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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



Two Weeks to Go!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Leaving our Current Building in Two Weeks' Time

It is hard to believe but we only have two weeks left in our current building. Here are a few things you need to know about our move to the new building.

Access (See Map on P7)

Access to the school is changing. After the half term holiday there will be a newly created pedestrian entrance to the left of our carpark entrance. This is a temporary entrance as the builders will take over our current site ready for demolition of the old building. You will walk up the path to the new building. At the new building Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 will turn left. Reception will access their classrooms from doors at the back of their classrooms very similar to now. Years 5 and 6 will enter the building at the double doors at the end.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will continue straight on when they get to the building. Years 3 and 4 will turn left and enter the building through the double doors. They will go up stairs. There will be staff there to show them where to go. **Parents will not be permitted in.** Years 1 and 2 will walk around the back of the building and enter their classrooms through the back doors in a very similar way to now.

All parents need to leave their children at the doors. There will be no access onto the site until 8.35 am apart from breakfast club of course (who will enter through the main door on their own please).

We will no longer have a carpark and there will be no disabled parking spaces until the end of the project. The whole project should be finished in November 2020.

Pick Up

This will be a bit of trial and error. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be picked up from their classroom doors in a similar way to now. Year 3, 4, will be brought down to you at the side doors. Please stand well back. We will put some signs out to show you where to wait. Years 5 and 6 will be released from upstairs and will leave the building independently.

Space inside the Building

Space inside the building is limited. Please make sure the children only bring what they need to school. PE kits, homework and reading book is all that they need. Please make sure they do not bring their own pencil cases in. We will provide everything they need at school. There are no lockers in the new building - only pegs.

Parent Tours

On Friday 28th February the children, along with their class teachers, would like to welcome all parents and carers for a guided tour of the school. This will happen in the following staggered timings: 1.30pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, 2.00pm for Year 3 and 4 and 2.30pm for Year 5 and 6. The staggered times are to allow free flow through the corridors. If you cannot make the tour then your child will stay in class with the teaching assistant. The children will be your tour guide. We look forward to welcoming you on Friday 28th February.



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
Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
Cheese Whirl with New Potatoes	Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Linda McCartney Sausages, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
Sweetcorn Cabbage	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Green Beans	Peas Cauliflower	Baked Beans Peas
Apple Flapjack Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Orange & Lemon Shortbread 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.) Tyler, Dylan, Freddie, Leo, Alfie, Caiden, Madison, Tilly, Leah, Malaika, Oscar H, Tula

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.) Abigail D, Alfie P-F, Connor A, Elsie-Mae K, Emily T, Jack R, Léon Y-A, Maya G, Tyson H, Emily B, Amelia H

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 week our **Year 3** Swimming Superstars are... Kaydee, Jazmine and Heaven-Lee for a super effort swimming on their backs, Millie S - brilliant confidence swimming underwater, Rose - fantastic listening and backstroke with a float and Jada for great backstroke!

Our **Year 5** Swimming Superstars are...Raya - amazing effort with her backstroke, Mia and Nicole - great kicking on their backs, Connor - super effort swimming on his back, Poppy- beautiful backstroke and Lillie-Mai - great listening and 'push and glides'.

All of our swimmers worked incredibly hard this week. Some are developing great confidence in the water and lots are making amazing progress after just a few lessons. This week the focus for each group was swimming on their backs.

OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

On Tuesday morning our **Reception** Out and About children had a super, sunny Wildbeach session on St Helens beach, with resources provided by the Wildlife Trust. They had a great time investigating the shoreline, building dens, threading shells to make necklaces and having fun in the 'sand kitchen'. A group of children enjoyed working together, pouring and collecting water - exploring capacity using a variety of containers, funnels and pipes. It was super to see all the children so absorbed in their activities on the beach.



"We went to the beach. I played with the sand. I liked having a snack and hot chocolate." Charley S



Year 1 Out and about children visited Puckpool Park on Wednesday morning. The children read maps, used compasses and followed a trail to hunt for a missing teddy. They applied their phonic knowledge when reading clues to find out where to go and worked incredibly well as a team. The children were all really enthusiastic and engaged in the activity. They enjoyed playing in the park together afterwards and having a hot chocolate during story-time, basking in the sunshine!



Fun!

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QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



On Monday Year 5/6 pupils went to Cowes Enterprise College to compete in the Cowes area basketball competition. The team played very well in six close games - winning three and drawing one to go through to the semi finals where they were, unfortunately, beaten by a very strong and tall Northwood team.

Great effort everyone.

The **Under 11 Girls** played their IOW Cup semi-final against The Bay on a soggy muga pitch. The Bay scored in the first half as the QFP team struggled. The second half was more even but The Bay hung on to their single goal advantage.



Dear Parents,

Skipping Workshops held on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February 2020.

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

Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness, whilst introducing modern and traditional skipping games including **individual rope tricks**, **speed skills** and **Double Dutch**, back into the playground. The school supports these aims.

The same high quality '**speed ropes**' as used by the international team, will be on sale at school at a **reduced** cost of **£4.00**. 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 **£5**. Adult ropes are also available for older siblings and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at **£6** each 4m 'family ropes' at **£7.50** each and 2 x Double Dutch ropes for **£12**.

Ropes will be on sale after school on the day of the workshops. *Please put your cash in an envelope with the child's name and class on the front.*

Lost Property

Our lost property area will be cleared at the end of next week. Please check the area and take any items your child may have mislaid, before then. Any items left after this date will be either taken to the food bank, or donated to a charity shop as we don't want to take any items with us to the new school.



Clubs

No clubs will be running from Monday 10th – Thursday 13th February as teachers will be packing after school. They won't begin again until the week beginning 2nd March.

Assembly

Well done to 2KA for leading our assembly on Wednesday this week – our last pupil led assembly in our current building!

Sale

On Friday 14th February there will be a sale of items that we are not taking to the new building. You are welcome to come and browse between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm. Cash only!

SATs Meeting For Year Six

There will be a SATs meeting for parents of Year 6 children on Wednesday 5th February in 4AH at 6pm.

Maths Challenge

Four children from both Year 4 and Year 5 attended a maths challenge at Ryde School. They had a great time and represented the school excellently.

Daring Forest School Club Tree Climbers

Here are some great photos of our brave children using tree harnesses to climb the trees in the Patch. Ben, our professional tree surgeon, was on hand to ensure all the children were safely harnessed in and making the most of their experience. The children learn a lot about the characteristics of effective learning by doing adventurous activities such as these, which they can then apply back in the classroom. Well done everyone!



Positive Quote

Without a goal - you can't score!


Whole school attendance 96.41%.

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

This week 4AH achieved 99.18% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

East Cowes

Pancake Races

Starting from 3:45pm
Tuesday 25th 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

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!

FEBRUARY FUN AT NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

WICKED WOLF MASKS

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

FANTASTIC FACE POTS

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

10.30AM - 3PM

£1 ENTRY FOR ALL

NO NEED TO BOOK JUST DROP IN



Newport Roman Villa, Cypress Road, Newport PO30 1HA

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GET FIRED UP AT THE EXCITING DRAGON DAY

FREE ENTRY

10am to 2pm Thursday

20 February 2020



**MUSEUM
 of ISLAND
 HISTORY**

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'A Tale of Two Shipwrecks' exhibition

Make a dragon puppet to take home

Your archaeological finds identified

Event organised by IW Heritage Service Pictured: 16th century silver ear scoop



The Great Leap Forward

WEST GALLERY EXHIBITION



Exhibition:

Sat 8 Feb - Sat 18 Apr

Opening Event:

Sat 8 Feb | 12 - 2pm | Free, all welcome

The Great Leap Day Event:

Sat 29 Feb | Time & info TBC

A group exhibition of work created by local school children from across the island with artists Ian Whitmore & Chris Jenkins, reflecting upon the heritage of the Isle of Wight and theme of 'The Future', drawing inspiration from, and celebrating the Lift The Lid project and commissions.



What is Lift the Lid?

Lift the Lid on Island Culture is a 2 year project focused on four brand new art commissions, the aim being to reignite a sense of pride and passion in the cultural heritage of the Isle of Wight.

The final phase, The Great Leap Forward is a celebration of the art commissions and a call to explore the future of culture on the Island through the eyes of young people.



Quay Arts are supported by: **WIGHTLINK**, **Style**, **wightfibre**, **artwork**, **Quay Arts**

Gallery Opening Times: Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sundays 10am - 4pm

WWW.QUAYARTS.ORG | QUAY ARTS, SEA ST, NEWPORT HARBOUR, IW, PO30 5BD | 01983 822490

Some of our children have contributed to this exhibition, so go along and have a look!

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A fantastic new family festival for February Half Term!

Meet amazing authors and illustrators, including *Winnie the Witch* illustrator, Korky Paul and *Tracy Beaker* illustrator, Nick Sharratt!



Stories!

Meet the bats from the IW Bat Hospital!

Magic!

See the stars in the IW Planetarium's astrodome!

Puppets!

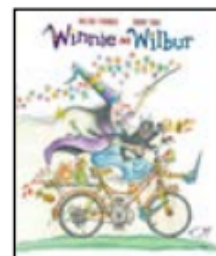
Crafts!

Make your World Book Day costume!



Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd February
at Riverside Centre, Newport 10.30am-4pm

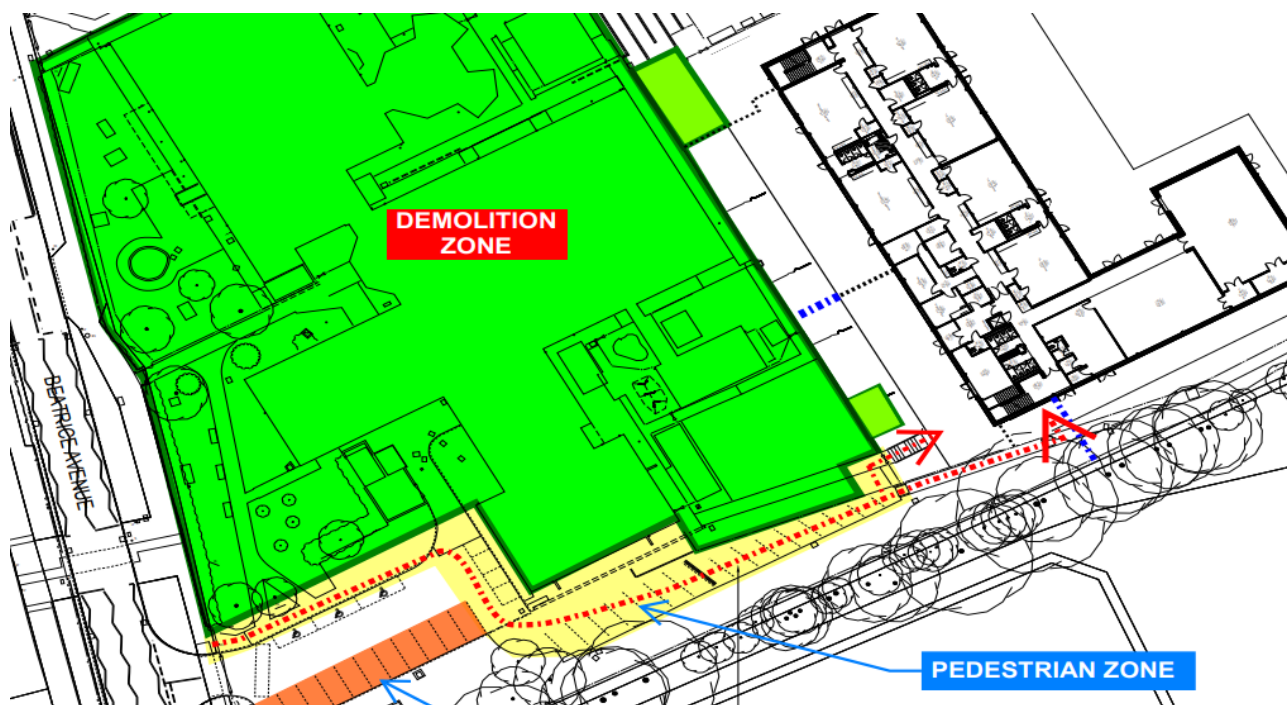
Tickets £5 or less. Many activities **free** of charge.



Find out more and buy your tickets at www.iwstoryfestival.com

New route into school from February 26th 2020

Please see map below showing new access into the new school building.



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