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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## It was good to see you face to face!

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parents' Evenings

As the title of the newsletter states, it was great to see so many parents face to face this week. Thank you for coming to parent's evenings and helping us fulfil our school motto: 'Working together for a successful future'. Helping the children learn and develop cannot work without parents and teachers engaging and communicating with each other. I hope you found them useful. Please work on the targets you were given at home with your children.

### Admin update

The admin team would like to clarify some of the ways in which we use technology to help you.

Teachers2parents – This is the messaging service the school uses to contact you, sometimes the messages will be for a whole year group, whole school or for individual pupils. You do not need to download any App for your phone in order to receive messages from Teachers2parents.

Weekly Newsletter – The link for the weekly newsletter is sent to you every Friday via a link from Teachers2parents. You can also find the weekly newsletter direct on the school website at: [queensgateprimary.co.uk](http://queensgateprimary.co.uk)

Scopay – Scopay is used in two ways. Firstly, it is the online payment system for parents to use when making payment for dinners, trips, breakfast club or anything for which a payment is required for by the school. Queensgate Foundation Primary School is now cashless and can only accept payments through Scopay. Secondly, Scopay is used by parents to book Parents' Evening Consultations, which take place during the year. **Important!** In order to access Scopay you will need to set up an account in your child's name using a code, which is provided by the school. This code will expire in 48 hours so it is important to register quickly once you have received your code. All parents must have a Scopay account, so if you have yet to register please ask Miss Rorich for a code.

### Photos

Chris Bamber from Atlas Images was in this week taking individual photographs of the children.

You should have received some information

around how to view and order photos, if you require any further information please contact Atlas Images on 01983 244844 or via their website <https://www.atlasimages.co.uk/>



## Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for reading this at the end of half term. I am pleased to report that attendance has improved this week to 94.24%, and one class, 4MC, had 100% attendance. This is great to see.



It is really important that children attend school every day to make the best progress. We need to be filling the gaps that the children have in their learning, not creating more. Here is what the Department of Education (DfE) has said this week:

*As the new Secretary of State for Education has made clear, young people regularly attending school is a national priority and is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development. This is particularly true for children who were persistently absent before the pandemic or who are at risk of becoming persistently absent. Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance.*

At Queensgate, we have taken a lenient view to both fining and taking family holidays, which had been re-arranged since lockdown. After the half term break, we will not be authorising holidays in term time and we will return to fining for unauthorised time off. I therefore, thought it was timely to remind you what to do if your child is unable to attend school.

1. Please call the school office in the morning if your child is off school clearly explaining the reason why
2. Please keep in touch with us whilst your child is off ill
3. When your child comes back to school please send in a letter or email putting in writing the reason they were off

## Appropriate Viewing

Please make sure you know what your child is watching and playing. The age recommendations are there for a reason. They should not be watching films, programmes or playing games over a PG.

## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Nine teams took part in the IOW U-9 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival, held at Queensgate.

The Queensgate team was in Pool A; in their two matches, they beat Gurnard 4-2 and Wootton 6-2. This meant they were group winners and moved into the winners pool. Here they drew 3-3 with Newchurch B and in a pulsating final game, drew 4-4 with Newchurch A.



Although this was a festival, it was good to see the team unbeaten for the afternoon and to secure the runners up position. Well done to all 10 players who all contributed to the team effort.

## Rainbow Raffle



Thank you again for your kind donations. The PTFA has been busy creating rainbow hampers (see above for the first six hampers) and selling tickets this week. The raffle draw will take place on Friday 12th November. You should have received raffle tickets via your child - please drop the money and tickets with contact details on the back into school by Thursday 11th November at the very latest.

## Remembrance

I will be taking the Year 4, 5 & 6 school council reps to Carisbrooke field of remembrance on Thursday 11th November. This will be to represent the school in the act of remembrance. Back at school we shall be observing one minutes silence on Thursday and Mr Chubb will be delivering an Assembly to Key Stage 1 and 2 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Poppies are available in the school office, children can bring in some spare change and put these in the donations pot. We suggest a minimum donation of 25p for a poppy and £1 for a wrist band, pencil, pencil sharpener, key ring or pin badge.



## Benji Blog



Benji's timetable has started again and he is working with individual children and small groups alongside Mrs Jeffers.



He listened in to 6LR's parents evenings this week and was well behaved sitting under the table each evening.

As there were no clubs this week, Benji's club will start again next week.



## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **1KS** Out and About group visited Borthwood Copse. The children used their senses to explore the woodland and looked out for signs of Autumn. They enjoyed collecting leaves and created their own Autumn wreaths to take home. After a story and snack, the children worked well as a team to add more branches to the den and had fun playing in the forest.



Year 3 have begun learning about Pre-History and the Stone Age. This week a group from **3BM** walked up to the Longstone at Mottistone. They found out information about the 6,000 year old, Neolithic standing stones that were once a gateway to an ancient burial ground. We talked about life in the Stone Age period and how the area was also home to Bronze Age settlements.



On Wednesday morning the Out and About team from **4MC** went to Nettlecombe Farm in Whitwell. They had a wonderful time learning about the different animals on the farm and hand feeding the goats, chickens, cows, donkeys and lambs. The children especially loved meeting Oreo, a big sheep who just loves to be cuddled!



Working together for a successful future

The Out and About group from **2KA** had a walk around Firestone Copse on Wednesday afternoon. The children talked about what living things need and identified items in the forest that were dead, alive or never been alive (terminology they discussed last half term in Science). They explored artefacts on loan to us from the Isle of Wight Natural History and Archeological Society, hunted for bugs and created leaf rubbings.



#### **Out and About next week:**

Please ensure your child is in suitable play clothes and brings a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Bring wellies in a named bag to change into. Many thanks in advance.

Year 1 - Tuesday am

No O&A due to staff training.

Year 3 - 3BM Tuesday pm

Guy, Emily, Levi, Brody, Harry, Rosie, George, Jamie, Parinith, Evie, Brooke, Riley, Elvis, Hayley and Amy.

Year 4 - 4MC Wednesday am

Farrah-Mai, Aribella, Amber-May, Gracie, Liana, Kiera, Summer W, Evie, Olivia, Chloe Stay, Toby, Harrison, Jude, Oliver and Logan.

Year 2 - 2KA Wednesday pm

Harley T, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Harvey, Scarlett, Maisy, Ella, Toby, Harley B, Leah, Flynn, James and Mirabelle.



# 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	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and 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 and Cucumber Sticks	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding and Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

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

## Nut Free School

Please can I remind you that we have some children with severe nut allergies so please ensure there are no products containing nuts in lunch boxes. Many thanks



Isle of Wight Family Centres

Our New Website

[www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk](http://www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk)

For up to date information on:

- Our free courses
  - Our play sessions
  - Registering with us
  - Latest news and posts
  - Becoming a volunteer
  - Advice for professionals
- And much more!

You can also find us on:

 Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/isle-of-wight-family-centres>

Instagram: 

<https://www.instagram.com/isleofwightfamilycentres/>

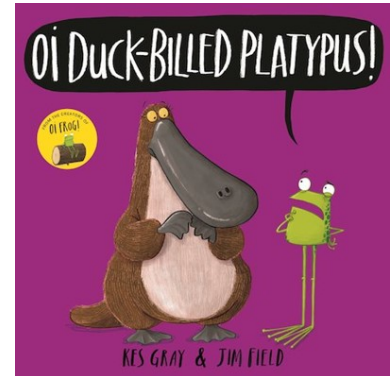
# Love reading?

## Then try this....

Florence in 3PT has really enjoyed reading Oi Duck-billed-Platypus, written by Kes Gray and Jim Field. She has read it a lot of times and she thinks it's really fun.

There is a cheeky frog who tries to make the poor duck-billed platypus sit in lots of different places that are not suitable. Florence thinks the best place he tries to sit is on a wobbly jelly! She recommends this book to everyone in the whole school!

There are other books in this collection that follow a similar and funny plot. Come and have a look for them in our school library.



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 it here.

### Dates for the diary

Wednesday 17th, 18th & 19th November - School nurses in height and weight in Reception

Wednesday 24th November - No Pens Day (spoken language only)

Monday 29th November - Toy museum in for Year 1

Thursday 2nd December - Flu immunisation Day in training room

Friday 3rd December - Year 1 Victorian Day

Wednesday 15th December - 9.15am Reception Navity show to parents

Thursday 16th December - Christmas dinner day

Friday 17th December - Christmas Carol Service in St James Church

Monday 20th December - Christmas party day (off timetable and in MUFTI dress)

Monday 20th December - Break up for Christmas holiday 3 pm

Tuesday 21 December - INSET day

Wednesday 22nd December - December day off in lieu of the Queen's birthday

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - INSET day

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - children return to school at 8.40am

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - INSET day

**Whole school attendance 94.24%.**

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

**This week 4MC achieved 100% attendance! Well done.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Best wishes,**

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**

# FRENCH CLUB

For Primary School students in Years 5 and 6

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**4PM TO 5PM**

from Thursday 11th November 2021

**Contact:**

- Mr Harding  
tharding@cowesec.org
- Madame Oboh  
doboh@cowesec.org

**Activities will include:**

- Eat French food
- Watch French movies
- French karaoke contest
- French Holiday parties
- Read French poetry

**Why join?**

- Complements and enhances languages taught in the curriculum
- Improving self-confidence
- Making new friends
- Speak with an authentic accent and correct pronunciation
- Achieve a high standard French through activities that are interesting, rewarding and fun
- Gain a good grounding for future languages learning
- Benefit from a structured and progressive programme, which enhances other learning

**FREE OF CHARGE!**

## JOIN 'THE GIFT' COURSE

DESIGNED TO HELP YOU CONNECT WITH YOUR MEANING AND PURPOSE

The Gift is an innovative, comprehensive, and inclusive 2-day course, which runs from 10am-3pm, and will empower you to transform your personal wellbeing to achieve the life you want.

The content has been specifically designed in a way that is empowering and advances you forward on your journey to connect with your meaning and purpose. You will be guided through this 2-day course to gradually learn and action new lifelong skills that will improve your mental health and wellbeing.

**Expression of Interest**

If you are interested in the opportunity to attend this course, please complete the form below and return it to the school.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to Isorropia Foundation confidently collecting the data you've provided?

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ABOUT US**

Isorropia Foundation is a mental health wellbeing organisation designed to self-empower you to become the best version of yourself. We see past diagnosis and adopt a holistic, person-centred approach, underpinned by our unique 'five keys' that are designed to help you achieve overall wellbeing.

For more information, please contact Isorropia Foundation on

01983 217791

hello@isorropia.uk



# Drive-in Films

*for Christmas*  
**At Robin Hill Country Park**

Saturday, November 20th

Sunday, November 21st

**The Polar Express**  
Gates 11am, Film 12pm

**Elf**  
Gates 11am, Film 12pm

**How The Grinch Stole Christmas**  
Gates 3pm, Film 4pm

**Home Alone**  
Gates 3pm, Film 4pm

**Love Actually**  
Gates 7pm, Film 8pm

**The Holiday**  
Gates 7pm, Film 8pm

Book today: [www.wessexcancer.org.uk/event/xmas-drive-in](http://www.wessexcancer.org.uk/event/xmas-drive-in)

Raising Funds for  
The Wessex Cancer Trust

# Christmas Fayre

25+ stalls providing a variety of handmade gifts & sweet treats

**November 21st 10-4**

Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes, PO31 7NP

FREE ENTRY & Parking

Join the Facebook group to view the virtual market and available stalls ahead of the event!



kitchen open 12-2: Sunday Roast £7  
Bar open from 12



# Santa Dash with Mountbatten

SAVE THE  
DATE!

SUNDAY 12th  
DECEMBER

AT VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDENS

Enjoy Mountbatten's Christmas themed family fun run with...  
Christmas Village | Festive Fancy Dress | Santa Appearance  
Local Christmas Gifts | Free Entry to the gardens  
Chance to win tickets to Robin Hill's POLAR , VIP tickets to  
Beauty and the Beast pantomime and many many more.

FAMILY FUN TO  
SUPPORT MOUNTBATTEN



*Santa Dash with Mountbatten is back for 2021! We're delighted to let you now that Santa Dash is back this year and bigger than ever. One of Mountbatten's main fundraising events of the year, join us with your family and do the 'Santa Dash' in your festive fancy-dress, all in aid of Mountbatten. Entrants receive their own medal on completion and have the chance to be entered into an exclusive family prize draw where you could win tickets to POLAR, Beauty and the Beast at Shanklin Theatre, the IW Steam Railway and many more. You are all invited to join us at our Christmas Village following the dash, with festive appearances from Santa & other festive friends. The Christmas Village provides you and your family the chance to browse local stalls for Christmas goodies and make a full day of it. We can't wait to see you on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Ventnor Botanic Gardens and meet all the wonderful families supporting Mountbatten and remembering those once closest to us at Christmas.*