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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## New Appointments at Queensgate

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Having received over thirty applications, we shortlisted twelve children and Mrs Barnet and I interviewed them on Monday. We successfully appointed six new Ambassadors. Their names are:

Zoe G, James D, Su A, Chloe S, Sadie B and Sarah P. Congratulations to all the new ambassadors. They receive their first training session next Friday.



### Activity Leaders

We also have a new group of Activity Leaders. Here is their photo. Their names are: Jack, Freddie, Jaydon, Leanna, Millie, Rose, Ethan, Nyah, Kaydee, Roxy and Chloe. Their first job was to take part in the Key Stage 2 assembly and completely lead the Key Stage 1 assembly.

They did a great job outlining what activities they will be providing at lunchtime.

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## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the 2EC Out and About group went to St Helens Duver to play some team games. The children were split into groups and challenged to 'cross the river', working collaboratively to use equipment to get all members of the team across, without falling in the 'water' (touching the grass). They then played other games including Big Foot, moving planks of wood in unison. This was a big challenge and the children had a good laugh trying not to fall over. It was brilliant to hear the children discussing ideas with each other and trying to resolve any disagreements together. Mr Giles surprised us and joined our Out and About session, bringing biscuits to share with the children. It was super to see him and hear about his new, retired life!



The Year 3 children will be learning about rocks and soils soon in Science. In readiness, this week's Out and About team walked from Culver Down to Whitecliff Bay to look at the cliff formation. We talked about the three types of rocks; igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. The children identified that the Isle of Wight is made up of different types of sedimentary rock including chalk, clays, limestones and tertiary sands and that fossils can be found in sedimentary rocks too. Due to it being so permeable we are prone to landslips and erosion which were very visible in the bay. The children were great at walking and enjoyed taking it in turns to lead the group.



Our final Year 4 Out and About group visited Briddlesford Farm on Wednesday morning. The children started their tour by meeting the calves and learning about the produce in the farm shop. We talked about food miles, dairy production and the meat industry. They loved meeting some very young calves, seeing the pregnant cows enjoying the fields, helping to feed the heifers as well as the bulls and dairy cows. As they toured the farm they learnt about the cows digestion, teeth and the milking process. The children were all brilliantly behaved and loved having the opportunity to be hands on with the animals.



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The children in Year 1 have begun learning about the five senses. During Out and About on Wednesday afternoon the children explored Borthwood Copse. They used lots of amazing adjectives to describe what they could hear, see, feel and smell. We also talked about the signs of Autumn and the children were tasked with creating an autumn face using leaves, acorns and natural found materials. We shared some autumnal stories and then had fun playing in the woods!



The Out and About after school club went to Firestone Copse. They were treated to a hot chocolate in the woods and enjoyed bug hunting, balancing along fallen logs and finding signs of autumn together.



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child is wearing old play clothes (nothing new or special), waterproof coat (pack waterproof trousers too if they have some) and wellies/ walking boots/ old trainers in a named bag.

Tuesday 11th October am - 2EC

St Helens Duver

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

Tuesday 11th October pm - 3PT

Shipwreck Centre

\*Play clothes and comfortable shoes not wellies.

Edward, Paloma, Adhrika, Jack Logan, Harvey, Jesse, Fletcher, Charley, Oscar S, Oscar H, Tula, River, Rhys and Elliott.

Wednesday 12th October am - 4BM

Nettlecombe Farm

Children must wear wellies on the farm. Please let school know if your child does not have any and would like to borrow some.

Connor, Eliana, Matthew, Abigail, Florence, Emily H, Tyson, Elsie-May, Sophia-Leigh, Jack, Leon, Liam, Archie, Léon and Alfie.

Wednesday 12th October pm - 1CE

Borthwood Copse

Lacey, Forest, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ, Kendall and Henry.



# 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 Potato Wedges	Sausages with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Bolognese	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Tomato Veggie Burger with Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Broccoli and Peas	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Orange Shortbread with Fruit Slices	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

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

Please Note that lunches now costs £2.37 each.

## French at Queensgate

# Coco La pomme



Bonjour!

Je m'appelle Coco et je suis une pomme.

Each week I will share with you a French word



**La porte** (Lah Port)

**Ouvrez la porte!**

Open the door!

**Fermez la porte s'il vous plaît.**

Close the door please.

**Attendance**



It is hugely important that the children come to school everyday as the lessons build on from each other. If your child is not well please telephone the school office and let them know the reason for the absence, this should be followed up with an email or note to [office@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@queensgateprimary.co.uk)

If you would like leave of absence for an alternative reason to illness you must complete a leave of absence form (at least 14 days in advance of absence), these can be found in the school foyer. Please remember to call the school when your child is absent (if we haven't heard from you by 9.15am we will contact you). It is important that you follow up this phone call with a written reason for the absence when your child returns to school.

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

**Education and Inclusion Officer**

We have continued, this year, to employ the services of the Education and inclusion Team at the local authority. The Education and Inclusion Officer (Mrs Tammy Vincent) comes into school on a regular basis and meets with our Attendance Officer (Mrs Cade) to analyse pupil absences. Mrs Vincent's role involves home visits, meeting with parents/carers, conducting parent interviews under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act and progressing specific cases to court. However, before any of this she is there to help and support you to get your child to school if you are having difficulty in doing so.



**Whole School Attendance this week is 95.77%**

**KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RSD with 99.18%**

**KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 97.41%**

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★ **Magazines Wanted!!**

★ In Year 3 art we are making collages. If you have any  
★ spare magazines or holiday brochures that you have  
★ finished reading, please send them in to us so we can  
★ make them into beautiful self-portraits.

★ Donations can be put into a collection box downstairs by  
★ the Year 3 and 4 entrance or delivered directly to the  
★ Year 3 classrooms.



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## Year 6 UKSA Day

Both Year 6 classes went sailing this week. Although the weather and conditions were different for both classes they all had a great time and learnt some amazing skills. We will have more photos and some quotes from the children in next week's newsletter.



## Family Support:

Let's talk breakfast!!!

With the cost of living crisis hitting families more than ever, 'basic essentials' are becoming harder to afford. Here at Queensgate we recognise the importance of a healthy breakfast, so please watch this space for some more breakfast news!

If anyone is struggling to afford breakfast, or other essential foods, please get in contact with myself, Mrs Jeffers, as I have access to a limited number of food shop vouchers.

Ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk



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### Change of days for Year 3 Games this week

For this week only, Year 3 will have their games lesson on Thursday instead of Monday, as the Year 6 Activity leaders will be taking Year 3 for a mini football tournament. Please make sure all children in Year 3 are wearing their outdoor games kits to school on Thursday as well as Wednesday for our PE session.

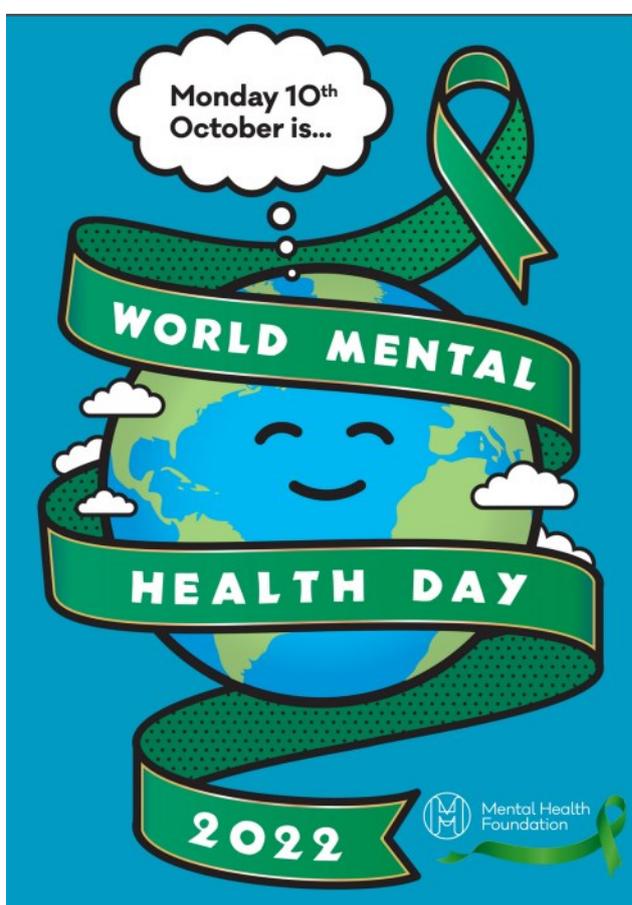
Thanks!

### Year 6 Opera

Both Year 6 classes and one Year 5 class were involved in an online Opera Workshop this week. Wow Sailing and opera in one week for Year 6's - how diverse is our curriculum?! Some photos and a report will be in next week's newsletter.

### And finally...

It's World Mental Health Day. As part of this it is also World Smile Day. I look forward to seeing all your best smiles on Monday!



Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

# WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

**NEW**

AUTUMN WINTER MENU LAUNCHES 31ST OCTOBER

## THEME DAY MENUS

COMING SOON!

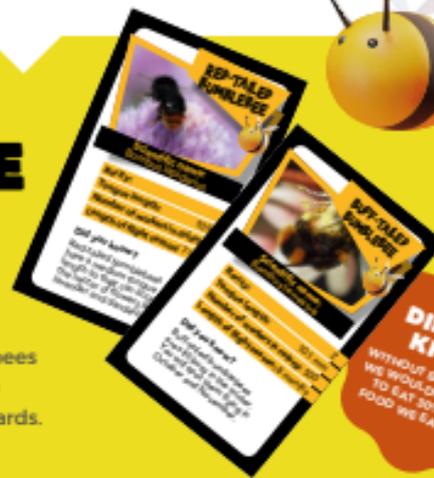
What a scorcher of a summer! Whilst the school has been closed, we've been putting the finishing touches to some super exciting foodie events for this term - starting with Harvest Festival later this month.

[See our theme day menus here](#)



## FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEE

We're buzzing with excitement to launch our partnership with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust - highlighting the importance of bumblebees in our food supply. Dine with us from 10th-14th October to collect our limited edition playing cards.



**DID YOU KNOW**

WITHOUT BUMBLEBEES, WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EAT 30% OF THE FOOD WE EAT TODAY!

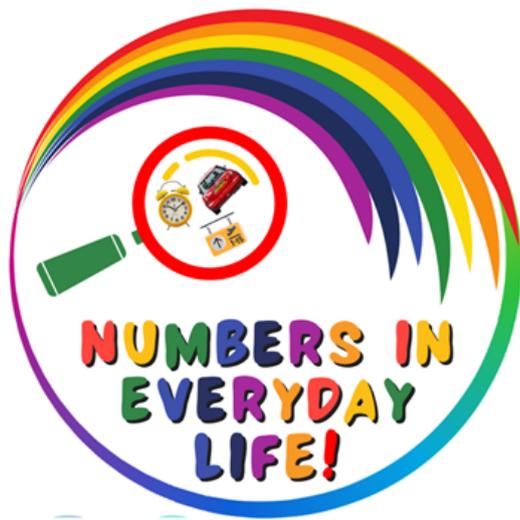


## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

At the start of each term we run our school meals survey, called **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**, putting an emphasis on to what we do best - serving great tasting, nutritious food to schools. Please do get involved as the insights gathered from parents and children help us to develop our future menus.

[Take our survey](#)





An interactive in-person event for families with preschool and early primary school children as well as Early Years practitioners and Primary School Teachers.

Based on recent research, we will explore how young children understand the multiple meanings and social uses of written numbers in their everyday environments, and how family and preschool/school activities can enhance this understanding.



Economic and Social Research Council

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University of Southampton

Based on research funded by a Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grant

## *Numbers in Everyday Life: Developing young children's understanding of the social uses of numbers in the world around them.*

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 10-12** (additional afternoon slot may also become available, depending on numbers)

*Please see further information and book a place here:*

<https://festivalofsocialscience.com/events/spot-the-numbers-developing-young-childrens-understanding-of-the-social-uses-of-written-numbers-in-everyday-life/>

The event will be hosted by Dr Charis Voutsina (Associate Professor in Mathematics Education) and Dr Debbie Stott (Research Fellow, University of Southampton)

It is open to Families with children of preschool and early primary school age (2-7 years old)

### **Venue:**

Building 65 Parkes, Lecture Theatre C  
University of Southampton, Avenue campus,  
Highfield Rd, Southampton SO17 1BF



**Medina College**  
ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE

## Year 6 Students

**Over the next few weeks we will be offering after school visits of the college.**

**If you were unable to attend our recent Year 6 Open Evening and would like to visit us, please call us on 01983 526523 or email [anna.mursell@iwef.org.uk](mailto:anna.mursell@iwef.org.uk)**





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**Share what is best | Enjoy the challenge**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding an Open Month for Year 6 to Year 7 admissions from Monday 3rd October until Friday 21st October

Our Open Month replaces an Open Evening and will allow us to be able to show you around our fantastic school, giving you a first-hand experience of what it is like to be a pupil at Cowes Enterprise College.

45-minute tours will take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the school day, and will be led by a member of the senior leadership team who will be able to answer any specific questions you have about year 7, our curriculum and enrichment opportunities.

In addition to this, we are pleased to offer additional opportunities to view our facilities on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October at 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

If you wish to visit the academy for a tour, please call 01983 203103.



Promotional Video



Prospectus



Year 7 Curriculum Book

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**Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Form  
2022-23 Open Day/Evening dates  
(as at 23/9/2022 v2)**

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	27/09/2022	Y6 open evening 5-8pm
Christ the King College	21/09/2022	Y6 open evening at 3.30pm
	02/11/2022	6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening 4pm
Cowes Enterprise College	Week commencing 17/10/2022	No specific dates, parents make appointments
Island Free School	8/10/2022	<b>10am-2pm</b> no need to make appointments for the open day. HT talk 11am, 12 noon and 1pm for which booking is required via <a href="https://www.theislandfreeschool.org/">https://www.theislandfreeschool.org/</a> before 4pm Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022. Please bring your ticket with you.
Medina College	20/09/2022	Y6 open evening 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	05/10/2022	Y6 open evening 4-7pm <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-k2RdYibGg9nzBJhdWXLbIwre-YC4nZK/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-k2RdYibGg9nzBJhdWXLbIwre-YC4nZK/view</a>
	9/11/2022 Note this has moved from 10/11/22	6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening 4-7pm
Ryde School	08/10/2022 & 04/02/2023	10-12.30pm Parents are requested to register via website <a href="https://www.rydeschool.org.uk/admissions/open-days-visits">https://www.rydeschool.org.uk/admissions/open-days-visits</a> or by emailing <a href="mailto:admissions@rydeschool.net">admissions@rydeschool.net</a>
	24/11/2022	6F open evening 6.30-9pm
	n/a	Thursday, 29 September 2022 1.30-3.30pm And 5pm-7pm
The Bay CE School	06/10/2022	Y6 open evening Presentation 5pm followed by tour Presentation at 6pm followed by tour
The Island VI Form	03/11/2022	6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening 5-8pm
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: <a href="mailto:mail@prioryschool.org.uk">mail@prioryschool.org.uk</a>

Sight  
for  
Wight



# SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION 2022

'The Sea'

Are You A Budding Author?

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## ENTRY FEE (per story)

£8.00 for:

Adults (1500 - 2000 words)

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12 - 17s (up to 750 words)

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## ENTRY FORMS FROM:

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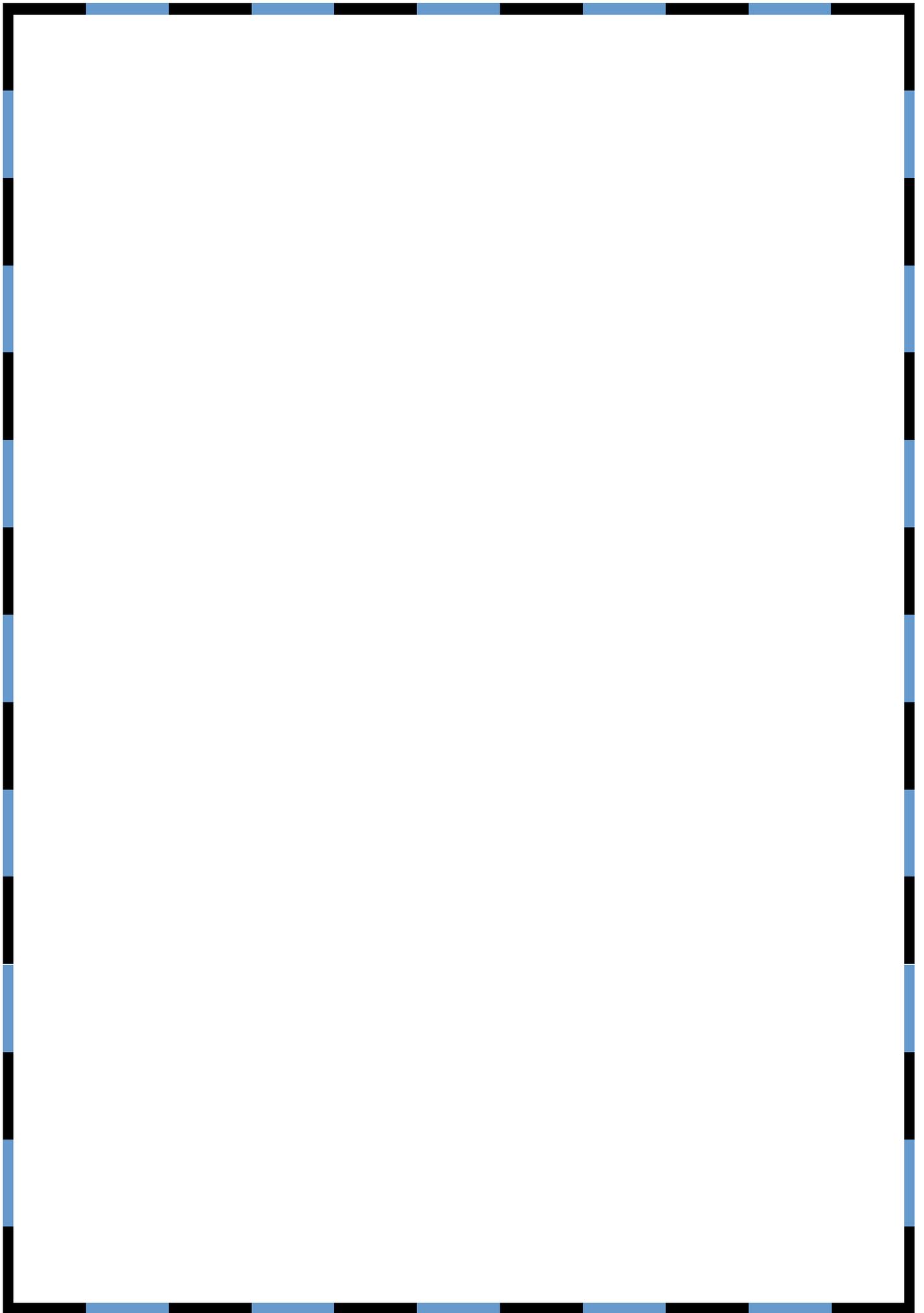
For more information visit: [sightforwight.org.uk](http://sightforwight.org.uk)

Award Ceremony on Monday 5th December 2022

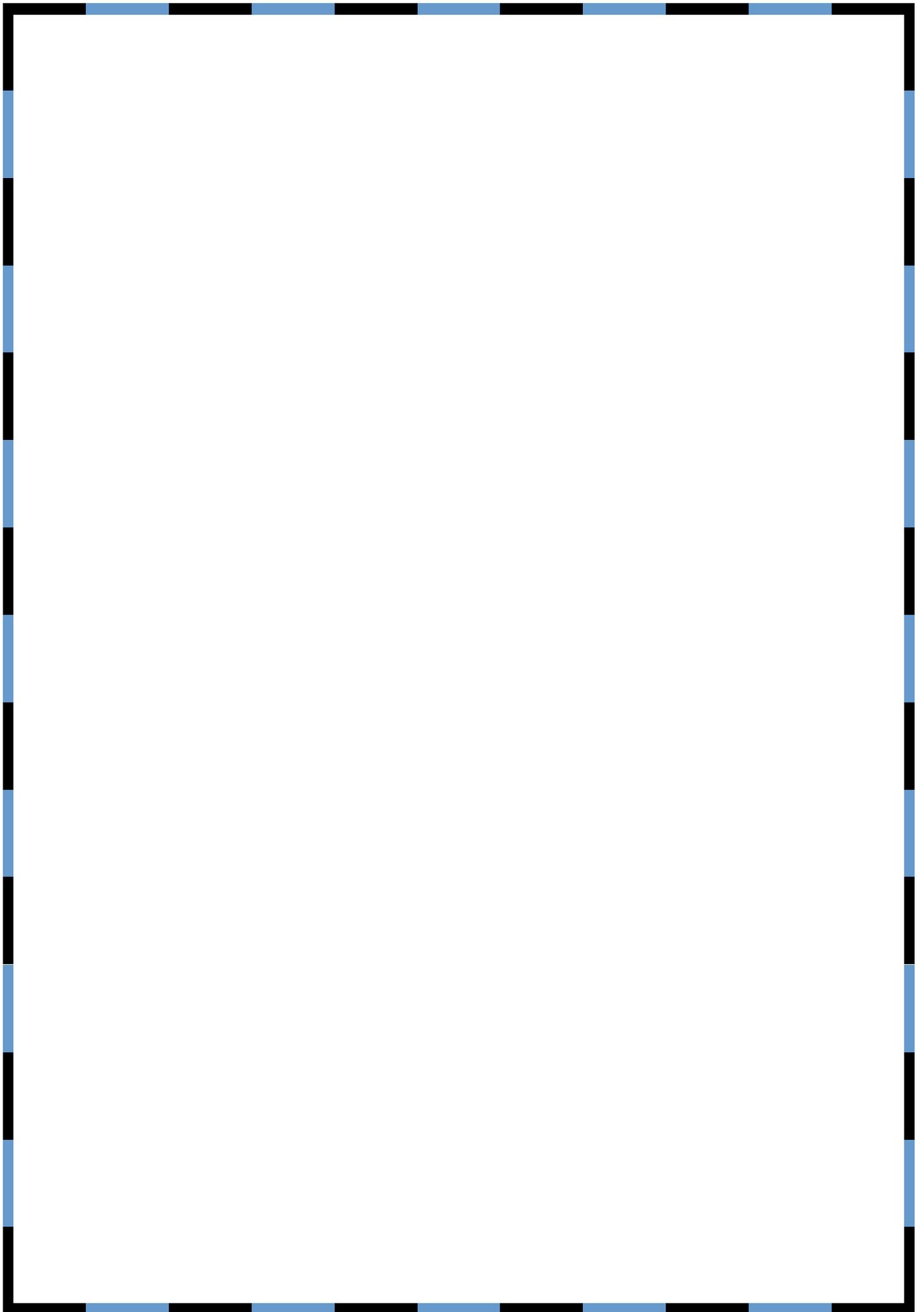
Riverside Centre, Newport @ 7pm

**ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED BY 5PM ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

*Sight for Wight is the working name for Isle of Wight Society for the Blind  
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