



Queensgate Success this Week

Dear Families,

Success!

This week Dean Prodomo, The Service Manager for Education on the Isle of Wight, visited Queensgate. He said he thoroughly enjoyed his visit, seeing the multitude of activities for the children and how keen they were to chat to him about their learning. He saw wonderful singing from Year 6, maths orienteering with Year 1, computing in Year 5 and 3, cooking for a voyage with Year 2 and much more.

Our Year 6 teachers have been moderated. This means that the children's writing books have been looked at by moderators from the Hampshire moderation team. All of our judgements were confirmed and verified, which we are delighted about. Well done to our teaching team and the Year 6 children.

Our Year 4 children have completed their multiplication check this week, Year 1 children have completed their phonic screening and Year 2 children have completed their re-takes. Well done to all of the children in these year groups.

As you know I am often encouraging good attendance. Currently Queensgate is above National Averages both for May and in our running total since September. Well done everyone. Please keep it up!

Figures are from the Department for Education.

The absence rates across the week commencing 20 May 2024 were:

6.6% (93.4%) in state-funded primary schools (4.0% authorised and 2.6% unauthorised) Queensgate for that week = 94.63% (+1.23%)

The absence rates across the academic year 2023/24 to date (24th May) were:

5.4% (94.6%) in state-funded primary schools (3.9% authorised and 1.5% unauthorised) Queensgate for the year to date = 95.09% (+0.49%)

Open Morning for Reception starting in September

On **Wednesday 19th June** we are holding an open morning for all the families that have signed up to start at Queensgate in September. Please come along at 9:15am for a talk in the hall and then a tour of the school. It is a chance to meet the new Reception Class teachers, Mrs Barnett and Mrs Muncaster. It is also an opportunity to have a look at the school's facilities.

Dates for your Diary

This term is hugely busy. I have included important dates on the next page to help you navigate your way through.

PTFA Summer Fair

It is the time of year where we, once again, need to prepare for the Queensgate Summer Fair and as always, we need your help! The Queensgate Summer Fair is on **Friday 5th July at 3 pm**. Hopefully, the weather will be good and it will be on the school field. There will be a variety of stalls run by our Year 6 children, ice-cream van, bouncy castle, tombola, jar tombola and much more. We would like any items for the tombola brought into school on **Friday 28th June** please. This can be anything from toiletries to games.

In addition, I would like each child to bring in a jar, which is decorated with a summer theme and filled with goodies. Here is what you need to do:

Keep a jar – give it a good wash

Decorate it with a summer theme

Fill it with goodies – maybe sweets, biscuits, small toys, toiletries or stationery items

Bring it to me, Mrs Sillito, on Friday 28th June!

The jar tombola will be £1 a go! Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Sea Safe



On Monday a group from Year 6 travelled over to Sandown beach to attend a Sea Safe session, with the lifeguards who patrol Sandown and Ryde beaches. First, they had to get themselves into wet suits, a high vis rash vest and blue swimming cap. Once everyone was ready they made their way to the sand and had a talk about the dangers of the beach and how best to keep themselves safe when having fun in the water. They also learnt about who they should ask for help from if someone else on the beach was in trouble. Finally, it was time to get in the water and put their new skills into practise. "It was fun because it was a new

experience for me." - Oscar "It was really fun as I won the race at the end to get back to the shore. I think the most important thing we learnt was about the different flags and what they mean." - Maya

Year 6 Athletics

On Monday, a group of children from Year 6 competed in the Hampshire Qualifiers Quad Kids Athletics over at Sandown Bay. Four boys and four girls each took part in four track and field events including; vortex, standing long jump, 75m sprint and 600m run. All of the children gave each event their absolute best and did very well both individually and as a team.

Overall, we came 5th out of 16 schools, well done team Queensgate.



Diary Dates

17/06/24 Eco Committee Meeting

18/06/24 Y5 & Y6 Handball match @ Queensgate

19/06/24 Open Morning for all new Reception Parents, NHS Nurses into Reception for dental presentation, Home visits to new Reception starters begin today.

20/06/24 Home visits continue, James Milligan (Assistant Principle, Cowes Enterprise College) in to see Year 6.

21/06/24 Home visits to new Reception children, Science Day @ Queensgate

24/06/24 INSET Day - School closed

Week beginning 25/06/24 Careers Week @ Queensgate Primary

25/06/24 Tim Walters, Local Authority, in to visit the school, Y1 & Y2 Team relay at Lanesend.

26/06/24 Home visits for New Reception children.

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28/06/24 Dream Big Careers Day @ Queensgate

01/07/24 Interview for new Part-time teacher, Eco committee meeting

02/07/24 Y3 & Y4 Team relay @ Lanesend

03/07/24 Transition Visit 1 to Reception from Seashells, OAA Peach event @ Wootton

04/07/24 KS1 Sports Morning, Platform One Concert in hall (Marnie Marie),

05/07/24 KS2 Sports Day Morning, Transition Visit 1 to Reception from Seashells, 3pm School Summer Fair

Week Beginning 8th July Pupil Progress Meetings with all teachers to discuss all pupils.

08/07/24 Y5 & Y6 Quad Kids B Team @ The Bay

09/07/24 Move Up Morning at Queensgate, Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

10/07/24 The Island Free School Transition Day, 5pm to 6pm Showcase evening school open to all

11/07/24 Reserve Sports Day (am-KS2, pm-KS1)

12/07/24 INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

15/07/24 Y6 Dress Rehearsal of play to some of the school, 6pm Y6 performance to parents

16/07/24 1.30pm Y6 Performance to parents

17/07/24 3.15pm - 3.45pm Reception Disco, 4pm - 5.15 Y1, 2 & 3 Disco, 5.30pm - 6.45pm Y5 & Y6 Disco

18/07/24 Cookery Masterclass for Y6, 2.15pm Y3 Roman afternoon in hall (parents invited)

19/07/24 Reports out to parents

22/07/24 Y6 Waterfight, Art Day @ Queensgate

23/07/24 Attendance Assembly

24/07/24 1.15 Whole school assembly for Kezzi Kindness

25/07/24 Attendance trip day

26/07/24 1.30pm Y6 leavers assembly followed by clapping corridor, last day of term for all pupils

02/09/24 & 03/09/24 INSET Days (school closed to Pupils),

04/09/24 School starts for Autumn term.

Out & About

The children in **Reception** are learning about the seaside, this half term. On Tuesday morning, the Out and About children visited the RNLI Lifeboat Station in Bembridge. The children were given a tour of the boat house and learnt all about the importance of keeping safe at the seaside, as well as the various roles within the RNLI. Thank you to the families that sent in a donation for the charity, they were all very gratefully received.

“We went to see the lifeboat. It was orange. They (lifeboat crew) have to wear yellow jackets and trousers and wellies. They have to wear a lifeboat helmet.” Jovi RSD



On Tuesday afternoon, our **Year 5** Out and About children walked up to the New Battery and High Down Rocket Test Site at the Needles. The group learnt about how the Black Knight and Black Arrow rockets were designed, built and due to be tested on the Island in 1950s. Last term the children were learning about Space, so it was a great opportunity to share some Island history around the topic. We were all very impressed by Matthew, he was also able to share lots of facts with the group, from visiting the site previously.

“We went to the Needles and climbed up a big hill. We saw a place where they made rockets. I didn't really like the walking but the view was good! We were so high up!” Liam 5TS

“We went to the Needles to see where the rockets were tested! It was windy! We saw rabbits too.” Halle 5RA



This week's **Year 4** Out and About team walked up to Tennyson Monument on Wednesday morning. The group enjoyed relaxing in the sun by the monument and sketching it, taking great care to add detail, tone and think about perspective within their drawings. They learnt about the life of Alfred Lord Tennyson on the Island and his popularity during the Victorian era.

“We went to Tennyson Down and we walked up a big hill. We sketched a monument and had biscuits! That was the best bit.” Alfie S 5BM

“We sketched the monument and added shading. We were at the top of a beautiful cliff, the view was amazing!” Connor 5BM



Our **Year 6** Out and About children went Geocaching around Merstone old railway track and surrounding farmland. The children worked together to use the Geocaching app on their phones, to follow 'hints' and navigate to find caches in the area. Great teamwork Year 6!



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes and they bring a sunhat or waterproof coat (depending on the forecast). Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 need to bring comfortable walking shoes or trainers.

Tuesday am - Reception

St Helen's Beach

Louie, Ananya, Charlie, Mia-Rose, Mayleigh, Thomas, Elizabeth, Owen, Freddie, Molly, Rhue, Lyla, Blake, Clayton, Antonia, Emily S, Felicity, Nova, Riley, Quinn, Remi-Rose, Amelia, Jovi, Kaden, Theo W and Theo T.

Tuesday pm - Year 5

High Down Rocket Test Site

David, Isabella, Ava, Sophia-Leigh, Grace, Riley, Harry, Jack P, Emily B, Harley, Paranith, Adrianna, Zachary, Léon and Marley.

Wednesday am - Year 4

Tennyson Down Walk

Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Scarlett, Maisy, Toby, Harley T, Flynn, Mirabelle, Georgie, Logan F, Tula and Keian.

Wednesday pm - Year 6 (6TM)

Geocaching

Vincent, Theo, Harrison P, Toby H, Summer, Gracie, Mason, Sienna, Jude C, Oscar, McKenzie, Hollie, Maya, Amber and Brooke.

*If you'd like to bring your phone, please download the free Geocaching app ready and create a login (see letter).

Cookery

Please can your child in **Reception** bring in a container for cookery next **Tuesday** suitable for a biscuit.

Alfie, Coen, Eliza, Hunter, Jason, Romeo, Yazan, Dylan, Jacob, Leo, Layton, Ronney and Luca.

Please can your child in **Year 5** bring in **ramekins** for cookery next **Tuesday** suitable for Apple Crumble.

Artem, Maizy, Arthur, Bradley, Archie, Skyla, Rosie, Tyson, Levi, Evelyn, Elsie-Mae, Jake, Ellie, Emmie and Evie M.

Please can your child in **Year 4** bring in a container on **Wednesday** suitable for Cheese and Onion Pasties.

Ben, Mia, Oscar G, Harry, Oscar H, Ruben, Jacob, Paloma, Harvey, Fletch, River, Rhys, Adhvika, Lily and Vincent.

Please can your child in **Year 2** bring in a container on **Wednesday** suitable for wraps.

Bella, Sophie, Figgy, Charlie, Marleigh, Lacey, Mia, Arthur, Elijah, Riley, Jesse, Forest and Brody.

If your child attends **Cookery Club** on either **Tuesday** or **Wednesday** please bring a container **Every Week**.

Platform 1 Music College are bringing their roadshow to Queensgate on Thursday 4th July.

The performer will be Marnie Marie and her band who will be opening the main stage at the Isle of Wight Festival. It should be a great opportunity for our children to experience another music genre live for free! Here are more details from Platform One:

Platform One Embark On Island Wide Schools Tour

The established music college aim to perform in 20 schools in 10 days with a live performance from the 2024 Wight Noize winner.

Platform One, who have been the leading music education provider on the island since 1999, will be capitalising on the excitement created by the Isle of Wight Festival and transferring that to primary school children across a 10-date tour.

Platform One 'On The Road' will see recent Wight Noize winner 'Marnie Marie' and her band perform a selection of tracks just days after opening the mainstage at Seaclose.

Andy Booth, the Music Industry Liaison at Platform One, says encouraging young people to engage in music has many benefits.

"We have a duty to ensure that we are inspiring and educating young children through music. Research suggests that both listening to music and playing a musical instrument can help reduce stress and anxiety, as well as strengthen muscle memory and coordination."

Booth, who also has a seat on the Futures Board at UK Music reiterates the new national plan for music education. *"Music should be represented in every school's leadership structure. The vision is to enable all children and young people to play an instrument, learn to sing and create music together. They should all have the opportunity to pursue interests and talents"*

In addition to the live performance, Platform One will also be discussing the selection of instruments being used with members of the band showcasing their respective specialism.

"We would have loved to have been able to visit every single school on the island, but we are restricted by the end of the school term. The response has been fantastic and we have been inundated with requests to visit"

The schools tour will begin on Wednesday 26th June and run until Wednesday 10th July. The trip will be documented and can be followed on Platform One social media @platformoneiow.

For enquires about studying at Platform One at FE or HE please email study@platformone.org or phone 01983 537550. Saturday RockschooL is also available for those in Years 8 to 11 and will commence in September. Interest can be registered at rockschool@platformone.org.



What's for dinner next term?

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



		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pasty Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbow Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise	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		Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream



Eco Schools



Clean Air Day – 20th June will see the return of the UK's largest air pollution campaign.

Don't forget we are trying our best to keep the air around our school as free of pollution as we can. If you are parked in the school car park, please don't let your engine idle.

SWITCH OFF and help us to all BREATHE EASY.

Inspiring children to contribute to a greener environment and world is something we could and should do.



Working together for a successful future

June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to invite you to come along to a free, informal maths group that is held at Queensgate Primary School **every Friday morning at 9:15am** for one hour. This opportunity is possible due to funding from the **Multiply Project**, which aims to support adults across the UK with improving their maths skills. Here on the Isle of Wight, the team at Adult Community Learning provides a wide range of courses and workshops in many different venues, including schools. I have been running the group at Queensgate for some time now, and am always keen to encourage new learners to take advantage of the support available.

The focus of the schools' project is to enable parents and carers to develop their own confidence and maths skills, so that they can in turn support their children more effectively with maths at home. Research has shown that if adults have good maths skills, their children are much more likely to achieve better at school, and to have a positive attitude towards the subject. Having good basic maths skills is crucial in everyday life, from personal budgeting to reading timetables, measurement and following recipes.

So, what can you expect from the maths sessions at Queensgate? First and foremost, it's a relaxed, friendly environment, where you will feel fully supported by me and the other members of the group. All the learning is personalised to suit your needs. You can work at your own pace and at your own level, on topics that are most relevant for you. There is even an opportunity to work towards a formal qualification if you would like to, which could help you to access job opportunities in the future.

I have worked with lots of parents at Queensgate over the past year or so. They have all said how much they have enjoyed the course, how it has helped them to become so much more confident with their maths skills, and how it has made them realise that maths is nowhere near as scary as they had previously thought!

I do hope that you'll be able to come along on a Friday morning, and will be delighted to welcome you. There's no need to book, but if you would like any further information, I can be contacted at the Community Learning Centre on 01983 817280 or dee.swallow@iow.gov.uk. You can also ask Miss Rorich at the school office, or leave her a message to pass on to me.

With kindest regards

Dee Swallow

Maths Tutor (Multiply Project), Adult Community Learning Service



A mind is like a parachute
It doesn't work if it is not open

Frank Zappa

Choir Club

It is Mrs Webb's last half term at Queensgate and she would love it if as many old choir club members would join her for the last few weeks. We have four weeks of choir left to go:

Tuesday 18th June, Tuesday 25th June, Tuesday 2nd July and Tuesday 9th July which will be a mini concert for parents and a celebratory tea.

If you would like to join us, **and can come every week for the next four weeks**, please tell Mrs Webb and get your parents to email Miss Rorich.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.19%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.22%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 99.14%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 98.71%

And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend. As always please remember to read, chat & play with your children.



Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



**Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form
2024-25 Open Day/Evening dates
(as at June 2024)**

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	1 October 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	19 September 2024	Year 6 open evening
	07 November 2024	6 th Form open evening
Cowes Enterprise College	1 st to 24 th October 2024	Year 6 45-minute bookable tours will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be led by a member of the senior leadership team who will be able to answer any specific questions you have about year 7, our curriculum and enrichment opportunities. Tour times to be confirmed. <i>Bookings can be made by calling the academy on 01983 203103 from the 2nd September 2024</i>
	October 2024	6 th Form Details tbc
Island Free School	12 October 2024	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	26 September 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	9 October 2024	Y6 Open Evening
	20 November 2024	6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	5 October 2024	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	3 October 2024	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Island VI Form	14 November 2024	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	26 June 2024	4-7pm
	24 September 2024	4-7pm
	16 November 2024	Open Day
	8 January 2025	4-7pm
	1 February 2025	Open Day
	24 April 2024	Open evening tbc
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk

- Please note St Georges is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department./

CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING




5.30 - 6.30pm

Thursday 19th September 2024

Tel: 537070 Email: admin@christthekingcollege.co.uk

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Starting Thursday 11th April

THURSDAY EVENINGS 6-7.30PM
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CONTACT JENN:
07717477876
jebbs85@hotmail.co.uk

LOCATION:
East Cowes Sports Ground
Beatrice Avenue
East Cowes
PO32 6LW

Spare Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2024/2025

This notice applies to those parents of current year 6 students who are moving up to secondary school next year and wish to apply for a place on a Council-contracted school bus service.

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the spare seat application window for academic year 2024 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a spare seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply between **9am on Monday 1st July 2024 and 4pm on Friday 12th July 2024**. Please note that the online form will only be live between the above times and that applications received outside of this window will not be accepted.

Further information on the spare seat process can be found online, here: [Spare seat scheme \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk) if you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage, you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Monday 17th June 2024**. Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a spare seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Ticket costs and payment

The cost of a ticket will increase from academic year 2024. This was agreed following a Cabinet decision made on 9th May 2024 following the recent [School Transport Policy Consultation](#). Spare seat prices will then rise each academic year in line with CPI (Consumer Price Index) rate at March in the year that you are applying for.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £190.00
- Up to half a term £95.00
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £95.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £47.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.

Important Points to Note

- **There will only be 1 application window before the start of the academic year so please ensure you apply during this window for your child to be considered for a seat.**
- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Monday 17th June 2024**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- There is a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.