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## Sensory Garden Planning Meeting...

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Sensory Area Open Morning

Please do come to the open morning next Tuesday. It will be your opportunity to view the ideas that the children have come up with for the New Sensory area. We would welcome your views and ideas too as we are hoping to create a community feature. The PTFA will be on hand too with coffee, tea and maybe some biscuits and you can discuss their role and even sign up to help!

### Clubs Start

Thank you for signing up to clubs. They start on Monday.

### Podcast

I have been asked by the Times Educational Supplement to do a podcast about how trips out can support well-being and mental health. I'll let you know how it goes.



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COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

# OPEN MORNING

On:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at 9:05am**

**We are keen on inviting members of our local community to have a say and input into our new sensory area. We want to provide an area that will appeal to the 5 senses: Sight, Smell, taste, touch and hearing.**

**The School Council will have already collected the views of the students of Queensgate, but we are keen to get ideas from parents, grandparents and other members of the local community. It may even be possible to set up an allotment style arrangement when the school is closed for the summer holidays.**

**The PTFA will also be holding a coffee morning at the same time so please come and see them, have a chat and maybe even sign up to help!**



Working together for a successful future

## Out and About

Our first **Reception** Out and About group visited the Donkey Sanctuary on Tuesday morning. The children were very excited and enjoyed a tour of the Sanctuary, met the Shetland ponies and all the different groups of donkeys. They learnt about how the donkeys are cared for and fed carrots to them. The children loved their first minibus journey too. The Donkey Sanctuary were very grateful for the children's donations and would like to pass on their thanks.

Unfortunately, as you will be aware, **Year 3** were unable to attend their first swimming lesson on Tuesday but we look forward to getting in the pool next week. They will still have ten sessions as an additional date has been arranged for Tuesday 29th March.

On Wednesday morning the **1CE** Out and About took part in a beach clean at Compton Bay as part of their topic about the World and how to look after our planet. The children had fun using litter pickers (provided by the East Cowes Town Council) as well as gloves and sacks sent by the Surfers Against Sewage charity. We found lots of micro plastic, a washed up buoy and even a shoe!



The **Year 5** children had a brilliant time swimming on Wednesday afternoon. We had some children that were feeling a little nervous beforehand but everyone came out of the pool feeling positive. The children were all exceptionally well behaved and a credit to the school. We can't wait to see the progress they make over the next nine lessons. Well done Year 5!

## 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.

### Tuesday am - **RAB**

Visiting the Donkey Sanctuary

Please bring some loose change in an envelope to put in their donation bucket.

Lacey, Forest, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ and Kendall.

### Wednesday am - **1CE**

Beach clean

Adeline, Esmee, Archie, Bayley, Bonnie, James, Riley, Maddie Ella, Nimalan, Johnny, Annie and Harlan

Swimming lessons continue next week:

Tuesday pm - **Year 3**

Wednesday pm - **Year 5**

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. Many thanks for your support.



# 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 Garlicky Chicken and Spanish Spuds	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	CENSUS DAY— See Advert below	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice	↓	Soft Taco and Chips
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage		Baked Beans and Peas
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin	Strawberry Ice Cream		Creamy Peach Rice Pudding

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

## BURGER SHACK

**20/01/22**

**Tasty Mains**  
 Chicken Fillet Burger  
 OR  
 Incredible Burger (Vegan)  
 With Chips

**£2.15**

**Scrummy Veggie Sides**  
 Sweetcorn and BBQ Baked Beans

**Yummy Dessert**  
 Chocolate Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2!  
 To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

## Year 4 Residential

A gentle reminder for our Year 4 parents that there is a payment plan in place if don't want to, or can't afford to pay all in one go, the following dates are the key dates:

£35 due on 1<sup>st</sup> February

£35 due on 1<sup>st</sup> March

£35 due on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Please remember that all payments need to be made via SCOPAY - please do not send cash or cheques in.



# Love reading?

## Then try this....

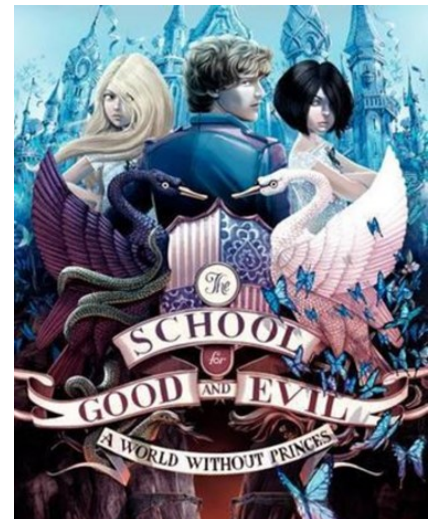
Alexis in 6TS has loved reading the books in The School For Good and Evil series, written by Simon Chainani. She has read two so far but has really liked A World Without Princes.

The books are set in a school that witches and wizards go to. Some of them are good and some of them are evil. The books are full of really interesting characters but Alexis' favourite is Sophie because she is funny, cool and clever. Alexis says that even though some of the characters are evil and up to no good, you still end up liking them.

Alexis has enjoyed comparing the school in the book to Queensgate, especially the teachers!

She would like to recommend this book to anyone who likes reading fantasy stories about witches, spells and magic.

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.



**Whole school attendance 93.54%.**

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

**This week ICE achieved 99.54% attendance!**

**Well done.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Best wishes,**

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

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**



# COME AND JOIN US

Girls age 5-10



Your nearest Rainbow/Brownie unit is



East Cowes for more information contact : eastcowesrainbows@hotmail.com

Register your interest by visiting [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus) or you can ring Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901



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24TH JANUARY**

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PROGRAMME**

**A FREE 12 WEEK  
COURSE TO HELP YOU  
GAIN CONFIDENCE,  
NEW SKILLS AND  
WORK EXPERIENCE.**

**MON - FRI 9:30 - 4:30**



TEAM LEADER - CLAIRE



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FIND OUT MORE**

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The Adult Community Learning Spring Programme of courses and workshops is now out. We offer learning opportunities for adults who live on the Isle of Wight and are aged 19 upwards. Our wide range of courses can help you get new skills and re-connect with learning, or help you follow an interest, grow in confidence, achieve a qualification, or prepare for employment.



**love to learn**

- Arts and crafts workshops
- Online courses
- ICT (Information Communication Technology)
- Maths and English Functional Skills
- Careers appointments

For more information check out our website pages [www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses](http://www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses) or contact us [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk) or 817280



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School



A rare and unique opportunity has arisen!

Queensgate Foundation Primary School is a thriving two-form entry primary school in East Cowes. The school has had three consecutive "Good" Ofsted inspections since opening.

**We are looking to appoint a Premises Manager**

**25 hours per week. Scale pt 7. Actual salary £13575.67**

**This will be a permanent position, following probationary period – 52 weeks per year**

We are looking to appoint someone who:

- is experienced, highly-motivated and committed to supporting and enhancing our learning environment; overseeing the day-to-day management of the school site
- will ensure a high level of hygiene and safety is maintained
- undertake general caretaking, maintenance and cleaning duties
- has excellent organisational skills and is able to communicate well with others
- can work well as part of a team
- is reliable with excellent attendance
- can demonstrate in their application they can fulfil the main duties of the job description and person specification as a minimum
- holds a current MiDAS certificate or is prepared to train as mini bus driver

We can offer:

- a very supportive, cheerful and positive staff team
- a leadership team, which keep children at the heart of their decision making
- a new building
- wonderful children

You are warmly welcomed to visit the school for a tour – please call 01983 292872 to arrange

To apply for this position please check out the Vacancies section on our school website:

[www.queensgateprimary.co.uk](http://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk) or contact [admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk) for an application pack

Closing date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - noon

Interview date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Start date: As soon as possible

***The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. The successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS clearance.  
The school is committed to equal opportunities.***

**Working Together for a Successful Future**



## Catering Job Opportunities

Chartwells are the leading school meal providers and we have Cook Supervisor roles available. Full uniform and training will be provided.

25hr a week (5hrs daily) Cook Supervisor – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ryde

30hr a week (6hrs daily) Cook Supervisor – IOW Mobile Team

30hr a week (6hrs daily) Cook Supervisor – IOW Mobile Team

Qualifications not essential, as this is offered whilst working. Just showing a passion for the love of cooking/serving the pupils.

Job Type: Term Time only  
Position availability: Immediate  
Hourly rates: Upon application

If you are interested, please apply by ringing the IOW office 01983 550500