

Dance Live Feedback!

Dear Families,

Dance Live

I am very pleased to let you know that Dance Live went very well last Friday. We came third in our heat. We came first for our costumes.

Here are some comments from the parent questionnaires:

"The dance live process was well organised. Children were

involved in every aspect and enjoyed the whole process up to the performance."

"My child loved the whole process, starting out on the fundraising team to joining the performance team. The day itself was magical in his words. The whole day was amazing!"

"Amazing, super, awesome."

"Wow what can I say!? Dance live was absolutely incredible I couldn't believe I was sat there watching children from school! You could clearly see how hard everyone had worked from sounds to lightening and costumes and the messages they wanted to get out to people was just beautiful!"



Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings for this term are:

Tuesday 20th February from 3:30pm – 6:50pm and Thursday 22nd February 3:20pm – 4:50pm.

As always these can be booked through Scopay. This went live on **3rd February at 8.30am** and closes on the **18th February at 6pm**. It is very important that you attend these face to face meetings, so that you can hear how your child is getting on at school and learn how you can support their learning at home.

There is an **amendment to Parents' evenings on Thursday 22nd February**, as it falls on the same day as Orchestra concert in Portsmouth Guildhall for **Year 4**. Miss Mawudoku and Miss Croutear will do the same times on **Wednesday 21st February**. Please ring the office if this does not work for you to make an alternative appointment. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Rainbow Raffle

Thank you so much for all the rainbow coloured donations you sent in today. The Queensgate PTFA have made rainbow hampers with the donations. Tickets are on sale on Class List and the raffle will be called on **Thursday 29th February**.



Working together for a successful future

Out and About

On Tuesday our **Reception** Out and About group visited Ventnor Botanic Garden. The children enjoyed walking through the gardens looking for signs that Spring is on its way. The children saw lots of beautiful camellias in flower and daffodils in bud. They liked seeing the terrapins in the pond, which have just come out of hibernation. The children had fun playing nicely in the play park together.

"We went to the Botanical Garden and looked at trees, flowers and saw a terrapin in the pond. My favourite bit was seeing the terrapin! I liked going on the swing in the play park." Mayleigh RBH

"We went to the Botanical Garden and we went to the park. We had hot chocolate in the park. We saw some plants and flowers. Some were flower buds. I saw lots of number signs. There were lots of fish and a terrapin in the pond! My best bit was having hot chocolate and a biscuit in the park." Rhue RSD



Next half term our **Year 1** children will be learning about different animals. On Wednesday morning the **1CE** Out and About team visited Newtown Harbour and bird hide. The children had a fantastic muddy adventure as they walked around the fields and salt marshes, bird watching! They spotted some swans, a Little Egret, lots of Brent geese, Black-headed gulls and one Oystercatcher. It was very chilly at Newtown so the children enjoyed a hot chocolate to warm up, out of the wind.

"In Out and About we went on an adventure! We had some hot chocolate. We had to balance along a log so we didn't fall in the water. We were looking for birds and using binoculars." Declan 1CE

"First we walked and then we went through a kissing gate. We saw some birds. We went into the bird hide and were looking out the window for birds. There were some logs in the mud so we walked across them, luckily I had my wellies on and my wellies go up to my knees! A couple of people lost their wellies in the mud. I liked going on the minibus." Lexie-Mai 1CE



Swimming

We've had a brilliant week of swimming lessons from our children in **Year 3** and **Year 5**. The swimming teachers are all encouraging the children to work as hard as they can and we were super impressed.



This week our Superstar Swimming Awards go to...

Year 3: Darcie, Benjamin, Peyton, Ollie, Maddie, Ethan and Miller.

Year 5: Jake, Emily H, Teddy, Denys, Brody, Evelyn and Matthew.

Out and About after half term week...

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

Tuesday am - Reception

The Donkey Sanctuary

Archer, Nithya, Eden, Harper, Niamh, Reggie, Joshua W, Chloe, Denis, Finley, Joshua M and Rosey.

*Please bring any loose change in a named envelope if your child would like to make a donation to the Donkey Sanctuary.



Wednesday am - Year 1

Newtown

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

Swimming lessons for Year 3 on Tuesdays and Year 5 on Wednesdays

Lesson 6 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.

About Newtown National Nature Reserve and Old Town Hall

The nature reserve

This is the only National Nature Reserve on the Isle of Wight. It is a beautiful retreat that has something to offer boat owners, walkers, wildlife enthusiasts and historians or just those in search of peace and tranquillity. You can wander past flower-rich hay meadows, through ancient woodlands with rare butterflies and red squirrels, and look out over salt marsh and the clear waters of the harbour, bobbing with sailing boats in the summer and alive with birds in the spring and winter. For those on the water it is a beautiful place to explore and a good way to look out for wetland wildlife.

Newtown Harbour was saved in the 1960s from the threat of a nuclear power station being built near the harbour entrance. The efforts of local people conducting wildlife surveys proved to the authorities how special the place is. The landscape has remained little changed for decades and the pattern of fields reflects Newtown's Medieval origins.

The town hall Tucked away in a tiny hamlet adjoining the National Nature Reserve, the 17th-century Old Town Hall is the only remaining evidence of Newtown's former importance.

It's hard to believe that this tranquil corner of the island once held often turbulent elections before sending two Members to Parliament.



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 3					
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
THURSDAY		Friday			
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023 HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma Served with Wholegrain Rice	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese Served with Garlic Bread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Cottage Pie Served with Gravy	Crispy Vegan Nuggets Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All Main Meals are served with two vegetables					
Dessert	Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake	Strawberry Jelly	Orange shortbread with Fruit slice	Banana and Carrot Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream with Shortbread Biscuit



Eco Schools



Did you know?

New research from Citizens Advice has revealed 5.3million people are in debt to their energy supplier. There are a range of options suppliers could offer if you're struggling. Under rules from regulator Ofgem, your supplier has to help you. If you find yourself struggling, contact your supplier. The Footprint Trust (www.footprint-trust.co.uk) is always available to help people to improve their environment – visit them at The Granary, 128 Pyle Street, Newport PO30 1JW



Eco Tip!

Change your light bulbs to LEDs, take the heating down a notch, keep your doors closed, wash your clothes at a low temperature, fix drips and leaks, only boil the water you need, block out drafts, use an energy efficient shower head. Again, the Footprint Trust can help with energy saving ideas.



Queensgate Sports Report

On **Monday**, the **Year 4** boys faced Haylands in their final game in the league. The boys knew that a win would see them through to the knock out stages and were raring to go. The game begun and the boys were quick to close Haylands down and create some fantastic chances from the very first minute. With some intense pressure, the boys broke away and scored the first goal of the game making it 1-0 to Queensgate. With not long left of the first half, a free kick was awarded to Queensgate just inside the opposition's half. It was Logan F who took the free kick and with a fabulous strike the ball found the roof of the net. An amazing goal! It was a quick turnaround at half time and the boys got straight back in. The team continued to dominate the second half, showcasing great teamwork and individual skill. The game finished 5-0 to Queensgate. This was a great performance from the boys and they now progress to the knock out stages.



On **Wednesday**, the **Year 3/4** girls faced Newport in their last league game. The girls were very excited going into the game even with the muddy conditions. The game kicked off and Newport were first to the ball. The girls struggled to cope with the immense pressure that the opposition put them under. With some slick passing and a powerful strike, Newport took the lead just before half time. At half time, we decided to change a couple of the girls positions in an attempt to get a grip of the game. Unfortunately, despite the girls best efforts the team went on to lose the game 4-0. This wasn't the girls best performance, however they will look to improve going into their next game.

On **Thursday**, the **Year 6** boys faced Ryde school in the quarter finals of the cup. The boys were determined to get a positive result after their 3 - 2 loss to Lanesend last week. After a very short warm up, the game began and the boys got stuck in. They produced some brilliant displays of teamwork to move up the pitch and create some goal scoring opportunities. Going into half time the boys held a lead of 4 goals to nil. At half time we spoke about not being over confident and that there was still another half to go. The second half began and the boys got stuck in once again. The team picked up where they had left off and continued to score some fantastic goals. After an amazing overhead kick from Max E and some quality finishing, the game finished 12-0 to Queensgate. This was a great performance from the boys who now move on to the semi-finals.



After School Clubs

Clubs will go Live Monday 19th February at 6pm and will start Monday 26th Feb.

Clubs staying the same:

Girls football (but will open up to sign up as not full); Lego Coding, Art KS1, Knitting Club, Choir.

All other clubs will change to a new list.

Please do not put your child back into Cookery, Art or Skateboard Club to be fair to all children so they get a chance. We will send out a text if there are still spaces.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.26%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.98%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 96.29%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6TM with 96.58%

Year R and Year 6 NHS Weight & Height

In the last NCMP letter it was noted that it had a previous Duty Desk email on it, which is now inactive.

If you wish to opt your child out of the measurements please email the below account.

iowschoolnursing@solent.nhs.uk

YOUR VOICE
MATTERS.
YOU MATTER.
DON'T EVER
FORGET THAT.

And Finally...

Have a fantastic half term break, I hope the weather allows for some outside adventures!

We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



A Message from The Primary Behaviour and Wellbeing Service

Please see below our current workshop offer. These are open to all parents, with or without an open referral, and can be accessed either online or face to face. All workshops are approx. one hour long and offered as a stand alone session. Parents can access as many workshops as they feel would be beneficial to them.



IOW Wellbeing Service
Early Intervention Behaviour Support

Isle of Wight Wellbeing Service: Workshop List

SPRING TERM

DATE	COURSE NAME	TIME	ONLINE/FACE to FACE
22/01/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am	Online
24/01/24	Boundaries and Expectations	11:00am	Online
24/01/24	Behind the Behaviour	6:30pm	Online
26/01/24	Boundaries and Expectations	6:00pm	Online
31/01/24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am	Online
05/02/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am	Online
06/02/24	Behind the Behaviour	9:30am	Online
07/02/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	6:00pm	Online
08/02/24	Boundaries and Expectations	11:00am	Face to Face
09/02/24	Boundaries and Expectations	9:30am	Online
14/02/24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am	Online
19/02/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am	Online
21/02/24	Behind the Behaviour	6:30pm	Online
23/02/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:00am	Face to Face
23/02/24	Boundaries and Expectations	6:00pm	Online
28/02/24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am	Online
04/03/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am	Online
05/03/24	Behind the Behaviour	9:30am	Online
06/03/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	6:00pm	Online
08/03/24	Boundaries and Expectations	10:00am	Face to Face
12/03/24	Boundaries & Expectations	9:30am	Online
13/03/24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am	Online
13/03/24	Behind the Behaviour	6:30pm	Online
15/03/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:00am	Face to Face
18/03/24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am	Online
20/03/24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am	Online
20/03/24	Boundaries and Expectations	6:00pm	Online

To reserve your place on any of the above courses, please email

mitch.burson@iow.gov.uk

The webinars which we are running this week for Parents and Carers, in support of Safer Internet Day, have been so overwhelming popular that we have decided to run more! Dates and registration links for the new sessions are below – I would

please ask you to share these details far and wide – we clearly have a lot of parents wanting to know more about this subject.

These webinars are best suited to parents of children in KS2 (aged 7) and above. I have included the boilerplate for the session for you to include in any comms you send out around this.

When: Feb 20, 2024 20:00 GMT

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bh2OoyrTTJ2v853z9psJOA

When: Feb 27, 2024 10:00 GMT

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_f85LCF9XQQiveByxpGjBRA

When: Feb 28, 2024 20:00 GMT

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XZSXC9NnRBWVsnUzxFUtg

When: Mar 4, 2024 11:00 GMT

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2fwzDzv3RMmo7Gm0PGf_3w

When: Mar 4, 2024 20:00 London

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2ROjhhKsSKueNgILJ7ISfQ

Boilerplate:

This session introduces you to the Cyber Choices programme, led by the National Crime Agency, and delivered locally by SEROCU (the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit). Cyber Choices is a programme that supports those people at risk of committing computer misuse offences, such as hacking. These risks are far more real than most people recognise, with around 1 in 4 young people admitting to committing low-harm cybercrimes, perhaps without even realising what they were doing was illegal.

Ideally suited to parents/carers of children in Year 3 (age 7) and above, all the way up to college, university and beyond, this session will help parents and carers to understand what computer misuse is, what the risks to young people are, to recognise some of the indicators that young people may be involved in committing cybercrimes, and how the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.

If anyone has any issues with booking on to any of the sessions, please ask them to contact the SEROCU Cyber Choices team on cyberchoices@serocu.police.uk



Feb 16
18:30-21:00

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📧 www.connect4communities.org



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Find an Isle of Wight Warm Welcome Space.

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Citizens Advice Help to Claim line.

☎ **0800 144 8444**

📧 www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators

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☎ **01983 822282** The Footprint Trust

📧 www.footprint-trust.co.uk

☎ **07865 075832** Green Isle of Wight

📧 www.greeniow.org.uk

Pension Credit

If you are of State Pension age you may be entitled to Pension Credit.

If you get Pension Credit you can get other benefits.

☎ **0800 99 1234** or Textphone on **0800 169 0133**

📧 www.gov.uk/pension-credit

Paying for broadband and mobile phone

Social tariffs are available if you're on a low income.

📧 www.ofcom.org.uk/cheap-broadband

Feeling lonely

The Living Well and Early Help Partnership works on the Island to connect people.

☎ **01983 240732**

📧 www.lweh.org.uk

In a crisis

If you have no money for food, gas and electricity you may be able to get emergency help.

☎ **01983 823859**

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Other useful contacts

📧 www.helpforhouseholds.gov.uk

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**Why not drop in after half term and find out more
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Please contact Miss Rorich at school,
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iow.gov.uk/museums
museums@iow.gov.uk

Guildhall, High Street,
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Free calming workshops back online!

I am pleased to advise you of the next dates for the '90 Minutes to Family Calm' series of workshops as one-off's or as a course for the Spring Term 2024.

The course is fully funded and is open to all parents and staff working with children.

As always, the topics focus on managing feelings & emotions and supporting us with our own and our children's self-regulation.

The workshops will be available to join on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 in February and March.

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO JOIN AND TO PASS THIS ON.

If you would like to join any of these 90 minute zoom sessions all you need to do in the first instance is reply to this e mail info@thecrossley.co.uk to express your interest, then I will send you a 'joining' pack with instructions on how to enrol.

- Brain Training for Calm - 21st February
 - o How our brains work & how they affect our ability to achieve calm
 - o Taming the Emotions Monster – 28th February
 - o How to avoid & manage meltdowns through becoming an 'Emotion Coach'
 - o Sensible About Our Senses – 6th March
 - o Understanding about sensory triggers & how our senses affect our behaviour.
 - o Bucket Filling for Self-Esteem – 13th March
 - o A fun perspective on how to feel good about ourselves & help our children to build self-esteem.
 - o Relaxing our Kids – 20th March

Building confidence & resilience through relaxation – steps to relaxing for children

I hope to see many of you there!

Penny Crossley MA(Ed)

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Licensed Thrive Practitioner & Course Leader

Relax Kids Coach

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