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Music Festival Winners

Dear Parents and Carers,

Success for the Queensgate Choir

I am delighted to let you know that our newly formed choir has won their category of the music festival. They sang two songs entitled 'Please Miss' by Mark and Helen Johnson and 'Stars' by Lin Marsh. They performed beautifully and received amazing comments from the judge. Here is a picture of them with the shield that they won.



Since the music festival they have performed to all the Key Stage 2 children and all the Key Stage 1 children. It was a real treat for all of us. Well done to the choir and well done to Mrs Webb and Mrs Kingsbury for leading the choir. Thanks also go to Judy Coombes who was our pianist.

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Mock SATs Week

Next week the children in Year 6 will be sitting their mock SATs. Here is the timetable:

DAY	TIME	TEST
Monday	9.30-10.30	Grammar
Monday	11.00-11.30	Spelling
Tuesday	9.15-10.30	Reading
Wednesday	9.45-10.30	Maths paper 1
Wednesday	11.00-11.50	Maths paper 2
Thursday	9.30-10.30	Maths paper 3

Please make sure the children are as prepared as possible by getting a good night's sleep and a good breakfast before coming to school. We will provide all resources that are needed for the exams.

Speak Out Stay Safe

Our assembly theme for next week is Speak Out and Stay Safe. We will be using some NSPCC resources to support this work.

PTFA Events for this Half Term

On **Friday 25th March** the Queensgate PTFA will be running a cake sale. Please could you make a cake and send it in to school with your child. The cake sale will be on the front lawn of the school after school. If it is raining the cake sale will be in the dining room. As well as being delicious the money raised will be going to the development of the sensory area for all the children to use.

On **Friday 8th April** there will be a Bunny Dash. This will be a sponsored run on the field along with bunny ears!

The PTFA made £300 at the school disco which will go towards the sensory garden.

Love reading?

Then try this....

Jamie in 3BM loves reading and he reads nearly every night at home. He wants to tell you all about *The Best Pet* by Andrea Shavick. Jamie says this book is super good.

In the story, there is a best pet competition and lots of people enter their pets. There's a scary snake, a cute hamster and a dog that's really good at football.

One person really wants to enter the competition but there's one problem... he doesn't have a pet! He tries lots of ways to borrow a pet but nothing works until he has a brilliant idea. Jamie wants to keep this bit a secret in case you read this story.



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.

Benji Blog

Benji club: only two children this week due to appointments and sports fixtures. The children finished his seesaw and taught him how to safely walk up it and to make sure all four paws touched the light grey carpet - Benji just wanted to run up and jump off at any point. Then it was time to play with him and his tunnel. Benji was a little worried when there was a bend in the tunnel but the children were keen to show him what to do - I am not sure who had more fun, Benji or the children



Tesco Community Grant for Queensgate Sensory Garden



Mr Chubb is pleased to announce that following a recent application, the Queensgate Sensory garden will be going up against other community projects in store. From the 1st April until 30th June, in all Isle of Wight Tesco stores (Ryde, Wootton, Lake and Ventnor), people shopping will be given a token and asked to put it in one of the projects. The winning project (the one with the most tokens) will get a £1,500 grant, 2nd place will £1,000 and 3rd place £500. Obviously, we would love to win the £1,500.

So if you shop in Tesco or know anyone who does, then spread the word that from 1st April please put the token into the Queensgate container!

Every little helps!



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Out & About

The second Out and About team from **Miss Jenkin's** class visited Hersey Nature Reserve along Seaview Duver on Tuesday morning. The children used binoculars to spot different birds including swans, teal, mallards, coot and moorhen as well as watching grebe dive down under the water. They talked about the key features of many birds; that they make nests, lay eggs, the visual difference in appearance of males and females, that most can fly and why they have different shaped beaks. We also talked about migration and how some birds fly thousands of miles to winter in here in the UK.



On Wednesday morning the **1CE** Out and About group went to Newtown. The children had fun exploring the new National Trust visitors centre (which only opened to the public last weekend) before heading to the hide to explore what they could see. They were fortunate to see quite a few oystercatchers exploring the marshland at low tide as well as Brent geese and different types of gull. The children had a brilliant, muddy adventure crossing the boggy fields to get to the boardwalk and boathouse. As we walked back through the old village it really felt like Spring is on its way with lots of daffodils and primroses in flower.



Another amazing week of swimming lessons for our Year 3 and Year 5 children. The children are all demonstrating such drive and perseverance to improve and progress week upon week.

Our Year 3 Super Swimmers from this Wednesday are:

Guy, Elanor, Amelia, Halle, Thomas, Liam, Archie, Xachary and Riley.

This week our Year 5 swimming certificates are awarded to:

Leo, Elise, Katie, Jayden B, Toby and Hattie.

Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears warm play clothes, lots of layers, hat, scarf, gloves, wellies and a warm waterproof coat. Bring shoes in a named bag to change into for the afternoon. If your child does not own wellies, please let us know beforehand and we will do our best to loan them a pair for their O&A session.

Tuesday 15th March am - RAB

Quarr Abbey- Signs of Spring

Arthur, William, Hannah, Freddie, Tyler, Daisy, Mia, Teddy, Poppy, Levi, Gracie-Mai, Harvey, Caleb, Jamie and Corey.

Wednesday 16th March am - 1CE

Nettlecombe Farm

Leo, Mia, Callum, Ayia, Theo, Layla, Freddie, Lille-Mae, Nathan, Emily, Arlo, Jamie and Milana.

Swimming lessons next week:

Tuesday pm - Year 3 (lesson 8 of 10)

Wednesday pm - Year 5 (lesson 9 of 10)

Please ensure your child has a swimsuit / swim shorts, goggles and a towel with them in a bag. Please note, the coach and minibus will not return to school until approx 3.15pm. Thanks again for your support and understanding.



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 Dough Balls	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic & Herb Bread Wedge	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Bolognese	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Broccoli and Peas	Cabbage and Carrots	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Baked Beans
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding & Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

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



QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



The U-11 Boys football team travelled to the Hampshire finals, as a reward for winning the IOW Danone Cup last September. The competition was held at Front Lawn, Leigh Park. There were four teams competing from different areas of Hampshire. First up were Herne Primary from Havant. Queensgate largely dominated but only had a first half goal to show for their efforts but it secured a 1-0 win. The second team were Highbury from Southampton; Queensgate had to battle hard to secure another but deserved 1-0 win. This meant a straight shoot out with Blackfield from Portsmouth and despite a very even game, the Portsmouth team secured a 2-0 to win the tournament but there is a lovely feeling for the team of being Hampshire Runners-Up.



Sadly, the U-11 Girls were knocked out of the league at the quarter finals, losing to Barton. Please can the team return their shirts directly to Mr Giles.

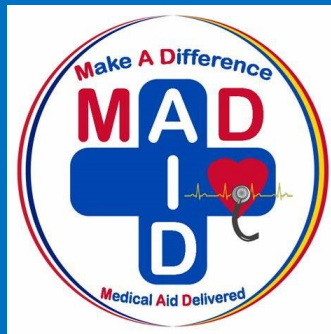
A Year 4 cross country team took part in the Cowes Cluster championship. The teams were four in number – one boys, one girls and one mixed (two boys, two girls). The boys came 2nd, the girls 4th and the mixed team 7th meaning overall, the team finished a very respectful 4th, just a point behind 3rd. A member of the public congratulated this teams on how they encouraged each other and their good manners.



Dr Bike; on Wednesday March 30th, we have a bike mechanic visiting the school with the task of mending any scooters or bikes you might have. It is free but you need to fill in the attached letter on page eight of this newsletter and return directly to Mr Giles.

Ukraine MUFTI Day

Thank you so much for everyone that has donated clothing and other essential items to the appeal so far. In addition to being a collecting point, Queensgate Primary would like to hold, next Friday (18th March), a MUFTI day. We are inviting children to come dressed in yellow and blue to show support for the appalling atrocities that are happening in Ukraine. Donations of any amount are welcomed and will be collected by Mrs Norsworthy and some Year 5s. All proceeds raised will be given to the Mad Aid organisation to help with the cost of sending containers over to Ukraine. Thank you so much for your understanding and support.



Lovely words from Peter Murray on his Website (<http://peterjmurray.co.uk/>)

Onto Queensgate the following day – our last visit of the tour. They say to save the best until last...WOW! I also say that ‘the bigger the audience, the bigger the ‘buzz’...and this certainly proved to be the case! The staff and pupils filled the hall (the first time for us since pre-Covid days) and it really was back to ‘normality’ and euphoria in every respect! WE LOVED IT AT QUEENSGATE...and were so excited about the book signing arranged for the following morning on the last day before half-term. So many pupils would be reading our books during the holiday....*we thought!* But Storm Eunice had other ideas! Well...we all know the rest! Total disruption and closed schools and a book signing that never happened!

But don't worry, Queensgate, we will get those books to your fabulous KS2 pupils by hook or by crook! A MASSIVE thanks to Mrs Hunter and all of the other staff and pupils for giving us the best ending ever to our IOW tour...*such a shame the weather had to spoil things!*

Spare Cereal Boxes

Year 5 will soon be making moveable dragons in Art/DT. If you have recently finished a cereal box, this would be really helpful for the children in Year 5 to make their dragons. Please send up to 5RA or 5PG. Many thanks.

Staffing News

You may notice in the County Press and some on-line job vacancy websites that Queensgate is looking for a class teacher to join our team in September 2022. If you are a teacher, or know a teacher that would like to come and work for us please do point them to the advert on our school website which can be found on the link below, or via the DfE vacancy page also linked below.



[Advert-for-teacher-March-2022.pdf \(queensgateprimary.co.uk\)](#)

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/e522b01d-9afb-4d19-b36a-a420bbf8ba48>

Whole school attendance 93.81%.

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

This week 3PT achieved 98.81% attendance!
Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers and pupils,

MAINTENANCE /REPAIR SESSION; WEDNESDAY MARCH 30TH

As part of our work with SHIFT IT and our aim to promote active travel to school we are able to offer pupils the opportunity to have their bikes checked, maintained and mended (if possible) for free by a qualified bike mechanic on Wednesday March 30th. This session will take place during the school day and be held within the school grounds. This is an ideal opportunity to have bikes checked to make sure that your child's bike is safe and in good working order. Minor repairs will be carried out and advice will also be provided regarding any further work that needs to be carried out. Places are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis. If you wish for your child's bike to be looked at please complete the form below and return to the office as soon as possible. You will then be notified if a place has been allocated to you so that your child's bike is at school on the day.

As an addition, (if there is time/space), if there are any parents who would like their bike checked, please indicate on the form below.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P. Giles

I would like my child's bike to be checked by Dr Bike on Wednesday March 30th.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

I would an adult bike checked; (please circle) yes/no

Signed: _____

Date: _____



Help improve local health and care services. Have your say.

The Island's NHS, the council and the community and voluntary sector are working together to improve health and social care services on the Island and want to hear what you think about local healthcare.

- **What do you think is working well?**
- **What do we need to continue doing to support you?**
- **What is not working and needs to change?**

Your experiences of local services will help to shape the future of healthcare on the Island over the next three years.

A public survey has launched which is available online at:
www.iowhealthandcare.co.uk/conversations

The survey will close at 8pm on Sunday 20 March 2022.

For further information or to request the survey in an alternative format, please get in touch via: iownt.comms@nhs.net or telephone **01983 822099 ext. 6175**