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## SAD NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,



I start this newsletter with incredibly sad news. Our colleague Mrs Fay Turner has lost her two-year battle with cancer.

Mrs Turner was a well-loved member of staff. She was a midday supervisor, cleaner, 1:1 worker and TA in reception. She was always cheerful and had an amazing talent for working with children, especially the challenging ones, where she showed endless patience. She was straight talking, fun and hugely resilient. We all thoroughly enjoyed working with her. Her death is a huge loss to her own family and the wider Queensgate family.

We send her daughter, Sarah and her husband, Keith, our deepest condolences.

### Parents and Carers Evening

Our next parents' and carers' evenings are scheduled for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 3:30 – 5:30pm and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 3:30 - 6:50pm. It is likely that we will still be in lockdown at this time so we are planning to do these meetings via a Zoom link.

We are aiming to meet with all of you so you can let us know how you are all getting on in lockdown. You will need to book your time slot in the normal way through your Scopay account. Please call Miss Rorich if you have not yet logged onto your account. Scopay parents' evening registration will open next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm and will remain open until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.

### Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. Here is the website:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/> or <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we are having a mufti day entitled Express Yourself – whether at home or in school please encourage the children to dress in way that expresses themselves. Please donate £1 on Scopay to take part. Monies raised will help Queensgate to support mental health of the children.





## Out & About

The children in school have been having fun on the Patch.

**Year 4** children practised their map reading and compass skills with another orienteering trail around the school grounds. They were very quick and confident at finding all the orienteering markers. Afterwards, the children enjoyed using the flint and steels to make a fire.

As part of their topic on Rivers, **Year 3** created junk-box boats and had a go at racing them across the river (pond!). The children worked really well in small teams to design and test their boats. Wynter's boat was the winner!

If you're learning at home, you might enjoy making a box using items from your recycling bin and try floating it in the bath.

This week **Year 1** have been learning about the 3 Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle). After listening to the story *Someone Swallowed Stanley*, the children used litter pickers to collect rubbish caught in the hedgerow and made their own binoculars out of toilet rolls. We enjoyed a hot chocolate in the tree-house to escape from the rain!



Working together for a successful future



# 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 coucous	All Day Breakfast	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Maccaroni Cheese with garlic bread	Fishfingers with Chips
Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Selection of vegetables	Baked Beans	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Lemon & Orange Shortbread	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit and Ice Cream	Fruit Sponge Cake	Oaty Cookie

## Remote Learning

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your children at home in these difficult times, we appreciate how hard it is and think you are doing an amazing job! We love seeing all the children's work that they have submitted.

Please remember that any work completed must be submitted (either on line or by handing back paper packs), this is so the teachers can comment and give next steps, and make the work more appropriate where necessary. Please ensure your child is joining in remotely via any Zoom or such like sessions, it is good for their mental health to see their friends and enables them to ask questions about their work to their teacher. Please ensure they engage in any 1:1 sessions as they have been lucky enough to be given this opportunity.

Remember we are here to help and will endeavour to support you in any way we can including technology issues if we can!

## Positive Quote

*“We all can dance when we find music we love.” – Giles Andreae*

*Anyone can dance! Anyone can move their body to a rhythm that makes them feel good.*

*Focus on feeling good and the dance will come naturally.*

*As they say, 'dance like nobody's watching'.*

*In regard to being successful, just like finding the right songs, YOU must find YOUR THING!*

*Explore. Learn. Discover. Then when you find YOUR THING, OWN IT!”*

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





# Telephone Support Line

Open to education staff and parents/carers  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9.30am - 11.00am

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational Psychology (HIEP) are continuing to run a Telephone Support Line to help education staff and parents/carers during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The support line will be:

- confidential
- provided by educational psychologists
- for parents and carers of children and young people
- for staff in all settings
- for any queries related to the emotional wellbeing of children/young people and their families

## What to expect

When you call, a member of our friendly support team will take your details and then ask an educational psychologist to call you back.

Our psychologists are there to listen and to support with the issues that might be concerning you regarding the emotional wellbeing of a child or young person. Some people call us knowing what issues they need help with, whilst other people find it helpful to just talk through what is happening for a child or young person.

How to contact us -  
Please phone the number for your local area

**Isle of Wight** - 02392 441497

**North** (Basingstoke & North Test Valley) - 01252 814835

**South** (Fareham, Gosport & Havant) - 02392 441497

**East** (East Hants, Hart & Rushmoor) - 01252 814729

**West** (Winchester, Eastleigh, New Forest & South Test Valley)- 01962 876239

## Free resources

HIEP have put together a collection of resources which are available to support our communities in managing worries and anxieties. Further information is available by phone and on our website.



[www.hants.gov.uk/educational-psychology](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educational-psychology)





# The Style of Wight Children's Writing Competition

is back for

2021


This year there are two age categories -  
**7 to 11** and **12 to 16**. Entries must be under 500 words -  
other than that, we're giving you total freedom.

Your story could be about unicorns or UFOs, narwhals or ninjas; it  
might take place on Mars or the Mottistone Longstone, the Serengeti  
or Sandown Bay. Alliteration optional. You could cram an entire  
lifetime into 500 words or pen a 50 second stream of consciousness  
(ask your English teacher on that one).

Your story, your way.

You've got from now until the end of the summer holidays -  
entries should be submitted either by email:  
[features@styleofwight.co.uk](mailto:features@styleofwight.co.uk) or by post: Style of Wight Magazine,  
8 Salisbury Gardens, Dudley Road, Ventnor, Isle of Wight PO38 1EJ  
by **Monday 2nd September**.

Shortlisted young writers - judged by a panel  
of publishing professionals including award-winning children's  
author Kieran Larwood - will be contacted in the Autumn.  
Winning entries will be published in an illustrated anthology  
in December 2021.



Teachers - spread the word  
Parents - sow the seed  
Young people - get writing!

For more information and writing tips, visit:

[www.styleofwight.co.uk](http://www.styleofwight.co.uk)

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