

Wear what you love day next Friday

Dear Families,

Mufti Day on Friday

Next Friday 9th February is the last day of this half term. The PTFA are holding a mufti day with the theme, "wear what you love." In exchange for the children wearing what they love please could each child donate one thing for the rainbow raffle. Here are the colours for your child's year group.

Year Group	What colour items to bring into school
Reception	Purple
Year 1	Blue
Year 2	Green
Year 3	Yellow
Year 4	Orange
Year 5	Red
Year 6	Pink

The items that you kindly donate will then be made into hampers of rainbow colours. The raffle tickets will be on sale through Classlist and the raffle will be called on Thursday 29th February. Here is a picture from last year's donations.



Dance Live!

We had a treat yesterday afternoon. We all got to see all the hard work of Miss Croutear and her Dance Live team come together with a fabulous performance of the dance that will be performed today in The Guildhall in Portsmouth. I hope the children thoroughly enjoy this amazing experience. Good luck Dance Live!

Definition of Bullying

It is useful if we all use the same definition for the term Bullying.

The definition is, "The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where there is an imbalance of power."

Out and About

The children in **Reception** are learning about animals this half term. On Tuesday morning the Out and About group visited the Donkey Sanctuary, in Wroxall. The group were given a guided tour led by Victoria, one of the amazing volunteers that help to run the sanctuary. The children learnt lots about why the animals are at the sanctuary and how they are cared for. The sanctuary welcomed two new additions over Christmas, Noah and Theo. It was great for our two Theo's (from Reception) to meet Theo the donkey!

"We stroked the donkeys. They went ewww ahhh. Girl donkeys are called Jenny and boys called Jacks. Donkeys have hooves and they have big ears. Their ears are really soft. My favourite bit was stroking their ears." Felicity RHB

"We went to the Donkey Sanctuary, it's quite far away. Donkeys and ponies eat hay and grass. I loved the black donkey. They have hooves and big teeth. Donkeys have long ears and ponies have short ears. When it rains donkeys have to go inside their houses called barns because their fur is so soft they don't like getting wet!" Quinn RSD



On Wednesday morning the **1SM** Out and About team went to Brook beach on a mission to help keep our beaches clean and look after our planet. The children used litter pickers and gathered an enormous sack full of plastic waste! They were shocked at the amount of plastic on the shoreline and found lots of plastic bottle tops, lids and bottles as well as fishing lines. The children listened to the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Robert's, to learn more about why it is important to keep our seas and oceans clean.

"We went to the beach and did a beach clean up. We were looking for rubbish to save the sea animals like turtles, dolphins and whales. There was lots of plastic bottles, bottle tops and colourful plastic - Lenny found a big yellow bit. Then we had hot chocolate and biscuits. (We listened to a story whilst having a snack on the beach). The story was about a plastic bag that got eaten by a whale, then a bird and then a turtle!" Marley 1SM



Working together for a successful future

Swimming

Another fantastic week of swimming lessons from our children in Year 3 and Year 5. The staff are all so proud of how hard everyone is working.

This week our Superstar Swimming Awards go to...

Year 3: Adeline, Kamahlie, Milana, Henley and Esmæ.

Year 5: Connor, Abigail, Tyson, Adrianna, Hayley and Levi.

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 old trainers or wellies (warm socks to go in wellies are also highly recommended!).

Tuesday am - Reception

Ventnor Botanic Garden

Louie, Ananya, Mia-Rose, Charlie, Mayleigh, Thomas, Elizabeth, Owen, Freddie, Molly, Rhue and Lyla.

Wednesday am - Year 1

Newtown

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

Next week swimming lessons for Year 3 on Tuesdays and Year 5 on Wednesdays

Lesson 5 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 around the Ryde area. Apologies in advance.

Over the past month, our Year 1 children have been taking part in beach cleans across the Island (as part of their learning on how they can help look after our planet). The charity, Surfers Against Sewage are holding a beach clean during half term if anyone would like to get involved.

Maths Workshops for Parents

Please see page 12 for more details of the course offered.



What's for dinner next week?

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



Chartwells Schools

WEEK 2

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023
HOT SPECIALS

	Monday	tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday
	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chili Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Sweet potato Curry Served with whole grain rice y	Macaroni Cheese	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Vegan Nuggets Served with Chips
	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	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	Apple Crumble with Custard	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake	Carrot Cake	Strawberry Ice Cream

LET'S CELEBRATE

CHINESE NEW YEAR

6th February 2024

JOIN US FOR

PANCAKES

9th February 2024



BEE READY FOR THE BEES

BEE CREATIVE

Enter our competition and design a colourful 3D flower garden for bumblebees to feast on when they come out of hibernation.

Use our A4 poster template to draw your design and then make it 3D by adding bits of material, paper, wood, card, buttons or anything else you have! Once you've designed your entry, hand it in to have a chance of winning a flower garden starter kit for your classroom.

The bees will be extra hungry when they come out of hibernation.



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Chartwells
schools



Bumblebee
Conservation
Trust

Sports at Queensgate

Indoor Athletic

On Friday 26th January, some children from **Year 5** and **6** travelled to Cowes Enterprise College to take part in an Indoor Athletics event with seven other schools from around the Island. The children participated in a range of track and field events, including, triple jump, ball throw and various relays. Everyone tried extremely hard in their individual events and were very supportive of each other during the races. We faced some tough competition, finishing 4th out of eight overall, however we were very proud of our efforts.



Football

On **Monday**, the **Year 5** boys faced Greenmount in their last league game. The boys were very excited going into the game as their previous match had been cancelled due to poor weather. The boys looked sharp in the warm up and took that into the start of the game. During the first half, the boys put Greenmount under immense pressure and managed to grab a goal just before the half time whistle. It was a quick turn around at half time, the boys had a quick drink and got straight back on the pitch. Throughout the second half, Greenmount grew into the game more and more, forcing our goal keeper Artem to make some crucial saves. The game finished 1-0 and the boys had earned an important 3 points in the league. This was a good performance from the boys, however we will look to score more goals in the next game.

Following Monday's performance, the **Year 5** boys had another game against Lanesend on **Wednesday**. With a few small changes to the team, the boys were confident going into the game. The game began and the boys were first to the ball, scoring after just a couple of minutes. The team kept the tempo high and forced Lanesend back into their own half. We passed the ball round our opponents well and created some great chances. Throughout both halves of the match, the boys worked well as a team to move the ball up the pitch swiftly, whilst also demonstrating good individual skills to score some fantastic goals. The game finished 5-0 to Queensgate. As this was a cup game, the team now progresses to the Semi-finals where they will face Gurnard away. We are hopeful that we can put in a similar performance to this one and have a good chance of reaching the cup final.

Also on **Wednesday**, the **Year 6** boys faced Lanesend in their last league game of the year. The boys were excited going into the game and hopeful that they could end the league campaign on a high. With both the Year 5 and 6 games going on at the same time, I asked some of the Year 6 boys for their comments on the game.

Max E - "It wasn't our strongest performance. We didn't create enough chances although George was unfortunate to not score with the last kick of the game."

George T (goal keeper) - "As we were 3-2 down with seconds left to go, I went forward for a corner. The ball surprisingly fell to me and I almost scored!"

Unfortunately, the team lost the game 3-2, however they will look to improve going into next week's cup game against Ryde.

On **Thursday**, the **Year 4** boys had their quarter final cup match against Greenmount. This was the team's first away game so they were buzzing. The team looked strong from their previous game so they were confident going into the match. From the first whistle, the boys were quick to shut Greenmount down and create chances for themselves. After many close chances, the goals finally start to come as the boys managed to score five goals before half time. The team had a quick rest and then prepared for the second half. The whistle blew and unfortunately the boys didn't pick up where they left off, with Greenmount having much more of the possession and putting the team on the back foot. After conceding three goals, the boys finally kicked into gear going on to score two more goals in the closing stages. The game finished 7-3 to Queensgate. This was a great result from the boys as they now progress to the semi finals of the cup.

Music at Queensgate

Festival Choir Reminders

Thank you to all our parents who have already returned the **performance licence forms** for your children. This is a big administrative task and Mrs Webb is only in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. PLEASE return your child's form and accompanying document by Friday 9th February. (Wed 7th would be even better!)

All children have now received a copy of the words to the songs to take home and learn. They need to **know their words** by the first rehearsal after half terms to please help and support your child with this. If they have lost their copy they need to come and see Mrs Webb for a second one.

Year 4 Concert Resources

Year 4 are going to be attending a concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra this term and the concert includes several interactive elements which the children need to learn and practise. We are doing this in class but the more practise the children get, the more they will enjoy the concert. They can find all the teaching and practise videos for the concert using the link below:

<https://bsolive.com/participate/explore-the-orchestra-resources-dance/>

Isle of Wight Music Hub Groups



Songwriters Den - Learn to write and compose songs, learn song writing techniques, try different instruments, performance opportunities, supports GCSE and BTEC music.

When: Every Wednesday, 3.45 – 4.45

Where: Carisbrooke Church Hall, Carisbrooke High Street, PO30 1NR

Cost: £28 per month (£14 per month for Barnardo's referrals)

Age range: 8 – 16

Led by: Island Music Makers – islandmusicmakers@gmail.com, 07868 651050

Sign up: <https://forms.gle/V3NpSKAVVuhSrynk7>

Kezia Kindness Bumblebee Park



On Thursday, Mr Tilling took members of the School Council over to Bumblebee Park to support Kezia's mum Nikki as she opened a new piece of equipment. The park was donated by Nikki and her charity (Kezi's Kindness), which is in memory of her daughter Kezia.

The equipment looks fantastic and is a beautiful addition to an already well used park. The School Council loved the equipment and also enjoyed being part of the opening ceremony.

Nikki is always fundraising and then putting the money back into the local Isle of Wight community and always for the benefit of children. Please visit the Facebook page for more information <https://www.facebook.com/groups/992215594208623/>

Huge thanks to Kezi's Kindness Charity, who have supported Queensgate in helping children to attend Year 4 and Year 6 residentials.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.33%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.37%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 94.84%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3PT with 97.22%

Next Week

Next week is busy as always. It is Safer Internet Day and Mental Health week. Assemblies will follow these themes. It is also Chinese New Year and there is a special menu to reflect this on Tuesday. Pancakes will be served on Friday as Pancake Day falls within the holiday.

Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings for this term are:

Tuesday 20th February from 3:30pm – 6:50pm and

Thursday 22nd February 3:10pm – 4:50pm. As always

these can be booked through Scopay. This will go live on

3rd February at 8.30am and close on the **18th February**

at 6pm. It is very important that you attend these face to

face meetings, so that you can hear how your child is

getting on at school and learn how you can support their learning at home.



Book Sale - to support early reading and enjoy together

Next Friday some of the books that we no longer use will be available for sale for very small amounts or a small donation. The books will be on a table outside the Year 2 classrooms at the end of the day, please have a look you are bound to find a bargain.

And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend - remember to read, chat and play!

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Cyber Choices presentations, aimed at parents of a wide range of children/young people, from KS2 pupils (7-8 year olds) right up to college/uni students (18+) Each webinar covers the same material, so they need only sign up for one of them

(unless they want to hear the same messages on repeat!)

There are currently 3 webinars available for parents:

Tuesday 6th February 13:00-14:00

Thursday 8th February 09:30-10:30

Thursday 8th February 20:00-21:00

The invitations are as follows:

When: Feb 6, 2024 13:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w4CZPn-5Sb6PmX5scPuFkA

When: Feb 8, 2024 09:30 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tpd56MjvSs25i_nz5W8Vlg

When: Feb 8, 2024 20:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_guDQFW6TRBiOJWEga_g6qw

After registering, a confirmation email containing further information about joining the webinar will be automatically sent out.



The poster is for a soccer camp. At the top left is a silhouette of a soccer player kicking a ball. At the top right is a circular logo with a soccer player and the word 'COACHING'. The main title 'SOCCER CAMP' is in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below it, the dates '13TH, 14TH, 15TH FEBRUARY' are listed. The next line says 'RECEPTION - YEAR 6' in bold white letters. Below that is the time '10:00 - 2:45 PM'. A location pin icon is followed by 'ST MARY'S, RYDE'. The price '£12 A DAY' is written in large, bold, white letters. A small white box contains the text 'ALL OF OUR COACHES ARE FULLY FA QUALIFIED COACHES WITH FIRST AID TRAINING AND ARE DBS CHECKED.' Below this are social media icons for a phone, Instagram, Facebook, and an email icon, each followed by the contact information: '073688 86639', 'LJR COACHING', 'LJR COACHING', and 'LJR COACHING97@GMAIL.COM'. At the bottom is the website 'HTTPS://LJR COACHING.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK'. A soccer ball is shown in the bottom right corner.



MAD Games Night

Feb 16
18:30-21:00



Free Entry

Board games, card games, whist, crib, etc

Bring your own games or play with ours!

All ages and abilities welcome!

Hot & cold drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

All proceeds go to support MAD-Aid - Charity No. 1150955

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East Cowes, PO32 6QY



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COST OF LIVING

01983 823134 iow.gov.uk/costofliving

General help and support

Citizens Advice IW can give free help with money issues and much more.

☎ **0800 144 88 48** or Textphone on **18001 0800 144 8884**

📄 www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk

Debts and paying bills

Citizens Advice Money team.

☎ **01983 823898 ext: 2825**

📄 www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/money-advice-team

Buying food

📄 www.iow.gov.uk/costofliving and tap on 'food' for more information.

Join a community pantry and for £5 a week, receive over £15 worth of food.

☎ **01983 296592** East Cowes Community Pantry

☎ **07961 959003** Ventnor Community Pantry

☎ **01983 563732** Ryde Community Pantry

☎ **07300 329610** Newport Community Pantry

☎ **01983 248170** Pan Community Larder

☎ **01983 716020** Mobile Community Pantry

connect4communities

Supporting organisations to help Islanders. Includes food vouchers, energy efficient appliances, garden items, clothing for school children and more.

📄 www.connect4communities.org



Warm Welcome Space

Find an Isle of Wight Warm Welcome Space.

📄 www.iow.gov.uk/warmspaces

Benefits

Check whether you are getting all the benefits you can.

Citizens Advice Help to Claim line.

☎ **0800 144 8444**

📄 www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators

Energy bills, energy efficiency and grants

☎ **01983 822282** The Footprint Trust

📄 www.footprint-trust.co.uk

☎ **07865 075832** Green Isle of Wight

📄 www.greeniow.org.uk

Pension Credit

If you are of State Pension age you may be entitled to Pension Credit.

If you get Pension Credit you can get other benefits.

☎ **0800 99 1234** or Textphone on **0800 169 0133**

📄 www.gov.uk/pension-credit

Paying for broadband and mobile phone

Social tariffs are available if you're on a low income.

📄 www.ofcom.gov.uk/cheap-broadband

Feeling lonely

The Living Well and Early Help Partnership works on the Island to connect people.

☎ **01983 240732**

📄 www.lweh.org.uk

In a crisis

If you have no money for food, gas and electricity you may be able to get emergency help.

☎ **01983 823859**

📄 www.iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis

Other useful contacts

📄 www.helpforhouseholds.gov.uk

📄 www.islefindit.org.uk

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Multiply

Free, informal Maths Workshops for parents and carers at Queensgate Primary School

From the Isle of Wight
Adult Community Learning Team



Brush up on your maths skills and increase your confidence

Support the kids with their homework

Meet new people and have fun!

Every Friday 9:15-10:15am

NEW LEARNERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Why not drop in after half term and find out more about how the Multiply programme can help you?

Please contact Miss Rorich at school, or call Dee at Community Learning (01983 817280) for more details.



School Transport Policy Consultation

The Isle of Wight Council is seeking residents and stakeholders view on proposed changes to the School Transport Policy (previously called the 'Home to School Transport Policy'). The School Transport Policy sets out the legal responsibilities that the Council has in order to provide assistance with transport to school or another education setting for children and young people living in the local authority area.

The Council is required by law to consult on any changes to its School Transport Policy. In addition, the council is consulting in relation to post 16 travel arrangements. Although there is no automatic entitlement to local authority funded school or college transport once a student is over the age of 16, Isle of Wight Council makes discretionary funding available in certain circumstances.

If approved, changes to the policy will be applied to new applications from September 2024.

The consultation is open now and will close at 11.59pm on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

Before giving your views via the online response form we ask that you read the Consultation Information Packs, both of which can be accessed via the consultation webpage

www.iow.gov.uk/consultations. If you require a paper copy of the consultation pack or response form please email, transport.info@iow.gov.uk.

Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER
at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Monday - Friday
12th - 16th February

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- ★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- ★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!

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Player of the day!

Win Player Of The Day trophies and t-shirts!

5 hours of fun EVERY day!
10am - 3pm
Inclusive football for ALL abilities!

Only £14 a day
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ALL 5 days only £65
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Have questions or would like more information?
Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com
07594 389531

SANDOWN SOCCER

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to 07594 389531