

Well Done Year 6!

Dear Families,
Choir Sings for the King!



On Sunday 7th May, the school choir made up of children from Year 1 right up to Year 6 performed their special coronation song, "Sing for the King" at St Mary's Church in Cowes.

We were invited to sing at this special service organised by the Lord Lieutenant, Susie Sheldon, who is King Charles III representative on the island, after winning our classes at the Isle of Wight Festival of Music, Dance and Drama.

We had to get to the church an hour before the service to rehearse and the service itself was another hour and throughout all this time, all the children behaved impeccably and were an absolute credit to Queensgate Primary School.

We were thanked at the end of the service by the Lord lieutenant, MP Bob Seely and Bishop Jonathon from Portsmouth who spoke at the service. We are VERY proud of our children and hope you are too.

Special thanks to Mrs Kingsbury and Mrs Sillito for supporting us at this event.

Mrs Webb

(See over for a letter from the council leader)

Message from from Lora Peacey-Wilcox, leader of the Isle of Wight council

"My sincere thanks to the pupils of Queensgate at the church service in St Marys tonight.

The school should be justifiably proud of the behaviour of the children and their performance. No wonder they won at the music festival, they were simply just amazing!

Not only did they do a wonderful performance they also joined in the entire service and behaved amazingly well even during a long Bishops address.

I spoke and thanked a couple of the parents that I could, but again, I'd like to thank them all. The parents must have been so very proud, and justifiably so. It was a shame I couldn't have spoken to more, but it was a huge service and so many people to catch up with.

Please pass on my thanks to the amazing music teacher, you are very lucky to have her at Queensgate!"

Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Leader of the Isle of Wight Council.

Choir Singing at the Osborne Junior Prom this coming Tuesday

Just a reminder to parents of children singing at the Prom this Tuesday, please ensure your child brings a packed tea to school with them to eat at the venue and that they have appropriate protection for weather conditions (sun cream, hats, waterproof coats).

All spectators are welcome to bring their own picnic to share on the lawn before the concert. Entrance to the grounds is from 4.45pm. The concert begins at 5.30pm.

If you have not returned your reply slip about entrance passes yet please do so immediately. Mrs Kingsbury has the passes and is allocating these.

If you are unable to come to the Prom concert please make sure you collect your child from the main entrance building at Osborne by 7.10pm. It will have been a long day for everyone!

Totally Rad Piano Lessons

Totally Rad Music Company who provide our piano lessons in school have changed their sign up page. If your child is already having lessons, you do not need to do anything because your child is already registered. If any other parents would like to sign up for lessons, please see the link to the new sign up form on the school website. <http://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/parents/totally-rad-music-tuition>

Guitar Lessons after Half Term

After half term we are hopefully going to have a teacher from the Isle of Wight Music Tuition Service coming in on Fridays to teach guitar. He will teach groups of four children at a time and lessons cost £8 per child. We have just bought a number of guitars at school so children signing up for lessons would have access to an instrument which they can bring home to practise. We can initially start up to 16 children in our first cohort so if your child wants to learn, please email Mrs Webb on wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk with your child's full name and class. I will then email you back with further details about how to sign up with the Isle of Wight Tuition Service. This is for pupils in Years 2, 3 4 and 5 only.



Year 6 SATs

I would just like to say how proud I, and the rest of the staff, are with our Year 6's who have worked so hard this week in their end of Key Stage Assessments. They have all tried their best and have faced some quite awkward test papers. We shall get their results in early July, until then Year 6's will carry on with their writing (which will be assessed by their teachers), start preparing for their end of year show and continue with the varied curriculum on offer here at Queensgate. Well done all once again you have made us all proud!

Y6 SATs

Next week, our Year 2 pupils have the opportunity to show what they are capable of with their own end of Key Stage Assessments. These are more low key than the Year 6 SATs but the teachers will be giving them every opportunity to shine. Good luck Year 2's!

Ash Randall visit

On Monday 22nd May freestyle footballer and world record holder, Ash Randall, will be visiting school and sharing an assembly with both KS1 and KS2 children. This assembly will involve Ash showing the children his skills, talking to the children about his world record and answering some questions – he may even involve some children and staff in the assembly. If children have their own copies of the Guinness World Records book (2013, 2016, 2021, 2022 or 2023 books), they are welcome to bring them in and Ash will sign them. As a reminder of the day, there is the option of buying a signed A3 poster or a silicon wristband for £1 each. 50% of all sales will be donated back to the school – children must bring the money in on the day and let their teacher know what they want.



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 Served with Potato Wedges and Two Vegetables	Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice Served with Two Vegetables	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Two Vegetables	Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread and Two Vegetables	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Potato Wedges and Two Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Two Vegetables	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread and Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit	Orange Jelly	Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Ice Cream

Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our final **Reception** Out and About team went to Ryde to learn more about different types of transport. The children were all incredibly excited to travel on the electric train from Ryde Esplanade! They listened carefully to our safety instructions and were very sensible waiting on the platforms, boarding and disembarking the trains and changing platforms. They travelled to Brading, where they enjoyed listening to non-fiction transport books and fiction books about trains, whilst having a snack and waiting for their return train. It was wonderful to see how much the children enjoyed their Out and About adventure. Our Reception classes have been very fortunate to be able to travel on the train this half term for free, thanks to South Western Railway.



On Tuesday afternoon our **Year 5** Out and About group went to Bonchurch to follow the Solar System trail along the revetment towards Ventnor. The children worked well as a team, taking it in turns to read and learn more about each planet. The walk provides information panels about each planet and represents the distance from the sun with a scale of 1 inch: 100,000 miles which helped the children to understand the distance between each planet. We explored the comparable size of the planets using sports balls as well as discussing how long it takes for each planet to orbit the sun, the composition of the planets and their unique features.



The children in **Year 4** have been studying the book *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba. To tie in with their text, the Out and About group visited Bembridge Windmill. The children discussed what windmills do and the history behind Bembridge Windmill. They used pens to have a go at line drawings of the mill before using maps to navigate a walk to Whitecliff Bay. The children all demonstrated great determination and camaraderie as they hiked through the woodland, down the steep path down to the bay then back to the minibus. Well done Year 4!



Out & About con't

The **Year 6** Out and About team from **6TM** went Geocaching around Merstone old railway station and the surrounding farmland. The children used the Geocaching app on their mobile phones to hunt for different caches, using GPS and solving hints. They were able to locate five caches in the vicinity, recording in each logbook. Each cache varied in size with one being 'micro' (about a 3cm tube), another stored in an old film canister and a few in small tubs with swappable items inside. The group worked well together and all children were keen to help locate the caches and find as many as they could within the time.



The Out and About after school club had fun in Firestone Copse on Wednesday evening. The children had a walk in the woods, exploring different paths and stopping for a snack.



Out and About next week...

Tuesday 16th May am RAB

St Helens Beach

Please wear play-clothes, bring wellies and waterproof coat.

Ellis, Bowie, Milly, Louis, Rudy, Marnie-Rae, Evelyn, Jack, Freddie, Max, Lacey, Cassidy and Raemarni.

Tuesday 16th May pm Year 5

Needles New Battery

Please wear play-clothes, trainers and bring a waterproof coat.

Emily, Charlotte, James M, Chyna, Chloe Sh, Grace, Farrah, Theo, Su, Vincent, Olivia, Brooke, Hollie, Gracie and McKenzie.

Wednesday 17th May am 4MC

Bembridge Windmill

Please wear play clothes, bring wellies and waterproof coat. It will be very muddy!

Guy, Emily B, Levi, Brody, Harry, Rosie, George, Jamie, Parinith, Evie, Brooke, Riley, Elvis and Hayley.

Wednesday 17th May pm 6TM

Orienteering at Firestone Copse

Please wear play clothes, bring wellies or old trainers and a waterproof coat.

Whole class.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 93.7%

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.08%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RSD with 96.43%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6TM with 100%



The moment you accept
responsibility for everything in
your life is the moment you gain
the power to change anything
in your life.

-Hal Elrod



Wood request

Our Reception classes are looking for donations of long planks of wood. If you have any spare pieces please do let the Reception or Office staff know.

Many thanks.

Sims Lite

So far we have invited almost all parents from years R – 3 to download the Sims Parent App. Only 140 of the 294 invitations sent have been actioned. Please can you activate the invitation and download the APP as it will help in keeping all records up to date.

Chance to Shine

Next Thursday (18th May) Years 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity of working with a professional cricket coach for a half an hour session outside either on the field or the KS2 playground. Children in those Year groups will need to wear their PE kit that day.

And finally...

Have a wonderful weekend. Remember to chat, read and play together.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sillito'.

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Wight Orienteering



Find out more about the sport by joining one of our **Summer Events for 2023** –
Registration opens at 10am. Starts from 10.30-12.00

Sunday 21st May at Compton and Brook Down (parking at Compton Farm Campsite)

Saturday 8th July a Quiz walk will be organized.

Cost for adult non-members £5, family groups £6.00 and juniors just £1.00

Courses for all abilities with advice and training offered if required to new members. See website for parking details: www.wighto.org.uk

We also have a Facebook page: Wight Orienteers

<http://ab1academy.com/isleofwight-camp/>

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Squashbox Theatre presents...

Journey to the Stars

Sunday 28th May 2023 @ Quay Arts Centre, Newport
Show starts 2pm (50 mins running time with no interval)
Tickets: £8 | £30 Family of Four

Journey to the Stars! is a marvellous blend of puppetry, storytelling, live music, and comedy, sprinkled with astounding science and astronomy facts, and all contained within an accessible, funny, and unique family show. Join Squashbox Theatre at Quay Arts on Sunday 28th May, for a spectacular theatre performance, suitable for all the family.

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Let Squashbox Theatre be your guide on a journey through the cosmos: across the solar system, past twinkling stars, towards distant galaxies... to the edge of space and time itself! Using only silly puppets, ridiculous and unnecessary props, ludicrous wigs and assorted fruits and vegetables, Squashbox Theatre will reveal the secrets of the universe!

To Book tickets please go to <http://www.quayarts.org> or call Box Office on 01983 822490.



For further information please contact Tayla Smith, Marketing Co-ordinator marketing@quayarts.org T: 01983 822490

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Starting Saturday 10th June

4 week programme

10am - 11.30am

£10 per child

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For more information, please contact us via @thenurturecabin on facebook
or email thenurturecabin@gmail.com



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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We thrive on feedback from our pupils and parents - everything we do is driven by our mission to feed children delicious, nutritious food that they want to eat and will ensure they get the most out of their day.

We'd love it if you could spare a few minutes to complete our survey.

[Click here to complete the survey](#) ▶

DID YOU KNOW IT'S
WORLD BEE DAY
20th MAY?



To celebrate the humble bumblebee we are running a competition in the dining room from Mon 15th - Fri 19th May where children can design a poster and share their ideas on how to save the bees.

The best poster wins a prize!

[Find out more about the Bumblebee Conservation Trust](#) ▶

