

Anti-Bullying Week – Make a noise about Bullying

Dear Families,

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is national anti-bullying week and this year's theme is, "Make a noise about Bullying." The children are welcome to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November.

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are asking children at Queensgate to design an anti-bullying poster for a competition. Perhaps the children could do this over the weekend. The posters are due in next Friday. The one that the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors judge to be the best will be made into a poster to go around the school.

Have a look at the Anti-Bullying Alliance website

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>



Remembrance Service

On Thursday morning Mr Chubb took the Year 4 and Year 5 School Council Reps to Carisbrooke Castle for a remembrance service. When we arrived at the castle we went into a room and watched a short video about the castle and it's history. There were lots of people there including the army cadets, navy cadets and RAF cadets, Minister of Newport church, the Lord lieutenant, the High Sheriff and lots of other important invited guests. We all stood together and the minister talked about peace and wars still going on. We said the lords prayer then had two minutes silence. Everyone then put their wooden crosses with poppies on into the ground by one of the armed forces, whilst a man played a lament on the bagpipes. After the service we had a drink and a biscuit! I enjoyed the service. By Rosie J



Peace at Last

OPERA UPCLOSE

Last week we were lucky enough to be visited by Opera Up Close for their performance of *Peace at Last*. *Peace at Last* is an opera for 3-5-year-olds, based on Jill Murphy's enduringly popular picture book, with music by Joanna Lee and words by Robin Norton Hale.

Mr Bear is desperately trying to get some sleep but is kept awake by the varying sounds of the night: Mrs Bear snoring, Baby Bear playing, a dripping tap, a clock ticking, an owl hooting...will he EVER get any rest?!



The opera was performed by five outstanding, culturally diverse performers. The production included integrated signing and encouraged participation, introducing children to the magic of musical storytelling and interactive performance. The children had a great time, here are a few quotes:

"It was good because it was quite funny. I especially liked it when baby bear and mummy bear came running in!" Ethan A

"I thought it was funny because mummy bear and daddy bear got woken up by baby bear who had her toy plane with her. It made me laugh." Poppy

"I really liked the show because they kept singing and doing funny dances. I really enjoyed it." Gracie-Mae

Parents' Evenings

It has been great seeing so many of you at Parents' and Carer consultations. I hope you have found them useful. We aim to see every parent; as children progress better at school when parents know how they are doing. If you have not yet seen your child's teacher please make an appointment with the teacher. Next Thursday 16th November 2KA and 3AH will be having their parents' evenings.



What's for dinner after half term?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chili Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Sweet potato Curry Served with whole grain rice y	Macaroni Cheese	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	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	Apple Crumble with Custard	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake	Carrot Cake	Strawberry Ice Cream

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 96.01%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.38%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RSD with 99.56%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 99.11%

Queensgate versus National Figures

The attendance for Primary Schools for week ending October 20th was:

94.4% for the week ending 20th October (3.8% authorised and 1.9% unauthorised)

Queensgate for the same week was 95.12% (+0.7)

The attendance for Primary Schools across the academic Year up to October 20th was:

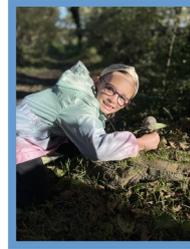
95.2% in state-funded primary schools (3.3% authorised and 1.5% unauthorised)

Queensgate = 96.01% (+0.9%) **Well done everybody!**

Out and About

The Out and About team from **2KA** visited the Dragon Tree in Brighstone on Tuesday morning. After discussing what animals need to survive and talking about habitats, the children were challenged to design their own animal using clay and natural found objects. The children spoke about the different features of their animal; what type of habitat it would live in, where it would sleep and what it would eat. They all enjoyed having a little go on the tyre swing over the stream too!

"We went to the Dragon Tree. We were finding out about what animals need; food, water, oxygen and shelter! We made our own creatures out of clay- mine was a bit like a monkey. I used sticks for its arms and a rock for its head. We had to think about what habitat it would live in." Charlie F 1CE



On Tuesday afternoon the **3AH** Out and About group walked up to the Longstone at Mottistone. The children have begun learning about the Stone Age in class and were excited to find out more about the special Neolithic standing stones on Mottistone Downs. The children learnt more about life during the Stone Age, how people would have lived, how people hunted, the introduction of settlements and farming as well as the different time periods; Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic.

"The Longstone is two really big stones, taller than 10ft, from the Stone Age. People used to be buried there. When people died, animals would feast on their flesh and then their bones were buried in a big mound." Riley 3AH



The children in **Year 4** have been learning about land use, farming and where our food comes from as part of their Geography work. Last term in Science they focused on the digestive system as well as finding out about teeth. On Wednesday morning the **4BM** Out and About group visited Briddlesford Farm to learn more about life on the farm, the milking process and compared animals digestion and teeth to that of humans or other animals. The children discovered that cows are ruminants and have 4 parts to their stomach. The group were super and asked some brilliant questions.

"We went to Briddlesford farm, it's a dairy farm. They make milk, cheese, butter and meat. We met the calves and they liked sucking on everything. They didn't bite us because they only have teeth at the bottom and at the back." Alfie 4BM



Due to heavy winds and traffic delays the **1SM** Out and About team visited Quarr Abbey (instead of Borthwood Copse). The children recapped their five senses as they explored the Abbey grounds and woodland. The children also looked out for signs of Autumn and enjoyed throwing sycamore seeds up into the air, hunting for the biggest leaf and splashing in puddles. The children had fun feeding the pigs too.

"We went to Quarr abbey and bought some pig food for the pigs. Then we fed the pigs, we walked past the church and went to the woods. It's Autumn and the leaves have started to fall down. They've turned brown, red and yellow. We talked about our five senses." Jacob 1SM



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable warm play clothes (that can get muddy) and they bring a waterproof coat and wellies.

Tuesday am - 2KG

Brighstone Dragon Tree

Lexi, Lena, Daisy, Poppy, Milania, Macie, Ellis, Teddy, Levi, Harvey, Joe, Seb, Harry N and Jack.

Tuesday pm - 3AH

Longstone, Mottistone

Callum, Henley, Oliver C, Archie, Max, James, Ollie L, Jack, Mia, Ayia, Peyton, Danielle and Milana.

Wednesday am - 4BM

Bridlesford Farm

Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Harvey D, Scarlett, Maisy, Ella, Toby, Harley T, Flynn, James, Mirabelle, Georgie and Logan F.

*Please note - all children will need to wear wellies on the farm. If your child doesn't have any, please ask in advance and we might be able to loan them some for the session.

Wednesday pm - 1SM

Borthwood Copse

Rudy, Freddie, Elijah, Ace, Lenny, Marley, Harrison, Harry, Milly, Marnie-Rae, Rosie, Isabelle, Cassidy and Sadie.

From the Isle of Wight NHS Trust



We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Ages 5-11, Ages 12-15 and Ages 16-17 in the **Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St**

Mary's (NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub). Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

Appointments must be booked in advance using the National Booking Service, we are unable to offer walk-ins.

Children are eligible if:

- they have an immunosuppressed disorder
- or have close family contact with someone who has an immunosuppressed disorder or have not had any COVID vaccination in the past.

For information about eligibility and how to book your Child's vaccination, please use the online link below, you will need your child's NHS number:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer XBB.1.5 vaccines.

Children's Clinics (more to follow)

Wednesday 08 Nov, 08:00 – 11:00

Friday 24 Nov 2023, 14:00 – 17:00

For any other information regarding Children's vaccination clinics, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team: [**iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net**](mailto:iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net)

Sport England Survey



You should have received, or be receiving soon, a letter detailing a survey about sport and physical activity for children and young people.

The information collected will be used to:

- Provide a report to our school to help us understand what our pupils are doing and what we can do to support them
- Help Sport England to invest in opportunities for children and young people to take part in and benefit from sport and physical activity

The survey will be taken by the children at school. You have the option to withdraw your child from the survey if you so wish. Please see the letter for more details.

Next week

The children all have music lessons with Mrs Webb. Next week they will be performing what they have been learning to the rest of the school as we believe performance is very important in music.

Year 4 will be taking part in a Cartouche workshop next Thursday 16th November, make sure you ask them about it.

On Friday 17th November there is a Patch Party for Seashells children and their parents.

Don't forget if your child is Focus Learner you are welcome to make a mutually convenient time to come into school and join your child in a lesson. In addition, there are Focus Learner assemblies on Fridays for your child to share their work with the school.

Focus Learners:

Week beginning 13/11/2023: Yr R Felicity B and Quinn C, Yr 1 Penny P and Ace G, Y2 Lacey L and Amelia-Lily J, Y3 James H and Ralph P, Y4 Tayla D and Hannah L, Y5 Jack P and Tyson H, Y6 Hollie G and Chyna R

Week beginning 20/11/2023: Yr R Coen P and Romeo S, Y1 Lexie-Mae S and poppy S, Y2 Henry H and Harry N, Y3 Ollie L and Eve W, Y4 Freddie S and Vincent M, Y5 Amy T and Riley R, Y6 Harrison P and Lexie V

Week beginning 27/11/2023: Yr R Emily S and Chloe C-K, Y1 Daniel G and Marley W, Y2 A-J W and Caleb H, Y3 Danielle W and Juniper S, Y4 James Y and Tommy W, Y5 Evie M and Tom L, Y6 Kahlel M and James M

And Finally...

Enjoy your weekend. As ever please Chat, Read and play with your children.

Positive Quote of the week

Work on things people can't take away from you. Things like your mindset, character, personality, transparency, your entire being.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Dates for your diary for Next Academic Year

Tuesday 14th November - Vertical music showcase

Tuesday 14th November - PTFA meeting via Teams at 7pm

Wednesday 15th November - Vertical music showcase

Thursday 16th November - Year 4 Cartouche Egyptian Workshop

Thursday 16th November - 3AH and 2KA rescheduled Parents' Evening meeting

Friday 17th November - Patch Party 10am to 11am for Seashells room 1 staff, children and parents

Monday 20th November - Internal assessment week

Friday 24th November - MUFTI Day (Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 please bring in some chocolates, Years 5 and 6 please bring in toiletries)

Friday 24th November - School nurses in all day

Friday 24th November - Patch Party 10am to 11am for Seashells room 2 staff, children and parents

Friday 24th November - School Council meeting

Friday 1st December - PTFA Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December - East Cowes Christmas Lights turning on - Queensgate choir to attend

Tuesday 12th December - Reception Nativity Show to School

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 13th December - 2.15pm Year 4 Egyptian Museum in the dining hall

Thursday 14th December - 9.15am Year R Nativity to parents

Thursday 14th December - Christmas jumper and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December - 2.15pm School Council meeting

Friday 15th December - Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Movie Night (Dance Live Fundraiser)

Tuesday 19th December - Party day

Wednesday 20th December until Monday 1st January are the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – INSET day – school closed to children

Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024 Half term holiday

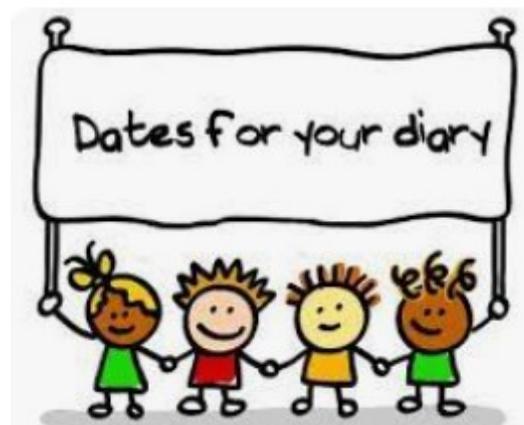
Friday 29th March 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024 Easter Holidays

Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024 Half term holiday

Monday 24th June – INSET day school closed to children

Friday 12th July – provisional INSET day school closed to children

Monday 29th July 2024 – start of the summer holidays



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2023

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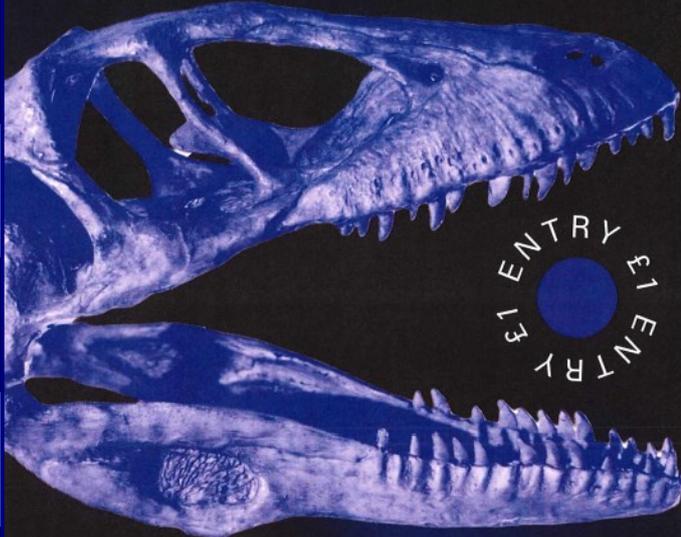
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10am-4pm (last admission 3pm)

www.dinosaurisle.com



Would you like information on how to access additional support regarding your child's education?

Why not attend the Education & Early Help

Drop-in Session

Come and visit us at the Newport Family Centre (next to Barton Primary School) on 14th November 2023 between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.



To Contact Early Help team please call 01983 823171

To Contact Education & Inclusion Service 01983 823151



www.iow.gov.uk



Kids Afternoon Pottery Club

Fridays 4pm - 5:30pm during term time.

£108 for 6 weeks

An exciting opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 6 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery process through to completion. They'll finish with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

To book visit us at: www.isleofwightpottery.com



Kids Fareham & Gosport Young Carers Newsletter November 2023

What's New?

Since our last newsletter, Kids has had an exciting brand update so we have a new logo and website as well as new uniform which will be rolled out in the coming months to reflect the update.

Royal Navy/Royal Marine Young Carers Club

The RNRMC Young Carers group engaged in pottery decoration at Get Crafty in Gosport and plan to watch Wizard of Oz on Ice at the end of November. Young carers in naval families across the UK can scan the QR code to access support from the Hub.



Young Carers PGL Residential Trip

Some of our older young carers recently enjoyed a trip to PGL Marchant Hill where they took part in various fun activities and worked on their team work! The young carers all enjoyed themselves and all agreed they would like to do it again but in the warmer weather!



Young Carers Half Term

For our October Half Term activities our younger and middle group enjoyed going to the cinema and bowling while our Senior group enjoyed an escape room and a spot of lunch in Southampton.



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Further information from Elaine Mills E. mail elainemills@gmail.com



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