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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## Christmas Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Christmas Post Boxes

We have a Christmas post box upstairs for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and a Christmas post box downstairs for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please make sure your child writes the full name and class on the front of the envelope so they can be efficiently delivered.



### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am Reception Nativity Show

This event is only for Reception parents and carers; up to two guests per child. We would be most grateful if you could carry out a lateral flow test before coming. Please also wear a face mask and please sanitise your hands as you come in. Wrap up warm we will have the windows open. We are not charging for this event, but there will be a donation pot. All donations will go back to Reception children for outside equipment.

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas dinner day. The children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers!

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The PTFA will be running a treat stall in the hall after school next Friday. Please come in through the dining room and out through the back hall doors. Adults to wear masks.

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Off timetable party day for the children. The children can wear their own clothes, no uniform required. No high heels please.

### Aladdin – The pantomime

At some point next week or on party day the children will have the opportunity to watch the pantomime Aladdin. Have a chat with them about it.

### PTFA Stall

Our PTFA had a stall at the Christmas in the Square event in East Cowes and they raised £210.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December is an INSET day – no children in school

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET day – no children in school

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January children return to school

## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **1KS** Out and About group went to Puckpool Park to help hunt for a lost bear! The children were amazing at reading the clues (using their phonic knowledge) and using their map reading skills to follow the trail. After finding the bear, they had a hot chocolate to celebrate (whilst listening to some stories about toys) and despite the rain, enjoyed playing in the park together.



The **3BM** Out and About team visited the Shipwreck Centre at Arretton Barns on Tuesday afternoon. The children took part in a variety of activities to extend their learning about the Stone Age. They had the opportunity to handle and log artefacts found off the coast of the Island. The children learnt about maritime archaeology and how a lobster helped divers to discover the Stone Age village, 11m below sea level at Bouldnor (near Yarmouth), unearthing 8,000 year old flint arrows, axes and tools.



The **4MC** Out and About children went to Yaverland Beach on Wednesday morning. After learning about the work of artists James Brunt and Andy Goldsworthy, the children were challenged to create their own sand sculptures with the theme of *Ancient Egypt*. They worked solo or in pairs to create 3D models in the sand of Sphinx, pyramids, hieroglyphics and the River Nile. It was rather chilly so they enjoyed a hot drink to warm up after completing their challenge.



Working together for a successful future

On Wednesday afternoon half of **2KA** visited the Wight Aviation Museum at Sandown Airport. We were made very welcome by the incredibly knowledgeable and friendly team of volunteers including Michael Paler, the Mayor of East Cowes who joined us this week. The children had a great time learning about the history of flight, the life of Mary Ellis, the black rocket launch and the features of different aircraft. The children even had the opportunity to learn to fly! They each had a go at flying the Bulldog plane (an old propeller plane which has been turned into a simulator).



**Out and About club** went to Firestone Copse after school on Wednesday. The children completed their decorations which will be on display on the Queensgate tree at St Mildreds Church Christmas Tree Festival between 16th December and 19th December (Thurs-Sat 11am-3pm and Sun 1pm-3pm).

#### **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 - 1KS Tuesday am**

Visiting the Puckpool Park

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

#### **Year 3 - 3PT Tuesday pm**

Shipwreck and Maritime Museum

School uniform (no play clothes) It's cold in the museum- warm coat, hat, scarves and gloves.

All of 3PT.

#### **Year 4 - 4AH Wednesday am**

Location TBC

Theo, Freddie, Lexi, Alayna, Archie, Oscar, James M, Felicity, Isabella, Rochelle, George, Toby, James D, Sienna and Emily.

#### **Year 2 - 2GC Wednesday pm**

Visiting the airport

Ashton, Maddie, Annabella, Toby, Destiny, Hannah, Edward, Jack, Logan, Jesse, Charley, Oscar S, Maisie, Tommy and Elliott.

# A Victorian School Experience

Our day started with the school bell ringing. Our teachers checked that our hands and faces were clean and our hair free of lice! Our teachers were very strict and made us chant our times tables and write the alphabet onto chalk boards. We had to stand up if an adult came into the room and were only allowed to speak when asked to do so. We played some Victorian playground games and had to wash our hands with smelly, carbolic soap. The day gave us an insight into what it must have been like to be a child in Victorian times.





# 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
Macaroni Cheese	Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato	Beef Bolognese	<b>XMAS Dinner day</b> Roast Turkey with all the trimmings	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetable Burrito Wrap	Allegra's BBQ Beans served with cornbread	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice	Meat-free Nuggets and Chips
Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Broccoli	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes, Sprouts, Carrots and Peas	Baked Beans and Peas
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad or Chocolate Orange Brownie	Orange, Sultana & Carrot Cake Slice

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

**Party food day (Monday 20th) reply slips need to be in by Monday 13th December at 9am.**

## Love reading?

Then try this....

2GC are excited to share their class novel that they have been reading over the last few weeks because they absolutely love it!

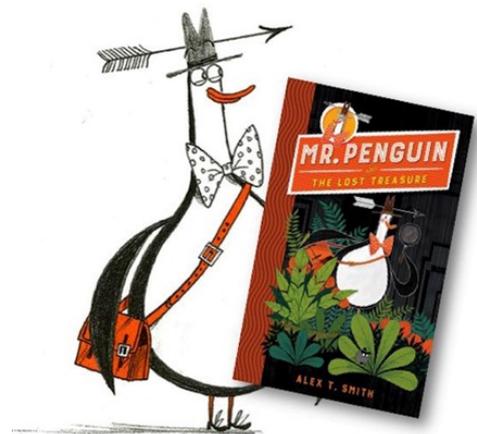
They have been reading Mr Penguin And The Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith during story time.

In this story, Mr Penguin and Colin (a spider and Mr Penguin's silent right hand man) are called in to find the missing treasure somewhere in the Museum of Extraordinary Objects. The quest finds them solving secret codes, fighting ferocious beasts, eating fish finger sandwiches and travelling deep below the museum to a lost jungle.

It's a really funny story and 2GC love hearing about the adventures of Mr Penguin and Colin. Colin even came for a visit in their classroom this week!

Don't forget to come and have a look for this and other brilliant books in our fantastic 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 them here.



## Cookery At Queensgate

As you know we are very proud of our cookery suite. We understand how important cooking is as a life skill and so promote it as much as possible. Over the years, Mrs Hiscock has been our dedicated cookery teacher, she has overseen all of the curriculum, progressive skills as well as ordering all the food and resources needed. After many years in this role, Mrs Hiscock made the difficult decision to relinquish this role. I would like to offer my huge thanks to Mrs Hiscock for all her hard work and dedication to cooking and the skills that she has given to many children that have passed through Queensgate. The good news is that she is remaining with us as an HLTA so is still working with children in the classroom. Mrs Bradbury will be taking over the role of cookery coordinator and will be working with the children in the Spring term during PPA slots. She will initially be cooking with Year 6, Year 2 and Year 4. Here are a few photos of the children in the cookery suite over the last week.



# Mental Health services available to Families, Children and Young people on the Isle of Wight

Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight  
Clinical Commissioning Group

Think Ninja App	Via App store—available on Android and ios	Downloadable Mental health app designed for 10-18 year olds. Open access	ioW CAMHS	01983 523 602 <a href="mailto:ioant.spcamhs@nhs.net">ioant.spcamhs@nhs.net</a>	Emotional health and wellbeing support services to children and young people aged 0-18 years. Professional or voluntary referral	SENDIASS	01983 825 548 <a href="mailto:sendiass@iow.gov.uk">sendiass@iow.gov.uk</a>	Information, advise and support to parents and carers of young people aged 0-25 with SEND.
Kooth Online	<a href="http://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a>	Online mental health community. Open access	Barnardos Talk 2 Counselling	01983 865 657 <a href="mailto:talk2@barnardos.org.uk">talk2@barnardos.org.uk</a>	Mental and emotional health and wellbeing counselling support for children and young people. Professional referral.	AIM	07498 500 607 <a href="mailto:aimisleofwight@gmail.com">aimisleofwight@gmail.com</a>	Family support and information services in relation to Autism.
Young Minds	0808 802 5544	Mental health support, understanding and guidance. Open access	ioW Youth Trust Counselling	01983 529 569 <a href="mailto:info@iowyouthtrust.co.uk">info@iowyouthtrust.co.uk</a>	Wellbeing and mental health support for children and young people aged 4-25. Professional or self referral.	Parents Voice (SEN)	01983 241 494 <a href="mailto:parentsvoice@peoplematteriow.org">parentsvoice@peoplematteriow.org</a>	Parent Carer forum to give families with SEND a voice.
The Little Blue Book of Sunshine	<a href="http://www.iow.nhs.uk">www.iow.nhs.uk</a>	Online guidance for mental health support. Open access	Break Out Youth (LGBTQ+)	02380 224 224 <a href="mailto:hel-lo@breakoutyouth.org.uk">hel-lo@breakoutyouth.org.uk</a>	Mental health support for children and young people questioning or unsure of their sexuality or gender identity. Professional or self referral			
Healthier Together	<a href="http://www.what0-18.nhs.uk">www.what0-18.nhs.uk</a>	Online support and guidance for mental health support. Open access	No limits-Safe Haven	02380 224 224 <a href="mailto:enquiries@notimithelp.org.uk">enquiries@notimithelp.org.uk</a>	A safe space for children and young people experiencing mental health crisis. Open access			
			Mountbatten Hospice Bereavement Services	01983 217346 <a href="mailto:coordinator@mcen:ire@mountbatten.org">coordinator@mcen:ire@mountbatten.org</a>	Emotional support for children and young people experiencing loss and bereavement. Professional or self referral			
			The Well-being Service	01329 281 890	Early intervention support service for families of children presenting with traits of neurodevelopmental needs. Professional or voluntary referral			
			Frankie Workers	01983 617 617 <a href="mailto:Early.help@iow.gov.uk">Early.help@iow.gov.uk</a>	Trauma and sexual abuse support and guidance for 0-18 years old. Professional or self referral.			
			MHST's		Mental health support teams in schools to go live January 2022. Professional referral			
			Barnardos-Specialist Parenting Support	01489 799 178 <a href="mailto:hampshire.parenting@barnardos.org.uk">hampshire.parenting@barnardos.org.uk</a>	Parenting support for families and young people dealing with ASC and ADHD. Professional referral			



Please remember if you would like any support in any of the above, need signposting to particular help or just need to chat through any issues you may have, please contact Mrs Jeffers at the school, who will gladly set up a meeting with you. She can be contacted on our usual telephone number 01983 292872.



## All Rivers Run North Response Show

Sat 20th Nov- Sun 2nd Jan 2022

CLAYDEN GALLERY

Open Daily  
9am - 4pm

Paper gloves and charcoal drawings are among work shown as part of this 'Response' project to Rachel Johnston's 'All Rivers Run North' exhibition.

The exhibition includes classroom, studio and Gallery based work by children & community groups, delivered in collaboration with artists Ian Whitmore and Melanie Swan.

FREE Entry

WWW.QUAYARTS.ORG | QUAY ARTS, SEA ST, NEWPORT HARBOUR, IW, PO30 5SD | 01983 822400

Quay Arts is supported by

**Year 2 art work on display**  
2KA's art work is on display at Quay Arts - it's running until 2nd Jan so please go and look over the Christmas holiday. Well done 2KA!

## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



The U-11 Open Boys finally played their last 16 Cup match at Ryde School and what a match! The team took a 2-0 lead into half time and this increased to 3-0 soon afterwards. Ryde pulled it back to 3-2 but the team looked to have sealed it at 4-2. However, Ryde scored two quick fire goals to make it 4-4. Just as extra time lurked, Queensgate scored a last minute winner to earn a quarter final tie at Newport. Phew!

Tonight, the team take on Broadlea in the league – the team need a win to force a playoff.

### **Covid Confusion**

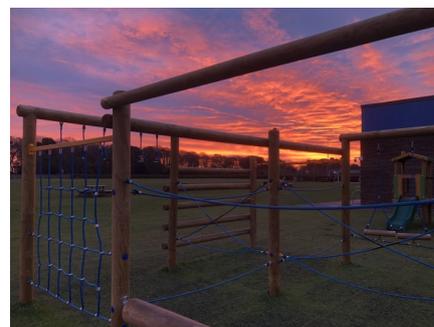
Currently the DfE guidance says that the children should still come to school even if someone in the family has Covid. Here is the quote from the DfE guidance:

**Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 who is not a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant.**

Obviously this is difficult as no-one with Covid should be leaving the house at all. It may be possible to ask a friend or family member to bring your child to school. If this is not possible please let us know by ringing the school office. If your child is showing any symptoms please complete a lateral flow test, if this is positive then please take a PCR test.

### **Play equipment before and after school**

Please can you ensure that your children (especially those that don't even attend Queensgate) do not access the play equipment during drop off and pick up. We cannot be held liable for any accidents whilst unsupervised by Queensgate staff. The equipment is for Queensgate use only during supervised, timetabled sessions. Thank you.



### **E-Safety**

Please find below 3 hyperlinks to the Think You Know website with some useful information on how to keep your children safe whilst online.

[A parents guide to privacy settings](#)

[Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)

[What is the Internet of Things?](#)

### **Monies owing**

Due to the last day of term being on a Monday and banking for the school is done on this day, please make sure any outstanding balances for Breakfast Club & School Dinners are paid on Sco-pay by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec to include Monday's Party Lunch.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>'s Party Lunch will be put onto Sco-pay by Wed 15<sup>th</sup> to enable you to pay for this in advance. Thank you.

**Whole school attendance 93.54%.**

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

**This week 3BM achieved 99.25% attendance!**

**Well done.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Best wishes,**

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**



**ROUND TABLE**  
ISLE OF WIGHT 1277



# SANTA SLEIGH

**FATHER CHRISTMAS IS TRAVELING AROUND ON HIS SLEIGH THIS DECEMBER  
COME AND SEE HIM AS HE VISITS THE FOLLOWING TOWNS...**

<b>Saturday 11th</b>	<b>West Wight</b>
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>tbc</b>
<b>Monday 13th</b>	<b>Wootton</b>
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	<b>Ryde &amp; Binstead</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	<b>Nettlestone &amp; Seaview</b>
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	<b>St Helens &amp; Bembridge</b>
<b>Friday 17th</b>	<b>Sandown</b>
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	<b>Newport</b>
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<b>East Cowes</b>



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ON YER BIKE PRESENTS...

# Affordable Christmas Bike Sale

SUN 19 DECEMBER 2021, 11AM - 2PM

THE CHAPEL, YMCA WINCHESTER HOUSE  
SANDOWN ROAD, SHANKLIN

- Affordable Bike Sale
- Repairs & Demonstrations
- Tea, Coffee & Cake

Prices  
start from  
**£5**  
per bike!

# 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.*

The Holiday Activity Food programme is running this Xmas holiday. Though there is not HAF provision in East Cowes over Christmas, there will be free places for children who receive free school meals at the following provisions, please pass on the details to your eligible families –

**Aspire, Ryde - Children's play session and healthy meal in the Kingdom play activity centre. Forty spaces available per day over the holidays. Email: [info@aspireryde.org.uk](mailto:info@aspireryde.org.uk) or call (01983) 716020. Dates – 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December**

**Theatre Educational - Theatre Educational is thrilled to offer an exciting creative programme within the Connect4communities project, for children between the ages of 5 years - 16 years.**

**We have two holiday programmes running during the Christmas Holidays. One at Barton Primary School, and one at Oakfield Primary School.**

**Places are available free to children on Free School Meals or @ £15 per day.**

**Dates and programme as follows.**

**Oakfield Primary School.**

**10:00 – 3:00 daily. 5 years – 16 years.**

**LUNCH INCLUDED**

**Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December**

**Barton Primary School.**

**10:00 – 3:00 daily. 5 years – 16 years.**

**LUNCH INCLUDED**

**Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December**

**To book email [study@theatreeducationl.co.uk](mailto:study@theatreeducationl.co.uk) or call 07984 170014**

**Ventnor Community Early Years –**

**Ventnor Community Early Years are providing sessions offering activities including gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts and sports. For five to ten year olds. Email: [ventnorcommunityearlyyears@gmail.com](mailto:ventnorcommunityearlyyears@gmail.com) or call (01983) 856868.**

**Dates – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

**Island Riding - Riding sessions with a healthy lunch provided for ages six to 14. Bookings: (01983) 214000 or go to <https://www.islandriding.com/riding-activities/> to register on their booking app. Dates – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. Two sessions available a day, 9am – 1pm and 12.30pm - 4.30pm.**

The School Aged Immunisation Team have added some additional community clinics for those children that missed the flu vaccination at the school session.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Barnardo's Bungalow in grounds of Ryde Academy PO33 3LN

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** - East Newport Barnardo's Family Centre [PO30 2AR](#)

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** - West Wight Barnardo's Family Centre PO40 9XH

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January** - Cowes Barnardo's Family Centre PO31 7ET

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January** - East Newport Barnardo's Family Centre PO30 2AR

Please find the link below which you will need to use to access the In-Health Care e-consent system:

<http://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/solent-iow-flu>

If this does not open, please copy and paste the link above into your internet web browser address bar (not through the search area).

Once you click START you will then be prompted for the Unique School LEA Code which is **136008**.

If you have any queries please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team via

[snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net](mailto:snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net)

Thank you.



Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas from all at Barnardo's Family Centres

Please see below our website link, you can use the contact us link to get in touch. Centres will be open and staff available between Christmas and New Year

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