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Queensgate Foundation Primary School



Merry Christmas!

Dear Parents/carers,

Queensgate Virtual Christmas Show

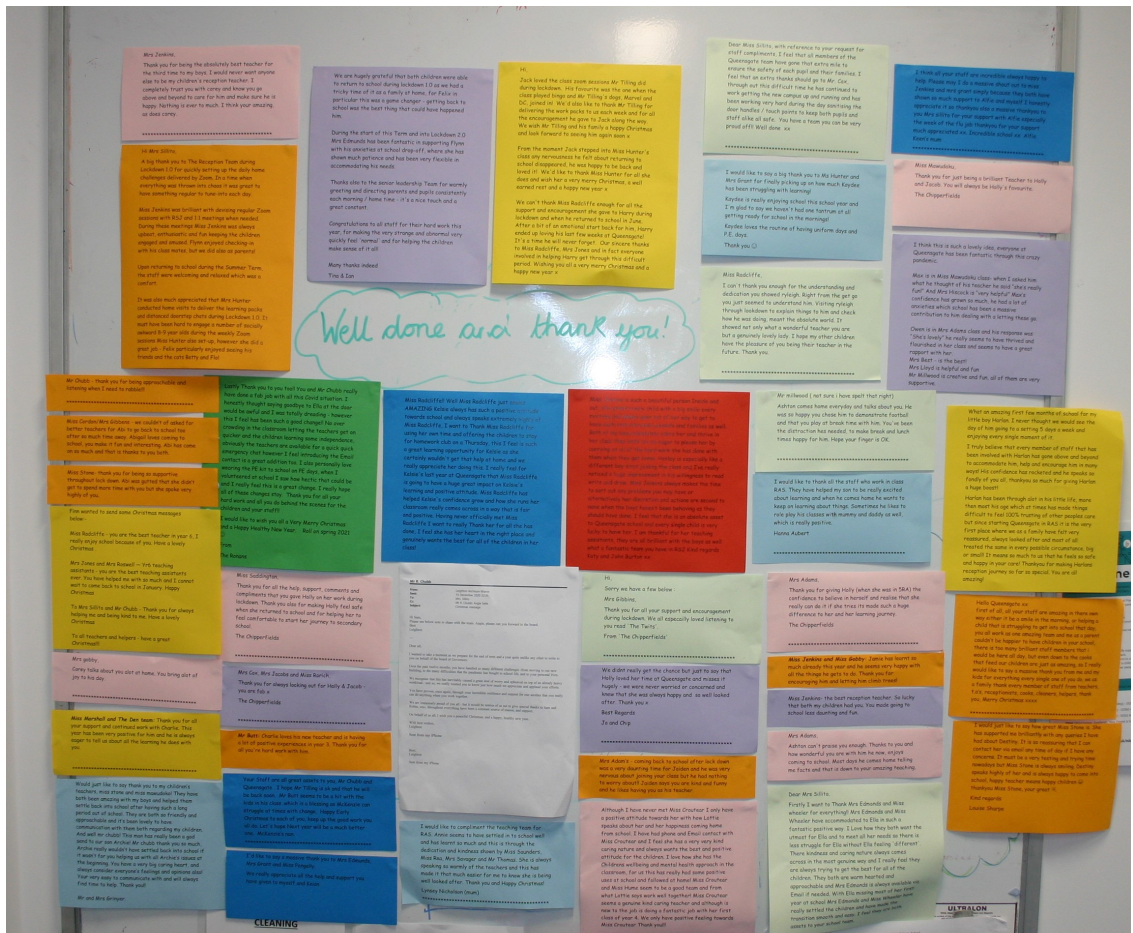
As you know, the children have been working on a Christmas turn to share with you. Mr Chubb has put all the clips together to make a Christmas film. Unfortunately, we are experiencing some technical difficulties uploading to our sharing platform, so we will now text you the link on Monday, sorry it isn't available for today as promised.

I have enjoyed seeing the children's Christmas clips I hope you enjoy them too.

Queensgate Raffle

Thank you so much for all your donations to the raffle. Overall, we made **£764** due to your kindness and generosity. In the spring term, we will be using this money to support our playground project. I will let you know how we get on during the spring term. Thank you once again to Sammy Ronan for all the work she put into making this raffle such a success. And of course a big thank you to all of you whether individually, as a family or as part of a local business for all your amazing donations.

Thank you for the Compliments
Thank you so much for sending in so many and varied compliments to the Queensgate staff. I shared them with them on Wednesday and they are now up in the staff room. We are very grateful.



Working together for a successful future

Out and About

The **1KS** Out and About group walked to Osborne House on Tuesday morning. The children enjoyed visiting the house to see it decorated for Christmas. They were very keen to share some of their own knowledge on Victorian life and the Royal family with our guides. They counted Christmas trees as we explored the ground floor, as well as learning more about Victorian inventions and traditions.



On Tuesday afternoon **3PT** welcomed Estelle Baker from the Isle of Wight Heritage Service. She delivered an exciting pre-history workshop where the children had the opportunity to handle artefacts and take part in lots of hands-on activities. Here are some quotes from the children about the session:

'It was really exciting because we got to polish a hand axe, make a pot and grind wheat.' James

'It was so amazing, Estelle taught us all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. I enjoyed weaving and making jewellery.' Brooke

'We did all kinds of amazing activities. We got to hold Stone Age axes and spears, antlers and a Bronze Age sword!' Freya

'We got to hold an axe, shield, sword and helmet all from pre-history.' Toby

'It was really fun pretending to be archaeologists, digging for pre-historic objects in the sand.' Chloe.



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As part of **RAS'** topic on *People Who Help Us*, the children were delighted to have two paramedics (Mrs Selle's daughter, Michelle and her work partner Martin) visited them on Wednesday morning! The children were very enthusiastic and keen to learn about the role of paramedics, the equipment they use and the different features of the ambulance. They really loved seeing the flashing lights, hearing the sirens and watching the ramp go up and down! After our visit, the children had a wonderful time practising bandaging each other up and creating their own (cardboard) ambulance.

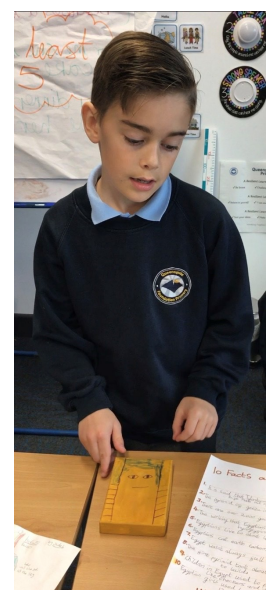
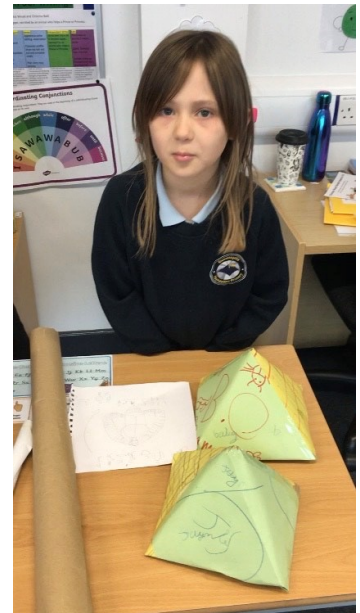
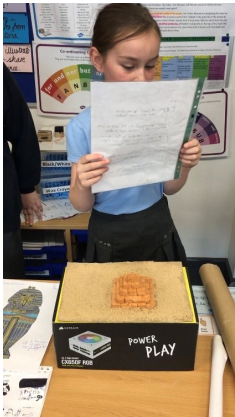


Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming

On the **12th** (Y5) and **13th** (Y3) **January** Swimming lessons will start for the term. Don't forget to try your swimming shorts or swimsuit on to check they fit in advance. Goggles are also highly recommended and unfortunately this year we may not be able to loan any (it might be worth putting some on your Christmas list if you haven't got any). If you'd like to get in the water beforehand, Waterside pool in Ryde are currently open for family/ casual swim sessions (please check timetable online) for £15 for a bubble of 5.



4MC Egyptian Museum



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What's for dinner next year?

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

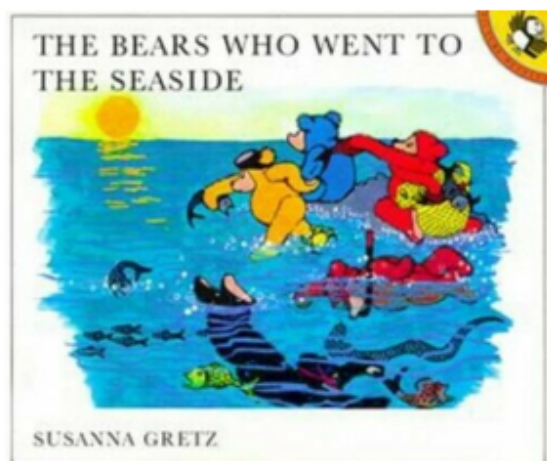


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
INSET DAY	Pork Sausages with Wedges & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Curry with 50/50 Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
↓	Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Lentil & Basil Puff Pastry Whirl with Wedges	Cheese Frittata with Chips
↓	Cauliflower Cabbage	Swede & Carrot Mash	Broccoli Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
↓	Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese & Crackers Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie Yoghurt / Fresh fruit

Love reading?

Then try this....

Charlie in 3PT has an all-time favourite book that he would love to tell you about. The Bears Who Went to the Beach by Susanna Gretz.



This story is about the adventures of five bears who spend the day at the seaside. Charlie loves this book so much because it's about the beach and he loves going to the beach. The bears get to catch fish, build sandcastles and play in the water.

Please remember to read every day at home over the Christmas holidays. We'd love to hear about what exciting things you've been reading. Please let us know your recommendations so we can share them here.

Views from around the School

Here are some new displays and views from around the school.



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Just WOW!

Last week we featured that Ben in Year 5 was selling a Covid-19 board game to raise money for children who would be spending Christmas in hospital. His mum sent us this picture of all the toys and games that he has bought with the proceeds. Thank you for those that supported him and well done Ben we are all super proud of what you have achieved.



Monday 21st December

Remember Monday is an off timetable, mufti day. The children will be doing fun, Christmas related activities. The children can wear what they would like to, but please make sure it is suitable for a day at school. No high heel shoes please.

Tuesday 22nd December is a staff INSET day as is Monday 4th January. The children return to school on Tuesday 5th January from 8.40 am. I look forward to seeing you then.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Positive Quote

"The best way to treat obstacles is to treat them as stepping-stones. Laugh at them, tread on them and let them to lead you to something better."

Whole school attendance 96.08%.

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

This week 2GC achieved 99.26% attendance!
Well done.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Christmas at Osborne 2020

There is plenty to see at Osborne this festive season. There is a Christmas Wreath Hunt and a Christmas Quest to add interest to your family walk around the beautiful Estate.



Tasty food and drink is available to take away down at our beautiful Beach Café.

The House is dressed in its Christmas finery and there are some wonderful exhibits by local schools who took part in our Creative Christmas Challenge this year.

Tickets must be pre-booked online. Entry is free to English Heritage members.

More details can be found at:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/osborne/prices-and-opening-times/>

Carisbrooke Castle is also open at weekends over the school holidays:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/carisbrooke-castle/prices-and-opening-times/>

We look forward to welcoming you and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Reduce Reuse Recycle Wight this Christmas

Waste, Recycling and Garden subscription collections

Recycling, waste and garden collections will change over Christmas and New Year. See the table for changes to collections. Excess polystyrene will be collected in clear or white sacks on general waste day between 19 December and 8 January. **Remember, excess recycling will always be taken on your recycling week!**

Real tree Christmas collections

If you have a garden waste subscription, we will collect your real Christmas tree between 4 and 14 January with your garden waste on your garden waste collection day. Trees must be free of all decorations and pots.

Recycling centres

Lynnbottom Recycling Centre will be closed on Christmas Day ONLY. All other opening times are as normal.

Bulky waste collections

Bulky waste collections not available on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Festive and New Year Collection Schedule 2020-21 Waste/Recycling and Garden collections

Normally collected:	Will be collected on:
Monday 21 December	Saturday 19 December
Tuesday 22 December	Monday 21 December
Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 22 December
Thursday 24 December	Wednesday 23 December
Friday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Thursday 24 December
Monday 28 December	Unchanged
Tuesday 29 December	Unchanged
Wednesday 30 December	Unchanged
Thursday 31 December	Unchanged
Friday 1 January 2021 (New Year's Day)	Saturday 2 January 2021

The Isle of Wight recycles





FOR PARENTS

FREE*
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
AWARE TRAINING

*discretionary donations encouraged

Bookings now open for our two January courses.

*Only 25 places available per course - first come, first served.
Bookings essential. One booking per person.*

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