

A Choir of Distinction!

Dear Families,

Choir Success

On **Friday 8th March**, Queensgate Festival Choir once again represented the school at the Isle of Wight Festival of Music, Dance and Drama. We competed against two other primary school choirs at All Saint's Church, Ryde and had a brilliant time. We sang confidently with our pianist Judi and managed to put lots of expression into our singing which was commented on by the adjudicator.

When the results were announced, we were placed second with a score of 88/100. This meant we achieved distinction and actually scored a point higher than last year, even though we didn't bring the trophy back for a hat-trick. Mrs Webb and Mrs Kingsbury were immensely proud of everyone for their hard work, positivity and joy in performing.

Thank you as well to our lovely supportive audience made up of many family members who were able to attend. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

A special mention is given to Toby who put in all the hard work but was unable to perform on the day due to illness. We missed him but we've managed to get him into the photo anyway!



On Wednesday the choir performed in assembly to the whole school. They sounded absolutely brilliant. We all thought they thoroughly deserved their grade of Distinction.

Progress Meetings

It is that time of the term where Mrs Grant, Mr Chubb and I meet each of the teachers and look at every child in the school in terms of the progress they have made this term. We then discuss the children to make sure everyone has the right provision in place.

Extreme Row

Xavier Baker, who took part in the world's most extreme row (and a relation of one of our pupils) will be joining us for assemblies next week. He will be talking about what it was like to row so far. This is part of our Growth Mindset Work.

This week we talked about Lola and Bob in assemblies – ask your child about this.



Shorts and Socks Sale

Our Sports Crew will be selling spare Umbro and Nike shorts and socks on **Friday 22nd March** straight after school. This will be £3.00 for the shorts and £1.00 for socks.



Bunny Hop

On **Thursday 28th March** the PTFA have organised a Bunny Hop. This will not be a sponsored event this year, but please could each child bring £1 to help the PTFA raise funds for school equipment. Each child will hop, skip, run or jump around the field. Bunny ears are very welcome. The children need to come to school in their Queensgate PE kit on this day please.



Out and About

On Tuesday morning all of **RSD** went on a special trip to Monkey Haven. The children have been learning about different animals and will be finding out more about mini-beasts over the coming weeks. It was a rather wet morning, so they all enjoyed using umbrellas as they walked around the Haven, seeing all the monkeys and gibbons. The children took part in a 'Mini-beast experience' with one of the keepers. They had the opportunity to stroke or hold a Giant African Millipede, Jungle Nymph, Sun Beetle and a cockroach! The children learnt all about invertebrates and how the millipede sheds her exoskeleton, growing four extra legs each time.

"I like seeing the monkeys swinging. It was raining and the monkeys were standing out in the rain - I liked walking around in the rain under my umbrella. I held the Giant African Millipede - it was really tickly on my hand and I thought it was going to crawl up my arm. I put my hand on the window and one of the monkeys tried to give me a high five." Rhue RSD

"We went to the Monkey Haven. I held the giant millipede - it thought the flowers on my coat were real and it tried climbing on to my coat. I liked seeing the monkeys, the ones inside were poking their heads to see us. I liked seeing the meerkats too." Remi-Rose RSD



The children in Year 1 have been learning about animals too this half term. The Out and About team from 1CE visited Nettlecombe Farm in Whitwell on Wednesday. The children had a very muddy time and loved meeting (and hand feeding) all the animals. It was super to see their confidence develop throughout the morning. The children asked the farmer questions and learnt about the animals beaks or teeth, feet or hooves and other attributes.

"We went to the farm and we fed some animals. We saw goats, chickens, sheep and alpacas. I liked feeding the donkey best. I fed it a carrot. You had to hold it right on the end so it doesn't bite your fingers. I enjoyed going to the farm." Imogen 1CE

"We fed some chickens. You had to put the chicken food on your hand, and they pecked it. We fed some donkeys, sheep and a goat. The sheep and goats only have teeth on the bottom so they lick the food off your hand. We fed the donkeys some carrots- you have to be careful, so they don't bite your fingers. I loved feeding all the animals and getting muddy!" Declan 1CE



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable warm play clothes (that can get muddy), and they bring a warm/waterproof coat, hat, scarves, gloves and wellies (warm socks to go in wellies are also highly recommended!).

Tuesday am - Reception (*Monkey Haven*)

All of RBH

*Please wear school clothes and bring a warm, waterproof coat.

Wednesday am - Year 1 (*Nettlecombe Farm*)

Bowie, George, Titan, Jasper, Wyatt, Frederick, Sully, Nathan, Evelyn, Inara, Mollie, Raemarni, Peyton and Naomi

*Please note children must wear wellies on the farm. If your child does not have any please let us know and we will try and loan them some for the session.

Next week swimming lessons for Year 3 on Tuesdays and Year 5 on Wednesdays

Lesson 10 of 10 (Final lesson)

*Please note that although we aim to get back to school by approximately 3.15pm, we may be a little late due to high levels of traffic and road closures around the Ryde area. Apologies in advance.

It was assessment week at swimming for our Year 3 children this week. The children all tried hard and were keen to show how well they could swim. Next week they will take part in a Water Safety session as part of the Swim England school's programme. The children in Year 5 will be doing their swimming assessments next week but were keen to show us their great progress this week with some swimming further than they had before!

All of the children have worked really hard and demonstrated great determination to improve their swimming skills.

This week our Superstar Swimming Awards go to...

Year 3: Oliver C, Archie, Samuel, Chloe and James. **Year 5:** Liam, Leon, Jonny, Jake and Connor.

Cookery

Your child in **Year 6** has cookery on **Tuesday**. Please can they bring in a container suitable for Spaghetti Bolognese.

James, Archie, James, Robert, Tommy, Joe, Zoe, Rochelle, Sarah, Charlotte, Chloe Sh, Keira, Bella, Chyna and Evie.

Your child in **Year 2** has cookery on **Tuesday**. Please can they bring in a container suitable for a sandwich.

Ella, Paisley, Gracie-Mai, Amelia-Lily, Paisley, William, Caleb, Harry, Jamie, Corey, Jimmy, Rory, Eli, Arlo and Leo.

Your child in **Year 4** has cookery on **Wednesday**. Please bring in a container suitable for Udon Noodles.

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

Your child in **Year 1** has cookery on **Wednesday**. Please bring in a container for African Malva Pudding.

Rudy, Freddie, Elijah, Ace, Lenny, Marley, Harrison, Harry, Milly, Marnie, Rosie, Isabella, Cassidy and Sadie.

If your child attends **Cookery Club** on either **Tuesday** or **Wednesday** please bring in a container every week.



What's for dinner next week?

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



Chartwells Schools		WEEK 1				
		Monday	tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey Served with Roast potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Stir Fried Vegetable Rice	Vegetarian Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Vegan Nuggets 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		Beetroot Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with fruit slice	Original Flapjack	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.1%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.2%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 96.9%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 97.0%

Bereavement Workshop and Drop in Sessions

We have Tammy Hazzell-Ravel, a Bereavement Co-ordinator from Mountbatten / Kissypuppy, coming into school on Monday from 9am until noon in the training room. This is an informal drop in session where you can speak to Tammy regarding any bereavement you may be dealing with or are about to deal with. Tammy will be able to speak to you about the language to use when talking to children about death and activities to carry out with them, which can aid remembrance and help with grief. Tammy will also be able to signpost you for further support if required. If you would prefer a private 1:1 session please see Mrs Jeffers who can arrange this during the morning for you. Thank you.

Year 6 Enterprise Event

Year six are making different items to sell to all the parents and children of Queensgate, this will be held at 3pm on the green outside the front of the school on the **25th March 2024**. Each group of children has been given a budget of £2 each to get any items to help with their project. Year 6 have been working very hard on these projects to make sure they are the best they can be and have been using teamwork to create their design of logo and product - we hope you can make it.



Maya B 6LR

Sports Report

On Friday, the Year 5 boys faced Haylands in the quarter finals of the league. Having seen Haylands previous results we knew that they were going to be tough to beat. The boys looked sharp in the warm up and quickly got into their positions to start the game. The game began and it was a strong contest from the start, with both team creating chances at either end. Unfortunately for us, it was Haylands who converted one of their chances first with a fantastic strike from one of their midfielders. The half time whistle blew and the boys gathered round for a quick team talk. We discussed that we were playing well against strong opposition but we just needed to support one another more when we had possession. The team took this on board and were positive going into the second half. The boys fought hard throughout the second half however their efforts weren't enough and they went on to lose the game 2-0. Although the boys lost, they have had a great season reaching the semi-finals in the cup and the quarter finals in the league and they will look to improve on that going into next year.



The PEACH Art Exhibit 'Connect' 2024 which takes place at the Quay Arts Centre every day from 30th March -27th April (9am—5pm) will be displaying works of art from Queensgate Foundation Primary School. Please take some time to visit the gallery; it is a fantastic opportunity for young people to have their work publicly displayed, showcasing their hard work and creativity.

Help us win £500! Sign up to support Queensgate Foundation Primary School on #easyfundraising and not only will you raise FREE donations for us with your everyday shopping, but you'll also give us an entry into their latest giveaway to win a donation prize! You can make a difference, sign up today: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/queensgate-fps/clnkv/c2s/MHHWLdIP/CE824/facebook/>

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





Book now for free Easter activity spaces for eligible children and young people

Children and young people will once again be able to enjoy a varied programme of free activities during the upcoming Easter holidays.

Organisations across the Island are coming together to offer activities for five to 16-year-olds as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which also guarantees a nutritious meal.

Free places are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals and on a paid-for basis as well. [Some places are also available for other vulnerable families.](#)

But with limited spaces for many of the activities, families should book soon to avoid disappointment.

The Easter programme has a fantastic range of activities on offer including horse riding, tennis and football coaching, multi-sport games, animal care, theatre skills and arts and crafts.

Full details including booking information can be found on the [Isle of Wight Family Information Hub webpage.](#)

Councillor Jonathan Bacon, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "We want to enable children and young people to try new things and make new friends and we know it is a welcome support for many families during the school holidays.

"We know that families are facing — and will continue to face — increasing pressure and the dedication of organisations to supporting families in this way means such a lot to so many."

For more information about eligibility, [please see the council's newly updated holiday activities webpages.](#)

The Easter HAF scheme is funded by the Department for Education.





Children's Easter Half Term Offer

Examination and Fluoride Application £20.00
With our Therpists Debbie and Laura

For under 12s
Free brushing pack

St James Clinic 🦷

Tel 01983822220
www.stjamesclinic.com

FREE Entry for parents/ carers & FREE parking!

JJ's Parties & Events

EASTER

half term

Inflate-a-Days!

Racetrack **Obstacle Course** **Ride-On's** **Ball Pool** **6 Slides**

10th & 11th April @ Rew Valley Sports Centre
4 x 90 minute sessions per day
disco sessions available
Easter Egg Hunt - Meet Bouncer the Bunny - loads of fun inflatables

Join Vectis RFC
Girls & Boys - Ages 5-18

VECTIS WOLVES **VECTIS RUGBY CLUB**

We have spaces for girls wanting to play rugby in our U12s group. For ages 10-12.

12.00 - 13.30 every Sunday at IWRFC in Wootton

GIRLS RUGBY

Register your interest:
vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com

www.vectisrfc.rfu.club

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To Your Future!

WELCOME



Saturday 23 March 2024

Businesses right across the Isle of Wight are opening their doors for people to find out more about local career opportunities.

Full details and bookings: SOLENTPARTNERS.COM (and search 'open for business')

Or simply scan the QR code above.

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Dive into the heart of the Isle of Wight's vibrant business community with a unique opportunity to see behind-the-scenes of leading Island enterprises.

Whether you're just starting out or looking for a change of direction, you're invited to discover and find out about careers with a range of employers on the Island.

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Schools Walk the Wight with MOUNTBATTEN



Sunday, 12 May 2024

Register now: mountbatten.org.uk/swtw



www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents

A free online resource for parents. These evidence-based digital courses support parents to manage conflict within their relationship, while also considering the impact it has on children. The training is useful to everyone, helping us all to argue in ways that are helpful rather than harmful. The courses on offer are:

- Me, You and Baby Too
- Arguing Better
- Getting it Right for Children

Any parent living on the Isle of Wight who completes a course (and the pre and post course questionnaire) will have the option to enter into a prize draw to receive a £10 food voucher. There will be one draw a month with 30 vouchers available to win each month.



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