

Free places available for children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

A wide range of engaging activities with a nutritious meal are on offer for school ages (5 to 16) during the Easter holidays.

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.
To find out more and book, visit: www.connect4communities.org

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OUR 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' SURVEY IS NOW LIVE!



Send us your views in the survey on how we can improve school meals, and we'll give you a chance to win one of five £100 Love2Shop Vouchers!

**CLICK THE LINK:
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

PARENT SURVEY MARCH 2022
BRIEF FOR SCHOOLS



<https://servicemonitortabs.co.uk/chartwells/primary>

INTRODUCING FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We are delighted to introduce our annual school meals survey, called FOOD FOR THOUGHT, putting an emphasis on to what we do best – serving great tasting, nutritious food to schools. And this year we are re-launching FOOD FOR THOUGHT via our survey partner, 'Service Monitor.' The insights gathered from this survey will help to develop the Autumn/Winter menus and help to further improve the service going forward, both with the aim of driving an uptake in school meals within primary schools.

Last year we had a total of 3,900 responses. This year we are looking to increase the number of individual responses to capture as much feedback as possible.

WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP

To reduce our use of paper we need your support in the completion of our digital surveys, so please engage the parents as soon as possible so that we can maximise the attention this year's survey receives. We have several digital assets available for you (listed below) to help raise awareness of the survey and help encourage responses.

- "Keep an eye out!" survey starts next week e-shot.
- "FOOD FOR THOUGHT is live!".
 - E-shot.
 - Twitter post.
 - Header banner.
 - Plasma screen.
- "Have you had your say?" 2 weeks to go e-shot.
- "The Final Countdown" 3 days to go e-shot.

