

## New Build Going To Plan!

Dear Parents and Carers,

### New Build Update

All staff were taken for tours of the new building. It was very exciting as it has progressed rapidly since the start of the new year. All of the classrooms have painted walls and skirting, working lights, cupboards and sinks installed and even carpet! The kitchen and dining room are at advanced stages too. The handover is still on track for the February half term with the children starting on Wednesday 26th February. There will be a need for some new systems in place (about arriving and accessing the school) but we will let you know these before we break on Thursday 13th February. Here are some updated photos from our walk around.



One of the stairwells with banister (covered) and side protector.



The dining room

### PTFA Update

We had another PTFA meeting this week - thank you to all who attended, it was lovely to see some new faces! The PTFA do a great deal for the school and are excellent at raising funds which can then be put back into the school where needed. Examples of things that the PTFA has purchased for the school recently include: brand new waterproofs for Out & About groups, 3 hard wearing lunch tables (ready for the new build), books for classes and the library, games for the breakfast club and some kitchen equipment for the cookery room. Thank you to the PTFA members for all their hard work and for everyone in the Queensgate community who have supported our events, it really does make a difference to the children.



# What's for dinner next week?

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Chicken & broccoli pasta bake	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Roll with Mash	Fishfingers with Chips
Chickpea Curry with Rice	Tomato & Veg Pasta With Garlic Bread	Potato and Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes	Vegan Sausage Roll with mash	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips
Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Green Beans	Cauliflower Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
Oaty Pear Crumble and Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

## OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

**Tuesday morning - Reception** (We will be going to St Helens Beach. Please come to school in warm play clothes, waterproof coat, hat, scarf, gloves, thick socks and wellies. Bring school clothes in a named carrier bag to change into afterwards.) Maddie, Kaelan, Oscar G, Marnie, Elliott, Paloma, Logan R, Charley, Harry, Annabella, Destiny, Teddy

**Tuesday afternoon - Year 5 Swimming** (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/ swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

**Wednesday morning - Year 1** (We will be going Puckpool. Please come to school in warm play clothes, waterproof coat, hat, scarf, gloves, thick socks and wellies. Bring school clothes in a named carrier bag to change into afterwards.) Archie W, Ava M, Bradley H, Eliana C, Jack P, Leon S, Maxul K, Sophia P, Skyla D, Teddy B, Logan N

**Wednesday afternoon - Year 3 Swimming** (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

### Swimming Certificates

This weeks **Year 5** Swimming Superstar certificates go to...**Adam and Logan** - for being brave and a super effort in their first lesson, **Ethan** - a fantastic effort kicking and blowing bubbles, **Brooke** - great determination and following instructions, **Edward** - brilliant listening and 'push and glides', **Bethany** - great listening and following instructions, **Layla** - super listening and beautiful front crawl and **Jay-Jay** - willing to have a go and take part in his first lesson.

This week **Year 3** Swimming Superstars go to ...**Poppy** - gaining confidence to put her face in the water and jumping in, **Alfie K** and **Toby** - great water confidence and following instructions, **Ella B** - super effort and water confidence, **Jack D** - fantastic front crawl and **Leana**- listening well and following instructions.

Well done to all of the swimmers

## OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

On Tuesday morning the Reception Out and About children enjoyed their first Wildbeach session with the Wildlife Trust on St Helens Beach. They were all keen to explore the variety of resources including fabric to make flags, brick building moulds and lots of utensils for the 'Sand Kitchen'.



The children demonstrated lots of the Characteristics of Effective Learning as they tried new activities, concentrated and persevered within their own play and developed their ideas. It was great to see the children so absorbed in their chosen task and excited to be on the beach on such a beautiful, sunny January morning.



The Year 1 Out and About children visited Puckpool Park on Wednesday morning. They used their phonic knowledge to read and follow clues around the old barracks to find a lost Teddy. The children worked well as a team and were all very excited to find the next clue and follow the trail. Once they'd found Ted, they had a super time playing in the park together.



The children all enjoyed a hot chocolate as they listened to the story of Baggy Brown, another lost teddy before heading back to school. All of the children were exceptionally well behaved, a credit to Queensgate!



## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

The **Under eleven** Boys played their league quarter final at Lanesend. The team took a deserved 1-0 lead but couldn't quite hold on until half time, despite some good chances, as Lanesend scored. The second half was quite even but Lanesend took their two chances to win 3-1 but this was the best the team have played all year and should be proud of their efforts.



The **Year four** boys football team played at Niton in their final league game of their section; it was a bit of a mismatch but the team could only play what was in front of them as they eased to a 7-0 win. This sets up a quarter final match against either Barton or Bembridge.

### Class Assembly

On Wednesday 2KA will be leading our assembly. Parents and carers of children in 2KA are welcome to join us. Please sign in at 2.20pm ready for the assembly to start at 2.30pm.

### A Message from YS4C IOW

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, two things are happening. Valentine's day (a celebration of love) and a national Youth Strike 4 Climate. These two things are linked by love. And as Youth Strike 4 Climate Isle of Wight, we want to promote a love of our island and our planet. We would love for pupils of Queensgate primary school to attend the strike if possible: these children will have to grow up in a world affected by our action now. The strike will be from 11:00 until 13:00 on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February in St. Thomas' Square, Newport.

We want children in primary schools across the island to develop a love and respect for our planet and its inhabitants, because it is so important that their generation understand the problems the environment faces today: one day these children will be our world leaders, scientists and campaigners.

Many of the children, however, might not understand complex climate and ecological issues, and we realise that it is not always possible or practical for the children of your school to attend the strike. As a way for the children to get involved in the action, we would love for them to write or draw 'love letters' to the planet - it's a simple way for them to be engaged with the world around them. On the strike day, these will be collected at the strike or sent in and then included in a week-long exhibition of the children's work during the half term break at the Independent Arts People's Pop-up Gallery in Newport, where they will be able to see their work on display.

Children can write or draw about what they love in the world around them, things as small and simple as flowers that they like, to the huge and beautiful view across the Solent. Their entries should be completed on A4 paper folded in half to make a card, reminiscent of a Valentine's card. These entries will need to be submitted, either by hand at the strike or sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February to a location yet to be confirmed.

We really hope you can collaborate with us in this, and help to teach the children of the island a love for the world around them.

Many thanks, Anya Poerscout-Edgerton

### Unwanted visitors

It has been reported that there have been head lice in Year 2. Please take the time to treat your children this weekend so we can keep these nasty critters at bay. Thank you.



### Positive Quote

*Slow progress is better than no progress.*

**Whole school attendance 96.42%.**

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

**This week 2BG achieved 100% attendance! Well done.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**

# East Cowes

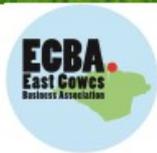
## Pancake Races

**Starting from 3:45pm  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Kings Square (opposite Waitrose)**

This free event is only possible because of our members. Please 'think local' whenever you shop, need a plumber or place to eat!

A full list of our members can be found on our website [www.ecba.biz](http://www.ecba.biz)

Twitter: @EastCowesBiz Facebook: EastCowesBusinessAssociation



Just turn up, we'll supply the frying pan and pancake!  
Children and adult races!  
A totally FREE East Cowes Business Association event, just for fun!

### TO THE PARENTS/CARERS OF RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 CHILDREN



During the Spring term the Reception and Year 6 children are having their height and weight recorded by the School Nurses on behalf of The Local Authority Public Health, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Nationally this data is sent anonymously to the Department of Health who use the BMI (Body Mass Index) calculated from the

measurements to target relevant services to specific areas of the country.

Locally this data is kept on your child's health notes and soon you will be sent a letter informing you of which range your child's BMI falls into. It is important to remember that whilst this BMI data is useful to show national trends, individually it may produce some unexpected results. The BMI ranges try to account for the fact that children are constantly growing but occasionally an anomaly will occur and a child who looks to be in proportion will record a BMI outside the 'healthy range'.

If you receive a letter that puts your child into a different range to one you were expecting or you have a concern regarding your child's growth, please contact the School Nursing Team who will be happy to look at individual data and offer any support or advice.

Your School Nurse can be contacted on 821388 (Ext 1or 2).