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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



Safer Internet Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 8th February it is Safer Internet Day.

We will be teaching the children about staying safe online and both our Key Stage 2 assembly and our Key Stage 1 assembly will be covering this theme. It is hugely important that children know how to stay safe when using the internet. Please also find a link to a really good website that has advice about how parents can keep their children safe at home too. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

It gives top tips, how to start conversations, how to get support if things go wrong and activities.



Staffing News

We have appointed Mr Salter to take over from Mr Cox. He will be starting officially on Monday 28th February, but you may see him around before then. Here is his introduction message to you all.

My name is Chris Salter, I'm delighted to be joining the school as the new premises manager. I've lived in East Cowes since 2000 and have three children, three stepchildren and five step granddaughters. I'm a keen cyclist and surfer and enjoy walking with our pet dogs Sidney and Stanley. I look forward to meeting you all when I start in my new role on 28th February.

Covid Update

We currently have cases of Covid within our school including staff members and children. If you are visiting our school as a Focus Learner parent /carer or attending an assembly please could you wear a mask and use hand gel on your hands.

We continue to remind the children to have good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Library Van

Our next visit from the library van is Wednesday 16th February.



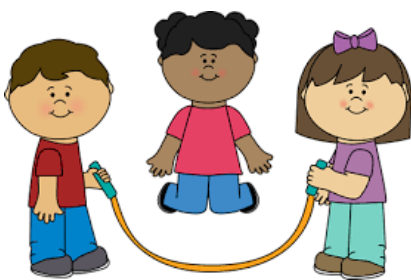
Skipping Workshops

We are delighted to welcome Lizzie back to our school. She will be with us Monday and Tuesday next week. Every child in the school will get an opportunity to have a skipping workshop with Lizzie for free.

Lizzie knows lots of skipping tricks, which the children love learning. There are many benefits to children learning to skip including: improving the cardiovascular system; raising the heart rate; helping with core strength; increased muscle tone and strength; helps endurance; improved co-ordination; helps with timing and rhythm; improved balance and is great fun!

Here is the timetable for the skipping. On the day your child has their skipping workshop please send them to school in their PE kit. **Please see Page 6 for more information.**

Time	Class	Teacher
9.00 – 9.35	2KA	MRS ARNELL
9.35 – 10.10	RAB	MRS BARNETT
10.10-10.45	6TS	MISS SADDINGTON
10.45-11.25	3PT	MR TILLING
11.25– 12.05	3BM	MISS MAWUDOKU
LUNCH	LUNCH TIME	
1.05 – 1.40	5RA	MRS ADAMS
1.40-2.25	6LR	MISS RADCLIFFE
2.25-3pm	Assembly; School show for all classes above.	



Time	Class	Teacher
9.00 – 9.35	1CE	MRS EDMONDS
9.35 – 10.10	2GC	MISS CORDON
10.10-10.45	1KS	MISS STONE
10.45-11.25	5PG	MR GILES
11.25– 12.05	4MC	MISS CROUTEAR
LUNCH	LUNCH TIME	
1.05 – 1.40	RSJ	MISS JENKINS
1.40-2.25	4AH	MISS HUNTER
2.25-3pm	Assembly; School show for all classes above.	



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
Macaroni Cheese	Allegra's Garlicky Chicken and Spanish Spuds	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Sausages and Mash with Gravy	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice	Veggie Lasagne served with a Bread Wedge	Soft Taco and Chips
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

Love reading?

Then try this....

Sienna in 4AH has recently started reading *A Place Called Perfect* by Helena Duggan. It's a book that she got as a present from her Nan because she loves reading!

She is really enjoying the book so far because it's super interesting and not what she expected it to be... Everything seems perfect at the start but strange things have started to happen. If you ever go to a place called Perfect, Sienna's advice is DO NOT drink the tea! You will never be the same again! The main character is a girl called Violet and she gets quite scared about the things that are going on.

Sienna says you should read this book if you like mystery, and being kept in suspense. It makes you feel like you can't put it down – you have to keep reading to find out what happens next.

Sienna has asked our school library to get a copy.

Beware, if you read this book, remember that they've got eyes on you!

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share them here.



Out & About

On Tuesday morning our Out and About team from **Miss Jenkins** class visited the Donkey Sanctuary in Wroxall. The children were very excited to go out on the minibus for their first trip! Elaine, one of the kind volunteers, gave us a tour of the sanctuary and explained why the donkeys have been rescued and how they are cared for. The children loved meeting the different groups and were especially fond of Kitchi in 'The Nursery' group, one of their youngest donkeys, who was rescued from France. The children liked putting their money in the donation bucket and the team would like us to pass on their thanks to parents for their generosity.



In **Year 1**, children have been learning about how to look after our planet and have been sharing the story, Duffy's Lucky Escape about a turtle that swallows plastic. To tie in with this topic, the **1KS** Out and About group took part in a beach clean on Wednesday morning, hunting for plastic on the shoreline. The children were fantastic at spotting small pieces of plastic, bottle lids and polystyrene. They were saddened to find rubbish from people's barbecues left on the beach and we talked about how important it is to take our litter home with us and the four Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle and refuse)!



A big well done to all our **Year 3** and **Year 5** swimmers. We are so proud of how hard they are trying in their swimming lesson - it's amazing to see their progress week on week.

This week our **Year 3** Swimming Superstars were...

Brody, Connor, Maya, Harley, Matthew, Evie M, Grace, Jonny, Maizy, Tyson, Skyla and Emily H.

Our **Year 5** Swimming Superstar Awards go to...

Alfie R, Eloise, Millie, Leana, Kaydee, Jayden, Elise, Jazmine, Alfie K, Lottie, Megan and Jayden.

Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears warm play clothes, lots of layers, hat, scarf, gloves, wellies and a warm waterproof coat. Bring shoes in a named bag to change into for the afternoon.

Tuesday am - **RAB** Alverstone Nature Reserve and walk

Arthur, William, Hannah, Freddie, Tyler, Daisy, Mia, Teddy, Poppy, Levi, Gracie-Mai, Harvey, Caleb, Jamie and Corey.

Wednesday am - **1CE** Newtown walk

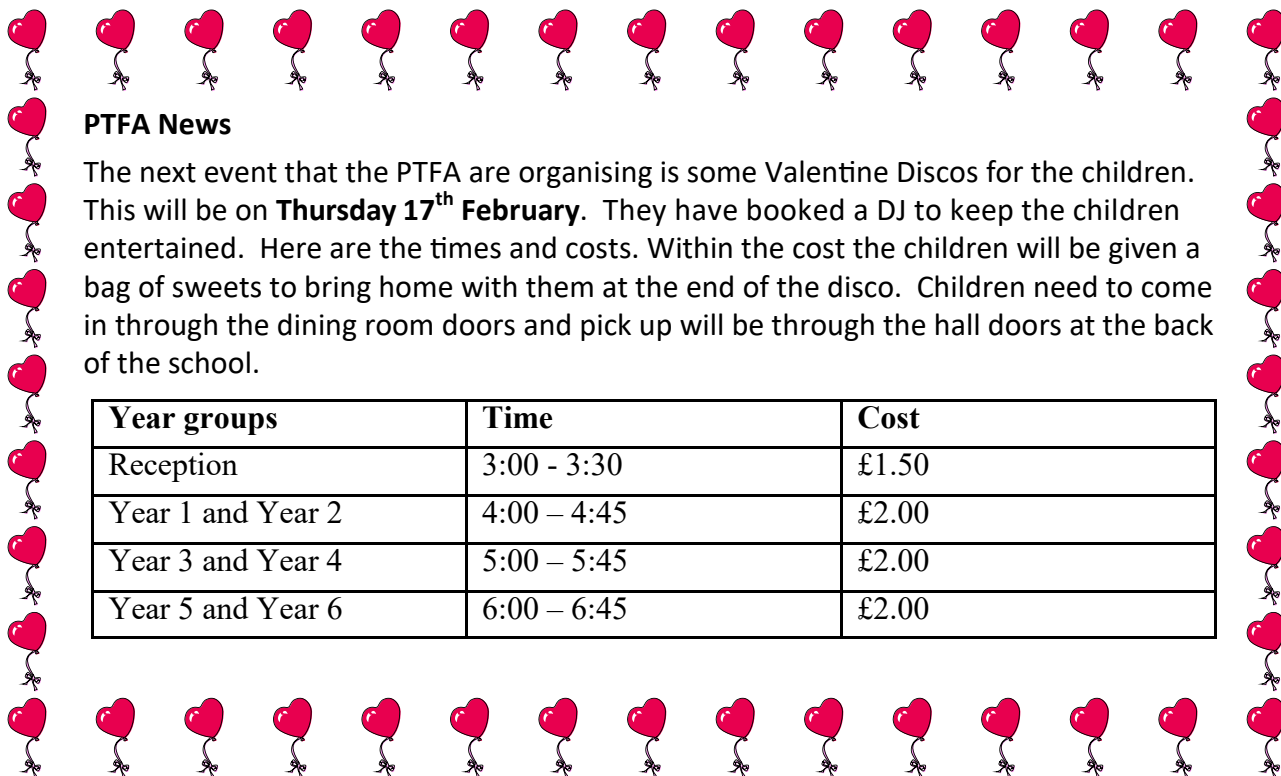
Leo, Mia, Callum, Ayia, Theo, Layla, Freddie, Lille-Mae, Nathan, Emily, Arlo, Jamie and Milana.

Swimming lessons next week:

Tuesday pm - **Year 3**

Wednesday pm - **Year 5**

We are looking forward to next week's swimming lessons. Please ensure your child has a swimsuit/swim shorts, goggles and a towel with them in a bag. Please note, the coach and minibus will not return to school until approx 3.15pm. Thanks in advance for your support and understanding.



PTFA News

The next event that the PTFA are organising is some Valentine Discos for the children. This will be on **Thursday 17th February**. They have booked a DJ to keep the children entertained. Here are the times and costs. Within the cost the children will be given a bag of sweets to bring home with them at the end of the disco. Children need to come in through the dining room doors and pick up will be through the hall doors at the back of the school.

Year groups	Time	Cost
Reception	3:00 - 3:30	£1.50
Year 1 and Year 2	4:00 – 4:45	£2.00
Year 3 and Year 4	5:00 – 5:45	£2.00
Year 5 and Year 6	6:00 – 6:45	£2.00

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

Year 3 / 4 Girl football. The girls played their second match, this time against Dover Park. The team scored twice in the first half and twice afterwards to win 4-0 and qualify for the IOW Semi-finals of this competition, after half term. As mentioned before, that although this is a team game, and all the team played well, special mention must be made again of Halle McDonald who scored all 4... but, as always, she couldn't have done it without the others.

Skipping; on Monday February 7th and Tuesday February 8th, each class in Queensgate will take part in skipping workshops, led by a familiar face to our school, Lizzie. Children will need their PE kits on allocated days. If you wish your child to purchase a skipping rope, this is what to do (from Lizzie).

The same high quality '**speed ropes**' as used by the international team, will be available to buy or order for **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 in an envelope, with this form or a note of what you would like, with child's name class and which ropes you wish to purchase on the front and hand it to your 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)

I enclose payment of £.....

Ropes can also be purchased through our website www.skipping-workshops.co.uk with a small postage fee added. We will also sell ropes after school if safety permits

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

Benji Blog



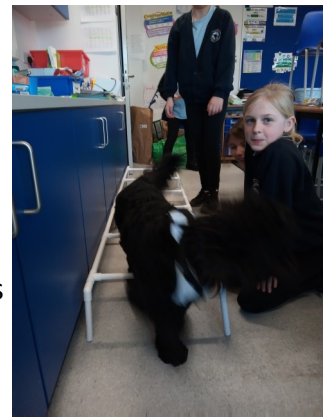
This week the children have been learning all about how to look after Benji. They have been thinking about what dogs need to eat and drink to keep them healthy. Benji has had lots of children brushing his fur, which he has really enjoyed!



Benji has not been in school today as he is having a little operation. He will be in school next week but he will only be resting and taking part in quiet activities.



As part of Benji's agility skills class he has been learning to walk through the agility ladder. At first he needed to be bribed with food and the children helped guided him. However, by the end he realised he could do it easily and he was able to do a little hurdle then straight onto the ladder. You can see this in the second picture because he is blurred!



World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 3rd March. Please have a chat to your child about what books they like to read and what book character they would like to dress up as. There will be prizes!

Parents and Carers Consultations

Our next Parents and Carers Consultations are Wednesday 2nd March and Thursday 3rd March. Booking will be through Scopay and will open on Monday 14th February 2022 at 6pm and close on Sunday 27th February at 6pm.

Visit from an Author

An author called Peter Murray will be visiting our Key Stage 2 children on Thursday 17th February. He has written, Bone Breaker, Kruschmeister and Mokee Joe amongst other books. Check out his website <http://www.peterjmurray.co.uk/> there are books to download for free from there. His books are aimed at 7 – 13 year olds. On Friday 18th February Peter will be signing books that the children have bought in our school library.

Whole school attendance 93.93%.

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

This week 6TS achieved 98.41% attendance!
Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



February Activity Club

Queensgate Foundation Primary School

Tuesday 22nd February
9:30am - 4:30pm

Our fun February Activity Club is a one day extravaganza just for the boys and girls aged 5 - 11 of Queensgate Foundation Primary School. The Children will take part in specialist activities and will also get a freshly made 2 course meal.

What are the specialist activities?
We will have an Artist making carnival costumes, and a whole range of arts and crafts. Our Dancer will be doing themed workshops including Street, Jazz, Contemporary, and General Fitness. We will have a drama specialist who can offer drama games and team building / confidence building.

What do I need to bring?
We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities to best equip for the British weather, however please ensure that children bring with them suitable clothing and plenty to drink.

Who will look after my child?
Our coaches make it their mission for your child to have the best time whilst they are with us. They are enthusiastic, professional in their approach and have a passion for teaching.

Our staff are:
•Qualified Paediatric First Aid •FA and multiskills qualified
•DBS certificated •Registered by Ofsted •Child protection trained

Ways to book
Via our online home @ cm-sports.co.uk
(please follow the FSM course link)
2.Phone our friendly office on 02392 987 881

Please book online where possible as our office phone will be operating with minimal staff during this time.
Places have been consciously limited and are secured on a first come first served basis.



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Coronavirus update

As a childcare provider, we understand the importance of keeping all children, staff and families who visit our sites safe.

We are in dialogue with our host school venues and in preparation for our February camp being able to go ahead, we are preparing safety routines in line with current school opening guidance.

These include:

- ADAPTED ACTIVITY PROGRAMME
- CHILDREN GROUPED IN SOCIAL BUBBLES
- STRINGENT HAND WASHING ROUTINES
- SOCIALLY DISTANCED DROP OFF POINTS
- FRESH AIR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- STAGGERED LUNCHTIMES
- RISK ASSESSMENTS
- CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION AND CONTROL TRAINING

All clubs are Covid compliant (at the time of the course)
We will issue a full refund if a change in the government rules subsequently cancels the course.
Our booking system will cap bookings once the safe daily participation limit has been reached.



Interested in cricket?



NEW Junior Winter All Stars /Dynamos Cricket Session

The Isle of Wight Cricket Board are delivering cricket coaching for pupils in Year 3,4 & 5.

WHERE: Every Friday (term time only) at Ryde Private School Sports Hall.

TIME: 5.30-6.30pm

Cost: £3 per session



The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of wight County Coaches who are ECB qualified, and DBS checked, **BOOKING is ESSENTIAL.**

To book your place please contact:
Andrew Jasper on 0791762780 or andrewjasper@live.co.uk

The COVID-19 vaccination is available for everyone age 12 and over.

It's not too late to get your 1st, 2nd or booster doses.

When to have your vaccine:

People aged 18 or over should have their 2nd dose from 8 weeks after their 1st dose.

Most people aged 12-17 should have their 2nd dose from 12 weeks after their 1st dose.

Boosters are available for everyone aged 16+ and you should have it at least 3 months after your 2nd dose.

It's easy to attend a walk-in clinic and the NHS are offering pop-up clinics around the Island:

- **7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm**, The Riverside Centre, Newport, PO30 2QR
- **Friday 28 January**
 - 10am to 5pm, Cowes Fire Station, Victoria Road, PO31 7JJ
 - 10am to 5pm, Pan Community Centre, Furlongs, Pan, PO30 2AX
- **Tuesday 1 February**
 - 9.30 am to 5 pm, Ryde Fire Station, Nicholson Road, PO33 1BE
 - 5pm to 7.30pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Tuesday 8 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, The Heights, Sandown, PO36 9ET.
- **Monday 14 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Tuesday 15 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Saturday 19 February**, 9.30am to 1.00pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Tuesday 22 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, The Heights, Sandown, PO36 9ET.
- **Saturday 26 February**, 9.30am to 1.00pm, The Heights, Sandown, PO36 9ET.

You can also [book an appointment online](#) or by calling 119.

Get [up to date information about the vaccination delivery](#) programme on the Isle of Wight from the NHS.

Get information and support with COVID-19 on the Island on [keeptheislandsafe.org](https://www.keeptheislandsafe.org)





SOCCER CAMP

22ND - 25TH FEBRUARY

FOR 4 - 11 YEARS

£10 PER DAY

10am until 2:45pm

Ryde Academy, Ryde

All of our Coaches are FA Level 2 Qualified and have all been CBR checked.

 **073688 86639**

 **ljrcoaching97@gmail.com**

 **ljrcoaching**



SOCCER CAMP

21ST - 23RD FEBRUARY

FOR 4 - 11 YEARS


£10 PER DAY

10am until 2:45pm

Nine Acres Primary School, Newport

All of our Coaches are FA Level 2 Qualified and have all been CBR checked.

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A BIT OF A DO!

Thursday 10th March 2022

11am-2pm

25,26 Somerton Industrial Park

Cowes, PO31 8PA

It's been far too long since we have been able to arrange a get together for our members and welcome faces old and new. Do come along and enjoy some time with us.

The Shed is open all day 10am-3pm, but for this event there is a buffet from 11am to 2pm. Please make a minimum donation of £1 for refreshments.

Visit the Cowes Men's Shed with its well-equipped carpentry workshop, hobby room and gardens. Why not try something new? FREE membership!

Let us know if you are able to join us. Thank you.
Call Adam on 01983 209734 for more information.
Or email Adam on meninshedsowes@gmail.com

Cowes Men's Shed is open Monday to Friday, 10am-3pm

Membership is FREE!

Parking available locally and Cowes Park and Ride Bus Stop just along the road

Do come along and see all our facilities

Ladies welcome!



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 0300 123 5224