

A Full Week in our New Building!

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

The children and staff of Queensgate looked really good in their book character costumes yesterday. Have a look at the picture of the winners from each class.



Review Day

Last week I said we had lots of visitors in school this week. Our Local Authority Review day went well and the team not only liked our new building but also the learning that was going on inside (and outside) it.

Music Festival

music festival



Our Year 5 children have been over to Ryde to sing in the music festival today. I will let you know next week how they got on.

Our hand bell group will also be performing at the festival next week on Friday at 10.35 am.

PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday at 2 pm. Please come along and help the team get ready for the Easter cake and table top sale.

Easter Fayre – Cake Sale and Table Top

If you have any bric- a-brac please bring it into school for our PTFA. More details about this next week after our PTFA meeting.





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 French Bread Pizza	Spaghetti Beef Bolognaise	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles	Fish in Batter With Chips
Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Stir Fry with Noodles	Cheese Frittata with Chips
Sweetcorn Broccoli	Swede Carrot	Carrots Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Peas
Oaty Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge and Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Chocolate & Orange Brownie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

Positive Quote

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow'.

Polite Reminder

Please can we remind you that Parents should not access the school through classroom doors in the mornings. Your children are independent and capable of getting themselves into the class and settled for the morning. Please say your goodbyes on the outside of the class door. Thank you.

OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

Tuesday morning - Reception (We will be visiting the Donkey Sanctuary. Please ensure children come to school in wellies, play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a warm, waterproof coat. Children will need to bring their school clothes in to change into afterwards. There is no entry fee as they are a charity but we would like to ask the children to bring in a small donation to pop in the donation bucket. We would suggest some loose change up to 50p) Oscar S, Jack, Tommy, River, Cooper, Fletcher, Hannah, Mia-Rose, Ashton, Jacob, Harvey R, Ruben

Tuesday afternoon - Year 5 Swimming (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

Wednesday morning - Year 1 (We will be going to the beach, learning about how to look after our environment. Please ensure children come to school in wellies, play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a warm, waterproof coat. Children will need to bring their school clothes in to change into afterwards.) Emmie, Maizy, Brooke, Elanor, Brody, Logan M, Harry H, Thomas, Riley R, Violet, Levi

Wednesday afternoon - Year 3 Swimming (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

On Tuesday morning the **Reception** Out and About group visited the Donkey Sanctuary in Wroxall, as they've shown a keen interest and love of animals. We were made very welcome by Derek, who gave us a tour and taught us lots about donkeys. There are 97 donkeys currently at the sanctuary and three new ones on their way this week. The children learnt about the differences between ponies and donkeys and how they are cared for. They were all excited to learn and had a super time. They enjoyed putting their coins in the donation bucket on the gate too.



The **Year 1** children are learning about how they can help to look after their environment during Out and About this half term. They had a busy session at Fort Victoria, Yarmouth, on Wednesday morning. We shared the story *Somebody Swallowed Stanley* whilst we had snack, a story about a plastic bag that ended up in the sea. The children then practised using compasses to navigate their way to the beach and helped to collect plastic waste from the shoreline. We were kindly lent a 'Beach Clean Kit' from the charity, Surfers Against Sewage, so we could safely gather plastic that had been washed up on the beach. The children showed a great understanding of the need to reduce our use of plastic and to care for our environment.



Swimming

A huge well done to all of our Year 3 and 5 swimmers that tried exceptionally hard this week, especially after having a couple of weeks off. It was super to hear that some of them had been practising over the holiday and been swimming with their families.

This week our **Year 5** Swimming Superstar certificates are awarded to...Olivia Harris, Cameron Greenwood, Imogen Tiller, Brandon Bruce, Liam Clarke, Ollie Ingram, Phoebe Heng, Erynn Snaith and Jayden Donnellan-Symonds.

Our **Year 3** children to receive Swimming Superstar certificates this week are...Katie Dunne, Malix Cass, Chloe Giles, Owen Stabler, Leo Wilkinson and Jack Ellis-Jones.

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Year 4 indoor athletics



Six boys and six girls took part in the Cowes Cluster festival at Cowes Enterprise College. There were some good individual performances but collectively as a team, we fell short of the winners; however, something to build upon.

Year 3/4 Girls football

The team played their league semi-final at Newchurch. After an even start, Newchurch scored twice before half time. After the break the girls tried hard but couldn't score and Newchurch scored further goals. The team can be pleased with their season though – this was their first defeat – and have loads to build upon.



Travel Week

Next week is active travel week; the children will be giving daily data online on how they travel to school... could this be the week to try something different?

Message from a parent

Donna Jones, mum of Scarlet and Violet, would like to thank everyone that voted for her business Donna Jones Hairdressing in the final of the IOW radio best in business awards for best Salon/Hairdresser, in which she successfully won against other, bigger salons across the Island.

Congratulations!



Assemblies

Well done to 1KS for a great assembly on Wednesday. Next week on Wednesday 11th March it is the turn of Miss Jenkins' class. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. Please sign in at 2.20 pm.

Whole school attendance 96.35%.

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

This week 4AH achieved 100% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ARE YOU INTERESTED?



READING GROUP

We are about to start a Book Club/Reading Group (or 2 depending on numbers).

The group(s) will meet once a month in the Library at the Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

I would love to hear from you and whether you have a preference for morning or afternoon meetings.

A chance to exercise our "little grey cells" and chat about what we have read.

RHYMETIME

We are also planning to start rhymetime sessions for babies and pre-school children in the Library.

Bring your child/grandchild along for a chance to socialise and get involved in half-hour sessions once a week.

An opportunity for adults and children to meet up.



If you are interested in either of these groups please ring Di on **01983 280118** (leave a message if I am not available) giving your name and phone number and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Celebrate International Women's Day on Sunday March 8th, 10am-12pm with Adult Community Learning.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Sign up to one of our workshop and have fun learning a new skill with your child whilst celebrating this great day. Call 817280 or e-mail acl@iow.gov.uk for more information and to book. £10 a workshop, one child 10+ per adult – booking essential.

Indian Block Printing - Taster session to introduce you to fabric printing with genuine blocks purchased in India, be transported back to the days of potato printing as a child! Learn how to use single and double printing blocks to build your own patterns and create colourful designs and prints. (Please bring a piece of pure natural fabric (cotton or silk), minimum of half a metre square).

Tie Dye T-Shirt - Short workshop that gives an opportunity to work alongside your child to create a matching (or not), fun and usable tie dye t-shirt. Experience a range of tie dye methods and transfer them to your t-shirt design whilst considering basic colour theory in order to create an appealing colour on your t-shirt. (Please both bring a plain white t-shirt each and carrier bags to take them home in).

Creative Mask Decoration - Bring your mask alive with a variety of bright, sparkly coloured embellishments and transform it into a character of your choice, or design your own unique one. Whether you chose to wear you mask or use it as a wall decoration, the choice it up to you. Masks can be fun, mysterious and even frightening!

Dot Art Mandal - Draw a dot mandala onto a wooden heart and then use different sized dowels to create a Chakra pattern in different colours using acrylic paint.

**ISLE OF WIGHT OPEN JUNIOR
CROSS COUNTRY
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020**
SATURDAY 14 MARCH
SEACLOSE PARK, NEWPORT, PO30 2QS

School year	Distance	Registration	Start
Year 6 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10am	10.20am
Year 5 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10.20am	10.40am
Year 4 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10.40am	11am
Year 3 (boys & girls)	2 kms	11am	11.20am
Year 2 (boys & girls)	2 kms	11.10am	11.45am

£3
ENTRY FEE
PAYABLE
ON THE DAY

Please be at Seaclose Park (below the tennis courts) for registration and collection of numbers at least 20 mins before your event starts.

Booking by Tuesday 10 March 2020 is essential. No entries accepted on the day.

Email iowac.athletics@gmail.com for an entry form or contact Ray Scovell 07915 609850 or 01983 405340 for further details.

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HERITAGE

Family Activities On the Isle of Wight at Osborne and Carisbrooke 2020

All events are free to English Heritage Members and just normal entry fees apply for non-members except for the events with a * where supplementary charges will be applied for members and an event price for non-members.

At Osborne House	
15 th February – 23 rd February	Half Term event: Get Hands on With History: Country House – come and meet the butler, create napkin art, join our etiquette school and more.
7 th and 8 th March	Family Activities: World Book Day/Mothering Sunday crafts and activities.
4 th April – 19 th April	Easter Adventure Quest
26 th May – 28 th May	The Great Victorian Show
20 th and 21 st June*	Blooming Gardens Weekend including a family craft tent
25 th and 26 th July	Family Activities: Seaside theme activities
August	Punch And Judy
26 th and 27 th September	Family Activities: Autumn theme
26 th to 30 th October	Victorian Falconry
28 th and 29 th November*	Victorian Christmas
December Date TBC	Family Activities: Christmas Crafts
At Carisbrooke Castle	
15 th February – 23 rd February	Get Hands On With History - Outdoor Adventures
4 th April – 19 th April	Easter Adventure Quest
8 th , 9 th and 10 th May	Family Activity Weekend
23 rd May – 31 st May	Get Hands On With History: Normans and Saxons
27 th and 28 th June*	Open Air Shakespeare Event : Hamlet Activities for children pre-show and during the interval
11 th and 12 th July	Family Activity Weekend
25 th July – 2 nd August	Summer Kids Fun
4 th August – 6 th August*	A Civil War event
18 th August – 20 th August*	Legendary Joust
25 th August – 27 th August*	Legendary Joust
24 th to 31 st October	Spooky Carisbrooke Castle
5 th and 6 th December	Christmas Market

TikTok Advise for Parents

This app is becoming increasingly popular. Please familiar yourself with these top tips on keeping your children safe when online using this site.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

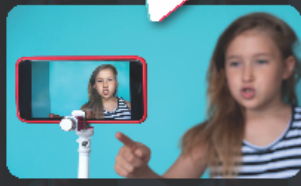


TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



What parents need to know about

TIKTOK



MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'For You' feed when logging into the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing other users' videos on the app.

TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor social.ly) has spawned its own celebrities – social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



Safety Tips for Parents

TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media stardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.

ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.

EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.

LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.

Meet our expert

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NEW FOR 2020 FAMILY SAFETY MODE

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to remotely turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.

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