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Year 4 in the Semi-Final of the League Cup

Dear Families,

Year 4 Football

Next Friday, 24th March, Queensgate Year 4 team will be playing Dover Park in the semi-finals of the League Cup. The match will be played at Queensgate and will start at 3:30pm. Please come along and support our team if you can.

LLP

Our Local Learning Partner, Debbie Allen, visited our school on Monday and looked at English books across the school, dropped into all maths lessons and spoke to senior leaders about a variety of topics including attendance and safeguarding. We had an excellent day with our work being praised.

Mock SATs Week for Year 6

Next week is an important week for our Year 6 children. We are running a mock SATs week, so that the children can experience what it will be like for the actual week in May. It will also enable the Year 6 team to identify any gaps in the children's learning that need to be revisited again. Here is the timetable for the mock SATs week. Please make sure your child has good quality sleep and a healthy breakfast, so they can perform at their best.

| Tuesday 21st March | Spelling Punctuation and Grammar—SPAG |
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| Wednesday 22nd March | Reading paper |
| Thursday 23rd March | Arithmetic Paper 1 |
| Friday 24th March | Maths Fluency Paper 3 |

Staffing News

I am pleased to announce that we appointed Becci Heng to cover Mrs Barnett's maternity cover in June. Here is a little bio: Hello, I'm Becci Heng and I'm joining RAB in June. I am an experienced teacher who has worked in a wide range of island and mainland schools. When not at work I enjoy spending time with my husband and four children. Life is very busy with a big family; we enjoy lots of outdoor time, camping and spending time at the beach, paddle boarding and kayaking. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the children and their families in RAB.



Twenty-Day Challenge

Last week I told you about our twenty-day challenges across the school. This week we have had assemblies where all the children have shared their twenty-day challenge.

In Reception the children have accepted the challenge to form the letters a, g, c, d, o, q correctly starting at the top and using the curly c to start all these letters. Please support the children with this at home.

In Year 1 the children will be practising their good sitting posture for work. Bottom back, feet flat!

In Year 2 the children are focused on adding ed to make the past tense. Please make sure the children say and write this correctly.

3AH are working on using their full stops and capital letters correctly.

3PT are working on using their full stops and capital letters correctly.

4MC are working on having neat, legible and joined up handwriting.

4BM are working on improving to handwriting

Both classes in Year 5 are working on using apostrophes correctly both for contractions and possession.

Our Year 6 children are working on their own individual twenty-day challenges based on their gaps in learning.

Our Year 6 children also made me really proud by giving tips to the younger children in assemblies. Some of the tips they gave were:

- Work hard on your homework and practise skills at home
- Keep going when something is hard
- Read often
- Always listen and try your best
- Learn your times tables, you cannot access the Year 6 work without them
- Try your best in exams
- Ask for help when you need it.

Term Dates

We break up for the Easter holiday on **Friday 31**st **March** at 3 pm.

Monday 17th April is an INSET day for staff training, no children in school.

The summer term for the children starts on **Tuesday 18th April** at 8:40am.

Monday 1st May is the May Day Bank Holiday.

Monday 8th May is the Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of the King.

Half term is from **Monday 29**th **May to Friday 2**nd **June**.

The second part of the summer term starts on **Monday 5**th **June**.

There is an INSET day on Monday 19th June.

The summer term ends on Friday 21st July.



Safety in the Car Park

We remain concerned about safety in the car park. Only people with a blue badge, who have permission from the school should be in the car park. Children should be walking with parents on the paths provided. Please do not



come into the car park as this increases the risk to our children.



Free Easter Holiday Activity Club

If your child receives Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free School Meals), then they are entitled to join this Free Easter Club on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April.

Please see the advert below for more details.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.1%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.8%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1SG with 96.4%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 98.1%

Let's see if we can get some classes with 100% next week - go for it!





What's for dinner next week?





| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Pesto Pasta Bake Served with Two Vegetables | Chinese Chicken Noodles Served with Two Vegetables | Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy | Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables | Fish Fingers Served with Chips |
| Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholegrain Rice | Vegetable Korma Served with Wholemeal Rice | Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy | Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Two Vegetables and Gravy | Tomato Veggie Burger Served with Chips |
| 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 |
| Fruity Flapjack Bar | Strawberry Ice Cream | Jelly with Fruit Slices | Chocolate Shortbread | Crispy Crackle Bar |

Please note that dinners now cost £2.61 per day.

Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **RSD** Out and About group visited Ventnor Botanic Garden. The children have been learning about the seasons so they hunted for signs of Spring. They enjoyed seeing lots of plants in bud as well as the camellias, daffodils, primroses, periwinkles and magnolias in flower! The children saw one of the terrapins sunbathing by the ponds, now that he has come out of his Winter hibernation. One of the gardeners showed us some of her favourite places within the garden, including the secret wishing well and the big cork oak tree. The children had fun in the play park and listened to the story *That's My Flower* by Alice Hemming all about the first flower of Spring, whilst having their snack.





The Out and About team from 1CE had a fantastic time at Nettlecombe Farm, in Whitwell, on Wednesday morning. The children absolutely loved hand feeding the chickens, goats, donkeys and various breeds of sheep. They were fearless, demonstrating great confidence with all the animals. The children learnt about what the animals like to eat, about their teeth or beaks, their feet or hooves and the differences and unique features of each. They really liked meeting the sheep and especially liked sheep cuddles with Oreo and Fern!







Out & About continued

A huge well done to all of our Year 3 and Year 5 swimmers who worked hard to demonstrate their best swimming during their assessments this week. It was great to see the children showing off their swimming skills and to see how much progress they had made.

This week our swimming awards go to;

Year 3: Tyler, Elliot, Rhys, Tula, Charley, Fletcher, Jesse, Harvey R, Logan R, Logan F, Logan E, Joshua, Malaika, Mirabelle, Georgia and Harley T.

Year 5: James D, Zoe, Alayna, Isabella, Grace, Elsie, Max and Evie.

Out and About next week...

Please send your child to school in warm play clothes (lots of layers if it's cold!) with a waterproof / warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves and wellies (and thick socks) in a named bag.

Tuesday 21st March - RAB Monkey Haven Whole class (Please see letter for details)

Wednesday 22nd March - 1SG Nettlecombe Farm

*Children <u>must</u> wear wellies on the farm. Ellis, Amelia-Lily, Joe, Marleigh-Rose, Macie, Ava, Harry N, Edward, Arlington, Logan, Clay, Isabelle and Milania.

Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming Lessons (10 of 10) Water Safety Training

Please ensure your child has a <u>swimming costume/swim shorts</u>, towel and <u>goggles</u> in a named bag. The coach and minibus will get back to school approximately 3.15pm depending on traffic, thank you in advance for your understanding.

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

On Monday, the Year 3/4 girls faced Ryde School in the quarter finals of the League Cup. The game begun and Ryde started very strongly, pinning the girls back into their own half. The girls defended well for much of the first half,



however struggled to launch an attack. After plenty of chances missed, Ryde finally scored. That was the end of the first half and the girls came round for a team talk. We discussed that we needed to spread out more and get the ball to our wide players, in an attempt to create some chances for ourselves. The girls went into the second half determined to get back in the game and they did just that. Right from the off, the girls passed the ball better and started to create opportunities from wide areas of the pitch. With a quick counter attack, Bella M dribbled past Ryde's defence and scored the teams first goal. The game was very competitive throughout the second half, but unfortunately for the girls, Ryde scored in the last second making the score 2-1.

This was a brilliant game to watch and all the girls played very well. A massive well done to Mia-Rose (goalkeeper), Grace and Emmie whose outstanding defence kept the team in the game until the very end.

Dance Live Update:

This week, letters have gone home to gather interest in who would like to be involved with dance live 2024. If enough children would like to be involved we will be able to officially register so please, if you haven't already done so, get your reply slips in by Monday.

The Leadership Team have continued to work hard on choreography and it is coming along really well.



We have also started to think about the digital screen video we need to create and will be asking the children to draw images that represent each colour emotion. These will then be edited on a computer to be used for the screen background. If any artistic parents would also like to get involved that would be amazing. Any drawings need to be on plain white paper and coloured in pencil. If these could be brought to 4MC by your child that would be fantastic. I have attached some images below of what sort of thing we are looking for and the colours of each emotion.



Any Questions please contact 4MC@Queensgateprimary.co.uk



Say what you would have liked to happen...

'I would like you to remember to invite me if you go again' Listen to the other person's point of view...

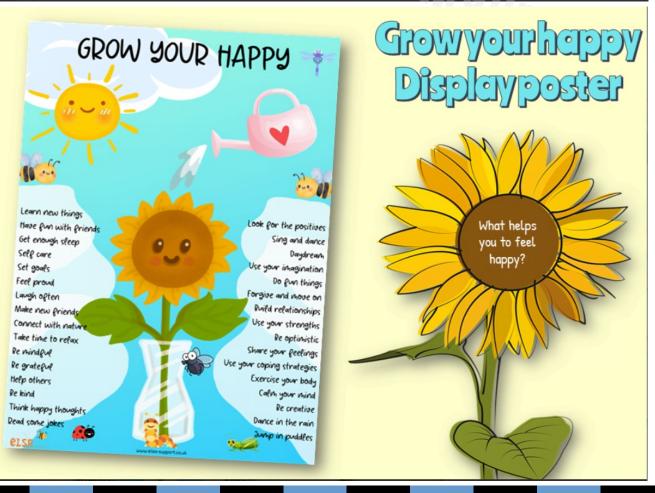
You might have misunderstood. There might be an explanation. By saying something and being assertive you should now find out by listening.

Remember

'I feel... when...because...I would like...



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Calling Year 4 Parents

Once again, the Year 4 team are inviting you into school for Poetry on the Patch. Please join them on The Patch on Thursday 30th March from 1:30pm to hear some of the children's work from their habitat topic this term. The children will also be performing some of their nature poetry up on The Patch and there will be a short Easter Egg Hunt for them to participate in. The Year 4 team can't wait to see you again!

Bunny Hop

On Friday 31st March the children will be taking part in their sponsored Bunny Hop. All money raised will go to the PTFA and eventually back to the children.

And Finally... Can I remind you that the next INSET day is Monday 17th April, which is the first Monday after the Easter holidays. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito Headteacher







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Dodnor lane, Newport, IOW PO30 5TE

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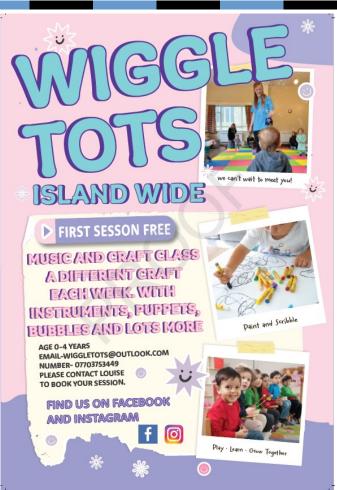
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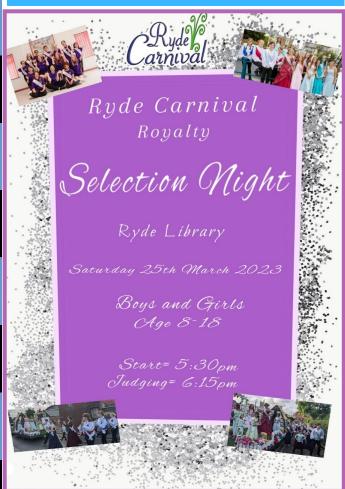




Cowes Yacht Haven PO317BD
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www.cowesyachthaven.com









SEAR 6 & 7 NETBALL

COME & TRY IT

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 6pm – 7.30pm at REW VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE PO38 1BQ (opposite Free School)

DO YOU FNJOY PLAYING NETBALL?

Come along for 1.5 hours of Skills, Match play & Fun. Coaches will help and encourage you. Cost £3 Parents/Guardians PLEASE encourage your daughter to attend

Wear suitable clothes and footwear for activity. Bring plenty to drink - preferably water.

This will be followed by the opportunity to take part in a <u>6-week</u> programme, which can be extended if the participants want this to happen. Cost for this will be £24.

Dates: 24 & 31 March, 21 & 28 April, 5 & 19 May still at Rew Valley 6 - 7.30

Parents/Guardians please complete the form below, and ask your daughter to bring this with her on 17th March with £3. We assure you that the information detailed will only be used in case of a problem/emergency. Thank you

| Year 6 & COME & TRY IT NETBALL Rew Valley Friday 17 th <u>March_6</u> pm – 7.30pm | | | | | |
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Any questions please do not hesiatate to contact Ann Selby - easelby47@gmail.com

