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Issue 20

Skipping Days (and much more!)

Dear Families,

Dance Live

I am delighted to let you know that we are through to the final of Dance Live having come third in our heat. The date of the final is on **Friday 26th April**. You can purchase tickets directly from The Guildhall in Portsmouth (more details will be sent shortly). Rehearsals will resume on a Monday after school, starting on 26th February at 3pm in the hall.

Skipping Days

Lizzie, is once again, coming over to the Island to do some skipping workshops with the Queensgate children. This has been hugely popular in the past. Here is the timetable. Please make sure the children are dressed in their PE kits for the skipping workshop. Please see the letter on the next page for more details.

Time	Monday	Tuesday
9 - 9.35	6TM	5TS
9.35 - 10.10	2KG	1CE
10.10 - 10.45	6LR	5RA
10.45 - 11.30	2KA	1SM
11.30 - 12.05	4BM	4MC
1.15 - 1.50	3PT	RSD
1.50 - 2.25	3AH	RBH
2.25 - 2.55	Skipping Assembly	Skipping Assembly

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Please visit https://www.worldbookday.com/ to find out more. On the website there are free audio books to download and books to watch as well as activity ideas. Reading is such an important skill in life, but also opens a world of enjoyment for the children.

Here at Queensgate we will be celebrating by the children dressing up as a book character of their choice on **Thursday 7th March**. It would be great if they could bring in the book that the character is from too. There will be prizes for the most brilliant ideas - one from each class.

Rainbow Raffle

Skipping Workshops

Dear Parents,

Skipping Workshops held on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February 2024.

I am delighted to inform you that we have invited Skipping Workshops to work with our school, teaching different skipping skills to every class.

Skipping Workshops have presented demonstrations in over 3000 schools and are the longest most experienced company in the UK.

To help children & parents interested in encouraging skipping we have a series of brief videos that illustrate various skills & challenges http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/videos/

Their aim is to introduce modern and traditional skipping games including individual rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch, back into the playground and into the PE curriculum.

The same high quality **'speed ropes'** as used by the international team, will be available to buy or order using this form ***just £5***. The ropes are made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are **£6**. Adult ropes are also available for taller children, older siblings and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at **£7** each, 4m 'family ropes' at **£8** each and 2 x 4m Double Dutch set for **£14.**

Please put your correct cash or cheque in an envelope with child's name class and which ropes you wish to purchase on the front and hand it to your teacher.

Ropes can also be purchased through our website www.skipping-workshops.co.uk with a small postage fee added. We can also sell ropes after school and except cards.

Yours sincerely,

Head teacher

Name of Child:.....Class:.....

Would like to purchase

..... x children's ropes (£5.00 each)

..... x children's SOLAR rope (£6 each)

.....x adult ropes (£7 each)

.....x family ropes (£8 each)

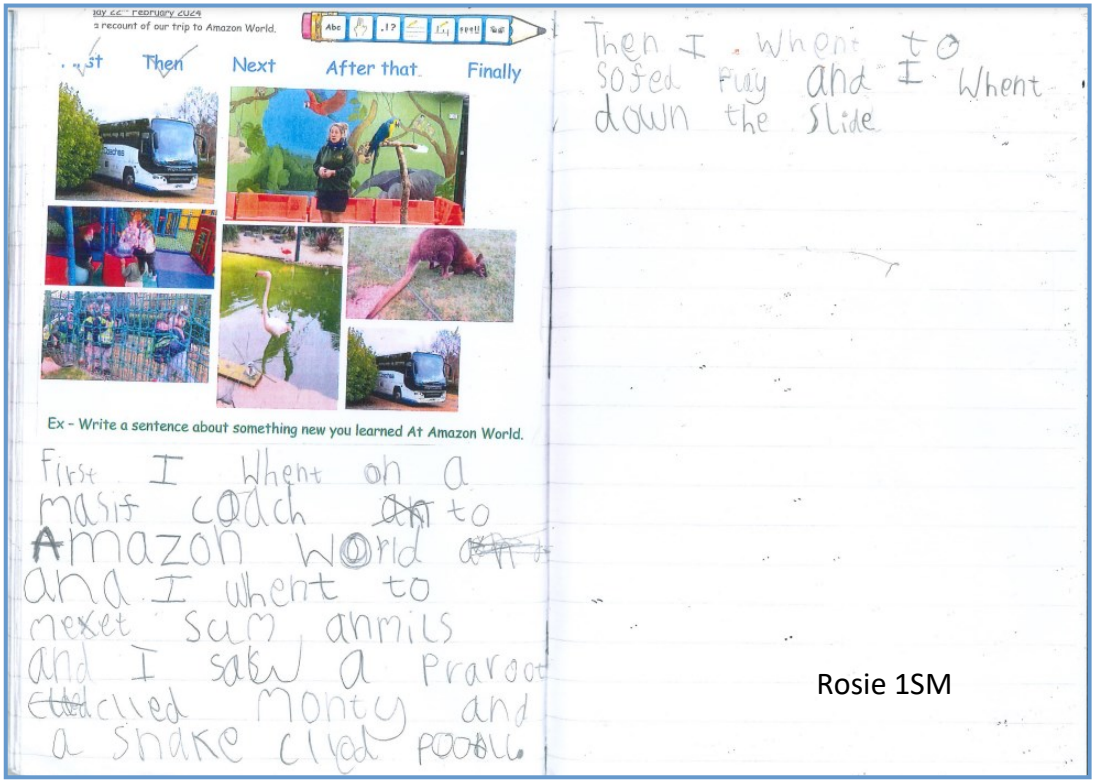
.....x Double Dutch ropes (£14 each set)

Recent trips

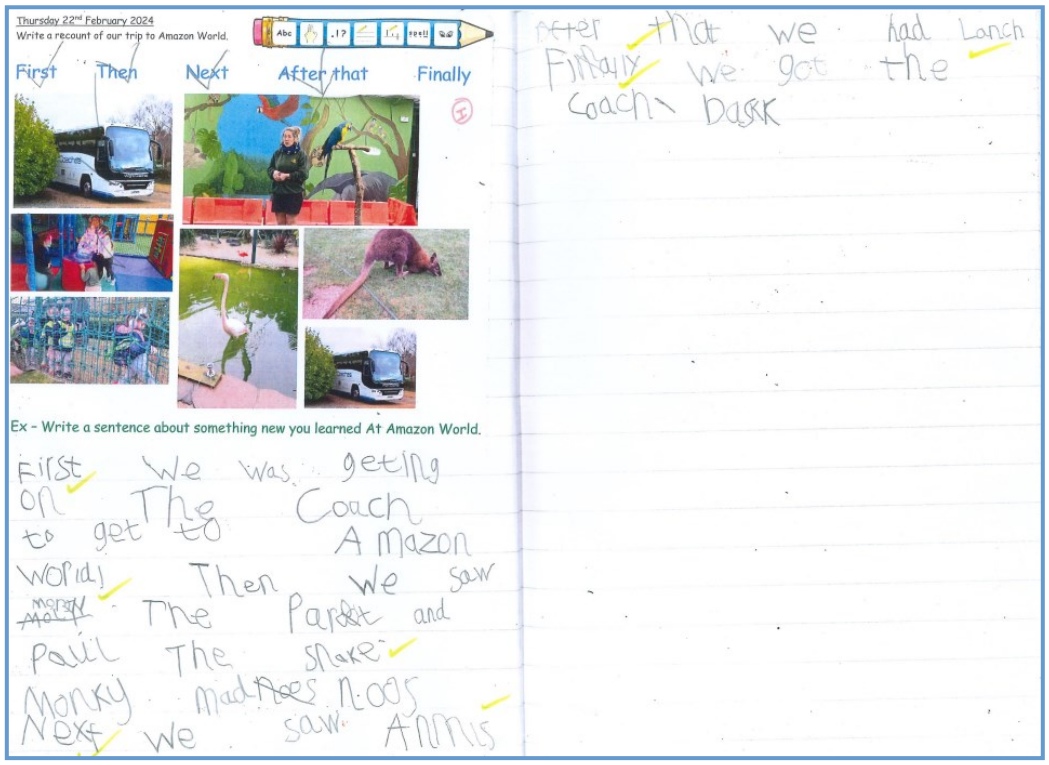
Year 4 - ‘On Thursday we went to the Portsmouth Guildhall to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. I really enjoyed it! I loved seeing the harp being played and the cello, in fact all of the instruments! James and Olivia were funny teaching us about all of the instruments - I would definitely go again! ’ Mia 4MC

‘On Thursday 22nd February we went to Portsmouth Guildhall and watched a symphony orchestra. They showed us the orchestra and performed A LOT of songs I knew! I really, really want to go again!’ Hannah 4MC

Year 1



Rosie 1SM



Freddy 1SM

Out and About

On Tuesday morning our **Reception** Out and About group visited the Donkey Sanctuary in Wroxall. The children enjoyed a tour led by one of the lovely volunteers, Debbie. She taught the children lots about what donkeys need, how they are cared for at the sanctuary and why they live there.
The children were all extremely well behaved and listened carefully, learning lots of new facts about donkeys and ponies. The team at the Donkey Sanctuary were keen to pass on their thanks to all of the Reception families for their kind donations this term, which will go to fund food and veterinary care for the 117 donkeys they look after.

'We went to the Donkey Sanctuary. We stroked some donkeys - they were soft. They have big long ears. They ate some grass.' Reggie RBH

'Donkeys have hooves. Sometimes they have a mat outside to stand on because they don't like their hooves getting wet or muddy. Girl donkeys are called Jennys and boys are called Jacks. The donkeys that live at the sanctuary are there because people weren't looking after them properly. They like to eat carrots as a treat and they eat hay. I liked stroking the donkeys, they were so soft.' Harper RBH

The children in **Year 1** are learning all about animals this half term. The **1CE** Out and About team had a great time in the rain on Wednesday, at Newtown Harbour! The children had a very muddy walk, looking out for different birds. They spotted a black tailed godwit, lots of brent geese, a little egret, a swan and some mallard ducks. The children liked sheltering from the rain in the bird hide, where they enjoyed a hot chocolate and snack whilst they spotted more birds.

'We went to Newtown and we had a hot chocolate in the bird hide. We saw some birds and one was an egret. It was REALLY rainy and muddy. My favourite bit was seeing the birds in the bird hide.' Evelyn 1CE

'We saw a swan, a godwit and an oyster-catcher. It was rainy, we had to wear waterproofs.
Mrs Jacobs fell in the mud and it was so funny! Then Mrs Klie got stuck in the mud too and her boot nearly came off and also my boot got a bit stuck. My favourite bit was when Mrs Klie's boot got stuck.' Raemarnie 1CE

Swimming

Another fantastic week of swimming lessons for Year 3 and 5. The children are all working so hard and striving to improve week upon week.
This week our Superstar Swimming Awards go to…
Year 3: Ayia, Max, Lilly F, Ralph, Tylan, Harlan.
Year 5: Arthur, Artem, Xachary, Zachary, Logan, Evie and Isabella.

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

Tuesday am - Reception
Ventnor Botanic Garden
Alfie, Emily S, Coen, Eliza, Hunter, Jason, Romeo, Yazan, Dylan, Jacob, Leo, Layton, Ronney and Luca.

Wednesday am - Year 1
Newtown or Yarmouth Harbour
George A, Louis, Jacob, Jack, Max, Archie, Arthur, Freya, Vienna, Holly, Olivia, Elsie-Mae, Poppy and RJ.

Swimming lessons for Year 3 on Tuesdays and Year 5 on Wednesdays
Lesson 7 of 10
*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. Apologies in advance.

Cooking
Your child in **Year 6** has cookery on **Tuesday**. Please can they bring in a container suitable for stir-fried noodles.

Kahlel, Sophie, Jude D, Toby B, Wynter, Su, Felicity, Jack M, Elsie, Harrison, Sadie, Jacob, Alayna, Olivia and Amelia.

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

Kendall, Pippa, Deva-Mae, Ava, Hannah, Clara, Freddie, Harry, Charlie, Henry, Edward, AJ and Logan.

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

Christopher, Tyler, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan E, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella R, Freddie, Ella Sch, Alfie, Rory, Connor and Keian.

Your child in **Year 1** has cookery on **Wednesday**. Please bring in a container suitable for ratatouille.

Ellis, Roman, Matteo, Declan, Alfred, Daniel, Jake, Luke, Amelia, Imogen, Penny, Neahve, Lexie-Mai and Sophie.

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

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023

	Monday	tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday
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
HOT SPECIALS	**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 POTATO	**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**

PSHE policy review consultation - have your say

We would love you to take part in the consultation process for the review of our Relationships and Health Education Policy. The consultation period started on **Tuesday 20th February** 2024 and ends on **Friday 1st March** 2024.

Please either go on this link https://forms.gle/CdDMJ5ez8afszita9 or scan this QR code:

Eco Schools

Great news! The Eco Committee have held another meeting and put their ideas forward to Mrs. Sillito, who has agreed for a whole school Eco Day to go ahead in May. The Eco Committee are very excited about the project and have been discussing lots of great ideas. The Eco Day will be held on 24th May, which will be a Mufti Day. KS1 pupils will be asked to wear Green for the day and KS2 pupils will be asked to wear Blue for the day. Why? All will be revealed! Further information will be sent out nearer the time. We will be arranging assemblies, workshops and poster competitions to take place throughout the day with the support of various outside companies. Thank you to Miss Stone who has also kindly agreed to support the Eco Day by masterminding a Recycled Art project which will involve the children.

PS... It's still raining – we would love to be collecting the water. If you know anyone who can help with a water butt please let the office know. Thank you.

Did you know?

It is estimated that vehicle engine idling contributes to 40,000 deaths a year in the UK! Idling is an offence if the vehicle is left unattended. Fumes from idling vehicles contain harmful gasses, including carbon dioxide which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change. RAC research (rac.co.uk) found that 26% of vehicles caught idling are spotted outside schools. If you use the school car park at any time PLEASE turn your engine off, even it you are waiting in it. Thank you.

Eco Tip!

Save fuel when driving by:

- **Not slamming on the brakes; avoid speeding up and slowing down too quickly**
- **Regulate your speed**
- **Check your boot for weight; are you carrying around needless items that add to the weight increasing your fuel consumption**
- **Avoid idling! It uses more fuel after 10 seconds than if you had switched your vehicle off and then on again**

Queensgate Sports Report

On Tuesday, the Year 6 boys faced The Bay in the semi-finals of the cup. This was a massive game for the boys as not only would they get to the final if they won, but it was also their last game of the season if they lost. We knew we had a tough game on our hands as we had previously played The Bay in the Pokémon cup and they were very strong then. However, the boys went into the game positively with their heads held high. The game began and both teams were sharp from the off. The Bay were the first to create a few chances for themselves, but with a few quick counter attacks from the boys, the game looked like it could go either way. Unfortunately, it was The Bay who managed to score two goals in quick succession, making the score 2-0 going into the half time break. The boys were deflated at half time but with a quick team talk and having taken some water onboard they were well up for the second half. Despite the teams best efforts throughout the second half and a few chances going narrowly wide, the boys went onto lose the game 4-0. This was by no means a bad performance from the boys, they had just come up against a very strong side. It was a great achievement for the boys to have reached the semi-finals and they will continue to improve going into next season.

Wool donations

Thank you so much for all the donations of wool that we received for The Nest project. I am delighted to share with you what your donations have been turned into - worry monsters! Also there are some dress up clothes for the baby doll. A massive thank you to Sue Millington who so very kindly knitted all of what you see in the photo below. We have plans for even more of the same so again would kindly request any wool donations to be handed into the office - many thanks.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.23%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.94%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 98.85%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 4BM with 98.85%

Brooke P in 6LR

Just to give you an update - Brooke has raised £355 and had 15" of hair cut off. Both the money raised and the hair have been donated to The Little Princess Trust.

For more information on this charity please click below:

https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/

Car Park and Parking

Unfortunately, we have a received a complaint from someone who lives in the estate opposite the school. Someone had parked in a designated bay and they were waiting for someone to arrive. Please could you be considerate about where you park. Also, please remember that access to the car park is for Blue Badge holders only. And is limited. Thank you

And Finally…

Thank you for attending parents/carers evenings this week - please do arrange a meeting if you weren't able to make it. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Diary Dates to Easter

Monday 26th February - skipping workshops	**Friday 15th March** - Multiply Parents Maths workshop in training room
Tuesday 27th February - Naomi Carter (Service Director) in to visit school pm Year 3 swimming session 7 Skipping workshops	**Monday 18th March** - Eco-Committee Meeting
Wednesday 28th February - pm Year 5 swimming session 7	**Tuesday 19th March** - Reception trip 2 to Monkey Haven pm Year 3 swimming session 10
Thursday 29th February - Rainbow Raffle being drawn Year 3 / 4 PEACH games	**Wednesday 20th March** - pm Year 5 Swimming session 10
Friday 1st March - Multiply Parents Maths workshop in training room 1.30pm PTFA meeting in dining room Year 5/6 girls football competition @ Smallbrooke Stadium	**Friday 22nd March** - Multiply Parents Maths workshop in training room
Monday 4th March - Lauren Fry from Young Carers in to work with 2 groups 2.30pm Anti-bullying ambassadors meeting	**Tuesday 26th March** - 1.10 - 2.45 Year 4 Sleep Hygiene Workshop by MHST
Tuesday 5th March - pm Year 3 swimming session 8	**Wednesday 27th March** - 2.30 Easter Service Assembly
Wednesday 6th March - pm Year 5 swimming session 8	**Thursday 28th March** - PTFA Bunny Hop Day Last day of Spring Term
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day Year 3 / 4 girls football competition at Smallbrooke Stadium	**Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April** - Easter Holidays
Friday 8th March - Multiply Parents Maths workshop in training room PTFA Wonderful Woman shop 2pm Year 3 / 4 Dodge Ball Festival at Ryde School	**Monday 15th April** - Start of Summer Term
Monday 11th March - Start of Mock SATs Week for Year 6 children	
Tuesday 12th March - Reception trip to Monkey Haven pm Year 3 swimming session 9	
Wednesday 13th March - LLP Visit to school pm Year 5 swimming session 9	

ASPIRE PACT Family Hub & THE BIRTH HUB ISLE OF WIGHT

PARENTS AND CARERS TOGETHER

Community & Connection

We invite you to our Bonding with Bump & Baby drop-in session, hosted by The Birth Hub at The Baby Café. Come along and connect with other families in this safe and friendly environment. You will have the opportunity to provide your views and experiences through a survey to help improve and shape early years services.

Join Us!

Refreshments Provided

When?
Monday 26th February 2024
10am-12pm
Where?
The Baby Cafe,
Salvation Army,
72 Pyle St, Newport
PO30 1UJ

Representatives from Maternity Voices Partnership and DadzClub will be with us on this day to speak with.

NATIONAL Maternity Voices — Networking Maternity Voices Partnerships in England

dadzclub

Find out more

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Everyone is welcome to join

SLOW COOKER WORKSHOP

Learn how to use a slow cooker and make healthy, low-cost meals

FREE SLOW COOKER

INGREDIENTS & TUITION INCLUDED

Starts
4th March 2024 | 11 am

Aspire Ryde, Dover Street

To apply for a place, please email reception@aspireryde.org.uk

ASPIRE

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1163336

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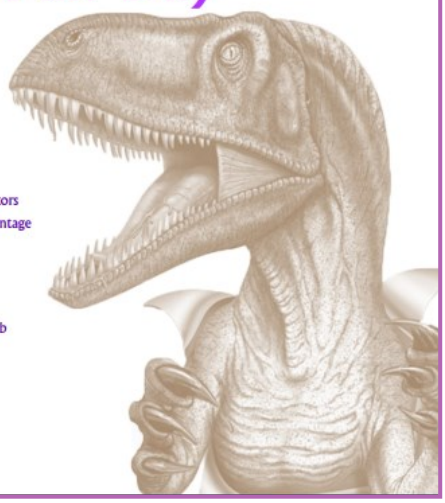
Free Entry

Sunday 25th Feb
10am-4pm
(Last admission 3pm)

Dinosaur Isle Museum Fun Day

Lots of exciting activities and exhibitions

- Portsmouth City Museum
- Face Painting
- New finds from local fossil collectors
- Isle of Wight Bus Museum with vintage bus
- Dinosaur Roar! competition
- IOW Donkey Sanctuary
- Isle of Wight Heritage service
- Isle of Wight Metal Detecting Club
- Arc Consulting
- Debbie Webb with Stevie Stegg
- Foxwell Forensics
- Villages in Bloom
- SW Railway Dinosaur Day
- Refreshments & much more